

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**SHEPHERD'S HILL  
AT THE  
CROSSROADS**  
ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

**TURTLE MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR  
ARCHERY SHOOT**  
May 14, 2022

A fund-raising event Sponsored by  
Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads,  
St. John, ND

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### Sky Zone End-of-Year Party

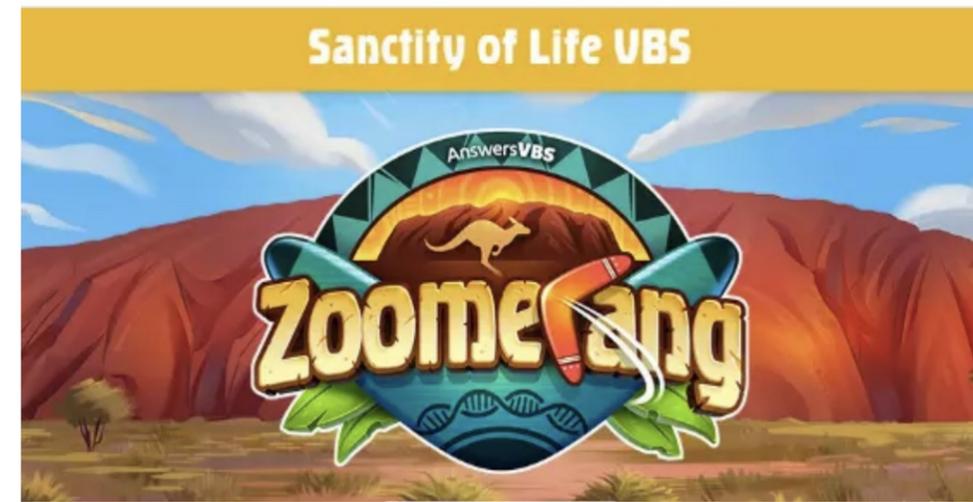
Who: Bethel and SoTV Middle and High School Students

When: May 15

What and Where: Meet at Bethel Lutheran at 1:00, Bible Study and Lunch, then go to Sky Zone from 2:00-3:00

Cost: \$10 parent contribution to offset cost

RSVP Pastor Woodside by Sunday, May 1st



**G'DAY, MATE! ARE YOU READY FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME AS WE ZOOM OFF TO AUSTRALIA FOR VBS 2022?**

Zoomerang is a sanctity of life VBS in the land down under! Be prepared to experience the jaw-dropping beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, the arid temperature of outback afternoons, the architectural marvels of Australia's modern cities, and the fascinating eucalyptus forest, home of the koalas. At Zoomerang, the newest Answers VBS, you'll marvel at the unforgettable wildlife, culture, and beauty of Australia while exploring the wonder and value of life, from the lives of preborn babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God. During this pro-life VBS, kids will discover that life is valuable. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God—wonderfully designed to know him and live for him! May 31-June 2nd.

<https://answersingenesis.org/vbs/zoomerang/>



The People Matter Community Carnival will take place on Saturday, May 7. We are in need of volunteers who might be willing to represent Shepherd of the Valley and sit at our table to greet guests. The carnival takes place from 11-2 on the grounds of Wachter Middle School. Please visit with Pastor Wolfram or sign up in the narthex if you are interested in participating in the community carnival.



# Birthday Blessings

Pat B  
 Rebecca R  
 Cameron D  
 Lyla D  
 Margaret E  
 Laith H  
 Michelle D  
 Noah J  
 Bridget R  
 Dane W  
 Becky G  
 Kevin B  
 Madison G  
 MacKenzie G  
 Julia D  
 Sara N  
 Melvin S  
 Lydia H  
 Terry U

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## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Andrew W	5/5
Cindy O	5/7
Brad N	5/10
Norman M	5/11
Kevin O	5/15
Rebecca R	5/16
Marion M	5/17
Hunter P	5/17
Sherrald K	5/18
Lowell F	5/20
Don G	5/22
Eldon U	5/25
Leon L	5/31



Larry & Denise W	5/05
Paul & Andrea P	5/16
Dick & Pam D	5/19
Micheal & Samantha H	5/24
Duaine & Lyla D	5/25

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Ushers. Please take a look and sign-up for what works for you!



### Ushers and Greeters sign-up

The world around us is getting back to a more normal routine. Our church attendance has been increasing and starting in May, Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday. For the last two years we have tried to get by without ushers and greeters to limit close contact. The Elders and Leaders of the church have been providing some of the additional usher duties as they are needed with the additional attendance. This increased attendance presents additional service opportunities for members at SOTV.

We have placed a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for two volunteers per service for ushers and greeters. Ushers would assist with ushering for communion, bringing up the offering after the sermon and ushering the congregation out after service. We will continue placing the offering plate in the Narthex before the service. The Elder can help you with all of this if you have any questions.

We also would like to have two greeters for each service to welcome visitors to SOTV and ask them to sign the guestbook. Visitors should also receive an information packet and Korrie and Lonnie Lang or Pastor can help you with this.

In the future we will be making the sign-up sheet available on-line. We thought it would be nice to let the members select which service they would like to assist with ushering or greeting people at the door.

We thank you in advance for helping out by serving your church family.

In His service,

Kevin Olson

Board of Lay Ministry



### May 2022 Elders

1 to 15	Martin Bjergaard	223-2375
16 to 31	Ken Purdy	226-6703

May 1	Gavin V. Jensen H.	815am 1045am
May 8	Hudson H. Jason C.	815am 1045am
May 15	Abby Z. Keaton H.	815am 1045am
May 22	David A. Oliva D.	815am 1045am
*May 29	Shaylee C. Daisy A.	815am 1045am



Please join us for the  
**Annual LWMF Salad Supper**  
 celebrating 80 Years of  
**Lutheran Women in Mission**

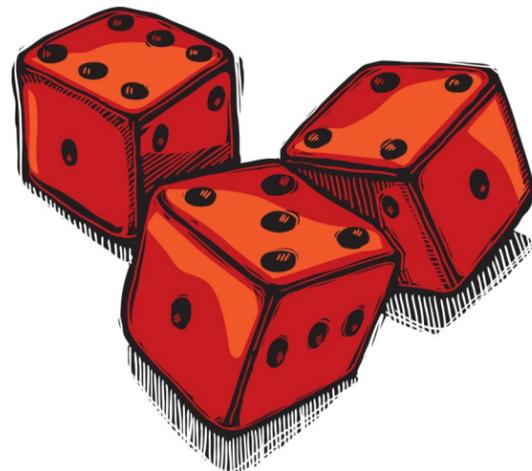
**Who:** All women of Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley  
 Lutheran Churches

**What:** Potluck Salad Supper, please bring a dish to pass

**When:** Monday, May 9th from 6-7:30 pm



**BUNKO  
 NIGHT**



**Bunko Night**

**Friday, May 13**

**6:00 PM**

**Bring a snack to share!**

Men's Network is scheduled for May 21st at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. 8-10 AM. Pastor Woodside will lead a study on science and Scripture. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a great study and discussion on God's Word.



**"MAIN STREET LIVING" MEDIA MINISTRY**

MAY UPDATE

EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY is of course the strongest of testimonies! The New Testament Church grew as the Holy Spirit used the eyewitness testimonies of those who had SEEN JESUS ALIVE after having personally seen him crucified and dead. This is what motivated the disciples and apostles to preach the resurrection of Jesus - even to their own imprisonment and

death! And so, we too have the privilege and responsibility to pass along these testimonies of Jesus death and resurrection - for the forgiveness of our sins and the salvation of our souls!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs any-time at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) - then click on the link under the picture identified as "Fargo."

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH," 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

**"MSL North" Programs for May 2022:**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: **"Fishing With Jesus,"** based on John 21:1-3. *"This Is The Life" program: "No Place to Hide" - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.*

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Zelwyn Heide, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hannover, ND, and Zion Lutheran Church, New Salem, ND, presents the message: **"Sheep Listen to the Shepherd,"** based on John 10:22-30. *This Is The Life" program: "Dead Wrong" - Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman.*

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Vicar Aidan Moon, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: **"Joy Comes in the Morning,"** based on John 16:12-22. *"This Is The Life" program: "The Main Event" - A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.*

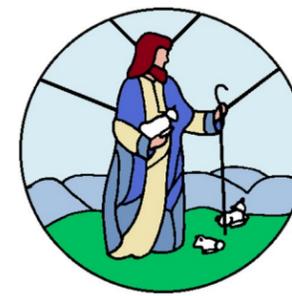
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: **"Keys To The Throne Room,"** based on John 16:23-24. *"This Is The Life program: "The Prisoners" - An elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.*

**May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Jonathan Walla, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: **"A Prayer for Unity,"** based on John 17:20-26. *"This Is The Life" program: "A Dream of His Own" - A father and son are at odds when the construction company will evict an Indian family.*

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally- produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally *"This Is The Life,"* along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting **at 10:00 am Central Time / 9:00 am Mountain time** on the following **WDAY XTRA Channels:** Bismarck/Dickinson KBBY Xtra Channel 17.3 MIDCO 594

Please check your cable and satellite providers for the corresponding channel on your system. MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) then click on **"(Fargo)"**.



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
 “A church family that shares, nurtures, and  
 lives our faith in Christ”  
 May 2022, Newsletter

1 <b>8:15am:</b> Divine Service <b>9:30am:</b> Voter's Meeting <b>10:45am:</b> Divine Service	2	3 <b>4:30pm:</b> Stewardship	4 <b>6:00pm:</b> Worship	5	6	7 <b>11:00am:</b> People Matter Carnival <b>4:30pm:</b> Mayfest
8 <b>8:15am:</b> Divine Service <b>9:30am:</b> Ed. Hour <b>10:45am:</b> Divine Service	9	10	11 <b>6:00pm:</b> Worship	12	13 <b>6:00pm:</b> Bun- ko	14
15 <b>8:15am:</b> Divine Service <b>9:30am:</b> Ed. Hour <b>10:45am:</b> Divine Service <b>1:00pm:</b> All Youth Groups @ Sky Zone	16	17 <b>7:30pm:</b> Elders	18 <b>6:00pm:</b> Worship	19	20	21 <b>8:00am:</b> Men's Net- work <b>4:30pm:</b> Hang Out
22 <b>8:15am:</b> Divine Service <b>9:30am:</b> Ed. Hour <b>10:45am:</b> Divine Service <b>7:00pm:</b> Coun-	23	24	25 <b>6:00pm:</b> Worship	26 <b>Newslet- ter and Calendar infor- mation due by</b>	27	28
29 <b>8:15am:</b> Divine Service <b>9:30am:</b> Ed. Hour <b>10:45am:</b> Divine Service	30	31				

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Happy Easter from Shepherd of the Valley. It has been a long and wearisome two years since COVID first came on the scene, and so we wanted to take some time to make our members aware of some changes at Shepherd of the Valley.

It is no secret that the COVID crisis has had very real spiritual side effects, especially in peoples' ability or security when it comes to attending church services. On one hand, the ability to tune in to the service online during quarantine has been a great blessing to so many. The technology available has made it possible for our fellow Christians to hear God's Holy Word (His life saving Gospel) from the safety of their own homes. Indeed, God's Word is essential, and praise be to God for this!

On the other hand, something that has really stood out during this pandemic is the loss of close *fellowship* with our brothers and sisters in Christ! Along with that comes the problem that the Lord's Supper cannot be received virtually. It must be done in person! I know that we have so many members who are hungering for the Lord's Supper! It has been so long! The gift of Christ's true body and blood and the promises of salvation and forgiveness offered there are truly priceless.

Those of you who have been members at Shepherd of the Valley for any length of time are likely aware that we typically offer the Sacrament of the Altar on the first and third Sunday of each month. After a recent Adult Bible study on the Lord's Supper, our leadership has made the decision to offer Communion every week. Beginning May 1, the Sacrament will be available each Sunday during the Divine Service!

You are invited! Please join us! If you haven't received this gift in a long time, come! If you received it just last Sunday, come!

As Our Lord Himself said, **“This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

In Christ,

Pastor Wolfgram

Pastor Woodside