

# E-News for the Week of Sunday, May 1

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Readings

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 5:1-9

### Worship Participants

**Celebrant:** Rev. Nancy Wright

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Sponem

**Communion Assistant:**

**Lector:** Bob Furst

**Liturgical Assistant:**

**Greeters:** Jake Hansen

**Ushers:** Jake Hansen, Charlie Cutting, and Peter Grant

**Coffee Hour:**

**Nursery:**

### Upcoming Week

#### **Wednesday, 4/27**

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

6:15 p.m. Contemporary

7:15 p.m. Bells

#### **Friday, 4/29**

Meals on Wheels

Women's Retreat Begins

#### **Sunday, 5/1**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Women's Retreat Ends

#### **Monday, 5/2**

3:00-6:00 p.m. Music Lessons (rental)

#### **Tuesday, 5/3**

3:00-6:00 p.m. Music Lessons (rental)

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

### Upcoming Birthdays

4/28 Julie Bergdahl

4/28 Britt Vickstrom

4/30 France Leblanc

4/30 Paul Rittershausen

### Pastor's Message

I am at the peaceful Lutheran camp Koinonia in the mountains of New York State; I will return for bell choir tonight, and be in the office on Thursday, and Friday. Then, I'll be heading off to the Women's Retreat, returning again for Sunday worship. It is a busy week, but you are all in my heart and prayers! Blessings, Pastor Nancy

### Sunday School News

Please click the links below for Sunday School updates:

**Children:** <http://alcv.org/education/children.html>

This Week: Special Music with Bill Valliere and his guitar! (Starting to learn music for Children's Sunday, June 5)

**Adults:** <http://alcv.org/education/adults.html>

### HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Quilter's Group

Ascension Quilters have been busy making more mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief. On **May 8** the remainder of the quilts made this season will be blessed. We will then pack the quilts and ready them for shipment to the LWR warehouse in Maryland. We have received word that the quilts made by Ascension Quilters last year were distributed in Georgia (a country at the intersection of Europe and Asia), and Angola (a southern African nation). The last session for working on the quilts this season will be **Thursday, May 5**.

#### Church Service Childcare

The Educational Ministry Committee is going to provide childcare during the regular worship time. We need help from the congregation to fill this important need. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex now! We are looking for 2 adults to cover each Sunday service. This is a great chance to sign up with a friend and spend some time together while providing childcare so that parents and care givers can have a more focused worship experience.

#### Spring Work Day

**Saturday May 7. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Lunch provided

Many jobs to be done inside and out - many hands and muscles needed!

If you can't work that Saturday - (talk to Gene Heyerdahl to avoid time and space conflicts with renters) - work can be done at other times. Contact the Heyerdahls if any questions.

#### New England Synod Assembly

The New England Synod Assembly takes place in Springfield, Mass., **June 10 to 12**. The theme, "A Place at the Table for Everyone," includes presentations, workshops and hands-on-experiences and features: Mikka McCracken, Director Planning & Engagement, ELCA World Hunger Appeal, U.S. Rep. James McGovern (D-MA), known for his work to end hunger, Bishop Claire Burkat, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, The Rev. Dr. David Lose, President, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and Pr. Peter Boehringer, New England Synod Board Member. Kelli Tylenda, Council President, and Pr. Nancy are attending, and we are invited to include another voting member. Please consider joining them at synod Assembly.

#### Bible Study Group

Pr. Nancy would love to start a weekday Bible study group. She will post a sign-up sheet as to what days and times might be possible. Please consider whether you would enjoy and learn from this group.

### **Keyboard Accompanist Needed**

Twice monthly for Contemporary practice and once monthly to play with the Contemporary choir on Sundays. Please tell Pr. Nancy or Bill Valliere if you are interested.

### **Hymnals**

The Worship and Music committee invites anyone to make a memorial donation to purchase a new hymnal. To accommodate all worshipers, we need to purchase about twenty new hymnals. The cost for each ELW hymnbook is \$22.50. The name of the person in whose memory the book is given will be placed inside the hymnbook. Please inform Pr. Nancy by email if you are interested.

### **Name Tags**

Dear Parishioners. Newcomers to Ascension would like us to wear our name tags. Please find them in the library, or ask the office to make you a new one.

### **Coffee Hour**

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

### **Additional News and Opportunities**

#### **Benefit Silent Auction**

Silent Auction benefiting Vermont Interfaith Action, Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP), and other social justice ministries. **April 29, 2016** at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry St, Burlington.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the bidding begins (including light refreshments)! Bidding ends at 7:30 p.m. and the entertainment begins (including delicious desserts)!

Tickets are \$15 at St. Paul's online: [stpaulscathedralvt.org](http://stpaulscathedralvt.org) (through 4/26), \$20 at the door. Students 12-18 years old are \$2. Children under 12 are free! The first 50 ticket-buyers will be automatically entered into a special prize drawing!

Winners take home your treasures that evening. Come, bring friends, and have fun... all while helping our neighbors!

#### **COTS Walk 2016 THIS SUNDAY, MAY 1**

The 3-mile COTS Walk will take you around Burlington starting from Battery Park and following the route a person who is homeless might travel to receive shelter and services. **Sunday, May 1st**-- check in begins at 1 pm with the walk at 2 pm, concluding back at Battery Park where walkers are met with music, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and other free refreshments. Go to [www.cotsonline.org](http://www.cotsonline.org) for registration information.

#### **Hop, Skip, Walk, Run or???**

The 25th Annual Jiggety Jog to support Vermont Respite House is on **Saturday, May 7**, at Allen Brook School in Williston. It starts at 9 am with runners heading out first, followed by walkers, bikers, skate boarders, hula-hoopers and more. Registration begins at 8 am.

Check out the website for more information: <https://www.vnacares.org/event/vermont-respite-house-5k-fun-run-jiggety-jog/>

#### **Childhood Bereavement Seminar**

Seminar will be held in St. Albans on **Thursday, May 12** from 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. \$20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register and find more info at:

<http://www.fchha.org/media/Childhood-Bereavement-Seminar-brochure-1.pdf>

### **Northern Bronze Concert Series**

The Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble (directed by our own Jeri Bergdahl) presents Ringin' In the Rain An' Wadin' in the Water Concert Series: Music filled with water themes!

**7:00 p.m., Friday, May 13** at Waterbury Congregational UCC, Waterbury, VT

**7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 14** at South Hero Congregational Church, So. Hero, VT

**3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 15** at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Hinesburg, VT

**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17** at Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne, VT

Visit [www.northernbronze.org](http://www.northernbronze.org) for more information!

### **Concert for Syrian Refugees Volunteers Needed**

A LARGE-SCALE BENEFIT CONCERT to raise money to aid Syrian refugees will take place in Vermont in Burlington on Saturday, **May 21** at the First Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, **May 22**, at the Montpelier High School Auditorium at 3 p.m. Pianist Michael Arnowitt has created a special program entirely of Syrian music and literary readings of writings by Syrian authors.

The concert will be performed by a diverse group of 30 actors, singers, and musicians playing a mix of Western and Middle Eastern instruments. Syrian-born performers will include: from Albany, the poet Rana Bitar Jacob; from Chicago, the short story author Osama Alomar; and Anwar Diab Agha, a violinist, oudist, and composer, who moved from Syria to Winooski, Vermont, five years ago.

If you would like to offer volunteer assistance for this project or would be interested in joining the concert's choir singing Syrian songs on the program, contact Michael Arnowitt at [MA@MAPiano.com](mailto:MA@MAPiano.com); or 802-229-0984.

Benefit concert website: <http://www.mapiano.com/syriaus.htm>.

### **Vacation Bible School**

**June 20-24, 2016**, First United Methodist Church, Burlington

Deep Sea Discovery! Grab a friend and dive into service, games, snacks, songs, Bible stories, and so much more! 3 years old through 5th graders. To read more and to register, visit the website here: <http://www.umcburlington.com/VBS/>

Questions? Contact Rachel Fraumann (Stampul) at [clergychick@gmail.com](mailto:clergychick@gmail.com)

### **Battery Recycling**

There have been a few newspaper articles recently announcing a new recycling program for batteries. Until now the advice has been to put alkaline batteries in the trash. Starting January 1, 2016, you can now give your single-use, alkaline batteries new life by recycling them through Call2Recycle at convenient locations across Vermont. For more information, click here: <http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont/>