



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, May 4

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship will be served following worship.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Stacy Verdick, Dylan Wescott, Dianne Miller, Ken & Sharon Mager, Phyllis Jacobson, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Betty Steinke, Larry Wahler, Sandy Julifs, and Lila Edeus.

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of JoDell Cruz. JoDell passed away on Wednesday, April 30.

May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

Tri-Church Confirmation Class for 6th – 8th grade students!

Sunday, May 4– Class will meet from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel

Buddy Bag Fundraiser

You can support **Sterling Buddy Bags by dining at the Factory (103 W. 3rd St. Sterling on Tuesday, May 6th!** Please join us in supporting Sterling Buddy Bags program. The Factory will donate a percentage from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The money raised will help keep this program going for children in need of weekend meals.

Synod Assembly

We are desperate need of two volunteers to attend this year's Synod Assembly, June 13-14, at Augustana College in Rock Island. Your registration and lodging are paid for. Traditionally a male and a female have been sent to Synod Assembly by St. Paul, but that has not always been the case. Contact a council member or Sue if you are interested.

Friendship Pads/Connect Cards/Prayer Request Papers

New green connect cards are now in the pews, where you can share all of your details. These also have a place for prayer requests. **As always,** if you would like to have Pastor include your prayer request in that Sunday's public prayers, please hand your connect card to an usher during the gathering hymn.

Communion at the Rail

The worship committee and Council have decided to continue offering communion at the rail in addition to receiving it in the front of the sanctuary. Beginning in May Communion Assistants will be added to the Worship Assistants schedule. If you would like to be added to this list to help serve communion, please let Sue know.

Mark Your Calendars!

VBS this summer will be July 20-24! It will be held at Immanuel in Rock Falls from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a free dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Church Directory

We continue to move forward towards a new Church Directory. There will be form for you to fill out updating your contact information in the May newsletter. If you would like your photo included and haven't had one taken yet, please contact Liz Klein to schedule a time for her to take your picture. (815-631-5078)

Children's Offering

The children's offering for the month of May will support the United Way's Let's Feed Our Children. The free summer lunch program kicks off the first week of June. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of giving and helping to feed our local children.

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 5

Menz Group at St. John's – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

Pastor Mark in the office – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sterling Buddy Bag fundraiser at The Factory 11:00a-9:00p
BBT at The Factory in Sterling – 11:30 a.m.
Frosted Farm Girl in Rock Falls following BBT

Thursday, May 8

Congregation Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Devotions: Stacey Avelar

Saturday, May 10

Letter Carrier Food Drive
Leave non-perishable food by your mailbox for them to pick up

Next Sunday, May 11

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school – 10:15 a.m.

Next week's Worship Assistants

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Rayce Gale
Acolytes – Gale family
Greeters – Nancy Eilers, Susan Kuehl
Ushers – John Renner, Dan Dir
Reader – Jim Gorman
Communion Assistant: Nancy Eilers
Sound – David Carrillo
Altar Guild – Judy Bartel, Donna Kendall
Coffee Fellowship – Mary Ordean