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The Journ-E (our weekly email newsletter)

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Calendar

You can always check our calendar on the [website](#)

Saturday (May 5)

8:30–2pm Spring Cleaning Day at Journey
10:00-5pm Youth at Brat Barn (Holmen)

Sunday (May 6)

8:15am Worship Service
9:15am Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Choir Practice
9:30 am Nursery Assistant Training
10:15am Worship Service
11:15am Fellowship
1:00pm Geo Caching at Hixon Forest
(GPS training at 12:45)
4:30pm Picnic at Hixon Forest

Monday (May 7)

6:30pm Young Adult Group (FISH)

Tuesday (May 8)

6:30 Vision Board

Wednesday (May 9)

7:00pm Worship Unplugged
(and Outdoors weather permitting)

Devotional

Be sure to check out [In the Meantime](#) for daily inspiration in living. One of the articles from the past week that I really enjoyed was [The internet, social media and loneliness](#).

On Sunday we continue our preaching series on “**Questions and Doubts**” and talk about “*the soul*”. What is it? What does the Bible say about it? Where does it reside? Am I a soul or do I have a soul? What is the difference between “spirit” and “soul”?

Coming Events

Geo Caching rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, **May 6**.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate better this weekend. Noon-12:45 GPS training for those who are new to the sport. 1:00 the Geo-caching begins and 4:30 the picnic begins...Meet at the trainhead parking lot for Hixon Forest. Cost is \$5



Spring Clean Up Day at Journey Sat. May 5 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm we'll have a cleanup day. *Lunch will be provided.* We'll be washing windows, inside and out, staining the outdoor worship benches and picnic table, removal of overgrown brush and trees around the garage



Graduate Recognition. We would like to recognize this year's graduates at our worship services on Sun. May 20. During the 9:15am Fellowship hour we will have a cake and share in the celebration of this important academic achievement. *Please contact the church office with name and details of school and degree if possible **send a picture** we can use in the powerpoint.* journeylutheran@gmail.com



Vision Board meets Tuesday at 6:30pm. The meetings are open and you are always welcome to come and share any concerns.

Thursday (May 10)

7:00pm Worship Band Practice
7:00pm AA Meeting

Sunday (May 13) Mother's Day

8:15am Worship Service
9:15am Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Choir Practice
10:15am Worship Service
11:15am Fellowship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

this coming week

*if we are missing yours or have wrong information be sure to let us know

Henry Amundson	May 4
Michelle Logan	May 5
Brandon Batzel	May 5
Dave Pehl	May 6
Amanda Reget	May 6
Dominic Loken	May 6
Dave Riley	May 9
Dustin Mahlum	May 10
Greg Flogstad	May 11
Terry Aakre	May 12
Dawn Lintereur	May 12
Ethan Krueger	May 12

Anniversaries

Don & Sandra Nelson	May 7
Vic & Dorothy Hart	May 7
Ron & Kelly Phillips	May 10

Needed:

a gas trimmer for helping to maintain the grounds at Journey

The Journey Outdoor Adventure Group has a number of events planned for the summer. Be sure to get them on the calendar: Sign up in the three ring binder in the fellowship hall

Reptile Eco-Tour Sat. May 25

Rock Climbing and Rappelling Sat. June 2

Kayak/Canoe La Crosse River Sat. June 16

Overnight Canoe Trip Fri-Sat. July 13-14

Spelunking @ Popp's Cave Sat. Aug. 18

for more information on any of these events contact Randy Burgett

Special Projects

Why is there a Christmas tree in the fellowship hall?

It is to draw attention to a special project sponsored by our Service Team. In May we will start collecting items to fill **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**. The kits often go to people who have lost everything due to earthquakes or running from their homes due to violence.

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start over. The items included in the Personal Care Kits are as follows:

One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

One sturdy comb, remove packaging

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.



Pick up a tag from the tree and make a difference in someone's life

CareBear (our loose change offering each week) in May



We will be having a variety of special projects including "Seed of Hope" a campaign sponsored by the Hunger Task Force to purchase seeds and supplies for the community garden, as well as *special offerings* from our congregation to be received at the synod assembly next month. You will also notice a table in the narthex...collecting "Food for a family of four", a synod wide project to restock the shelves of our local food pantries.

Thanks for all the funds donated in April for World Hunger the total was \$584.97

In June our emphasis will be on the ELCA Malaria Project

Weekly Reminders

Taking Faith Home. Home is church too. Remember if we are to grow in faith it won't happen if all we invest is one hour on Sunday; check out [Taking Faith Home](#).



Pictures



Mara's Faith Statement



Myra's Faith Statement



Confirmed on April 29 Bailey Navoichick, Lizzie Watson, Paige Storlie, Mara Goede, and Myra Jansky

If you have prayer concerns and would like a group to pray for you please call or [email](#) the church office.

The nursery will be staffed on Sunday mornings during worship and Sunday School time. We are in need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings. Please stop in to meet and visit with Jessica for more information or to volunteer to help.

When the nursery is not staffed all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please remember to wash your hands upon entering the nursery to help stop the spread of germs. Also, please be respectful of the toys and equipment and pick up toys before you leave. Thanks, Jessica Pehl.

Recycle your aluminum cans at Journey! There is a "can cage" beside the garage. Bring your cans when you come to worship and toss them in the cage and we will recycle them for you and use the proceeds for our ministry here

Festival Food receipts are collected and turned to Festival for cash... *they need to be turned in quarterly so don't wait to bring them in....* there is a jar in the fireside room and on the table in the back of the church

Worship Attendance Trends

Sundays	Wednesdays
4/29/12.....186	
4/22/12..... 192	4/25/12.....24
4/15/12161	4/18/12..... 41
4/08/12343	4/11/12..... 25
4/01/12.....183	3/28/12 94

Journey Offering Report

First Sunday in April	\$5,829.00
Second Sunday in April.....	\$6,551.00
Third Sunday in April.....	\$3,041.89
Fourth Sunday in April.....	\$4,203.50
Fifth Sunday in April	<u>\$2,538.70</u>
Total	\$22,164.09

Bible Studies and Small Groups

Young Adult Ministry (we call it FISH) meets every Monday evening at 6:30 gathering & fellowship, and 7:02 for devotions.

Men's Bible Study is held the 3rd Saturday of each month, at 7:30am at Holmen Lutheran Church. We start with breakfast together and then feast on the scripture...finished by 8:30am... we always meet the 3rd Saturday of the month *Next meeting is May 19*

Women's Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Currently the group is studying the book of Romans. The next meeting will be *Tuesday May 15 at 6:30pm.*

Pastor's Sunday Morning Bible Study is taking a break



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

Going to the Youth Gathering
this summer are:

Megan Oliver, Alyssa Boardman,
Ciara Wera, Khadijah Islam,
Kalen Islam, Indiana Hauser,
Autumn Arentz, Brittney Mahlum,
Kyra Jansky, Myra Jansky,
Courtney Bergum.

Adults going are:

Pastor Steve, Michele Logan,
TJ Barth and Jodi Jansky

Fundraisers and Drives

New!!! One week Only!!! Place and order from the **Schwann's** catalog (at church or available from any of the youth) by next Sunday (May 13) and it will be delivered to church the following Sunday (May 20). You get great food and the youth get a percentage of every sale.

ButterBraids! Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for you to place your order for ButterBraids. Flavors are: *Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry and Strawberry & Cream Cheese.* Cost is \$11.00 each. **Deadline for ordering is Mother's Day, May 13**

Get your **Gas Cards** (\$20) or **Car Wash cards** (\$35) for **Kwik Trip!** Help support our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!!

Take Stock in our youth... You can become a stockholder by supporting our youth with a gift and in return you will be invited to hear a special report after the gathering at a stockholders celebration.

Brat Barns to raise money for youth Gathering and Bible Camp... We have two weeks scheduled Sat. May 5 and Sat. June 30 at the Festival Foods in Holmen. We can use workers as well as people remember to stop by and buy lunch those days.

The last word



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