



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Get Prepared

Two Weeks Ago we were getting ready for a blizzard down here in Saint Joseph. We got nine inches in the two days with a wind that made our old farmhouse hum. We had enough warning to get well stocked just in case we were snowed in. We were! Fortunately our faithful snow plow got us out on Monday afternoon. But, not wanting to add another vehicle on the road we stayed in. It is nice to be prepared and comfortable when the blizzard is raging outside. You know I am leading up to something, which I am. I'll ask the question, How prepared are you? Well, as I am now in the early part of my ninth decade, I've tried to leave things in order should I pass away suddenly, although I'm sure I've missed some important things. But, how prepared are you to meet your Lord Jesus Christ? The time is now. Get straight with God. Maybe I'm sounding a bit evangelical, but I don't mind that. Job, the guy falsely accused of having a lot of patience, shouted out and let God have it after he had all kinds of bad advice from his friends, like "Bad things don't happen to good people." That is pure nonsense. All kinds of things happen to innocent people. Take Jesus, to begin with. But what Job did was to start talking with God. And, like the psalms, began to express his doubts to God. Jesus on the cross, well used to talking with God, shouted out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus knew it. Job learned it. The Psalmists knew it. The prophets knew it as well: God can take it. God welcomes our complaints. God is a God who loves us to get engaged. We can tell God all the bad things. There is nothing we think or feel that we cannot tell God. We can also praise God and give thanks to God for the good things in our life. What I am getting at is don't wait. Get on speaking terms with God. Share everything. Don't wait until your last gasp to plead for mercy or whatever it is you want to say. That prepares you. The same thing goes for our relationships with others. Are there those you need to tell how much you love the? Are there those you have never properly thanked? Are there those you really need to make amends with? Don't wait. Your life is worth it. You'll feel better now and the rest of your life.

God bless you!

Charlie Preble, still trying to get ready while there's time.

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Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

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Rachael Sinning (*19)

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Sheila Stanton (*20)

Karen Reicks (*21)

John Hull (*21)

Delegates to Region and Convention:

JoEllen Doebbert

Alternate: Belvin Doebbert

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SALAD SUPPER

Tuesday, May 8th

4:30 PM – 7 PM

LAKE STREET & 12TH AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA, MN



TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT THE DOOR, OR CALL
320-763-3201

ADULTS \$6
CHILDREN \$4
(AGES 5 - 12)

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD
JUMBLE SALE WILL BE OPEN.

Lectionary Readings for May

May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
Psalm 98



May 13

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19
Psalm 1

May 20

Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday

Acts 2:1-21
or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:22-27
or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Psalm 104:25-35, 37



May 27

First Sunday After Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17
Psalm 29
or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

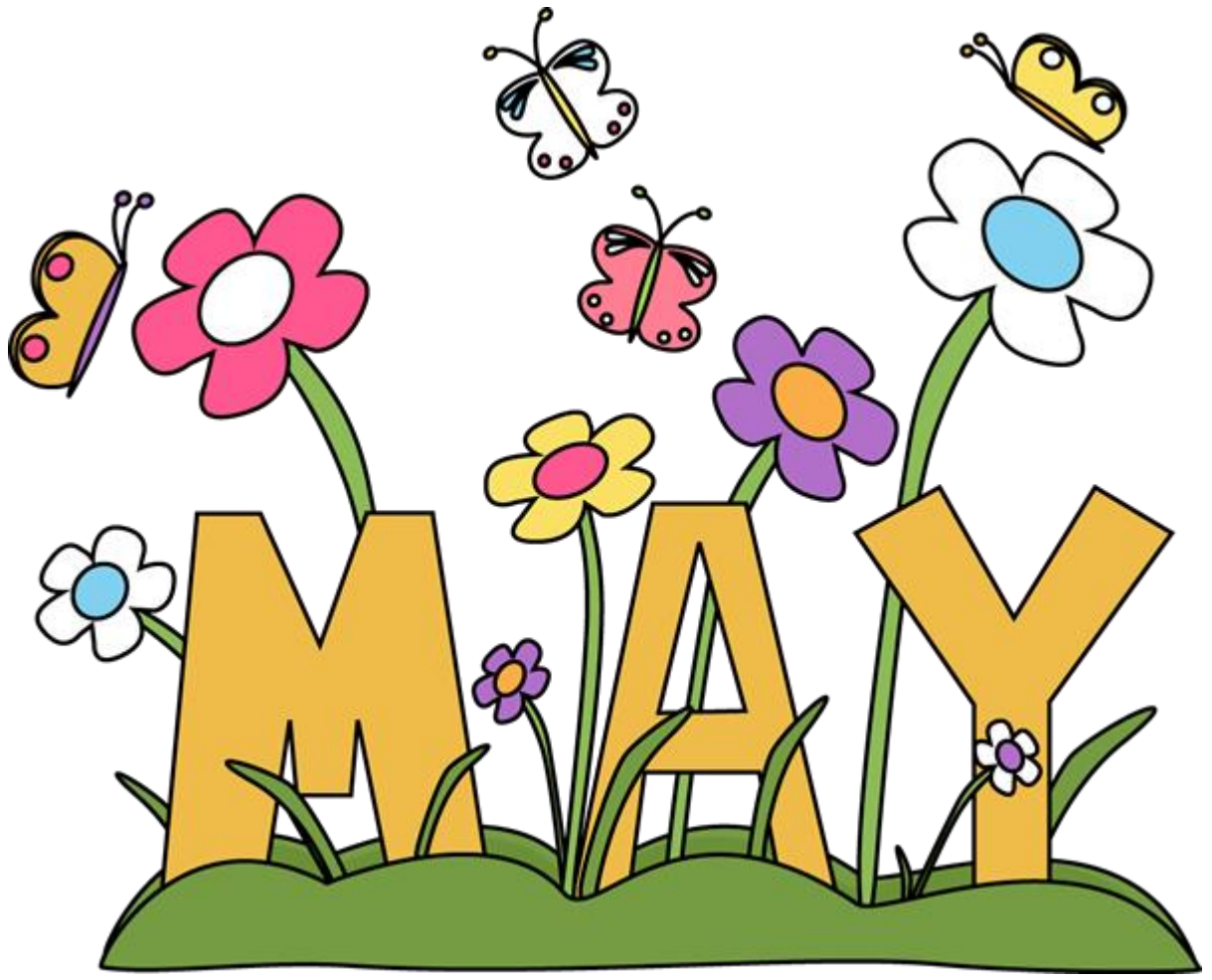
Position	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
	<i>Morning prayer</i>	<i>Mother's Day</i>		
Priest	Tom Sinning	Dana Emery	Steve Schaitberger	Fred Nairn
Organist	Margaret Kalina	Nancy Anderson	JoNette Brogaard	Gale Maxwell
Lector 1	Tim Johnson		JoEllen Doebbert	JoEllen Doebbert
Lector 2	Farren Morical		Karen Sinotte	Belvin Doebbert
Altar	Tim Johnson	Karen Reicks		Karen Reicks
Coffee	Farren Morical	Nancy Anderson	Karen Sinotte	Doebberts

Remember in Your Prayers: All clergy serving Emmanuel - Bishop Brian - Tom - Jana & Charles - Kathleen - Don & Ann - Edith - Al -- Linda - John - Laird - Wendy - Jessie - Dillon - Dana - Simeon - Hunter - Mike & Lana - Cleone - The Doebbert Family - Total Ministry Team - Law Enforcement Officers - Military Personnel - Peace in the World - The Food Shelf, volunteers & all who use it - Heartland Girls Ranch - Everyone affected by recent storms and wildfires.



May

<p>Birthdays</p> <p>Mary Lu Rich Laird Barber Cleone Sherman</p>	<p>Anniversaries</p> <p>Mark & Karen Reicks</p>
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