



# MAY Trinity News

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## May 14th



**On May 14, 2017, Mother's Day and First Communion Sunday, Claire Connally, Drew Fehlis, Landon Orsak, Trevor Scherer, Jonathan Sills, Gage Garnett, Trent Herman, Avelyn Vrana, Teagan Borrego, and Chelsea Jackson will make their 1st Communion.**

**Congratulations!**

Get your graduate's information to the church office as soon as possible so they can be listed in the bulletin and newsletter. Watch in the bulletin for Graduate Blessing Sunday announcement!



The Church Council would like to recognize **Shanna Mikulenka, Mike Reha, and Carley Kruppa as our May Christ at Work recipients.** Shanna is being recognized for her service as Acolyte Mother, Confirmation teacher, and as a member of the Altar Guild. Mike is recognized for always lending a helping hand. Whether it be setting up and taking down tables for events in Luther Hall, making tea for meals, washing out medicine bottles collected by the congregation or helping with Wednesday's Friends, Mike is there. Carley Kruppa is being recognized for always being willing to acolyte at 8:00 a.m. services. Not only does she serve when she is scheduled, she also is eager to fill in when an acolyte is unavailable. Thank you all for your service to Trinity! We appreciate you!!!



**Congratulations to our 2017 Confirmands**  
**Abigail "Abby" Emma Brzozowske, Kathryn "Kate" Dawn Beyer,**  
**and Ethan Myron Adcock were confirmed on Sunday, April 9,**  
**2017, Palm Sunday.**



May usually finds us outside enjoying warm temperatures and seeing the earth come alive with new growth. We spread fertilizer on the lawn so that it will grow thick and lush. Our shrubs and trees are pruned so that new growth can sprout. The weeds that have crept into the flower beds during winter are removed. These are necessary tasks in cultivating our yards and we are usually rewarded with beautiful and healthy plants and landscapes.

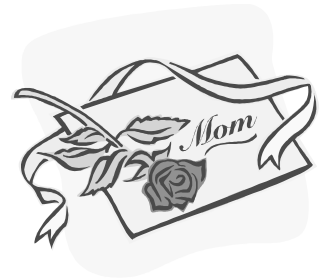


*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."* John 15: 1-6

This work is often easy and rather pleasurable. A simple act in gardening can result in amazing results. This is also true when we cultivate loving relationships with our neighbors. A simple get well card, phone call or hospital visit can be the catalyst that results in newness of spirit and new growth.

## WHAT IS A MOTHER

By Helen Steiner Rice



It takes a Mother's Love to make a house a home,  
A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam.  
It takes a Mother's Patience to bring a child up right,  
And the courage and her Cheerfulness to make a dark day bright.

It takes a Mother's Thoughtfulness to mend the heart's deep "hurts,"  
And her Skill and her Endurance to mend little socks and shirts.  
It takes a Mother's Kindness to forgive us when we err,  
To sympathize in trouble and bow her head I prayer.

It takes a Mother's Wisdom to recognize our needs  
And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds.  
It takes a Mother's Endless Faith, her Confidence and Trust  
To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust.  
And that is why in all this world there could not be another

Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a MOTHER!

*God said, "As mother comforts her child"*

# The Rose of Worship

## The Beauty of the Rose



Almost as pretty as a babies tiny nose.  
Roses they come with a glorious smell  
Oh and how the Lords pride must swell.  
One must always be aware of the thorn,  
It truly means you no harm.

Worship is very much like a rose.

There is always beauty in the house of the Lord,  
No matter if it is in a building or out in the yard.

We come, greet and hug one another,  
All as one family, sisters and brothers.  
The aromas of friendships and families  
This smell is not something of the nose,  
But more the physical glow of a rose.

There can be times in the service a  
Thorn may arise and show we are human,  
It can be words to a song, a message in verse,  
Or a thought from a sermon.

I can only imagine the Lords pride  
When you come to his house and go  
On this Glorious Ride.

Author: Ronny Dentler

Originally printed in May 2011

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MAY**

- 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Worship, Holy Communion,  
Sanctuary
- 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
First Communion Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary



**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Rudy Small



**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS**

Randy Armstrong

Roland Armstrong

Martha Billstein

Floyd Boedaker

Maria Boehm

Wanda Booth

Carol Bowker

Marilyn Curtis

Sue DeLeon

David Drost

Zaeden Edwards

Neil Harris

Kalyssa Kitchens

Susan Kruse

Luella Maurer

Michael McClanahan

Pat Niles

Michael O' Sullivan

Jane Patterson

Robert Pope

Kacie and her family

Kelsey Rhode

Lisa Robertson

Shirley Spies

Barbara Stall

Carol Thacker

Craig Sauer

Lanicia Swetlick

Betty Van Sickle

Jolene Williams

Janie Zeplin

**BIRTHS**

☺ **Rachael Katherine Gajer** was welcomed into the world on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 by her parents, Dave and Veronica (Buchhorn) Gajer. She weighed 6lbs. 7oz. and was 19 inches long. Her BIG sister is Natalie Gajer. Her proud grandparents are Arlen and Wanda Buchhorn and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.



**FUNERALS**

† Jimmy and Pamela Nix and family on the death of his father, **Dewayne Nix.**

NEW VENTURES IN BIBLE READING

MAY--2017

1	Monday	Deuteronomy 30:11--31:29; 32:48-52; 34:1-12
2	Tuesday	Joshua 1:1--4:14
3	Wednesday	Joshua 5:13--7:26
4	Thursday	Joshua 8:30--10:15
5	Friday	Joshua 23:1--24:33
6	Saturday	Judges 1:1--2:23
7	Sunday	Psalms 50, 51, 53, 54
8	Monday	Judges 4:1--5:31
9	Tuesday	Judges 6:1--8:32
10	Wednesday	Judges 13:1--16:31
11	Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1--4:21
12	Friday	1 Corinthians 5:1--7:40
13	Saturday	1 Corinthians 8:1--11:1
14	Sunday	Jonah 1--4
15	Monday	1 Corinthians 11:2--13:13
16	Tuesday	1 Corinthians 14:1--3:18
17	Wednesday	2 Corinthians 1:1--3:18
18	Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:1--7:16
19	Friday	2 Corinthians 8:1--10:18
20	Saturday	2 Corinthians 11:1--13:14
21	Sunday	Psalms 56, 57, 61; Proverbs 18:1-24
22	Monday	Hosea 1:1--4:19
23	Tuesday	Hosea 5:1--9:7
24	Wednesday	Hosea 10:1-10; 11:1-11; 14:1-9
25	Thursday	Amos 1:1--4:13
26	Friday	Amos 5:1--9:15
27	Saturday	Joel 1:1--3:21
28	Sunday	Psalms 62, 63; Proverbs 19:1--21:31
29	Monday	Micah 1:1--4:5
30	Tuesday	Micah 4:6--7:20
31	Wednesday	Isaiah 1:1--4:6





## Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry

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### VCAM MONTHLY UPDATE

April 2017

(March 2017 Services)



#### Services Provided for March 2017:

**Households Served – 1169**  
**Food Boxes – 1132**  
**Basic Needs – 885**  
**Clothing – 309**  
**Home Delivery - 7**  
**Homeless – 47 (84 bags)**  
**Financial Assistance – 11**  
**\*New VCAM Clients - 55**

#### HELLO ALL -

Wishing all the happiest of Easter holidays and that all those who are without, are able to share in some fellowship with friends or family.

As a reminder, National Volunteer Week is April 23 - 29 and VCAM will kick off that week by opening as a day of service on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Our food pantry and clothing store will be open to our clients. The VCAM organization hopes to add a day of service, primarily during those months that we are closed on day in which a holiday is observed (ex: Good Friday).

*The proposal is for VCAM to open the third Saturday of the month starting in May. Other months during 2017 in which we will open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: July, September, November, December.*

Our continued hopes and prayers are that groups or individuals step forward and offer up a day of service on behalf of the organization. Join the VCAM family and become a vital part of this volunteer-based ministry, assisting those who suffer from hunger or lack adequate clothing. It is an up close opportunity to work with those who do without.

Contact VCAM by phone, via email or Facebook, or go to [www.volunteervictoria.org](http://www.volunteervictoria.org) and get involved! Cap off the Easter season by giving back to the local community, either by volunteer service or by donation.

#### NEEDS:

**Condiments – ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, salad dressings**  
**Pastas – macaroni and cheese, vermicelli, ramen noodles**  
**Beans – packaged or canned**

God bless... *Marc*



March 28, 2017

*Thank  
You*

Pastor Barney  
Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
106 N. DeLeon  
Victoria, Texas 77901

Dear Pastor Barney,

The Gulf Bend Center and Day Habilitation Center Staff want to thank you for your generous contribution recently.

The Day Habilitation provides families a daytime support for their loved one thus allowing caregivers to maintain employment and conduct the day to day activities they need with peace of mind knowing their loved one is receiving meaningful opportunities. The Day Hab staff provides the individuals who attend the center with the skills and the experience needed to become more independent. Some activities focus on soft skills such as developing money management and daily living skills that many of us take for granted. In addition to these learning opportunities, participants enjoy socializing and even field trips sometimes even out of town to attend events such as the Special Olympics competitions in Corpus Christi, Texas

Gulf Bend Center is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization so your generous contribution of \$4,000.00 is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. No goods or services were provided in exchange of your financial donation.

Once again our many thanks as Gulf Bend Center is heavily dependent on local financial support to help fund and sustain these services to meet local need and to provide an opportunity to many who may not otherwise be able to obtain these service.

With Kindest Regards,

Jeffrey Tunnell  
Executive Director



## WELCA DATES FOR 2017

### Sewing and tacking every Tuesday ,except the first Tuesday of the month

#### **MAY**

**Tuesday May 2-Mary Martha 9:30 AM**

**Tuesday May 9- Quarterly and Thank Offering Service 2PM**

**Mary Martha has the service - All bring finger food- Ruth set up table and drinks**

**Monday May 15- Ruth Circle - In the kitchen 6:30 PM**

**May 16- Clean Kitchen**

**Wednesday May 17- Wednesdays Friends**

**Tuesday May 23 and May 30- Plates of Love**

**July 13-16 Triennial Women of The ELCA Minneapolis MN**

**Set 29- Oct 1- 30<sup>th</sup> annual Southwestern Texas WELCA Convention Kerrville TX**

Our Blessings are on Their Way Around the World!

All of our gathering and preparing for Lutheran World Relief was hugely successful again this year! On Wednesday, April 19, we transported the Bluebonnet Conference items to TLU in Seguin. From there, they will travel to the national warehouse and then be distributed to the most needy around the world. Our Trinity family contributed 184 quilts, 104 school kits, 68 personal care kits, and 23 pounds of soap! In addition, we were able to give \$200 for shipping beyond TLU! Our gifts of quilts and kits provide comfort and hope to people displaced by conflict or natural disasters and to those living in extreme illness or poverty. These items are greatly treasured and appreciated. Thank You from around the world for supporting this vital ministry!

### **WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17  
NOON**

**BRING A MEAT AND SIDE DISH TO SHARE AND A DESSERT IF YOU CAN.  
WILMA IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

#### **Compassionate Servers Need You**

If you can give a couple of hours a month to fellowship and pin/tack lap covers or cut out pillows, we hope you will join us. We have very few members and it's much more fun with four or five people. We meet in Luther Hall. Our comfort items are given to anyone we know who is fighting cancer. May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a packing evening in the church and May 10<sup>th</sup> will be delivery day to cancer treatment centers. We will meet in Luther Hall to load up on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you. Contact Dawn Foerster for additional information.

Times for Evening group: Tuesdays, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 to 8 pm

Times for Day group: Wednesdays, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:30 pm



We invite you to an INTENTIONAL PRAYER time every week in the Chapel. Wednesdays 6:15-6:30 starting April 19. This time is dedicated to the prayer needs of the church, ministries, the community, the world, you and those around you. We invite you to lift your prayers during this time.

We will have prayer cards you can fill out and place on the altar, or put in the offering plate either anonymously, or you may sign them so we may pray for you by name, to allow one of the hospitality team to pray for them, or if you feel comfortable you may lift them up out loud.

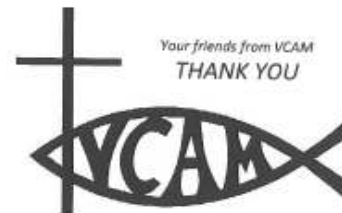
Our goal is to provide more opportunities to come together in community to lift one another in prayer, to share joys as well as struggles, and to remind us we are never alone.

Christ brought us together in community and says "a chord of three strands cannot be broken." (Eccl 4:12). In community we are strengthened and with Christ at the center in prayer, we cannot be broken.

Martin Luther says "to be a Christian with out prayer is no more possible to be alive without breathing" Let's live together. Join us on Wednesdays!

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THANK you for your generous DONATION TO VCAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY. YOUR gift ALLOWS us to help COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED.



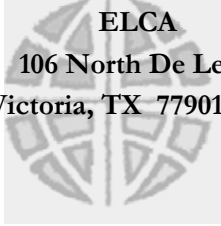
Sincerely -  
*Rosemary Voigt*  
Adm. Assist.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Mary-Martha 6:30 FWT	<b>3</b> 5:30 Yoga 6:15-6:30 Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 1st Communion Class	<b>4</b> 8:00 Walkers 5:30 Worship and Music Team	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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CONGREGATION COUNCIL  
 Paul Brzozowske, Loretta Johnson

MONTHLY SERVERS  
 MAY

ALTAR GUILD  
 8:00 JANICE BITTLEBRUN  
 10:30 ROLAND and JO ANN ALBRECHT

<b>8:00</b>	<b>7th Synod Assembly</b>	<b>14th First Communion Mothers Day</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Carley Kruppa	Lane Rodriquez	Alisa Garcia	Jace Kitchens
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat Miller Hayden Hindley	Donna and Richard Appelt	Shanna Mikulenska	Gary and Meredith Golden
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Miller Hayden Hindley	Diana Tuch		Pat and Gerald Klinkerman
<b>Readers</b>	Frances Hitchcock	Donna Appelt	Pat Rickman	Diana Tuch
<b>10:30</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Maddie Mc Brayer Jessie Mc Brayer	Kolby Beyer Kathryn Beyer	Payton Orsak Abby Brzozowske	Samantha Talley Gavin Stubbs
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Smith Family	Tommy Beyer Family	Brzozowske Family	Craig Sauer Family
<b>Greeters</b>	James Adcock Family	Tommy Beyer Family	Brzozowske Family	Bo Neill Family
<b>Readers</b>	Kaylen Smith	Tammy Tally	Rhonda Brzozowske	Pam Orsak