



MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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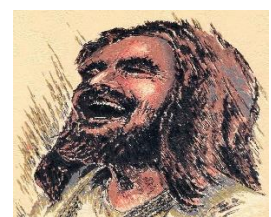
Pastor Rosemary Captain

Secretary Office Hours:
Wed, Fri. 8 AM – 1 PM

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Lately I have been thinking about friends; how valuable they are to us and how to go about making friends. Imagine a new couple has just moved in next door to you. It seems to be a couple who may be retired or near to that age. Their grown children and grandchildren are helping to unload the moving van. The last couple who lived in that house were not very friendly. They never said hello or even waved when they walked by. You are hoping that the new people are much friendlier. So, you did some good deeds to make them feel welcome. You took some cookies and cold soda to refresh them in the heat of the afternoon. You introduced yourself and told them that you would make supper for them so they wouldn't have to worry about hurrying to empty boxes of cooking utensils and plates. Over supper you answer their questions about the town; where the pharmacy is located, where the post office and grocery stores are. You ask them where they are from and what they like to do in their spare time. As the weeks went by you spend more time with them so you could really get to know them. You listened intently to whatever information they gave you. It wasn't long before you could really call them friends. Mission accomplished.

How about the Son of God? How do you go about making friends with him? It's much the same way. You approach him and introduce yourself. You make him feel welcome into your heart. You ask him questions and listen intently to his answers. Every word he speaks is important to you. Most of all, you spend time with him. You read his words. You talk to him daily just like you would do with a close friend. You follow his guidance. You care for others the way he would do. You become comfortable



around him. You are not afraid of him. It won't take long before you can say "What a Friend I have in Jesus." Mission accomplished. Pastor Rosemary



NAME THAT TUNE!

In the next few weeks, I will put a clip board with paper in the Narthex. I want you to write down some of your favorite hymns. They can be in the New Century Hymnal or some other hymnal; as long as Sharon and I can find it. Throughout the summer worship services, I will try to use those hymns as much as possible. You don't have to put your name down, but if you want to hear your favorites, you'll have to be present every Sunday, because you'll never know when it's your turn to hear you favorite beloved hymn.

If you don't recall the name of the hymn, write down what you do remember and Sharon and I will search for it.



May Birthdays:

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| 5/3 | Sue Williams | 5/21 | Sharon Banjavcic |
| 5/4 | Jane Cohlmeier | 5/24 | Urban Baum |
| 5/9 | Larry Riess | 5/26 | Polli Allen |
| 5/14 | Ginny Ganschinetz | 5/26 | Noah Captain |
| 5/15 | Brian Ganschinetz | 5/29 | Anne Brown |
| 5/17 | Michael Schmitt | 5/31 | Cody Brink |
| 5/18 | Sharon Kistler | | |



ARE THERE GRADUATES IN YOUR FAMILY?

If you have a graduate in your family, please let us know. Call or email the office. Either Kindergarten, Middle School, High School, College, GED or Trade School. ANY GRADUATION. We would love to share it with others and note it in our Newsletter.

PENNIES FOR MISSION:



April pennies went to the Uni-Pres Kindercottage. As of this Newsletter, total collections thus far is \$100.00.

MAY pennies will go to **“Strengthen the Church”** one of the UCC Five-for-Five missions. Thank you to everyone who puts money in the square tin each week to help support these mission projects.

COUNCIL NOTES

You are getting this newsletter after the rummage sale, and I'm writing it beforehand, so I don't know how it all went yet, but I want to thank our incredible organizer, Carol Bulva and her husband Joe, for all the extra hours they each put in cleaning, arranging, and pricing items for the sale. They were assisted by a group of us who are very good at following directions! Thank all of you for your donations. Every little bit helps!

Carol and Joe have also taken on cleaning and straightening the various parts of the building. They use some time each week to tackle a project that they notice. They are making progress!

Nancy



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

CHOIR

Choir will finish its season on Pentecost Sunday. It is a pleasure and privilege to work with everyone who volunteers to sing with us. It is our hope that you find our music an enrichment to our worship services and that it brings Christ closer to you. We will see you again in the fall. Nancy

**EASTER GARDEN OF MEMORIES
LILIES**

FOR
Rich Schmitt

Loved Ones

FROM
Judy Schmitt

Sue Williams

MEMORIALS

FOR

Alvin & Verna Koch,
Emil & Dorothy Banjavcic,
Janice Lohman

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Alan & Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Olen, Arlene, & Jim Hagebusch

Loving wife, Judy

Mom

Husband, Joe

FROM

Steve, Sharon & Scott, Shannon,
& Sean Banjavcic, Timothy, Stacie, Trenton,
Alister & Garrett Pickens

Urban & Mary Lou Baum

Sue Ganschinietz

Jackie Canterbury

Jim & Nancy Eisenhower

Judy Schmitt

Stuart & Beth Schneider

Russ Hartmann

Vicki Hartmann

Ginny Ganschinietz

Loved Ones

Tom & Jan Miller

Husband, Clarence

Dorothy Ovelgoenner



PRAYER LIST: Becky Ballard, Urban and Mary Lou Baum, Ronald Bopp, Jackie Canterbury, Carson Edwards, Sue Ganschietz, Amy Iverson, Josh Mueller, Marilyn Paul, Syd Safriet, David Seneczyn, Amy Smith, Yvonne Weber, Joan Williams, Rosemary Williams.

I've Moved!

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SHUT – INS:

Those who could use a cheerful greeting card.

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Fairview Heights IL 62208

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Fairview Heights IL 62208

Yvonne Weber
200 St Clair Dr
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Rosemary Williams
201 S Belt W Apt 110
Belleville IL 62220



EVENING CIRCLE:

Welcome to spring! Our members have been busy getting our Rummage Sale ready for April 27th; therefore, we decided to have our meeting on April 28th, after church. We will share our end of the month activities in the June Newsletter this year.



An important date in May is Mother's Day. Here is a quote from the American National Day Calendar.

On the second Sunday of May, we honor those women who are our mothers. Whether we shower her with gifts, take her to a fancy dinner or make her a homemade card, what moms want most is to be surrounded by the love of their family.

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

USHERS

- 5/5 Ginny Ganschinietz, Lew Thomasino
- 5/12 Tom and Jan Miller
- 5/19 Judy Schmitt, Sue Williams
- 5/26 Jim and Nancy Eisenhauer



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	3	4
5 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	6	7	8 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	9 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	10	11
12 Service of Word 10 am Happy Mother's Day	13	14	15 Quilters Workshop 8 - 4	16 Quilters 10 – 2 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	17	18
19 Choir rehearsal 9 am Service of Word 10 am Choir sings at service	20	21	22	23 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	24	25
26 Service of Word 10 am	27	28	29	30 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	31	