



**LORD OF LIFE**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**LIFELINE MAY 2026**

## Stepping Into God's Mission Together

April 26<sup>th</sup> marked my first opportunity to worship with you as your new pastor. I am grateful for the warmth, prayers, and welcome my family and I have already received. As I step into this calling, I am fixed on one central truth: *the church does not exist for itself*. We exist because God has a mission, and he invites us—graciously and boldly—into that mission.

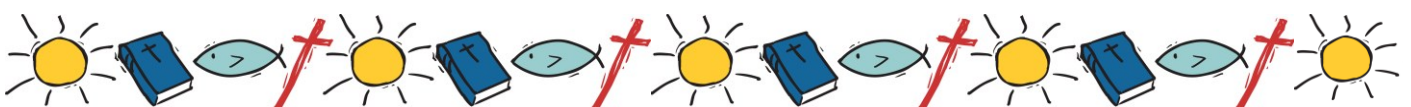
Jesus' words in Matthew 28 need to give shape to who we are and what we do: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...". The Great Commission is not a slogan; it's not a program. It's the call given to all disciples of Jesus. It's the reason we gather, the reason we serve, it's foundational to who we are in Jesus. God is already at work in the world, already at work in Memphis, drawing people to himself, healing the broken, and restoring what sin has damaged. Our calling is to join him—faithfully and joyfully.

My desire is to help us keep our hearts focused on Jesus, and our feet moving in step with his mission. That means grounding ourselves in Scripture, centering our lives in prayer, and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape us into a community that reflects the love of Jesus. It also means looking outward—toward our neighbors, our city, and all the people God places in our path—trusting that he will use us as instruments for his kingdom.

I know we all have busy schedules for the Summer. We won't all be here every Sunday. Summer is vacation time, it's sport time, it's wedding and graduation season. Summertime is a busy time. However, with the busyness comes opportunity. Think of all the different people we will be around at those games, the weddings, the vacations. We may not all be here together every Sunday, but we still have our mission. *The church does not exist for itself*. Take the opportunities that God gives you to share the love and truth of Jesus to those that God brings into your path this Summer.

And when you are here, I look forward to worshipping our missional God together.

*Pastor Wes*



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**Church Office Hours**

9:00AM to 2:00PM

Monday to Thursday

Closed on Friday

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:30AM Traditional

11:00AM Contemporary

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**LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** until Fall!

**Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30**

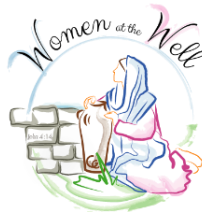
Join us for the last Wednesday night dinner!

We won't have dinner again until September so come enjoy it while you can! Please sign-up on the bulletin board so we'll know how much food to prepare.

**ON THE MENU:** Superlo Chicken & sides

Dinner donations of \$9.00 per person and not more than \$25 per family. We always appreciate volunteers to clean up, set up, help with dinner & bring desserts! Set up/Clean up volunteers are always welcome!!

Questions? Contact Terri Hill at (901) 230-0972 or email me at [terri@residentialcarePro.com](mailto:terri@residentialcarePro.com)



On April 26, the Women at the Well will begin **The Love Stories of the Bible** by Shannon Bream Biblical lessons on romance, friendship, and faith. Come and join us!

**TRIVIA NIGHT!**

**MONDAY, May 18 @ 7:30pm**



Come join us at **Mellow Mushroom in Germantown for trivia at 7:30 pm on the third Monday of each month.** This trivia team is led by Laura and Kelvin Hill. Our next trivia night is Monday, May 20. Families are welcome!

Please text Victoria if you want to get a place at the table, and monthly reminders for future events! 901-828-0670



**Got  
Facebook?**

'Like' our Facebook page so you can get updates on activities and share events with your friends.



**CONGRATULATIONS Graduates!**

**Anna Brotherton** - graduating from Eureka High School in Eureka, Missouri. She is the granddaughter of Mike Tibbets.



Stacey Hill	4
Curt Davis	4
Carl Berry	6
Roswitha Krug	6
Aloma Shears	6
Aiden Furr	7
Maci Hill	9
Mason Davis	20
Beth Berry	26
Shirley Lyles	28



**CLEAN UP DAY!**

We are having a church cleanup day on Saturday, May 2nd, from 9:00AM to whenever we get through.

There are plenty of outside, and inside things to be done. Many hands make lighter work, so we hope you can come to help on May 2nd! More details will be announced as the event gets closer.



**MISSION GUATEMALA 2026**

We are going to Guatemala this coming June 13-20. Those that have gone can tell you that it is a wonderful, moving experience. It is time to think about it and plan for the trip. The total cost is around \$2,000, depending on the cost of airfare. We invite you to pray about this opportunity to share the Good News with the Mayan people. If you want to know more about the ministry there, go to [Prayamerica.org](http://Prayamerica.org). If you have any questions, let Pastor Jim know.

**THE SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEADLINE** is Wednesday at noon. Please have your information to the church office by noon on Wednesdays.

If you have any questions please call the church office at 901.754.0669.

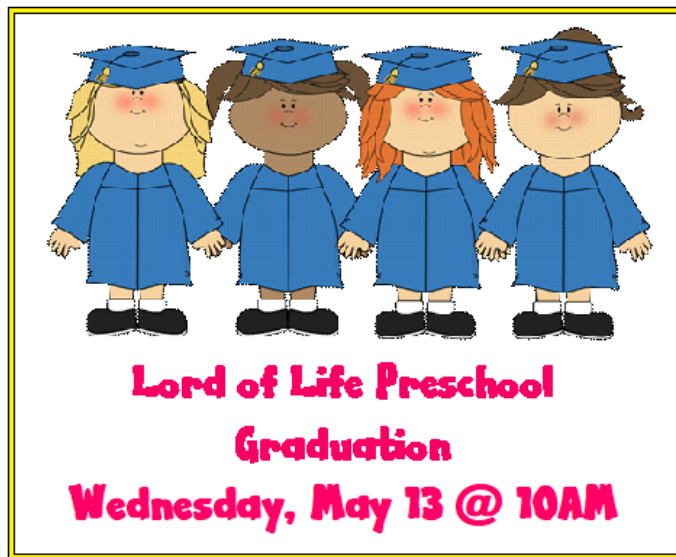


On May 17, from 1-3 pm, we will have Brick Painting for the Sr High Youth (grades 9 to 12).

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

**April**

<b>5th</b>	109
<b>12th</b>	46
<b>19th</b>	94
<b>26th</b>	68



HAPPY Mother's DAY



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

To all of the Mom's and special women in our lives.

**Sunday, May 10th**



**THOSE SERVING THE 8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

May 3

Assisting Minister: Brent Berry

Crucifer: Leah Collamore

Acolyte: Chloe Collamore

Lector: Jill Koch

May 10

Assisting Minister: Shirley Lyles

Acolyte: none

Crucifer: none

Lector: Donna McKinney

May 17

Assisting Minister: Jim Gienapp

Acolyte: Ian Cunningham

Crucifer: Cole Cunningham

Lector: Chrissy Cunningham

May 24

Assisting Minister: Tony Marsh

Acolyte: none

Crucifer: none

Lector: Kathy Marsh

May 31

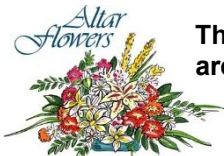
Assisting Minister: Karen Manasco

Acolyte: none

Crucifer: none

Lector: Karen Manasco

*If you are unable to serve on your designated day please find someone to take your place. Please call the church office with the change, 901.754.0669*



**The Flowers in May are given by:**

3 – Sue Hall in memory of loved ones

10 – Toni Pittman in memory of Alison

17 –

24 –

31 –



**The Memorial Candle Is Given by:**

3 –

10 – Toni Pittman in memory of Alison

17 – Bonnie Stevens for family birthdays

24 –

31 – The Ethertons

## Blessing Boxes

On May 13 at 5PM, we will assemble the Blessing Boxes for the Beltline. We will meet in the Youth room to assemble the boxes. Join us after for the Potluck Picnic in the front yard.



On May 13 @ 6PM, we will have a potluck picnic. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chair. Sign up with what you will bring (dish, yard game).



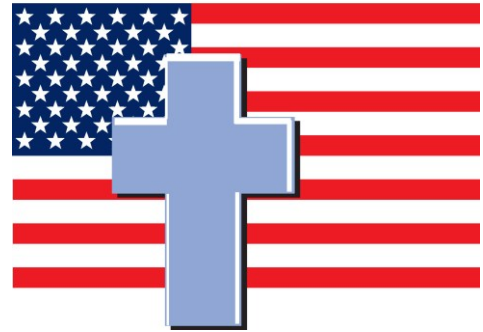
## BELTLINE COMMUNITY PROJECT

**Sisters of Service** are collecting items for women in the Beltline community. During **May** we will continue collecting skin care items like body wash, shower puffs, wash cloths, shampoo, conditioners, razors, shave gel, and lotion. Please deposit items in the container near the office. If you prefer to make a monetary gift, please put "Beltline Women" on the memo line of your check. We will then purchase and deliver all items for distribution. Thank you so much for your generosity! The women are so grateful for your gifts!



The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Groups** will be going out to lunch on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00am. We would love to have you join us! If you have a suggestion of where to go, please say something. Contact Bonnie Stevens, or Sue Hall.

## MEMORIAL DAY



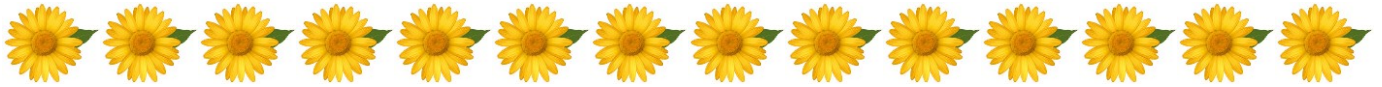
**Happy Memorial Day, Monday, May 25**

*Remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.*

## Welcome to the Brown Family





LORD OF LIFE LUNCHEON  
CELEBRATING PASTOR JIM'S RETIREMENT &  
WELCOMING PASTOR WES BROWN







# MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9AM - Church Cleanup Day  11:30-3:30 Violin & Viola Recital
<b>3</b> 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	<b>4</b> 10:30AM Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00AM Ladies Group  6:00PM DINNER	<b>7</b>  6:30PM Choir Practice	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Mother's Day  8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont  GRADUATES!	<b>11</b> 10:30AM Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  10:00AM Preschool Program Close at Noon  6-8PM Potluck Picnic & Yard Games	<b>14</b>  6:30PM Choir Practice	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	<b>18</b> 10:30AM Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00AM Ladies Group	<b>21</b>  6:30PM Choir Practice	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	<b>25</b> Memorial Day  Office & Preschool Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00AM Ladies Group	<b>28</b> 6:30PM Choir Practice  7:00PM DFS New Parents Meeting	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>  8 – 2 DFS Tutor Workshop
<b>31</b> 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00AM Ladies Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8-1 DFS



Joe Lowry, Phyllis Nichols, Norm Rodriguez,  
Don Sass, Laurie Soffos, Mike Tibbets

Cydney Beets, Beth Berry,  
Brent Berry, Nanci Gienapp,  
Carol Guenter, Sarah Gulla,  
Frank Howell, Kelli Howell,  
Robby Jacqueline, Mark Kooker,

## RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Anderson, Shelly -  
Baechler, Wendell - former member  
Benfield Family, Ben Brian – friends of Joe Lowry  
Brister, Tish & Ron – Donna McKinney’s sister & BIL  
Cavalier, Roy, Angie & Faye –friends of Naomi  
Mertes  
Coleman, Vicki – friend of Floyd Johnson  
DeLoach, Katherine - former member  
Easton, Gavin - friend of Laura & Kelvin Hill  
Edgerton, Ruth – mother of Katherine DeLoach  
Ellis Family Cousins of Georgette Etherton  
Etherton, Jim – Bob Etherton’s brother  
Froelich, Jack + Gerry – in-laws of Linda Froelich  
Geerdes, Rosemary – wife of Bob Geerdes  
Haggard, Barbara – friend of Floyd Johnson  
Hare, Vicki – friend of Bob & Georgette Etherton  
Holman, Kathy – friend of Pam & David Anderson  
Hoover, Tom – brother of Nanci Gienapp  
Howe, Jake – friend of Naomi Mertes  
Hugel, Susan – friend of the Bethany people  
Inman, Clark – grandson of Marla & Page Inman  
Inman, Jack, Emma & family – son & daughter-in-law  
King, Scott – friend of Jim Gienapp  
Loewenstein, Kim & family - Jim Gienapp’s sister  
Lois – a Beltline meal recipient who had heart surgery  
Loven, Myra - Naomi Mertes’ mother  
Marsh, Brenda & Bill – parents of Tony Marsh  
McNeill, Sr., Phillip – friend of Erin & Ray Schultz  
McStay, Lori – daughter of Nanci & Jim Gienapp  
Mittler, Airana – granddaughter of Ginger McDowell  
Mueller, Shannon – cousin of Jim Gienapp  
Pearson, Jeff – Pastor Jim’s youngest brother  
Pyburn, Barbara & family in NewOrleans, lost 2 Sons  
Quesenberry, David – on the loss of his mother  
Rindels, Joyce - friend of Naomi Mertes  
Roux, Denis – brother-in-law of Sue Hall  
Sanders, Betty – sister-in-law of Kim Sanders  
Saum + family – son of Nancy Balazadeh  
Suzanne, Devin – friend of Laura & Kelvin Hill  
Taylor, Don – friend of Joe Lowry  
Taylor, Tony – friend of Naomi Mertes  
Tully, Loni – friend of Laura & Kelvin  
White, Bill – our former pastor  
Williams, Donna – friend of Laura Hill

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

A-3 Brendon Brotherton, Navy – stationed at MCAS  
Iwakuni, Japan, grandson of Mike Tibbets

CDR Eric M. Etherton, USN, is attached to The Joint  
Services War College in Norfolk, VA, as an  
instructor. He is the son of Bob & Georgette  
Etherton.

LCDR Elijah F. Fetzko, stationed on the USS Gerald  
Ford. He is the nephew of Carol Neison.

Staff Sgt. Fletcher Lewis, Airforce – (stationed at Dyer  
AFB in Abilene, TX), nephew of Sue Hall

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Dave & Elizabeth Linkenhoker (daughter Grace)  
(Haiti)

Josh & Nani Harris (Singapore)

Debbie Ward (Panama)

Pastor Didi Panzo– NALC missionary (The  
Democratic Republic of the Congo)

## PRAY for the underground churches in North Korea and their pastors/overseers and families.



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