



# May Newsletter

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## On Post-Easter & Pentecost by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

*1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

We are post-Easter and have heard constantly that Jesus has died for us, taken all of our sins, and rose again so that we may have new life. This is the message that we must hear and believe. Without that, Jesus was simply a good guy and a great teacher. The message of death to your sins and life and freedom in Christ is the one that you should always crave when listening to a sermon (any sermon, not just one of mine).

But now what? On a Sunday morning, I do not leave you with a "to-do" list, and that is by design. You should walk out the front doors feeling freed to live in Christ, not weighed down by the idea that you should do a bunch of things in order to be a "proper" or "better" Christian. To be a good Christian is to believe in Christ - to believe that you are one of God's own people, called and forgiven. That being said, as a Christian - freed and forgiven - Peter lays it out that you have been chosen "in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts

of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." This is what we get to do with the Promise. We get to proclaim what Christ has done for us (testify), and what Christ does for His people (absolving sin).

This is what it is to be a Christian. To believe that Christ has called you, and to proclaim that Word to those with ears to hear. Don't let this word simply be caught in an echo chamber. Bring it to new people! I'd bet that you can think of a few people you wish would hear the Word. Well, if you want something for your to-do list, here it is: either proclaim the Word to them, or if you aren't comfortable doing that, bring them to a person/place that will proclaim the Word. Bring them to worship with you! Pull up the livestream! Go with them to worship in their own town or church. Together, let us proclaim the mighty acts of God, who continues to pull us out of our darkness and into His marvelous light!

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Maxwell Whitehead*





# May Calendar

## Wednesday, May 3

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, May 7

8:00 AM Council Meeting  
**9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)/Senior Recognition Sunday**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, May 10

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Last day of Jr VCIS  
 5:30 PM Last day of Confirmation (meal @ 6:00PM)  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mothers Day!

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 10:15 AM Last day of Sunday School

## Wednesday, May 17

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, May 21

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 5:00 PM Bunko Night! at SVLC  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, May 24

### **Newsletter Deadline**

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, May 28

### **9:00 AM Worship Service**

7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, May 31

2:00 PM Bible Study



## May Scripture Readings

**May 7** - Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14:1-14

**May 14** - Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

**May 21** - Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

**May 28** - Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**Bunko Night**

**At SVLC  
 Sunday, May 21  
 at 5:00 PM**

Free will donation to play, supper provided!

## May Ushers & Cleaners

### May Ushers

- Marlin & Tena Johansen
- Faydra Christensen
- Kim Flint
- David & Melissa Johnson

### Cleaners April 23 - May 6

- Pam Ludens,
- Sarah Ludens,
- Lynne Elcock,
- Kari Novak,
- Tammy Sorensen

### Cleaners May 7- May 20

- Annet Kropuenske,
- Karen Larsen,
- Beth Mellem,
- Melissa Johnson

### Cleaners May 21- June 3

- Sandra Swensen
- Gail Anderson,
- Dawn Kludt,
- Audrey Kost

# Worship Helpers

## Sunday, May 7

Reader ..... Kayla Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens  
 Communion Helper ..... Riley  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Brenda Whitehead

## Sunday, May 14

Reader ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Acolytes ..... Reagan & Nora Rudd  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, May 21

Reader ..... Brett Mellem  
 Acolytes ..... Carston & Lincoln Mellem  
 Communion Helper ..... Parker  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, May 28

Reader ..... Faydra Christensen  
 Acolytes ..... Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Music ..... Praise Band



# Looking Ahead To June

## Friday, June 2

VCIS hosted drive-in movie & bonfire. Time TBD.

## Sunday, June 4

**10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 11:30 AM Council Mtg  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 7

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, June 11

**10:30 AM Worship Service**  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 14

2:00 PM Bible Study




**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!!!**



It's that time again, and beginning June 4, SVLC worship service will be at 10:30 AM Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there!

## Please Lift in Prayer

- † Karen Voeg Johnson
- † Kobee Sherman
- † Jeremy Beherendsen
- † Art Wirth
- † Beverly Andersen
- † Marin Bultena
- † Pastor Carol Marohl
- † Family & Friends of Ted Schaeffer
- † Family & Frinds of Joanne Mertens





# VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus

Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified



We are back! It was a busy February and March for all of us, but we are back to full force on Wednesday evenings. And we have added some new faces to the crew! Lexie Larsen, Kara & John Edelman, Kelli & BJ Zimmerman, and Mitch Larsen will be regularly helping lead our time together sharing in faith and fellowship with the Youth. We are so glad they are willing to give their time!

Speaking of being back at it, don't be surprised if you start seeing those pink flamingos in a yard near you again! We have a few on the list to flock from last year, but don't you worry, you can still talk to any of the kids or me to sponsor a flocking.

Lately, we prepared and served the annual Easter Brunch at Spring Valley as well as helped lead the service. We had 14 Youth helping prepare the brunch (which we did in record time by the way), as well as 8 of them come out to lead the Sunrise Easter Service and serve the following brunch. We have such great kids in our congregations, willing to help and serve, you should definitely be proud of them - I know I am.

We have also been diving into our favorite bible verses and testing our bible knowledge with a new bible trivia game. I encourage you to ask one of the Youth what their favorite verse is and why! Maybe you can share your favorite verse with them too. It is a great way to get a conversation started about one's faith and build on a relationship perhaps across a generation or two.

Speaking of the flamingo-ing, we are gearing up for our mission trip to North Carolina! The kids have all been working really hard, but we haven't quite met our financial goal yet. It costs about \$652 for each person to go (including the 6 Adult leaders that will be coming along). The kids have been doing an awesome job, but there is still more work to be done! If you would like to donate anything to help them reach their fundraising goals, checks can be made out to VCIS and sent to PO Box 98 Viborg, SD 57070. Aside from monetary support, we greatly appreciate prayerful support too!

Thank you for your continued support! This group is very special to a lot of kids and their families, and we give thanks for the opportunity to grow together in Christ.

Pastor Max





## OUR SAVIORS VBS 2023

JUNE 5TH, 2023 - JUNE 8TH, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

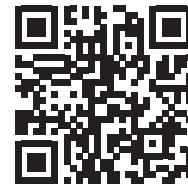
Program will be Thursday at 7:00

All kids who are potty trained up to kids who are going into 6th grade this fall are welcome. Kids need to **bring a sack lunch** and snacks will be provided.

**Sign up by May 24th to be guaranteed a free T-shirt!**

We hope to be able to dance for the nursing home residents and perform the Danish Dances that the kids will learn. A program will be held **Thursday night at 7:00** for the kids to sing their songs and show what they've learned during the week.

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/9474f0>



Please Consider helping if you can. We are in great need of the following items...

- 🍓 Facial Tissue
- 🍓 Toilet Paper
- 🍓 Shampoo
- 🍓 Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- 🍓 Lotion
- 🍓 Body Wash
- 🍓 Sauces -
- 🍷 Soy
- 🍷 Worcestershire
- 🍷 BBQ.
- 🍷 Ketchup
- 🍓 Canned Goods

- 🍓 Toaster Pastries
- 🍓 Cereal Bars
- 🍓 Granola Bars
- 🍓 Cooking Oil
- 🍓 Mayo
- 🍓 Salad Dressings
- 🍓 Spices
- 🍓 Peanut Butter
- 🍓 Jelly
- 🍓 Pastas
- 🍓 Rice (not instant)
- 🍓 Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).

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## Time For some Changes!!

**Wednesday Bible Study** will now be at 2:00PM. If interested please contact Pr. Max!

**VCIS** will begin meeting Sunday evenings at 7:00PM beginning May 10, 2023.

### LAST DAY...

... of Jr. VCIS & confirmation will be May 10, 2023

... for Sunday School will be May 14, 2023

