



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH THE EAGLE

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## From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

Ah! The merry month of May, as the Easter carol goes, “Spring has now unwrapped the flowers....” A happy forthcoming Mother’s Day to all our moms! And....a profound thanksgiving for all the men and women of our Armed Forces who laid down their ‘todays’ in order that we might have our ‘tomorrows’ on Memorial Day.

May 1st used to be the big day in Communist bloc countries, an excuse to show off their threatening military muscle with mile after mile of menacing weapons and marching soldiers. Hopefully, the climate has changed somewhat, as we continue to seek peaceful means of co-existence with other nations, as well as assuring the rights of other nations to exist, not to mention the political/social upheavals and turmoil in our own nation.

That should be on our prayer list as well as other concerns as we put into action the words of our Savior, the Prince of Peace.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Don+

## Mother's Day Breakfast

**Come and celebrate our wonderful mothers at the Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14th at 9:00 am in St. Matthias Fellowship Hall.**

This will be a Potluck Breakfast but will be served by the men of our church.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Pastor's Office.

Please join us and show our mothers how much they are loved and appreciated.



(There will be NO Bible Study that morning.)



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am

*Adult Bible Study*

10:30 am

*Worship Service*

## OUR MISSION

*We are a family  
of Christ,  
committed to serving,  
teaching, welcoming  
and loving  
all God's people.*

*Celebrating*  
**69** *Years*  
*of Ministry*  
*in Ocean View*  
**1953-2022**



## From Our Council President

Plans for a new AC system in the sanctuary were reviewed by Council, the Long Range Planning Committee and Property. Three bids will be presented to Council for a vote on the actual job to replace the system.

Pat Kindred was approved to be a contact for our investment accounts. On line access is now available. Pastor Olivier and Kathy Braswell will be removed from these accounts.

Karen Sutton and Pastor will attend the Synod assembly in early June.

The Long Range Planning Committee meets again May 3rd at the church.

WELCA is having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser after Worship on May 21st. Since the food items have been donated, ticket sales will be entirely profits to the committee. WELCA plans to use the money made from the dinner at the church in some way.

The cost of flushing the blocked sewer and installing a clean out in the hallway outside St. Matthias Hall was \$3800, under the quote of \$4000.

Our next congregational meeting is July 30th.

Our organist is working on securing a storage unit for his organs currently being stored in St. Matthias.

The Gebbers took our first monthly food pantry offering to Advent Episcopal. Please remember to bring canned goods, etc. and place in the basket in the Narthex.

Council agreed to invite congregational members to be a part of the Call Committee as we search for a Pastoral Candidate for when Pastor Don retires, again! (No time soon, we all hope!)

The school has 3 students registered for Kindergarten beginning in September. The current student count is 17. We have space for 50.



We will meet on May 17th  
in St. Matthias Social Hall at 11:30 am  
Bring your bag lunch –  
drinks and dessert will be provided  
For further information  
please contact Emily Kircheval.



## Book Sale/Yard Sale June 3rd 9 am to 1pm

The Outreach Committee will be holding a Book/Yard Sale and are looking for donations. Time to clean out those closets, the garage and maybe even the attic. Anything you would like to contribute would be greatly appreciated. It would also be a big help if you could price your items.

Contact Sue Bové to arrange a time to meet at the church for your drop off.

We will also be renting tables for \$10 if you would like to sell your own items!

Contact Sue Bové for more info.

See you there!!!



Council recommended asking for congregational input in returning to presenting the communion elements and offering during the Worship Service.

We need Communion Assistants and Altar Guild teams. Training is available.

Pentecost is May 28th.

We will need to move our service back to St. Matthias Hall while the AC project is underway in the Sanctuary.

In Christ's Service, Gail Davidson  
Worship and Music Chair



### Budget Update – March 2023

Monthly Revenues	\$9,563.00
Monthly Expenses	\$14,123.56
Year to date Revenues	\$23,027.22
Year to date Expenses	\$92,754.39
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	-\$69,727.17
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	

### May Anniversaries

19 - Rev. Don ♥ Sue Wilson  
39 years

27 - Stephen ♥ Stephanie Chivers  
22 years



Let us take the opportunity to  
congratulate them on their years together,  
and wish for them to have many, many more.

### May Birthdays

10 - Deborah McLaughlin  
10 - Gerard Gebler  
13 - Lee Hendricks  
20 - Regina Starling  
23 - Barbara Stockman  
28 - Cindy Lewis  
28 - Robert Lingo  
29 - Alexis Chivers



### Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
March 5, 2023	20	6	0	26
March 12, 2023	27	6	0	33
March 19, 2023	18	5	0	24
March 26, 2023	27	5	0	32

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson  
Vice President: Deborah Midgett  
Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson  
Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton  
Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks  
School Director: Sheila Sanchez  
Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran  
Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

## Did you know???

To help save paper and postage,  
you can view *The Eagle* newsletter online.  
If you would like to read the newsletter online and  
not receive a paper copy,  
please notify the Church Office.



**WELCA is sponsoring a**

# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 21st following Worship**

**Adults \$5**

**Kids under 12 Free**

