



# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

May 2024



*From  
the  
Pastor's*

*Desk*

I was praying this morning for the world, for those who are afraid, for those who are sick, and for those who have died. Afterwards,

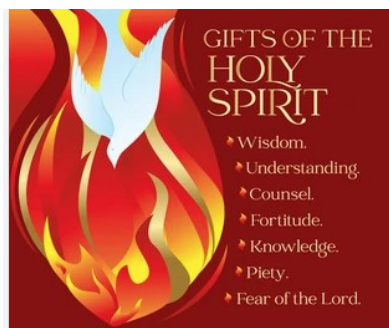
while being filled with the presence of the Lord, my mind was upon you. I was wondering when you pray, how do you pray, and what do you pray for?

In a former parish I was honored to meet many saints of God. When I think of prayer, one couple in particular comes to my memory. They were elderly and had met after the man's first wife had passed away. They had been together for many years themselves as they were in their nineties. At this point in life, they did not go many places any longer and spent hours sitting together talking, perhaps watching the television on occasion. They were always a pleasure to talk with and always had something to say about their faith and Lord.

The day came when the man, who was older, fell ill. His decline was not long and in a short time he was gathered unto God. Afterwards, I would visit the woman to see how she was adjusting to her new reality. I found that she was struck with a profound sense of loneliness. As she was speaking of her feelings, I realized that the lonely space that she was speaking of was not so much within her home, but within

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## The Feast of Pentecost May 19, 2024



Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles

In the first chapter of Acts, Jesus alludes to sending the Holy Spirit onto his disciples:

*While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit." (Acts 1:4-5)*

*Let's all wear something **RED!***

*We are Christ's hands and voice in the world*

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her heart. I asked her what she missed the most and will never forget her response.

Every night before they would go to sleep, they would hold hands while facing each other. Looking into one another's eyes they would say the Lord's prayer. Even while I think of it in writing this to you, this pastor's eyes still get a little misty. That's what she missed, a loving and holy time shared together.

We do not know how much longer we shall be apart from our loved ones as the body of Christ. And yet, while we are apart physically, we are always joined together as one in Christ. At the beginning of covid and our time spent apart I asked my former congregation to pray every day at a certain time. Now I am asking you to do that as well. At noon each day, take time before your meal. Begin by saying the Lord's prayer and while we may not be at our Father's table, as when we gather, we are always gathered at our own tables in the Holy Spirit.

### Our Father

*Not my father or your father, but the father of us all who created us all and joins us as one in Jesus Christ.*

### Who art in Heaven

*Not to be confused with our biological fathers, but the one who was, who is, and who shall be.*

### Hallowed be your name

*Hallowed or holy be your name. It is both a recognition of that truth and a prayer that each and everything that we do recognizes that holiness and glorifies that name.*

### Thy Kingdom come

*Let all the universe, the world and all of creation experience your reign.*

### Thy Will be Done

*Your will Father and not our own will. We ask that our own desires will be destroyed and that your precious will be put in its place. So that we may walk in righteousness before you.*

### On Earth as it is In Heaven

*Do not let any part of your creation escape your holy touch. Let your grace flow like a mighty river, Lord.*

### Give us today Our Daily Bread

*Lord, provide only what is enough, only what is sufficient from your hand. So that we may learn to depend upon your gifts rather than being deceived that we should provide anything of our own.*

### And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

*Lord do not let us be like the ungrateful servant who refuses to forgive others while basking in the mercy of their master. Let our lives be examples of your gracious love.*

**Lead us not into temptation**

*Do not let us be put to the test Lord lest we stumble. For you know what you have made, and you know that we are nothing without you.*

**But deliver us from evil**

*Deliver us from the evil that attacks from without and within. Deliver us from evil tongues and hearts that attack us and that dwell within us lest we become a servant of the Evil One.*

**For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory**

*There is no reign, there is no power, there is no glory other than yours O God, and yours alone. All else is vanity.*

**Forever and Ever**

*Through all time and age upon age, you are never-ending.*

**Amen**

*It is so. It is most certainly true.*

God's peace,  
Pastor Faron

**The Month of April**



	Month	YTD
Support	\$22,916	\$102,439
Spending	<u>25,394</u>	<u>\$103,612</u>
	[\$ 2,478]	[\$ 1,173]

**Serving This Month**

**May 1**

Food Pantry Sunny Hollenbach, Robin Patrick  
Gwyne Van Slyke

**May 5**

Assisting Minister Skip Banner  
Communion Assistant Roger White  
Reader Debbie Risotto  
Ushers Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren  
Altar Guild Ulaine Pelton  
Video Tech Jeff Miller  
Coffee Hosts Jennifer & Josh Jordan  
Food Pantry Bobbi Skinner-White, Robin Patrick  
Sondra Lindstrom 5/8  
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 5/11

**May 12**

Assisting Minister Steve Jackson  
Communion Assistant Kevin Jones  
Reader Michael Solhaug  
Ushers Sunny Hollenbach  
Chris Welch  
Altar Guild Cheryl Tennant  
Video Tech Jeff Miller  
Coffee Hosts Parish Life in celebration of  
May birthdays  
Food Pantry Gwyne Van Slyke, Ulaine Pelton 5/15  
Bobbi Skinner-White

**May 19**

Assisting Minister Jacqueline Rosendahl  
Communion Assistant Donna White  
Reader Geri Smiejan  
Ushers Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren  
Video Tech Jeff Miller  
Coffee Hosts

**May 26**

Food Pantry Denise Haag, Marilyn Berge 5/22  
Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 5/25


Assisting Minister Bobbi Skinner-White  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers Buddy Anderson  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech Jeff Miller  
Flowers Bob & Diane Hudkins  
Coffee Hosts Molly Western, Alex Shaw  
Food Pantry Lynn Rea, Sandy Lindstrom  
Marilyn Berge 5/29

# May 2024

**Community Groups:** 6:30 am Early Bird Breakfast Club—M-F, 8 am Breakfast Club—M-S; 12 pm ACOA—M; 6:30 pm Next Frontier AA—M; 8pm Va Bch AA –M; 7 pm SCA—2ne Tue; 7 pm Men’s Bk Study AA—W; 12 pm ACOA –F; 7 pm NA F; 7pm NA Men’s Grp—Sat; 1pm ACROBICS- - Sun; 6:30pm Friends of Bill—Sun;

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 Food P 11am Men’s Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	2 Pat works outside the office	3 Offices Closed	4
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**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

**Blood Drive**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 Fellowship Hall  
 1489 Laskin Rd  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**Thursday, May 30, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**


Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: GoodShepherd to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass!

**Come to give blood May 20 to June 9 for an EXCLUSIVE Red Cross shirt, while supplies last!**



Scan to schedule an appointment.

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- 1 Heather Welch
- 6 Betty Gerber, Joshua Jordan
- 8 Ray Ingold
- 9 Donna White
- 11 Ken Gray
- 12 Caitlyn Patrick
- 13 Michael Haag
- 16 Steve Newsome
- 17 Cindy Olson
- 24 Jackie Rosendahl
- 26 Bob Hudkins
- 31 Marcy Vermillion

## Food Pantry Update



The food pantry was blessed with donations of cookies from Jose-

phine Farley, and also 33 boxes from Troop 221, Service Unit 250. Our clients were thrilled to receive these delicious cookies for their families.

Thank you to everyone who donated fruit for the April food drive. The items for **May** are: Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup, and Chicken and Rice Soup.



## Volunteers Are Needed to Sign People In!

*You can and do make a difference in saving a life.*

## Coffee Hosts Needed!



Most Lutherans love coffee and sweets. At least that is a good rule of thumb. Have some coffee and a few delectable items out after worship, and people stay. What's more, we talk with one another, laugh together, and build the bonds of fellowship that make Good Shepherd special. And this, by the way, is critical to having people come and stay - a sense of belonging, a sense of being at

"home." So help us grow the life of Good Shepherd. Sign up to host a coffee fellowship after worship. It's easy! We will show you all you need to know. Feel free to pair up with another family, even.