

May

St. John's Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The 7 Habits of Jesus is a book on discipleship written by an ELCA pastor named Robert Schmalzle. The book is designed to teach people how to become disciples of Jesus both in the church and in everyday life. This process includes growing in faith and learning about God's presence, power, and promises in our daily lives. The seven habits include:

- ♦ Remembering our adoption into God's family
- ♦ Listening to God's voice in Scripture reading
- ♦ Praying for God's presence and help in daily needs
- ♦ Hearing God's word in worship
- ♦ Returning a portion of what God has given to us
- ♦ Inviting others to become part of the beloved community
- ♦ Caring for others and creation with the love of Christ



Many congregations have been incorporating these kinds of practices, as well as others, for generations. Such practices serve to help churches to adopt more of a discipleship model of ministry rather than a membership model. This helps the focus to become more outward rather than inward, and helps to point to Christ's mission of reconciliation to unite all people to God and to one another.

May we continue to engage in such faith practices as we respond to God's grace, and may doing so allow us to see and experience the wonder and mystery of God's redeeming work in our lives, our faith communities, and the world in which we live.

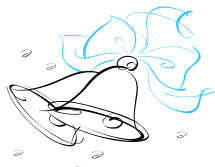
God's peace,
Pastor Dan



Usher for May: Robert Moller
Reader for May: Loree Moller



Happy Anniversary



Pastor Michelle and Steve on the 29th



Happy Birthday
Pastor Dan on the 7th
Curtis Jacobson on the 14th



Monday
May 31st

Reminder no service at church on the 30th.



The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day

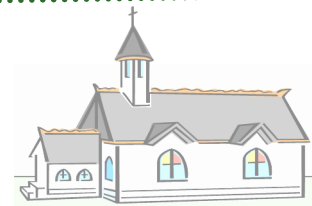
When the sun is out and the wind is still, you're one month on in the middle of May.

But if you so much as dare to speak, a cloud comes over the sunlit arch,



A wind comes off a frozen peak, and you're two months back in the middle of March.

...Robert Frost



Church Council Meeting May 9th

Charlie's Graduation Party
Sunday, May 23rd
1pm-4 pm
at
St. John's Lutheran Church



Liam's Baptism
Sunday, June 6th