



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

Burning with Fire

So what's going on in May? Lets see....Mother's Day, graduation, the end of school for the summer, Memorial Day, planning of vacations, Synod Convention, and getting ready for Bible School. That's quite a list. Although all of those are important, something else is happening in the church.

The main thing that we get to celebrate this month is Pentecost Sunday. This year, Pentecost falls on May 11, which is also Mother's Day. Pentecost is the day that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the culmination of the Easter celebration. The LBW Manual on the liturgy says that "the coming of the Spirit gives the church the power and necessary gifts to carry the glad news of the resurrection from Jerusalem to Galilee to the ends of the earth."

You will notice that on that day, all the paraments along with my stole and chasuble will be red. This symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 2, the Spirit descended on the disciples in the form of tongues of fire. One could say that the disciples were "burning with fire" for the Lord. The church uses the color red anytime that we celebrate the work of the Spirit in the church (for example, Reformation Sunday).

Pentecost is a rather unique church season, and is different than many of the others. For the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Easter, the Sundays are numbered as "Sunday of _____". For Pentecost, we have "Sunday after". This is because the Sundays after Pentecost are often said to represent the time of the church—the time between the earthly ministry of Jesus, with is past, and the consummation, which lies ahead (Advent is its sign). In the pilgrim state in which the church lives and exercises its ministry, it is the Spirit of God who leads and accompanies into all truth.

So as we prepare for this pilgrim state, that lasts for us throughout the summer until Christ the King Sunday, how will we go about being pilgrims ourselves? Will we invite others to join us on Sunday Mornings? Will we strive to attend church more often? Will we become a part of Sunday School? Will we come to VBS and bring a friend? There are all kinds of ways in which we can let the Spirit work through us to spread the good news to others. I encourage you to listen to what the Spirit is saying to you, so that you will be "burning with fire" for the Lord.

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In our Prayers

- *Linwood and Gail*
- *Alma*
- *Ruth Brown (Gail's Mother)*
- *Michael and Brenton—both serving our country overseas*

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 11:00 am and 5:30 pm	2	3
4 Sunday at the Lake — 7th Sunday of Easter	5 Lutheran Men at the Beacon (Conf. meeting) 7:00pm WELCA 7:00 pm	6	7	8 Council Meet- ing 7:00 Bible Study 11:00 am and 5:30 pm	9	10
11 Pentecost— Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 Bible Study 11:00 am and 5:30 pm	16 Synod Convention In Columbia →	17
18 Holy Trinity Sunday →	19	20	21	22 Bible Study 11:00 am and 5:30 pm	23	24
25 2nd Sunday After Pentecost	26	27	28 New Genera- tion 12:00 pm	29 Bible Study 11:00 am and 5:30 pm	30	31

The Grace Notes Mailbag

Dear Friends,

April 2008

We want you to know how much our family felt the love from each of you, with your cards thru the 6 week illness endured by Buddy; the sweet visits to RoseCrest, to Regional and Restorative Care, the foods delivered to our home, Memorials given in Buddy's name to the Building Fund, Pastor's many visits.

Our family felt it was so gracious of those who prepared the family meal here at Church following the Chapel Service. It was a special time to relax before climbing the mountain to Grace Lutheran for internment in the Columbarium.

All of us thank you! God Bless—

Ann, Debbie and Curt (and my sweet Prince, Buddy, too!)

THANK YOU!

For all you did to support our troop! The donations will help tremendously and the cake was delicious!

Love,
Girl Scout Troop 106

May Synod Emphasis

Lutheran Homes of South Carolina is the focus of the SC Synod's emphasis during the month of May. Thank you for your prayers and gifts in support of this 100-year-old ministry that enhances the well being of older adults by providing residential, health care and hospice services. Each day Lutheran Homes serves 1350 older adults through the ministry of five continuing care retirement communities (Franke at Seaside, Lowman Home, Rice Home, RoseCrest and Trinity Lutheran Home); Lutheran Hospice with offices in Columbia, Greer and Mt. Pleasant; and BeWell Home Services in the Midlands. To learn more about Lutheran Homes, log on to www.lutheranhomessc.org or call 1-800-756-9443.

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



Vacation Bible School

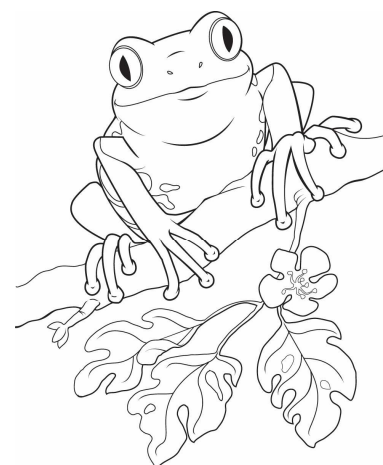
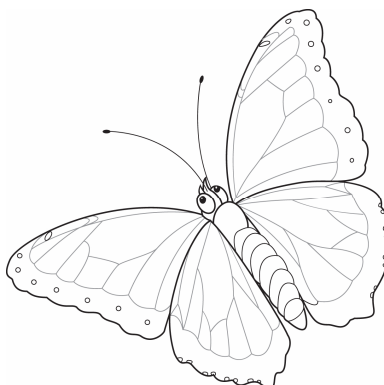
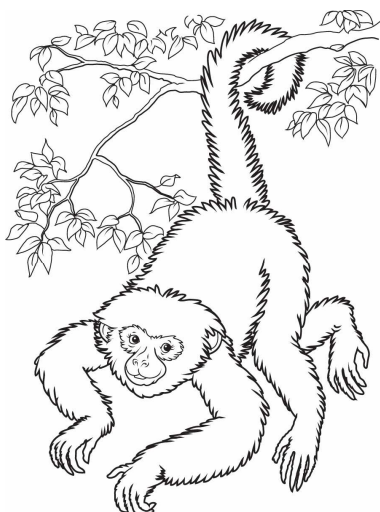
June 2– June 6

Dinner begins at 6 pm

Program/Activities begin at 6:30

For all ages (including adults!)

Mark your Calendars now!



Date	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	
Canter	At the Lake	Norm Lewis	Robert Faulks	Norm Lewis	
Nursery	At the Lake	Jane Lewis	Liz Crawley	Sandy Fancher	
Ushers	Rich Van Wagoner John Fancher	Gere Ablett Todd Kallam	Larry Cantrell Ron Crawley	Gere Ablett John Fancher	
Greeter	At the Lake	Olga Larson	Marjorie Berkeley	Ann Kelley	
Worship Assistant	Bob Faulks	Mary Schaeffer	No Communion	Gere Ablett	
Counters	Doris Giese Evelyn Swain	Bob Faulks Gail Hackett	Gail Hackett Robert Smith	Rich Van Wagoner Marjorie Berkley	
Altar Guild	Diane Ablett	Marjorie Berkley	No Communion	Doris Giese	
Lector	John Fancher	Marianne Van Wagoner	Maggie Cook	Tara Kallam	
Acolyte	At the Lake	Robert Faulks	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks	
Crucifer	At the Lake	Jessie Faulks	Jessie Faulks	Hunter Crawley	



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May Birthdays

Sydni Kallam-1
Boyd Cook-8
Sandy Fancher-19

May

Anniversaries:
The Ablett's—21
42 years

Upcoming Services:

May 4: Lutherans at the Lake
(Worship at Lake Bowen Pavilion)
May 11: Pentecost
May 18: Holy Trinity
May 25: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
June 2: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

VBS is JUNE 2– JUNE 6. Mark your
calendars now!
Dinner at 6:00— program/activities
begin at 6:30 and go until 8:30.

April Council Meeting Notes

- All Ministry Teams have been formed and have met
- Merry Maids begins this month
- Synod Convention is May 16-18

Robert Faulks will lead our wor-
ship service on the 18th.

Attendance and Giving

March 23:	62	\$2,667
March 30:	32	\$1,172
April 6:	39	\$3,580
April 13:	50	\$2,026
April 20:	42	\$1,385
April 27:	44	\$1,096