

THE Journey

Pastor's Letter



Flowers

By Pastor Ben Golisch

You know the old adage, “April showers bring May flowers”? Well, that got me to thinking about flowers and the Bible. Before reading any further, can you think of any time flowers were mentioned in the Bible, either individually or as a group? I could think of a few, but they show up quite often. Allow me to share with you some of what I found.

Although not specifically mentioned, flowers get their beginning in Genesis and the third day of creation. The Lord created dry ground and vegetation, including trees bearing fruit with seed in it. We all know that fruit trees bear flowers before producing fruit. So, flowers have been in existence since Day 3.

Here is a partial list of flowers that are mentioned: a rose (probably a crocus) (Song of Songs 2:1), lilies (lily of the valley in Song of Songs 2:16 is known as the Easter lily, Song of Songs 5:13's lily has a bloom like a glowing flame, the lilies of the

field in Matthew 6:28 were more wildflowers), almond blossoms (Numbers 17:8), pomegranate blossoms and henna (or camphire) flowers (Song of Songs 4:13), stinkweed (or cockle flowers) (Job 31:40), nutmeg (or dill or cummin) (Isaiah 28:25-27), mandrakes (Genesis 30:14), myrtle branches (Nehemiah 8:15), and saffron (Song of Songs 4:14).

Perhaps you noticed that many of the references are from Song of Songs. If you know the book, it's not surprising. It also demonstrates the challenge of putting modern terms for flowers with the ancient Hebrew. Translators do their best, but it can be hard.

In general, flowers grew abundantly during springtime in Palestine. Flowers grew mostly in open fields since flower gardens, as we now know them, were not cultivated. Flowers grew in crop fields and in groves of trees around houses.

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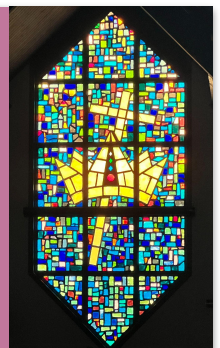
Important Dates:

Church Events

May 5 ~ Confirmation Service 10:30am
 May 19 ~ Last day of Sunday School until Fall
 May 20 & 21 ~ 3K Graduation
 May 23 ~ 4K Graduation
 May 26 ~ **SUMMER SCHEDULE** one service at 9:00am.
 May 27 ~ Memorial Day, Child Care & Office Closed

KMLHS Events

May 3 -5 ~ KMLHS Spring Play:
While the Lights Were Out
 May 8, 6:30 PM ~ Jazz / Echoes Concert
 May 11, 6:30 PM ~ Percussion Concert



Pastor's Letter (Continued)

Numerous kinds of wildflowers could be found in the plains and mountains of Palestine. The word “flower” or “flowers” refer to colorful blossoms, towering plants, open flowers, and flourishing flowers. In Palestine the warm spring temperatures joined with the winter rains to produce beautiful, blooming plants and flowers. (*Holman Bible Dictionary*)

Some of the flowers mentioned above have an interesting twist. The almond blossom of Numbers has to do with Aaron's staff. The Israelites were grumbling against Moses and Aaron and so Moses gathered the staffs from the leaders of Israel and put them in the Tent of Meeting. The next morning, Aaron's staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had budded, blossomed and produced almonds. Also, the lampstand in the Tabernacle had almond buds and blossoms for each of the six branches.

Many flowers were used in the making of perfume. Therefore, it is possible that some of these flowers were used in the aromatic resin used in the Tabernacle on the Altar of Incense. For instance, calamus leaves were a sweet-smelling cane or ginger grass and were used in worship.

The Rose of Sharon mentioned in Song of Songs 2:1, many feel, is a type of Christ and is sometimes used in Christmas songs. Sharon is the Hebrew word for plain, as in the plain or flatlands of Israel near the Mediterranean Sea. The Hebrew word translated rose is probably a crocus, or some other flower that comes from a bulb. In context, the bride of the song is claiming, “I'm just a wildflower, a poor overlooked country girl.” Her lover responds, “You may be just a wildflower lily, but all the other girls are thorns by comparison.” So how is this a reference to Christ? Cross-referencing with Isaiah 35:1-2, basically the picture is this: in the desert blooms this beautiful flower. In barren Israel blooms the Christ, the glory of the Lord.



In the New Testament, Jesus uses the flowers of the field to teach us not to worry. *“Why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these”* (Matthew 6:28-29).

Scripture compares the temporary nature of life to the temporary nature of flowers. *“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever”* (1 Pet. 1:24-25 quoting Isaiah 40:6-7).

The flowers of spring (Song 2:12) signify renewal. The “fading flower” of Isaiah 28:1 represented the downfall of God's disobedient people.

As you can see, flowers have their special place in Scripture. They probably have a special place in your heart, too. (Although I have a relative who does not like flowers.) Others have allergies or aversions to flowers. To each their own. But for most, especially with Mother's Day happening this month, flowers will be in your future. Perhaps they will trigger some thoughts shared here with you.

Worship Opportunities

Thurs. at 6:30 pm and Sun. at 7:45 am and 10:30 am (Communion on the 2nd and 4th weekends)

SUMMER SCHEDULE starts May 26: Thursday evenings at 6:30pm and Sundays, one service at 9:00am.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Wed. at 6:30 pm; Sunday at 9:10

Monthly - Worship / Preachers / Themes

May Worship

- May 2 + 5 = Love Each Other (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- May 9 + 12 = Jesus Ascended on High (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- May 16 + 19 = The Promised Spirit Brings Life (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- May 23 + 26 = Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Sr. Vicar Zac Meier)
- May 30 + June 2 = Understanding the Sabbath (Pastor Ben Golisch)

Worship notes:

May worship is full of highlights and festivals. May 5 is **Confirmation Day**. Three of our eighth graders will pledge their love and faithfulness to the Lord in the 10:30 service. May 9 & 12, we celebrate the **Ascension** of our Lord, a special event with great implications. May 16 & 19, we celebrate **Pentecost**, the birthday of the Christian Church and the third highest festival in the Christian calendar. May 23 & 26, we celebrate **Trinity Sunday** and the mystery of our Triune God. NOTE: May 26 we move to our summer schedule. This year, we go to ONE SUNDAY SERVICE at 9:00am instead of two at 7:45 & 9:30am.

Bible Classes

SUNDAYS: 9:10-10:10am in the Commons

In May, we conclude our series on Daniel called "Thriving in Babylon." The final three lessons are on how we can thrive today, specifically regarding Hope, Humility and Wisdom.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION, May 5. Last year, Nathan Golisch served our mission in the Philippines for six months through the Friends Network. He's now back home and in his first year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Nathan will share his experience there, information about mission work in the Philippines and information about the Friends Network. (NOTE: our Sunday school has adopted the Friends Network for their mission offering this year.)

4/28/24 = Lesson 4 – Thriving in Babylon Part 1 – Hope

5/5/24 = Presentation on the Philippines and the Friends Network

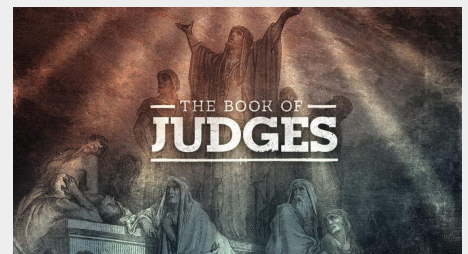
5/12/24 = Lesson 5 – Thriving in Babylon Part 2 – Humility

5/19/24 = Lesson 6 – Thriving in Babylon Part 3 – Wisdom



JUDGES, WEDNESDAYS: 10:30-11:30am in the Commons

After two years of studying the Gospel of John, in May we begin a new study: the book of Judges. Who are the twelve Judges? Why are they called Judges? What pattern did Israel settle into at this time? What were the immediate and lasting consequences? What additional surprises are found in this book? And how does it remain relevant to us today? All these questions will be answered in due time. (I have often said that we are living in a modern version of the Judges: we have no king, and everyone does as they see fit.)



Door Offering: Apache Mission

In 2018, the Apache Mission celebrated 125 years of God's blessings as the first world mission of WELS. The Apache Mission is located in eastern Arizona on the Fort Apache Reservation and the San Carlos Apache Reservation.



(NOTE: Our mission predates Arizona as a state.)

Between the two reservations there are eight churches, one preaching station, and two Lutheran elementary schools. The Apache Lutheran churches are currently training future leaders for work as evangelists, teachers, and pastors through the Apache Christian Training School (ACTS). Our door offerings go to support this mission work.

Membership Updates

- **Youth Confirmation:** Gavin Balkevich, Alexis Gerlach, Casey Jacklin
- **Correction from last month:** Britney Baumeister's membership is remaining here at St. Paul.

Our last day of Sunday School is 5-19-24.

That day, we will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. church service. We will also have a fun morning that includes awards for attendance and completion of memory work. Bible Bingo with lots of prizes will be the game of the day!! Have a wonderful summer. We will see you back in fall.

Care Committee

May is a month we look forward to new growth. New buds on the trees, flowers bursting up from the ground, and the smell of blossoms in the air! This is also a great time to think about how we can grow in our faith and service to our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Care Committee is one of many great opportunities to serve here at St. Paul. The committee serves as a means to keep our church family connected and supported. Together we can make a difference and make it possible to continue our work to support and meet the needs of our St. Paul family.

If you are not familiar with our team and what we do, we would love to take this opportunity to share more about our purpose. Our team visits those who are considered "shut in" and unable to come to church on their own. Our visits are not limited to shut-ins, we also visit those who are recovering from health issues, or those who may need encouragement and prayers. While visiting, we share many of the resources from church such as Meditations, *Forward in Christ*, *The Journey*

(our monthly newsletter), among other prayers and devotions.

The Little Learners also provide us with arts and crafts they are busy making for us to share with those we visit. We serve an important role in helping to keep our St. Paul family connected. We meet those we make connections with on their level and based on their preference. We are people who care about people! When thinking of a caring heart, the Bible tells us, *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* **John 13: 34-35.**

If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, a conversation, a card or a prayer, please contact the church office. We invite you to stop in and join us at any time. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at 9:00am in the CFC Commons (Fireside room). **For questions or more information about the committee please contact Mrs. Terri Garbers at 262-305-2894.**

Wish List & Improvements Updates

- Perhaps by the time you read this, the Stained-glass window project may be underway or completed. The target date was late April or early May. At the time of printing, no specific date had been set. (The company will give us at least a ten-day warning so we can be prepared.) Watch for updates in the bulletin or weekly eblast. (fully funded)
- Last month, the Church Council met and discussed potential projects and anticipated expenses. This list is still being honed and prioritized. As decisions are made, we will keep you informed.

ISRAEL TRIP: Pastor Golisch is still planning on taking a group from St. Paul to Israel next January. However, we need to see more registrations for the trip to be viable. Pricing is based on the expectation of 20 people going on the trip. I still think that is possible. Some of you have talked to me. I continue to encourage going. It will be moving, meaningful and spiritually enriching. You will be kept safe, as much as it is in our control. If we do not get the 20 by the end of the summer, some hard decisions will need to be made. For more information, see the brochure on the table in narthex.

From Gilbert Selle to St. Paul Congregation:

“Thank you!” to my St. Paul brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers and keeping me in your thoughts when I traveled to Washington D.C. and back on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Saturday, April 20th, 2024.

It was an exciting and busy day seeing the various war memorials with my fellow veterans. It was a VERY memorable experience that I am thankful for having the opportunity to do. Let’s keep our veterans that served and those currently serving our country in our prayers.

Also, I want to especially thank those of you who wrote me a letter for the Mail Call on the return flight and to those of you who were at the airport with my family for the welcoming home ceremony. It was surely a BIG surprise seeing all of you there!

Thank you! Thank you!

Gilbert Selle, U.S. Army – Korean War Veteran



Golf Team: St. Paul again has a team in the West Bend Lakes Tuesday evening Church Golf League. There are ten teams from nine congregations in Washington County. League play began April 30 and runs through mid-September. We have five regulars and a number of subs. If you’d like to be added to the sub list, please speak with Pastor Golisch.



Little Learners

Childcare News:

Happy Spring! This past month our Bible stories and songs are centered on Jesus' death, resurrection, and his disciples' work. These stories and songs remind us of Jesus' power, mercy and love. We've been practicing singing "The Butterfly Song", and "Oh how I Love Jesus".

Sunshine themes this past month have included spring, Easter, growing things, and measuring.

Our art last month included: spring tree art, painting birdhouses, 3-D flowers, and a variety of Easter themed arts and crafts. In science,



we went on a spring nature walk, and did a nature themed sink or float activity outside. We have been learning about seeds, flowers, and plants. We planted our bean seedlings that we hung in a bag in the window in March, and have been enjoying observing how the roots, stem, and leaves have grown so much. We also planted flower seeds. We are looking forward to warm weather so we can plant outside as well. We have also enjoyed measuring, mixing and making our own playdoh for the classroom and to take home. We used fruit loops to create a rainbow and to color sort. We've been enjoying a variety of spring themed sensory boxes and rice and noodle

bins to practice measuring with different scoops. In math, we've been practicing counting and creating patterns. We've also enjoyed matching eggs, doing lots of building with blocks, playing some counting and number recognition based board games. In literacy, we've been reading stories about spring, forest animals, and Easter! We've also been working on rhyming and reviewing letter recognition! Some favorite gross motor activities this month have included catching and throwing games, weaving around cones, tag, movement with scarves and balancing.

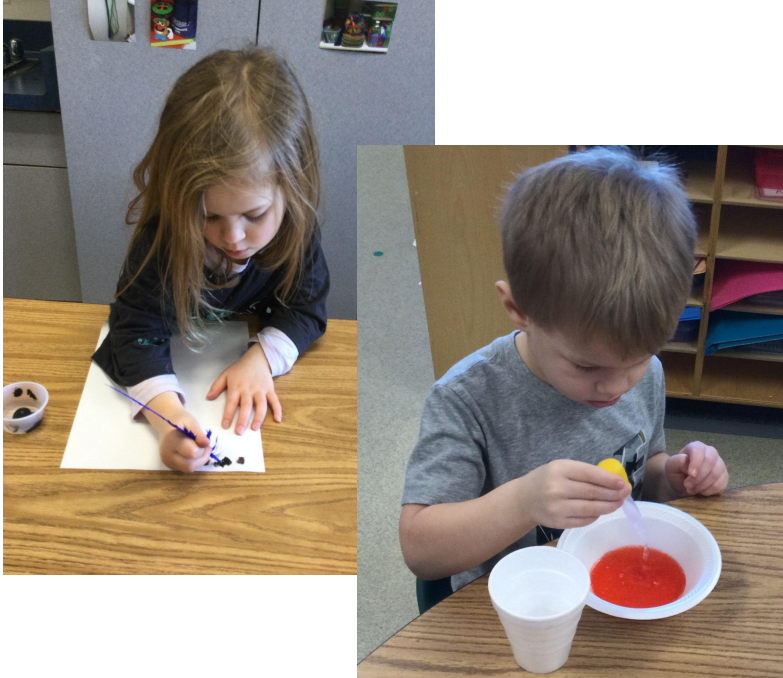
Rainbow class enjoyed painting ice cream cone carrots, and creating shape tractors. Along with reading spring and farm books. Some



favorites were "Tops and Bottoms" and "Tremendous Tractors". We also enjoyed making a dragon letter monster and we worked on the letters H, I, and J. We played in some corn, and bean farm themed sensory bins. We dyed Easter eggs in baking. Yum! In math, we practiced animal counting, a barnyard shape sort, and did a farm egg addition and subtraction activity. A favorite gross motor game was a weather cube movement game, and spending lots of time playing outside in the warm weather.

Little Learners (Continued)

3K News:



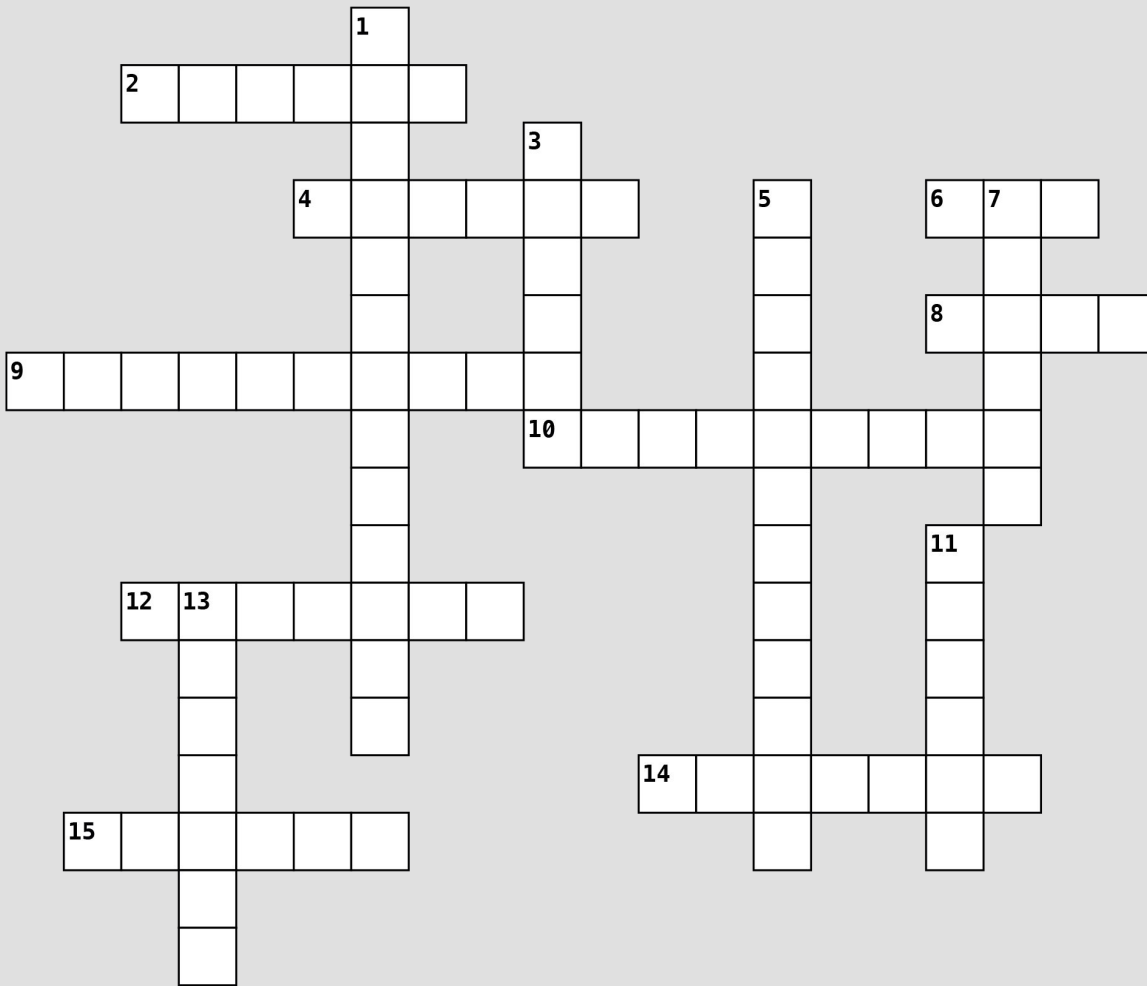
Happy May! It has been a busy spring in 3K so far. A few favorite activities from last month included using pipettes and watercolors to make rain drop pictures and going on a field trip to the Children's Museum of Fond Du Lac with our families. The children welcomed the return of the warmer weather by playing outside on the playground again too. Our Bible theme focus last month was God Our Creator. The children worked hard at creating a special book centered on our Bible theme to share with their families. Other 3K activities included exploring slime and playing in the flower themed dramatic play area. The Friday class enjoyed listening to spring themed books read by Ms. Hanna from the Slinger Library last month as well. God's Blessings - Mrs. Herbst

4K News:

April in 4K was farm month! We set up a farm in our dramatic play area where we could plant and harvest vegetables, feed our animal friends, and gather eggs from the chickens. We also did some real planting of our own! We talked a little bit about caring for the earth God gave us by recycling, keeping it clean, and nurturing what is living on it. Our Bible stories this month focused on the Easter celebration. We also studied Jesus' ascension into heaven and His promise to always be with us. We finished up with Pentecost where His disciples were sent out to share the good news of Jesus! We talked about ways that we can also share the good news of Jesus with others! -Mrs. Hennen



Monthly Puzzle



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CONFIRMATION

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ENCOURAGEMENT

Bible Trivia

Test your Bible knowledge with a little Bible trivia. See page 14 for the answers.

1. How many flowers were mentioned in Pastor's article? _____
2. Who is the second person in the Trinity? _____
3. Fill in the blanks for part of our Confession of Sins:
 Almighty and merciful _____, we have _____ from your ways like lost _____.
 We have _____ what we have devised and desired in our _____.
 We have offended you and _____ against your holy law.
 We have done those things that we should not have done,
 and we have not done those things that we should have done.
 Have _____ on us, Lord!
 Spare us, _____ us, and restore us, according to your _____ in Christ Jesus.

The St. Paul Library is located off the church entry. Materials are available for all ages to check out including Christian contemporary topics, adult and child fiction, religious reference books, study guides and DVDs.

Church Library

The St. Paul Library has all fourteen books in the Bible Discovery Series. "The Bible Discovery Series provides background resources to help you read and understand the text of Scripture. The insights provided in these books remove the speed bumps on your road to a greater understanding of God's Word."

These books are in the area of 220 to 232 in the library. Titles and topics in this series include:

Part II

Grand Themes and Key Words Karl A. Walther
Exploring Important Bible Terms

The author provides you with a dictionary of complicated words and themes to help gain a more thorough knowledge of the Bible.

Hard Sayings of Jesus Joel C. Seifert
Embracing His Words of Life

Whether you're new to the faith or have been a Christian your whole life, this book will clear up the confusion around difficult or controversial statements that Jesus made during his earthly mission.

His Hand Among the Nations Lyle L. Luchterhand

Seeing God's Control in the Old Testament World
After reading this book, you will be able to better visualize what happened in the world of God's chosen people as the Old Testament authors tell the story.

Life in the New Testament World Armin J. Panning
Understanding Professions, Practices, and Politics
The author offers a comprehensive description of the New Testament lifestyle so that you can build a background picture and have a more complete understanding of God's Word.

One God – Two Covenants? Lyle W. Lange
Discovering the Heart of the Old Testament
This book will help you understand why God gave a law covenant to his Old Testament people, the Israelites. You will also understand what place that covenant has in our lives as followers of Jesus today.

Time Between the Testaments Mark E. Braun
Connecting Malachi to Matthew

As you read this book, you will gain not only a greater understanding of the time between the testaments but also, more important, a deeper knowledge of the world in which your Savior lived, died, and rose again.

Unexpected Treasures
James P. Becker & Joshua J. Becker
Finding Value in Bible Names, Dates, and Genealogies

Genealogies inform us about the connections of the people we read about: to God, to Adam and Eve, and to Christ. A proper understanding of names – particularly those listed in the Old Testament – reveals the bigger picture of God's people and the world in which they lived.

Greeting Cards

Christian focused greeting cards are for sale in the church library with single cards priced at 75 cents apiece. The selection includes sympathy, birthday, anniversary, get well, baby, thank you and thinking of you cards. Seasonal cards are available on a rotational basis with Mother's Day, confirmation and graduation cards on sale now. **The card sale is sponsored by St. Paul Ladies Aid.**



Member Recipes

Is there a dish you bring to church functions and people have asked you for the recipe? Or just have a favorite recipe that didn't make it into the 150th Anniversary Cookbook? We'd like to share some recipes each month as space allows, so please email me at julie.a.hang@gmail.com with the recipe that you think might be a good fit to share with our church family. ~ Julie Hang

Baked Cream Cheese French Toast Casserole

(served at Sunday, April 14, Bible class, submitted by Diane Retzlaff)

This baked cream cheese french toast casserole is stuffed with sweet cream cheese and topped with a brown sugar crumble topping. It's a wonderful recipe for a brunch or breakfast gathering because you can prep the casserole the night before.

Ingredients

- 1 loaf french bread, sourdough bread
- 8 oz full-fat brick cream cheese, softened to room temperature*
- 2 T confectioners' sugar
- 3 tsp. pure vanilla extract, divided
- 8 large eggs
- 2-1/4 C whole milk
- 3/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2/3 C packed light brown sugar

Crumb Topping

- 1/3 C packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 C all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 6 T butter, cold and cubed
- optional: maple syrup and/or confectioners' sugar for topping



Instructions

- Grease a 9×13-inch baking pan or any 3-4 quart oven-safe dish with nonstick spray. Slice then cut the bread into cubes, about 1 inch in size. Spread half of the cubes into the prepared baking pan.
- Using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat the room temperature cream cheese on medium-high speed until completely smooth. Beat in the confectioners' sugar and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract until combined. Drop random spoonfuls of cream cheese mixture on top of the bread. Layer the remaining bread cubes on top of cream cheese. Set aside.
- Whisk the eggs, milk, cinnamon, brown sugar, and remaining vanilla together until no brown sugar lumps remain. Pour evenly over the bread. Cover the pan tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 3-4 hours and up to 24 hours. Overnight is best.
- Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Remove pan from the refrigerator.
- Prepare the crumb topping: Whisk the brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon together in a medium bowl. Cut in the cold cubed butter with a pastry blender or two forks. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the soaked bread.

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Member Recipes Continued

- Bake uncovered for 45-55 minutes or until golden brown on top. Serve with optional maple syrup or dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm.

Notes

- **Bread:** Day-old, crusty bread is perfect for french toast casseroles. Slice and cut it into 1-inch cubes and let it sit out uncovered all day. You'll have about 12 cups of cubed bread— a little more or less is fine.
- **Cream Cheese:** Since the cream cheese is only mixed with a little sugar and vanilla, make sure you are using quality cream cheese that tastes good.
- **Half Recipe:** This recipe can easily be halved in an 8-inch or 9-inch baking pan. The bake time will be slightly shorter, around 30-35 minutes.
- **Can I add berries?** Some readers have added blueberries, blackberries, and/or raspberries sprinkled throughout the casserole. Feel free to scatter 1 cup of fresh berries over the spoonfuls of cream cheese before topping with the remaining bread cubes. *I do not recommend frozen berries.*
- **Find it online:** sallysbakingaddiction.com/baked-cream-cheese-french-toast-casserole/

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS):

LWMS is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Go to <https://www.lwms.org/> to Learn more about LWMS.



The LWMS Spring Rally was held April 13 at St. Matthew, Iron Ridge, co-hosted with St. John, Woodland. Eighty-four people attended the rally. \$4,878.01 was disbursed to the Central Office and to WELS mission projects in South Asia and Pakistan. The National Rally will be held June 27-30 in Souix Falls, SD. The group was challenged to “bring a guest” to the next rally, October 5.



After a snack break, seminary Juan Escobar shared his journey from Bogota, Columbia, to Doral, Florida, to New Ulm, Minnesota, and now our seminary in Mequon. (It was quite the story.) Currently, he works for the Administrator for World Missions, Larry Schlomer, and helps out with Academia Cristo, which is now in its 10th year of ministry. Academia Cristo begins with online modules and works into more concentrated study. Similar models are being used around the world and even in the United States. He introduced a fairly new ministry called DMF or “Diaspora Ministry Facilitator”. This group supports people of different cultures in the United States and connects them to each other and to current WELS congregations. The goal is to support and/or create multi-cultural ministries through this program. It was all very interesting.

The rally closed with a Bible study by Pastor Golisch, a devotion by Pastor Arndt, and the installation of officers. The next rally will take place at Peace, Hartford. The speaker is still to be determined.



KML President's Report (General Board April 8, 2024)

We Give Thanks - Groundbreaking Ceremony

Today, we have the opportunity to dedicate our new facility expansion to our Lord. As we get closer to building the foundation of our new building, we must always remember that Jesus is our true foundation at KML. He has blessed us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, and we have the opportunity to share that truth every day - from our inception 50 years ago, today, and long into the future. This expansion creates more space to do the Lord's work!

As we celebrate this exciting new phase of building, we also celebrate the unity that our 27 federations churches have in faith and mission. May God continue to bless our work together as we keep it focused on Biblical truth, as a KML family, and as we continue to grow and improve to ensure a Christ-led future for the students we serve.

KML Team Member Transitions

Acts 17:26 is a passage that always resonates with me in times of change. God tells us, "From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands." (NIV) At KML we have been blessed to have so many selfless, ministry minded servants in so many aspects of our faculty and staff. But, there is also a time when God calls people to something new or different. We are in one of those times, and we trust that God will continue to provide faithful servants as we also thank him for the faithful service of the following servants who are closing out their time as KML team members.

We thank **Jody Hansen** for his faithful service at KML as Business Manager and Director of Operations since 2008. He has provided strong financial and facility leadership that has created a strong foothold for ministry. We are also thankful that God has led Dave Murphy to accept this

position and build off the great work Jody has done. Dave will begin on Monday, April 15. Transition plans are in place to have Jody support Dave through the end of the year.

We thank **Paul Snamiska** for his faithful service as Estate Planner and Deferred Gift Counselor since 2011. He has blessed KML with long term sustainability in that time through estate planning and our Heritage Society. We are thankful that God has led Dylan Rusch to take on this role as Gift Planning Officer on Monday, April 15. Dylan is a 2011 KML graduate of KML. Paul will be helping to support and transition Dylan.

We thank **Matt Moeller** for his faithful service to KML for the last 23 years. He has served as teacher, coach, curriculum coordinator, and Director of Instruction. He has left a lasting impact on KML through his selfless, servant leadership. We pray for him and his family as they transition to serve at Illinois Lutheran Schools.

Our KML leadership and Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has been in discussion of next steps, and there is a high likelihood that, due to timing, we will wait to call for this position until October of 2024. This would give us time to reflect on and analyze and prioritize the duties and goals of this important position while ensuring a larger pool of candidates early in the calling season that fit for today and the future.

KML Schools Curriculum Director Position

We continue to work with our new KML Schools Curriculum Director, Stefanie Herbert, in her transition to the KML Federation in July. She was able to attend our ALHS high school conference where she was able to collaborate with curriculum leaders from high schools

KMLHS Updates Continued

across our synod. KML has invoiced the 12 federation schools that will be participating to support this position. They will pay this fee annually in the spring to pay for both this position and other professional development and supply expenses.

Let's Grow Together Capital Campaign and Facility Expansion

The KML Team worked and continues to work diligently on finalizing plans to go out to bid, financing, approvals, and fundraising. Just as God has blessed us through this whole process, we also trust that he will continue to guide us. Here are some updates about the process:

- **Most Recent All In Cost of Construction:** The cost analysis of construction by Catalyst at the end of January was \$13,551,114. This would include everything including the 3rd court, multipurpose room, and finishing the second floor. It does not include the office renovation.
- **Construction Plans Out to Bid:** Excel Engineering completed the bid plans for our expansion, and Catalyst Construction sent them out to bid on March 26. They expect those bids back by April 16. It is our hope that we will have solid cost numbers by our Monday, April 23 Board of Directors meetings.
- **Town of Jackson Planning Commission Approval:** The Town of Jackson Planning Commission approved our facility expansion on Wednesday, March 27. As a part of the expansion process, we are also working to get the Sherman Rd. entrance approved for future use. We are striving to understand what needs to be done to improve that intersection and what the costs will be.
- **Bond Financing:** Jody Hansen continues to work with Baird to ensure all of the processes and approvals are in place for the additional borrowing (\$6.5M) and reissuing of our current bonds. The Finance Committee continues to analyze our short and long term financial capabilities on a monthly basis to manage this additional debt.

- **Let's Grow Together Capital Campaign:** We continue to see progress, and we're still waiting on several factors that could help get us closer to our goal of \$10M.
 - Our many generous gifts and pledges currently stand at \$6,323,094.51 as of Wednesday, April 3.
 - The Finance Committee had placed our capital campaign cash in interest yielding accounts and have accrued \$122,646 in interest over this school year. That is already included in the gift and pledges above.
 - The State of Wisconsin Grant (\$GM - submitted 1/31), has moved their approval timeline back to late summer/early fall.
 - We are waiting to hear grant proposals to the following foundations: Bradley Foundation (\$300,000 - would be awarded in May) Batterman Foundation (\$100,000 - would be awarded in June) and the Neumann Family Foundation (\$50,000 - would be awarded in summer.)
 - As noted in the Mission Advancement Report, we also pray that the Lord would bless our Spring Appeal, Gala, anticipated estate gifts, and discussions with potential individual donors.



CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES
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Christian Life Resources' Branch Updates

On the weekend of April 25th, the CLR Branch started their annual Baby Bottle Drive.

During the drive, congregational members are asked to put their loose change in the CLR baby bottle and return it on Father's Day June 16th. If you wish, you may write out a check for the event, but write it out to "St Paul Lutheran Church" and it will be credited on your annual offering statement. All funds collected support the New Beginnings Home for single mothers, located in Milwaukee. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Branch Chairman – Glenn Blank.

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

May 3 Pat Bouton	May 13 Dennis Moehr	May 20 Wyatt McLaughlin	May 26 Gavin Balkevich
May 4 Jeremy Becker	May 13 Corrine Seidel	May 20 Mary Retzlaff	May 27 Landon Hron
May 4 Gil Selle	May 14 Jackson Strauther	May 22 Rick Kohl	May 27 Jeff Lighthizer
May 5 Alicia Reed	May 15 Hudson Boettcher	May 23 Stella Margelowsky	May 28 Aaron Weiss
May 7 Alyssa Hawkins	May 16 Sofia Smessaert	May 23 Alex Smessaert	May 30 Chuck Ulbricht
May 7 Paul Roethle	May 16 Michael Vieth	May 24 Austin O'Marra	May 31 James Miller
May 7 Bob Schultz	May 18 Sally Jaster	May 24 Benjamin Prah	May 31 Cassidy Schilcher (Cychosz)
May 11 Tina Kroupa	May 19 Steven Svien	May 24 Tyler Retzlaff	
May 11 Candy Svien	May 20 Everly Kell	May 24 Craig Weiss	

Happy Anniversary!

May 3 Jeremy and Kelly Becker (28)	May 11 Kenny and Sandra Peters (50)	May 25 Jerry and Nancy Kabelowsky (50)
May 3 Mike and Barbara Miller (44)	May 14 Andy and Faye Schneider (36)	May 26 Linda and Carl Anderson (22)
May 5 Susan and John Gohlke (51)	May 16 John and Amanda Waechter, (15)	May 28 Jack and Melissa Mier (47)
May 6 Phil and Lisa Kluge (35)	May 17 Brad and Jennette Fulmer (16)	May 29 Chuck and Joyce Ulbricht (59)
May 6 Kyle and Christa Roethle (13)	May 17 Marshal and Lisa Jutz (16)	May 31 Lynn and Bob Muesch (16)
May 6 Steven and Candy Svien (24)	May 17 Michael and Wendy Whelan (44)	
May 8 Shaun and Michelle Zaskowski (25)	May 20 Al and Nancy Schulz (57)	

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Worship Schedule

Sundays ~ 7:45 & 10:30am

Thursdays ~ 6:30pm

Sunday School ~ 9:00am

Sunday Bible Class ~ 9:10am

Wed. Bible Class ~ 10:30am

Wed. Bible Basics ~ 6:00pm

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MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 <i>Easter 6</i>	6	7	1	2 <i>Easter 6</i>	3	4
7:45/10:30am Worship (G) (D: Apache Mission) 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Class CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 10:30am SERVICE	10:00am Circuit Mtg @ Trinity, Hulsburg 6:00pm Choir	9:00am Executive Committee Mtg 5:00pm Golf League	8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 6:30pm Bible Basics Class (G)	9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G) (D: Apache Mission)		
12 <i>Ascension</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Ascension</i>	17	18
7:45/10:30am Worship (G) 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Classes		5:00pm Golf League 5:45pm LL Staff Mtg	8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 6:00pm Church Council Mtg	9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G)		9:00am Care Committee Meeting
Communion						
19 <i>Pentecost</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Holy Trinity</i>	24	25
7:45/10:30am Worship (G) 9:00am Last Day of Sunday School until Fall 9:10am Bible Classes Sunday School sings for 10:30am Service	8:00am-12:30pm 3K Graduation 9:00am Joint Text Study @ Peace	8:00am-12:30pm 3K Graduation 5:00pm Golf League	8:30am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Class (G)	8:30am-11:30am 4K Graduation 6:30pm Worship (M)		
26 <i>Holy Trinity</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>Pentecost 2</i>	31	
9:00am Worship (M)	MEMORIAL DAY  CHILD CARE AND OFFICE CLOSED	5:00pm Golf League	8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am Childcare Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G)	6:30pm Worship (G)		
Communion						

ABBREVIATION KEY: G = Pastor Golisch Preaches/Leads Class

M = Sr. Vicar Zac Meier Preaches

LL = Little Learners

DO = Door Offering