



## 1Thessalonians 5:13-15

# Rise and Shine

*13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.*

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### From the Pastor's Office

As we are studying on Wednesday evening, "What does Jesus Demand of the World" by John Piper, we have learned that Jesus demands that everyone from every nation and every religion become His disciple because He has all power & authority. There is nothing outside the authority of Jesus! He reaches people most often through you and me as we are sent by Him, with the power & presence of the Holy Spirit residing in us, forgiven sinners, carrying His precious Word. The model of God the Father sending His Son to bring about salvation for sinful man reflects in Jesus sending His disciples into the world to make more disciples glorifying His name.

Our identity as forgiven, empowered witnesses of our risen Lord is the foundation of all our activity.

May we continue to grow strong in Him even though we face adversity through spiritual attacks, through often debilitating sickness and diseases, through sheer tiredness and other roadblocks. Persistence and perseverance are needed as we believe in and trust in Jesus.

I want to thank all of you who helped with a wonderful Passover service, setting up for all services, and our Easter breakfast.

I have a special gift for each of you, available on a first come first serve basis, on the table in the Narthex or in my office from me, or in the main office. There are a total of 50 small notebooks with the name of the Church on the cover and an attached pen (all pens wrote black ink in spite of a blue or red color). I hope you will enjoy using them. One does need to come in to get one-we are not mailing them out.

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## May at PLC

May 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## Celebrate Our Congregation

### May Birthdays:

Caedmon	Lunn	5/9
Bev	Aho	5/12
Ellie	Puumala	5/13
Leeanna	Lunn	5/14
Karen	Rokala	5/15
Elaine	Bergstedt	5/16
Sara	Serazzi	5/18
Mary Kay	Myrmel	5/21
William	Kandoll	5/21
Josiah	Kandoll	5/21
Earl	Rokala	5/23

### Sundays:

- 1, 8, 15, 22** 9:15am Sunday School/Bible study  
 10:30am Worship service  
 also via YouTube & FB live  
 11:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 15** 10:30am Worship service with  
 Communion
- 22** 11:45am VBS Organizational Meeting  
 11:40am Abbreviated Communion  
 11:45am Semi-Annual Meeting

### Tuesdays:

- 10** 5:45pm Mission Committee meeting  
 6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

### Wednesdays:

- 4** 9:30am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins  
 HWY 55 & 494  
 9:30am Women's Bible Study @ the  
 church  
 6:30pm Evening Bible Study
- 11** 9:30am Men's & Women's Bible  
 Study @ the church  
 6:30pm Evening Bible Study
- 18, 25** 9:30am Men's Bible Study @ the  
 church  
 6:30pm Evening Bible Study

### Thursdays:

- 5** NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### Saturdays:

- 14** 9:30am Ladies Saturday Bible Study

### May Anniversaries:

Alisha & Addison 5/27

## *Save The Dates*

**\*Semi-Annual Meeting is Scheduled for Sunday,  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> following the service.**

Our **Vacation Bible School** for the  
 week of **August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**9:00am-11:30am**

**VBS Organizational Meeting**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am**

**LBF Bible Camp @ Lahti Retreat Center**

**July 20- 24, 2022 Theme: "Come Alive!"**

**Registration is open on the website :**

Register for Camp:

<https://sites.google.com/view/welcometolbf/the-lahti-retreat-center/register-for-camp?authuser=0>

Camp Information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/welcometolbf/the-lahti-retreat-center/2022-camp-information?authuser=0>

### **Church Family Picnic Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

at French Regional Park, 12605 Rockford Rd, Plymouth MN  
 55441

Moraine Picnic Site- Worship service at **10:00am**

Details to follow.



Our Vacation Bible School's theme for the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be:

**“Kookaburra Coast:  
Awesome Adventures in God's Glory”**

**“Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.” Psalm 57:5**

Kookaburra Coast is an epic Australian adventure where kids discover unique destinations and exotic animals, complete with jeep excursions, kangaroos in the outback, and the Great Barrier Reef. God's glorious handiwork in Australia will lead to students seeing His life-changing glory through adventures with Moses. Like Moses, they will never be the same!

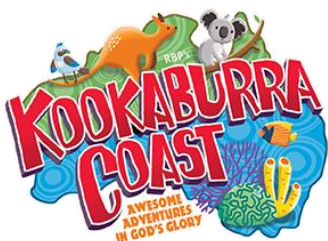
VBS attendees are ages 3 years and up. Please pray about helping with this outreach program and invite your family and friends to attend Vacation Bible School.

Contact Susan Baker with questions or comments  
(952-884-9848).

Coming soon is a volunteer signup sheet on the narthex desk.

Thank you!

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**You are invited to attend the following Vacation Bible Study meetings if you would like to help with the 2022 Vacation Bible School to be held the week of 8/1 - 8/5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.**

The first meeting is an informational and organizational meeting. Please pray about helping in some way. There is a signup sheet the narthex desk. Please note: Several helpers in the nursery are needed.

All of these meetings will be held after the church service outside in the front if the weather is nice. Otherwise, we will meet in the fellowship hall downstairs. We will attempt to keep the meetings to an hour. Please bring a snack or beverage if you like.

There may be some smaller Wed. meetings before Bible study, if needed, on an ad hoc basis.

If you have questions or comments, please see Susan or call or email.

Thank you for considering!

### **Meeting Dates:**

May 15, 2022 - organizational meeting  
June 5 @ the Church Picnic @ French Park  
June 19 (Father's Day)  
July 10  
July 24  
July 31 - decorate/setup

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## Daniel Harcar



Even though it seems like a long time ago and much has happened since I would like to share this.

3 weeks ago we did a training for all camp teams. We had 113 people signed from 13 different teams and churches.

We have teams from 6 different denominations and 1 non-denominational church. It is great to see that we can still for the same goal: Reaching young people for Christ. I am praying that this cooperation of Christian churches in Slovakia will continue now as we all will be helping refugees fleeing from Ukraine.

We had very good feedback about the training and many teams were able to prepare better for the

season that is ahead. We are praying that situation in Slovakia will continue to be safe and we will be able to do 13 camps in the summer as we are planning and most importantly that we will see God changing the hearts of young people.

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The past few weeks were tricky.

First, we had these 2 women stay with us for a short time. Their names are Zoja and Kamila, the mother and her daughter. They left their hometown in Charkiv because of war and travel multiple days to get out. I am glad we were able to help a little bit the refugees coming to Slovakia.

Thanks to God they are safe now in Slovakia, but we are all praying the war in Ukraine will

be over soon.

Right after they left I was sick for almost 2 weeks straight and barely managed to be part of our annual Conference for youth leaders. It was a blessing to have this conference even during tricky times in our country. During the conference, I was able to meet 2 people online for a mentoring session and it is always so encouraging to see how passionate they are.

Pray for the next generation of Christian leaders in Slovakia.

Just wanted to let you know that even though we are living close to the Ukraine borders in Slovakia it is still very safe and we are more concerned about how to help our brothers. But you can continue to pray for stopping the war and also for safety in Slovakia to continue.

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**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

Exalt the Lord who has established us.

Colossians 2:6-7

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/national-prayer>

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## **2022 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA**

Lord, we exalt You.

We are filled with awe and wonder as our praise joins the heavenly hosts saying,  
“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts,  
The whole earth is full of His glory.”

You have established Your throne in heaven and the foundations of the earth.  
You alone are the Creator; the earth is Yours and all it contains is for Your glory.

You created and established all of us as Your image bearers.

May our lips and lives continually praise You, reflecting and magnifying You in all  
our words and ways.

You are the author of our days, You have established Your plans and purpose for  
us.

We respond to your glory and authority in obedience to Your Word and will.

You have established prayer that we, Your children,  
Can communicate with our Heavenly Father directing, strengthening, and discipling  
us in Your everlasting love.

We join heaven’s activities as we lift up our prayers

And pour out our praise, repentance, thanks, intercession and supplication.

Lord, You have established America through the hearts of our founding fathers and  
the documents they penned declaring our dependence on Your sovereignty and  
supremacy.

We overflow with gratitude having been firmly rooted and built up in our faith in  
You.

Let our reputation be of our faith in Christ alone,  
our love for all people, and fruitful lives bearing the attitude, affections, and actions  
of Your Spirit,

Who dwells and works within us and through us.

We pray for America: the Church, Family, Education,  
Military, Workplace, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media.

United in Your love, we exalt the Lord who has established us.

In Jesus Name we always pray, Amen!

***Kathy Branzell***

*President, National Day of Prayer Task Force*

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