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The Journ-E (our weekly email newsletter) May 18, 2018

Congratulations 2018 Confirmands!

Mark your calendar
Saturday, June 16
9am—noon

Left-right starting at the top:
Alex Hronis
Ava Wickstrom
Allrick Meyer
Madelynnne Pehl
Kole Shilling

This issue:
Birthdays & Anniversaries
Bible Studies & Groups
Until Next Week
Check out our Facebook page,
YouTube page, and Photobucket page

Calendar
You can always check our calendar on the website

This Week at Journey

Sunday ONE SERVICE at 9:30am
9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Fellowship and Reception to honor
Confirmands and Graduates

Monday
7:00pm NA Meeting

Tuesday
9:00am North Conference (at Holmen
Lutheran Church)
6:30pm Theology Uncorked

Wednesday
6:00pm Worship Band
7:00pm NA Meeting

Thursday
7:00pm AA Meeting
Birthdays & Anniversaries for next week
*If we are missing yours or have wrong information please be sure to let us know*

**Birthdays**
- May 21    Bruce Anderson
- May 24    Nicole Wahlrab
- May 26    Clara Ranaivoson

**Anniversary**
- May 25    Wendy and Scott Evert

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Bible Studies & Small Groups

**Koinonia.** A monthly Breakfast Bible Study. Everyone is welcome and we meet at 8am...breakfast is included!

**Theology on Tap.** Monthly men's gathering on the second Thursday of the month at Two Beagles Brew Pub at 7:30pm.

**The Theology Uncorked.** Monthly community women's gathering meet on the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 6:30pm at Lori Schipper's home. No meetings June, July or August.

**Caring Blankets.** This creative group meets the first and third Tuesdays at 1:00pm to make blankets to share. Their next meeting will be **June 5.**

**Yoga Class for Adults 55+** each Wednesday, 10am in the Fellowship Hall at Journey. A few weeks off in May—next yoga class on May 30.

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Journey Honors Our Graduates!

Left-to-Right from Top: Jeremiah Boardman, Caleb Boardman, Mitchell Torud, Nick Post and Khadijah Islam.

*Not pictured: Ryan Rasmussen and Morgan Clayton.*

Did we miss someone? If you or a family member should be recognized as a 2018 graduate, please let the office know [journeylutheran@gmail.com](mailto:journeylutheran@gmail.com).

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**The Holmen Memorial Day Choir will rehearse on May 15th & 22nd, 6:30pm. at Holmen Lutheran Church. They sing annually for the American Legion’s Memorial Day program and invite you to join them!**

Questions: call Betty (608) 526-4285.

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**PRAYERS for MINISTRIES of Pastors, Congregations and Synods**

- South Beaver Creek Lutheran & Pr John Ashland
- Wilmington Lutheran & Pr Neal Solomonson
- Zion Lutheran-Viroqua & Pr Pete Beckstrand
- Peace Lutheran-Tomah & Pr Dawn Lindberg
- North Beaver Creek Lutheran
- Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod
- South Dakota Synod

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**Volunteers Are Great!**

Thank you to our many volunteers that donate time and talents each week. This week our scheduled volunteers are:

- **Altar Guild**—Cindy Lipke and Karen Latsch
- **Fellowship Treats**—Parents of Confirmands
- **Cleaners**—Kitty Ruesch, Carol Volkening, Mary Conger & Jon Lindgren
- **Lawn Mowing**—Tom Stowers
- **Offering Counters**—Nancy Haese, Diane Hoch and Donnie Lee
Journey Worship Attendance Trends

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Journey Offering Report

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Each month $15,417 is needed to meet our budgetary needs from weekly offerings. If you would like a copy of the financial reports each month, please contact the Journey Office.

*notes $4000 received as Daycare Rent

from Sugar Creek Bible Camp:

While summer camp is just around the corner, adult golfers have their eye on another date:

**Monday, June 18**

**Sugar Creek Annual Golf Tournament:**

**Viroqua Hills Golf Course**

Golfers or sponsors/prize donors: go to the [Sugar Creek Bible Camp](#) website for more details and to sign up.

You may have noticed that, after a long dry spell, our offering has risen to meet budgeted expenses in both March and April. These numbers are always noted in the worship bulletin and in our electronic newsletter – the Journ-E.

Journey Lutheran Church is the heart and hands of Jesus in our corner of the world. We bring heart and hands to teaching our children about Jesus, planning and leading worship services, serving those in need in our community and the world, maintaining this house, and serving as church leaders. We serve in different ways, but we all serve in the same way through our offering.

Whether you give automatically through Simply Giving, through Regular Offering, or by Lump Sum — because of you, we are doing the important work of keeping Jesus’ mission alive. Thank You!

*from Journey’s Grace & Gratitude Team*

I’m including the link to a good article written by Steve Oelschlager, who is the Stewardship Program Director of the ELCA. Click here to read about [Stewardship vs. Funding the Church, part 2](#).

We are in the third week of May. It looks like we are done with the apparently endless winter and unpredictable spring, but it is finally here! Spring in May brings promises, celebrations, and graduations. Summer follows soon after, promising warm days and sunny skies. We are thankful and rejoice in all circumstances. Peace!

**…..Until Next Week…**

*Pr. Mamy*
Journey Committees and Teams

Worship Team: Nancy Haese, Barb Dalton, Julie Gappa, Leah Wisnewski, Deb Welander, Meredith Hink, Paula Przywojski, Wayne Olson and Pr. Mamy

Outreach Team: Jonah Denson, Renee Monti, Terry Aakre, Amy Denson, Dave Denson, Jim Welander, Barbara Reithel, Linda Head and Pr. Mamy

Welcoming and Follow up Team: Edie Thomas and Agnes Smith

Service Team: Beth Davidson, Bruce Anderson, Dave Pehl, Agnes Smith, Kay Schroeder, Sandy Silker and Alyson Islam

Fellowship Team: Carla Amundson, Sandy Tracey, Jane Amundson, Judy Lindgren, Marcy Firl and David Lueck

Faith Formation Team: Amy Denson, Renee Monti, Erin Baldwin, Sara Sykora and Pr. Mamy

Youth: Erin Baldwin and Amanda Reget

Grace and Gratitude Team: Kitty Ruosch, Larry Dalton, Jim Welander, Kristin Soland, Sue Reget and Pr. Mamy

Caring Cards: Meredith Hink and Lora Lebakken

Faith Chest Construction: Ben Sykora

Confirmation Group Leaders: Dave Pehl, Dave Denson, Leah Wisnewski, Erin Baldwin and Pr. Mamy

Altar Guild: Carla Amundson, LuAnne Ekern, Marcy Firl, Diane Hock, Donnie Lee, Cindy Lipke, Jayne Oliver, Kitty Ruosch, Sharon Fuller, Karen Latsch, Kay Schroeder, Sandy Silker, Agnes Smith, Nancy Haese, Lora Lebakken and Paula Przywojski

Mowing Team: Jerry Wisnewski, Tom Stowers, Bob Tracey, Tom Tucker, Tuenis Zondag and John Haese

Property Committee: Jon Lindgren, Tuenis Zondag and Bob Tracey

Personnel Committee: Wendy Evert, Meredith Hink and Sue Reget

Finance Committee: Leah Wisnewski and Eric Davidson

Audit Committee: Ben Sykora, Diane Hock and Jeff Ilstrup

Nominating Committee:

Please join the Team and Committee that fits your talents and gifts.

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Journey Vision Board: Bob Tracey, Eric Davidson, Sara Sykora, Dave Lueck, Alyson Islam, Renee Monti, Wayne Olson and Amanda Reget, and Pr Mamy Ranaivoson

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Join us for worship at 9:30am on Sundays