



Let God's Word...

# GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

May/June, 2024

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps

## Pastor's News, views, and attitudes

What is Pentecost?

This year Pentecost is May 19. On that day many people will wear red to church to represent the flames that appeared over each of the disciples and to represent the Holy Spirit that descended on the Apostles and other followers.

Acts 2:1-4

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Pentecost is a Jewish feast that has been celebrated since the Old Testament, that was called Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks in the Jewish tradition. It is in 5 places in the first 5 books---Exodus 23 & 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28 and Deuteronomy 16. Pentecost is the Greek name of the event that is described in Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit appeared after Jesus ascended into heaven

Until next time

Blessings,

Pastor Lisa

  
**FAITH**  
that  
**WORKS**  
  
FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD  
James 2:14-26



## Nurture news

Creative Crafters continue to produce a variety of items and donated more than 30 fidget pads to Avonlea, Silver Cross, and area hospitals! We praise God for this wonderful mission outreach and encourage anyone interested in joining, to come on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m.

We gave Easter candy and cards to all of our shut-ins. We are planning to do virtual visitations with them and hope everyone can join in after worship to say hello. Let's be a blessing to them. Send cards and make sure we call and visit them.

Julie is hoping to start youth Grief Share at Camp Milan in the Fall and will be having a thirteen-week Grief Share program for adults in late Fall. Volunteers are needed as well as prayers and financial support.

We will be calling Bingo at Crosstown Square in Silvis the third Thursday of every month, beginning in June. A list of prizes needed will be posted on the bulletin board. Please see Barb Downs or Katie Gillispie if you would like to volunteer for this enjoyable outreach.

We are planning to have a combined worship service on July 28 at Green River. More details are coming!

Our mission outreach for the month of May will be items for Midwest Mission. A list will be posted on the bulletin board and the items will be delivered at Annual Conference in June.

The June mission outreach will be men's clothing for Country Oaks. These can be gently used or new items. We will also accept toiletry items and monetary donations.

Please feel free to come to our next Nurture meeting on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. If you have any questions or ideas about other things our church could do. Thanks so much for all your support and all your prayers. We thank God for such a wonderful church family.

### *Milan Christian Food Pantry*

The Food pantry delivered 50 Easter baskets and served 229 families in March. A huge thank you to Bonnie Martin for providing 50 hand embroidered dish towels for the Easter baskets! Our next work dates are May 13<sup>th</sup> 9-11am and May 16<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm. June 17<sup>th</sup> 9-11am and June 20<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm. Volunteers are always welcome! We have the opportunity to park cars at the John Deere Classic. Thanks to everyone who is donating, working and/or praying for the Food Pantry. We are so grateful for your amazing support. A special thanks to those who contributed to the Pizza Ranch fundraiser! We raised \$1130!!! Trivia Night coming up Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Milan at 5pm. The cost is \$10 dollars per person with a maximum of 8 people per table. (Contact Pam Pearson, Pearl Smith, or the church office with any questions.)

*Be sure to notify the church office with any changes in addresses and/or phone numbers.*

*Pennies For Missions will be collected the second Sunday of the Month*

## Upcoming Events >>>

Event	Date	Time
Open Road	12 <sup>nd</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> Tues	6 pm
Creative Crafters	Wednesdays	9 – 10 am
Nurture	May 20	5:30 pm
Staff Parish	June 19	5:30 pm
Bingo	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1:30 pm
Trustees	June 1	9:30 am
Finance	June 1	10:00 am
Church Council	June 1	10:30 am



## Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm. Fridays CLOSED. Pastor's hours are available by appointment. If the church office is closed, please leave a message and Pastor Lisa or Rebekah will return your call. If you have an urgent issue, you may call or text Pastor Lisa on her cell phone at 217-898-8403 or email her at pastorllisa@gmail.com.



### *A Note from Pastor Lisa:*

Once again riding season is upon us and as you know I will be busy. This year it doesn't start (at least for me, until near the end of June. Once again there are rides and rallies and am being requested to attend some new places for bike blessings and prayers. Last year I designed new stickers and this year I tweaked it slightly. In addition to rides and rallies, I hold biker church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at Camp Milan at 6 pm. This is in person and on-line on the Open Road FB page. Biker church was designed for those who do not attend regular services, are busy on the weekends (many rides take place on those days) or have been hurt by the church. It is a place for many who we used to call the least, the last and the lost. All are welcomed to attend.

# Financial News

Treasurers Report – For Period Ending 31 January 2024

Submitted by Linda Armstrong Lindy

**Message:** You can probably tell by the income vs. expenses for last year plus the income vs. expenses for March 2024, that we are dependent on our savings to make ends meet. We are in the red 5647.70 for the first quarter. We did a great job for March of 2024. Blessings to all.

**Recap:** Below is a recap of our finances for January 2023-December 2023:

	January	February*	March	April	May*	June*	July*
Income	8752.17	13777.29	6237.46	6398.39	18022.43	22110.6	12606.9
expenses	11714.21	12460.10	9740.26	8821.82	10220.13	14493.90	10005.85
difference	-2962.04	1317.19	-3502.80	-2423.43	7802.30	7616.70	2601.05
Savings used		5000			8000	16000	5902

2023	August	September	October	November	December	totals
Income	6654	7816.12	28052.30	8801.29	7247.40	126476.39
Expenses	17034.02	6147.36	11054.16	12278.25	8412.05	132382.11
Difference	-10379.98	1668.76	16998.14	-3476.96	-1164.65	-5905.72

Months with an \* behind them include transfer from savings. The extra 5,902, is the refund for property tax that we were charged erroneously in 2022. Note that in October 2023, the church was given \$20,000 from an estate. This does make us in the black for the year, but if you look in the 'totals' column, you will see a negative balance which shows our balance thru November without the \$20,000 inheritance.

Also, starting in 2024, we will begin reporting, in the bulletin, giving by month so you will see:

- Needed income
- Income for the month
- And week number and the total number of Sundays in the month.

**FOR EXAMPLE: Needed income: \$100**  
**MTD income: \$50**  
**2/4 Sundays included**

**2024:**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Income	5843.88	6703.37	10618.01				
expenses	9334.74	10758.75	8719.47				
difference	-3490.86	-4055.38	1898.54				
Savings used							

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
WITH CAKE!!!**

*First Sunday of every month*

**May Birthdays**

Marlis Eiland 9  
Betty Lafoon 14  
Matt Harrison 14  
Linda McNeal 16  
John Wilson 22  
Vivian Wilker 23

**June Birthdays**

Tammy Benyak 7  
Kevin Putnam 8  
Debi Simpson 18

**May Anniversaries**

John & CeCe  
Wilson 23

**June Anniversaries**

Dennis & Linda  
Bloomberg 30

**Help Needed for Miscellaneous Accounts**

You may direct extra-donations if you are looking for somewhere specific to donate:

- ❖ Office Supplies
- ❖ Computer Supplies (Web support or software)
- ❖ Mowing / Snow Removal
- ❖ Food Pantry

**Attendance**

(in person + online)

<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>27 + 35</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>23 + 23</b>
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>29 + 23</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>19 + 26</b>
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>26 + 29</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>32 + 15</b>
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>28 + 12</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>29 + 107</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>16 + 23</b>		
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>35 + 33</b>		

*Please join us for  
Communion the first  
Sunday of every month.*

**Ushers and Liturgists  
Opportunities Available**

As part of our worship service each week, we have opportunities for ushers, liturgists, acolytes and assistants for communion. Coffee helpers for after worship fellowship are also needed. Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex for these positions. We currently have many spots open for service. Please prayerfully consider signing up as a volunteer in service to God and to your church.

*“Go and make disciples...”*

**Thank You...**

**Bell Ringer**

May – Michael Shannon  
June - volunteers still needed

**Acolytes**

May – Pam Pearson  
June - volunteers still needed

**Liturgists**

May - Julie Derrer  
June - Deb Howe

**Coffee Helpers**

May - Barb Downs/ Sandy Mallder  
June - Barb Downs/Barb Lee

**Ushers**

May – Willy Mallder/Greg DeSchepper  
June – Willy Mallder/Greg DeSchepper

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
8 & 10:30 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Worship

Email: [milantrinity@sbcglobal.net](mailto:milantrinity@sbcglobal.net)  
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Happy  
Mother's  
&  
Father's  
Day!!!



WE REMEMBER ...