



THE MONTH OF MAY 2018 AT ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP - TWO OPPORTUNITIES EVERY SUNDAY:
Sunday morning at 8:30 am - Contemporary Service with Communion
Sunday morning at 11 am - Festival Service with Communion
BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 20, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10 AM

WORSHIP

As noted above, our summer schedule will begin on **Sunday, May 20**. From that Sunday through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (**September 2**), we will worship at **10 am** - one service.

Our **June 3** service will be held outdoors and will be followed by a picnic. We hope to see you there!

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The Delaware Conference Ascension Day Service will be held on **Thursday, May 10 at 7 pm** at Temple Lutheran Church, 501 Brookline Boulevard, Havertown, PA 19083. The worship service, which will include Holy Communion, will be preceded by a soup supper at **6 pm**.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

We invite everyone to join our prayer chain ministry. The power of prayer is all encompassing. You will receive a weekly e-mail listing people in need of prayer. If you're interested in joining our prayer chain, please send Linda Lehman an e-mail at auntlynn46@gmail.com and she will add you to the list. If you want to add someone to our prayer list, just send Linda an e-mail or fill out one of the blue prayer cards in the pews and put the card in the offering plate.

DRIVE TO BENEFIT OUR YOUTH GOING TO THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Through Sunday, May 13, we are collecting items listed on the attached flyer to benefit our youth going to Houston in June. This is a chance to clean out your closets and benefit our youth and others.

FROM PASTOR TIM

I'm writing this on a Thursday in April that promises to be the warmest in a few weeks, on account of the lingering cold we have had through April. I've been watching a small bird fly around outside my office window. The bird is gathering material to build a nest; I see it return to the same bush outside my window over and over again, each time with a different bit of this or that. I am marveling at the incredible instinct this bird has, knowing deep in its core that this time of year is when it is time to build this nest. It is part of the rhythm of bird life.

I'm grateful for the chance to see this happen, this sign of new life and springtime amid the cold that has dragged on and on. I am also finding it to be an appropriate metaphor (shockingly) for our continuing Easter season. Though Easter day has passed, we are still in the midst of the season of Easter in our church, the time where we celebrate our new life through Christ's resurrection. Much like the bird building its nest, it is part of the rhythm of life for Christians to return over and over again to this most central part of our faith.

The events of Jesus' life stand at the pivotal moment of history for Christians. Nothing before or since has had the impact that his death and resurrection have had. Though they have taken place at a point in time that we cannot return to, their significance echoes across millennia to transform our lives now.

Continue to return to the resurrection of Jesus this Easter season, and always.

Pastor Tim