**TLC Weekly: *Sunday, May 1* to *Sunday, May 8***

***Sunday, May 1*** 9am Communion Worship – Christen Baptism

 ***(3rd Sunday of Easter)*** 10am Coffee Fellowship

 10:15am Education Hour (7-12 gr. *and* parents in Sanctuary for guest speaker

 Stephanie Page)

**Monday, May 2**9am Lutheran Men in Mission Bible Study

 11:30am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, May 4** 9am Do Day Quilters

 5:30pm Church Council

 6:30pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, May 5** 7pm Prophecy Circle @ Anita Grue’s home

**Friday, May 6**8am Breakfast and Bible (10-12 gr.) @ Amy Munson’s

***Sunday, May 8*** 9am Worship

 ***Mother’s Day*** 10am Coffee Fellowship

 ***4th Sunday of Easter*** 10:15am Education Hour

**The Radio Broadcast** *(KMHL 1400AM – or – 101.7FM)* **for this Sunday is in memory of Arthur and Rosella Hoffrogge and Henry and Flossie Westie – parents and grandparents of Charlotte Illg.**

**Please continue to Remember in Prayer:**

*Please…*

*We are happy to include people in our prayer list, but we must have their permission to be included. Many folks are very private about what is happening in their lives and we want to honor that.*

**Roger Kiihn** – *at Prairie View*

**Keith Kropp** – *at home*

**Jeff Lau** – *recovering at home*

**Sandy Nyquist** – *at Marshall Hospital*

**Gary Retzlaff** – *Larry’s brother, continued battle with cancer*

**Otto Nyquist** – *convalescing at home from heart surgery*

**Elverne Zemke** – *recovering from covid at home*

**May Acolytes:** Cade Swenhaugen, Taylor Swenhaugen

**May Altar Preparation:** Sharon Kosse, Joyce Osland

**May Communion Servers:** Gail Kropp, Chauncey and Jane Muedeking

**Coffee Fellowship:**  Sunday, May 1 Sheila Helleson, Shirley Johnson

 Sunday, May 8 Chris Kamrud, Heather Kamrud Rice

 Sunday, May 15 Ronnie and Carol Dahl

**Scripture Readers:** Sunday, May 1 Sheila Helleson

 Sunday, May 8 Dennis Fultz

 Sunday, May 15 Jamie Leonard

**Ushers:** Sunday, May 1 Mark Peterson, Jim Julien, Mike Carlson, Larry Retzlaf

 Sunday, May 8 Bruce Lerohl, Greg Carlson, Tom Streifel, Matt Loftness

 Sunday, May 15 Dennis Fultz, Steve Meyer, Chauncey Muedeking, Jim Christian

**Sunday Counters:** Sunday, May 1 Wayne Anderson

 Sunday, May 8 Pam Peterson

 Sunday, May 15 Jim Julien

**Financial Update** *(as of Wednesday, April 27)***:**

General $567

Building $100 **Bills Paid this week:** **$10,578**

Missions $0

**Total $667**

**Rogation Sunday, May 15**

On Sunday, May 15, we will be celebrating what is called *“Rogation Sunday”* or, a *“Blessing of the Earth”* Sunday. Rogation comes from the Latin word, *"rogare"*. It means *“to beseech”* or *“to ask”*. On this day, we will ask for God's blessing upon the seed that is sown, upon the soil that is cultivated; and upon the farmers/gardeners whose calling it is to till the earth and keep it.

Scripture teaches us that, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God causes the sun to shine, the rain to fall, the plants to grow, and the earth to give forth its increase.

In his Large Catechism, Luther writes about the meaning of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed *(“I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth”)*: ***"God makes all creation help provide the comforts and necessities of life – the sun, moon, and the stars in the heavens; day and night, air, fire, water, the earth and all that it brings forth: birds and fish, beasts, grain, and all kinds of produce."*** *(Luther's Large Catechism)*

From God comes every good gift: rich soil; the smell of fresh-turned earth; the rumble of the machine; the blistered hand; the sweat of the brow; the beauty of a clean-cut furrow; the sweep of a well-plowed field. Blessed be our God and the good gifts He gives to us!

Pastor Eric

**Tracy Lutheran Graduating High School Senior Scholarships**

Three scholarships *($1,000, $500, and $250)* of are available for a graduating high school seniors who are members of this congregation. Pick up an application at the church, ask us to email you one (tlc@iw.net), or call the church office at 629-3563.

**SW MN Women of the ELCA Synodical Convention**

The Women of the ELCA of our SW MN Synod will be holding their annual convention at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church in Benson, MN on May 13th. This is a great experience featuring worship, speakers, business, and displays! Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits well be accepted as part of the in-kind offering on that day. **Registration Forms and further information are available at the church office *(drop-ins allowed on the day of the convention).***

**Update Your Contact Information**

Please be sure to let us know if you have had a change in phone number(s), email address(es), etc. You can email this information to the church office at: tlc@iw.net – or – you can call the church office at 629-3563.

**New Members**

On Sunday, May 15, we will “officially” be receiving new members into our church family. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a member at Tracy Lutheran – please call the church office at 629-3563. We’d love to talk to you! All individuals/families interested in joining need to stop by the office to fill out new member information forms.

*Many thanks to you, my church family, for your thoughts, prayers, and kindnesses in these days of mourning for my mother, Estelle Natwick. My family and I have truly been blessed by her presence in our lives – and by your presence as you walk with us in the valley of the shadow. Thank you.*

*– Pastor Eric*