



Covenant Tiding

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | MAY 2026 – VOLUME 62

From the Desk of the Pastor

“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, that where I am, you may be also” (John 14:2-3).

We believe these words of Jesus. Our Risen Savior has prepared a home for us in heaven. The big question is – How does one get there? The predominant view of the 21st century is that there are many ways to get to heaven and that one way is just as good as another. Interestingly enough, most people who do believe in heaven believe they are going there. According to a poll by Fox News, 85% of Americans said they believe in heaven and more than 87% of Americans believe that they were most likely to go to heaven. That means only 13% thought they might not make it.

When I read a survey like that I’m reminded of the teacher giving a spelling lesson to her class. She told the class that each one of them was to tell what their father did for a living and then spell his occupation. A girl named Mary went first. She said, “My father is a baker. B-A-K-E-R. If he were here, he’d give everyone a cookie.”

Next came Tommy. He said, “My dad is a banker. B-A-N-K-E-R. If he were here, he’d give everyone a dollar. The third kid was Jimmy. He said, “My dad is an electrician.” He tried several time to spell the word, but he just couldn’t do it. Finally, the teacher asked him to sit down and she called on somebody else. She turned to a kid named Johnny. He said, “My dad is a bookie. B-O-O-K-I-E. If he were here, he would give you 8 to 5 odds that Jimmy ain’t never gonna spell electrician.”

If I were a betting man, which I’m not, I would give you any odds that there are a lot of people who think they are going to heaven, who are not. Many people believe they will go to heaven because of their good works. I’ve been a good person all my life – a good spouse, good parent, good worker, good friend. I’m kind and caring, I share with others. Certainly God will let all the good people into heaven. Others think it doesn’t matter what you believe, as long as you are sincere and devout in your beliefs. Thus the idea that all religions lead to the same place.

But here is what Jesus says. He had just told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them and come back to take them to be with him forever. Thomas says, “We don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus replied “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

We can’t get to heaven on our own. Our sin separates us from God and that sin must be dealt with before we can live in God’s presence. Jesus took on our sin and suffered the punishment we deserve. He rose again from the dead in victory over sin and death. Now by faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the gift of eternal life and a home in heaven.

In this season of Easter, we rejoice in the gifts and blessings won for us by our crucified and risen Lord Jesus. Rejoice and be glad that heaven is your home. Share the message with others that they too can live in God’s presence forever.

Pastor Steve Voigt

Official Acts

Funeral

Marion Braatz

(January 30, 1933—April 1, 2026)

Service was held April 10
at Covenant .

Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Phil Murphy, Capt.	Steve Dasher
Traci Murphy	Maria Riley
Dave Valdes	Marge Valdes
Karen Winefeld	

Altar Guild

Lynda Kopp	Georgia Cucinello
Lisa Frederick	Leann Meyer

Greeters

May 3

9:30am—Diana Lafford & Pat Holz

May 10

9:30am—Mike & Julie Pergande

May 17

9:30am—Bob & Sue Patten

May 24

9:30am—Karen Winefeld & Audrey Wilde

May 31

9:30am—Laura Vogt & family

SPECIAL GIFTS

DCF grant.....	\$1,186
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$35
Portals of Prayer.....	\$20

MEMORIALS

Marion Braatz Memorial—\$1,530

Church Info & Staff

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Mother's Day Roses

Show your mom or grandmother
how special she is!

Purchase a long-stem red rose on
Sunday, May 10, for \$2.

All proceeds benefit
Wisconsin Right to Life!



MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7:00pm AA Meeting	2
3 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 77th Anniversary Of Covenant	4 5:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Foundation Meeting	5	6 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Communion Service	7 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	8 7:00pm AA Meeting	9
10 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Mothers' Day	11 5:00pm Confirmation	12	13 8:30am NW Chapel	14 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Mission & Ministry Council Meeting	15 7:00pm AA Meeting	16
17 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Confirmation Sunday	18	19	20 8:30am NW Chapel	21 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	22 7:00pm AA Meeting	23
24 9:30am Worship The Day Of Pentecost	25 Office Closed CECC Closed NW—No School Memorial Day	26	27 8:30am NW Chapel	28 10:00am Bible Study	29 7:00pm AA Meeting	30
31 9:30am Worship 10:45am Brunch The Holy Trinity						

Mother's Day Mercy Mission Donations for A Place of Refuge

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day, we have a special opportunity to show love and support to the mothers at **A Place of Refuge**. We are collecting essential items and gifts to bless these moms and their little ones.

Needed Items:

- Infant sleepers, socks, and bibs
- Infant washcloths & bath towels
- Infant board books or toys
- Reading or coloring books with crayons for infants' siblings

The collection will **end on May 10th**.

Please consider donating and helping us make this a special time for these families.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

Birthdays

May 2

Mike Weiss

May 3

Debbie Braatz

May 5

Marcia Hottinger

Robert Zickert

May 6

Alex Gottsacker Jr.

Laura Vogt

Carol Wenzel

May 7

Herb Onasch

May 8

Dawn Degnan

May 11

Bryan Meyer

May 12

Dawn Wangard

May 13

Tim Wrangell

May 14

Pastor Steve Voigt

May 15

Jerry Anson

May 22

Stephanie Voigt

May 25

Tiffany Dasher

May 30

Everett Dassow

Pastor Kermit Ratcliffe

May 31

Linda Krueger

8th Grade Confirmation

Covenant 8th graders,
Madeline Denmark &
Alexander Gottsacker Jr.,
are working diligently on their
confirmation studies.

The Rite of Confirmation
will take place on
Sunday, May 17.



Anniversaries

May 5

Keith & Marcia Rosynek

May 9

Jack & Grace Brockel

May 16

Brian & Deborah Johnston

May 24

Dylan & Mary Jo Johnson

May 25

Henry & Judy Weiss

May 27

Dave & Margie Valdes

May 31

Dan & Jana McDonell



MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN
 DRAMA PRESENTS:

Much Ado About Nothing

BY SHAKESPEARE

MAY 7 | 6 PM
 MAY 9 | 1 & 7 PM
 MAY 10 | 2 PM

MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN
 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

MilwaukeeLutheran.org | 9700 West Grant Ave., Milwaukee, WI

APOR Life Walk 2026

On Saturday, June 20
 Hosted by
**Beautiful Savior
 Lutheran, Mequon**

Events include the welcome, opening prayer service, and walk. The day will end with prizes, music, and lunch.



Visit aplaceofrefuge.org to register

United in Christ:
 Celebrating Our Unique Stories



"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
 Galatians 3:28 (E SV):

Saturday, May 30 8:30 am to 2 pm
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 10729 Freistadt Rd.
 Mequon

Lutheran Women
 in Mission
 SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

For more information or RSVP contact:
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Join us for the Heart to Heart Event, a beloved gathering that attracts over 150 people every year! This is your chance to experience:

- **Cultural Food****
- **Vibrant Dances****
- **Inspiring Choir****
- **Meet Ethnic Pastors****
- **Local Christian faith based Vendors****
- **Door Prizes**** and so much more!

Best of all? It's ****FREE****! Don't miss out on this incredible celebration of faith, fellowship, and cultural diversity.

****Sign up today!**** Spots are filling up fast. We can't wait to see you there for a day of joy, connection, and inspiration!



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