



5987 Williams Lake Rd  
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# Parish Caller

CLC's Monthly Newsletter

May 2026



**All are welcome...**  
*...no really!*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
10AM

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Thursday  
9:00am to 2:00pm

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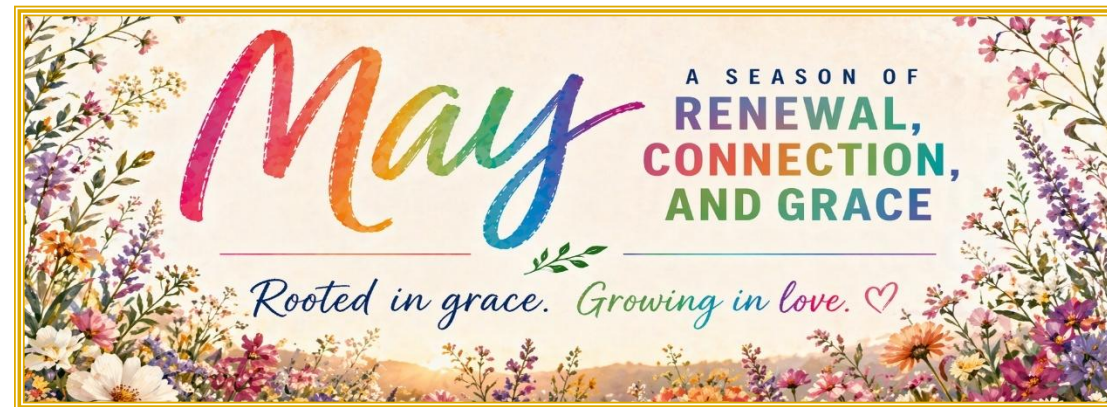
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### Where Love Makes Space... to Grow

There's something about May that feels like a deep breath. After the long stretch of winter and the powerful journey through Lent and Easter, May arrives with a quiet kind of promise. The days grow longer, the light lingers, and signs of new life seem to appear everywhere we look. It's as if creation itself is echoing the resurrection story we just celebrated—reminding us that life continues to break through, even after the hardest seasons.

What a gift this past season has been in the life of our church. From meaningful midweek gatherings to Holy Week's sacred moments, and the joy-filled celebration of Easter morning—our community showed up. We prayed, we reflected, we sang, we hoped. And we welcomed new faces along the way. There is something beautiful happening here, something rooted in grace and growing in love.

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**Church Council**

**President: Charlie Moritz**

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**Children & Youth**

Kathy Reddeman

**Community & Cong. Life**

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Edelyn Rose

**Education**

Stephen Cooperrider

**Finance**

Lisa Kargol-Stephens

**Property**

Hayleigh Baptista

**Worship and Music**

Cindy Edwards

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As we step into May, that movement doesn't slow—it expands.

We begin the month together with our **Ladies Tea on May 2**, a beautiful opportunity for connection, conversation, and community.

Whether you come with a friend or meet someone new at the table, it's a chance to slow down, share life, and simply enjoy being together. Events like this remind us that church isn't just something we attend—it's something we build with one another.

Our **community dinner** last month is another way we continue to be church in our community and live out who we are: a place where all are truly welcome, where tables are open, and where connection matters. These gatherings are more than meals—they are glimpses of the kingdom, where strangers become neighbors and neighbors become friends.

We also **continue to see growth** (Praise God!) in our worship and Bible study life. It's been encouraging to watch relationships deepen, questions be asked honestly,

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## In Our Prayers

**Members lifted in prayer**, Chuck Roller, Annie Chachich, Joan Dort, Cindy Edwards, Steve Fante, Dale Folsom, Robin Hansen, Barbara Harris, The Hess Family, Carol Hollis, Fred Jones, Nadine Keway, Pat Kinnison, Jane Madsen, Andy Nestor, Lynn Norton, Butch Reddeman, Ashley Wichtman, Rita Zettel, Sarah Apigian, Lisa Head, Jerry Scrivo, Roger Newman.

**Our Armed Service and support personnel:** Aaron Butora; Cole Nichols (Fred & Jill Jones), Kurtis Barney (Terry Young), Logan Head (Lisa Head).

## Upcoming Events

**Weekly Bible Wednesday's** at 1pm

In person and via Zoom

**WELCA Breakfast**

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 10am

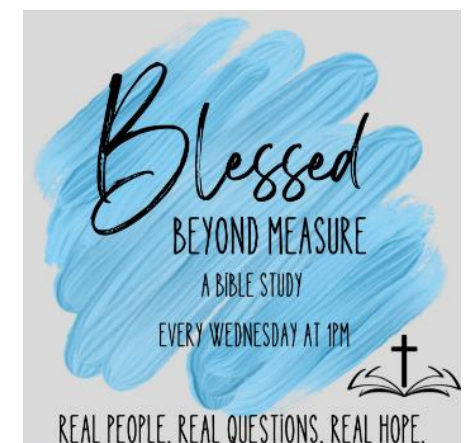
Ripples Of The Lakes Restaurant

**Grief & Loss Support Group**

Monday's May 11<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

**Noisy Offering** is Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This month offering goes to

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Where might hope be taking root again in your life?  
What would it look like to trust that even now, God is still making space—for healing, for belonging, for becoming?  
What new thing might be blooming in my life?

And speaking of something new...

**Save the date: June 3.**

A new midweek experience is coming this summer called **Emmaus**; This service will be something a little different, created especially for those seeking space, connection, and real faith conversations.

As we move forward together, may we keep showing up...for God, for one another, and for the community and world around us. Because the good news of Easter wasn't just for a day. It's still unfolding. It's still alive. And it's still calling us forward.

I hold deep gratitude to God for each of you and hope for all that is still to come. You remain in my daily prayer

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steph



### Church Directory

Photography dates are Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19. Details on how to schedule your photography time are in the Narthex or online. If you are interested in helping with the directory, please contact Kerri Kinneberg.

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and faith explored in real and meaningful ways. This is what it looks like to be a church alive-not perfect, not polished-but present, authentic, and open to where God is leading.

As we celebrate all that God is doing among us, we also recognize that this shared ministry is something we sustain together. And maybe it's no coincidence that we're talking about this in a season of blooming.

Because generosity works a lot like that. Seeds planted, often quietly and faithfully, become something far greater than we can see at first. Scripture reminds us that generosity is not only an act of worship to our God, it is also a place where we encounter God's blessing in our own lives. As Jesus says in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we are reminded in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that "God loves a cheerful giver." This isn't about earning anything from God, but about being drawn more deeply into the life God desires for us. In giving of our first fruits, something begins to grow within us-our trust deepens, our hearts open, and we start to recognize the abundance God has already placed in our lives.

As you reflect on the life of this community and the ways it has supported you, I invite you to prayerfully consider your financial giving in this season. Your generosity helps make possible everything from worship and outreach to the simple, sacred moments of connection that shape who we are. And in that giving, we are formed—again and again—into people who trust, who share, and who live more fully into God's grace. Let's trust God to be the God of abundance this year! And that's really the invitation of this season.

May is not just about what's blooming around us—it's about what's still growing within us. Trust, Growth, a deepening of our faith and a deeper joy as a result. My challenge for you this month of blooming is: Where is God inviting you to step into something new?

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It was such a joy to celebrate the 100th birthday of June Swain this past month! Surrounded by love and laughter, June marked this incredible milestone with family who traveled from across the country to be with her for this special occasion. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate and make the day so meaningful. May God bless June with many more.



## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### Greeters

If you cannot be there on your scheduled day, please switch with someone or find a substitute and let the church office know of the change.

### Lay Assistants

- 5/3 – Edelyn Rose
- 5/10 – Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach
- 5/17 – Donna Butora
- 5/24 – Mike Mitchell
- 5/31 – Stephanie Radtke

### Ushers

- 5/3 – Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin  
Sharon Morse, Kathy Roller
- 5/10 – Ron & Kris Goetze  
Todd Cooper, Gerry Cleasby
- 5/17 – Hanna & Riana Forbing  
Emmet Morse, Jim Austin
- 5/24 Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin  
Sharon Morse, Norm Kinneson
- 5/31 Anna Findley, Cathy Roller  
Emmet & Sharon Morse

### Counters for May

- Gerry Cleasby - Head Counter
- Jim Austin, Betty Lotan
- Walter Schoenbach

- 5/3 Anna Findley, Jill Jacobson  
Elisabeth Nestor, Linda Martin
- 5/10 - Linda Jensen, Carol Scrivo  
Vicki Hill, Karen Hillestad
- 5/17 - Ron & Kris Goetze  
Roland Jakel, Jill Jones
- 5/24 - Diane Harris, Linda Jensen,  
Jill Jacobson, Sharon Morse
- 5/31- Linda Martin, Elisabete  
Nestor, Anna Findley, Cathy Roller

### Coffee Hour

- 5/3 – Geri Moritz, Doug & Melanie  
Keisman
- 5/10 – Council Team #1  
Charlie Moritz, Edelyn Rose  
Stephen Cooperrider, Kathy  
Reddeman
- 5/17 – WELCA
- 5/24 – Men's Group
- 5/3 – WELCA

### Altar Team for May

- Linda Jensen
- Kathy Reddeman
- Betty Lotan

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### Tech Team May 2026

#### 5/3

Switcher: Ole Anderson  
Projection: Kerri Kinneberg  
Sound Up: Edelyn Rose  
Cameras: Emmet Morse  
Kim Harris

#### 5/10

Switcher: Edelyn Rose  
Projection: Kim Harris  
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz  
Cameras: Brian Domain  
Tracey Barnet

#### 5/17

Switcher: Ole Anderson  
Projection: Tara Ondusky  
Sound Up: Edelyn Rose  
Cameras: Emmet Morse  
Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach

#### 5/24

Switcher: Edelyn Rose  
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Cameras: Kim Harris  
Brian Domain

#### 5/31

Switcher: Ole Anderson  
Projection: Tara Ondusky  
Sound Up: Edelyn Rose  
Cameras: Tracey Barney  
Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach

### Communion Assistants

**5/3** Stephen Cooperrider  
Paula Corrin, Phyllis Folsom

**5/10** – Karen Hillestad  
Mary Bratun, Cindy Edwards

**5/17** – Marsha Fanta, Phyllis Folsom,  
Linda Greiser

**5/24** – Janet Dennis, Joan Kossman,  
Phyllis Folsom

**5/31** – Hanna & Riana Forbing,  
Cindy Edwards

### Join Our Tech Team!

***Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to our church?***

We need YOU to help us enhance our services by joining the Tech Team!

***No skills or experience?*** No problem! We will provide all the training you need.

***Your support*** will help us create a welcoming and engaging environment for our congregation. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and make a difference!

***Interested?*** Please contact the office for more details or to sign up.

### Small Group Dinners

We are trying something new! As a way to get to know others in the church we are starting small group dinner groups. Interested members will be placed in groups of 5 to 8, and meet for lunch, dinner, coffee at a home café or restaurant in the next few months. Typically, one person prepares a main dish, and others bring a side to share. It does not have to be at your home, that is up to you. The details are left up to the group. The objective is to get to know others over a meal. This does not have to be fancy and formal, it can be if you want, there are not many rules.

Formal Dinner with Black Tie – that is OK

Burgers on the grill, or the smoker, or the flat top, with your dogs, that is OK  
McDonalds at a picnic table in the park or at the church – that is OK

Have a plus 1 that is not a member – that's OK, just indicate on the form = +1  
Not a member – that is OK as well.

After a few weeks of signup, you will be placed in a group with others in your geographic area, but likely with people you do not know well. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or talk to Charlie or Geri. If this goes well, it will be repeated in Fall.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS VBS IS COMING**

Planning has started and we are looking forward to warmer weather and our summer VBS program. We wanted to get on your calendars - hoping you will join us for VBS this year the last week of July (26th - 31st exact dates to be determined). As in the past years - **All Are Welcome!** The program will be in the evening with a light supper from 5:30pm - 6:00pm, followed by the VBS program from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Please mark your calendars and let friends, family and neighbors know.


Watch for registration and more information to come.

**HELPERS NEEDED** - please consider volunteering. If available and interested please contact Pat Scott at [PScott6451@gmail.com](mailto:PScott6451@gmail.com)

Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Service	4 7pm Scouts	5	6 1pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	7 9am Quilting Group Yoga 11am-12:30pm TOPS 5-6pm	8	9 8pm AA
10 10am Service Mother's Day	11 7 pm Grief & Loss Support Group 7pm Scouts	12 7pm MS Support Group	13 1pm Bible Study 6:45pm SCSA 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	14 9am Quilting Group Yoga 11am-12:30pm TOPS 5-6pm	15	16 8pm AA
17 10am Service Noisy Offering	18 6:45pm ALS Support Group 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	19	20 1pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	21 9am Quilting Group 10am WELCA Breakfast/Ripples Yoga 11am-12:30pm TOPS 5-6pm	22	23 8pm AA
24 10am Service	25  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	26	27 1pm Bible Study 6:45pm SCSA 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	28 9am Quilting Group Yoga 11am-12:30pm TOPS 5-6PM	29	30 8pm AA

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10am Service

**May Birthdays** 5/1-Ron Goetze, 5/1-Amy Hopp, 5/3-Jill Nancekivell, 5/4-Mike Mitchell, 5/12-Charlie Moritz, 5/15-Joan Rathbun  
5/15 Jane Madsen, 5/15-Edelyn Rose, 5/18-Melanie Metzger, 5/21-Annie Chachich, 5/23-Harper Kargol-Stephens  
5/27-Charlotte Charter

**May Anniversaries** 5/7-Mark & Karen Kush, 5/10-Jim & Jill Jacobsen, 5/15 David Sobczak & Aubin Whitmer