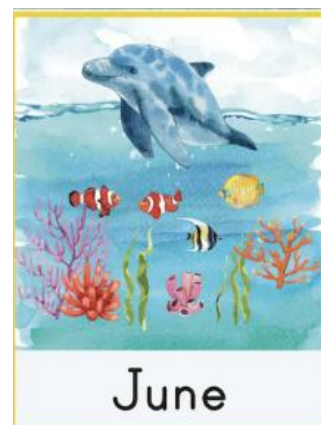




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IMPORTANT DATES For Your Calendar

May 5 **Blood Drive** at Gethsemane, 10a-3p
May 16 **Synod Assembly** Gathering at Gethsemane 8 - 3p
May 17 **April Showers bring May Flowers:**
1-4p at First Presbyterian Church [923 5th St.](#) Menominee for an afternoon of games, Bible Study, and planting flowers for shut-ins. **Friends are welcome!**
Please **RSVP** to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org

May 24 **Pentecost + Graduation + Confirmation Sunday!**

May 31 **Joint Service** at St. Stephen's at 10:30a

May 31 You are invited to **Light the Fire for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp** on Sunday, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church ([2714 James St., Marinette](#)). Join us for songs, stories, skits, and s'mores around a campfire. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair to sit on. There is **no cost** to participate, but donations for FLLC are welcome. Contact Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org with any **questions**.





4 Faye Parrett
10 Andrea Geltz
12 Ron Klein
14 Steve Kohrt
19 Carol Lindner
28 Brian Hafeman
29 Dorothy Peretto



**We invite you to pray
for those serving in
the military:
Jordan Baril, Jay
Chapple, Ken Dams,
Trish Dams, Brent
Jurmu, Jared Jurmu**



5 Morgan Hafeman
8 Donna Everard
8 Debbie Kruhmin
28 Janet Mullard
30 Jim Skowronski



16 Janet + Elmer Mullard



We continue to hold the following in prayer:

Amber, Dave, Jim G, Jim K, Jim R, Baby Noah, Richie

Thank you for holding the friends and families of our Congregants in your prayers. Contact the Office with any corrections.

Hospitalized? Welcome a visit? Contact the Office at **906.788.4234**, or reach out to **Pr Brenda** directly at **720.989.8218** (call/text), and we'll make it happen!

Praise Houses

Rev. Brenda L. Greenwald

Dear Church,

After preaching about the prison-cell, song-session of Paul and Silas during last week's sermon, I found myself reflecting on the power of **MUSIC** and **PRAISE**. Recent travels brought me to the **Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park**. (HMFP) This was the first self-governed town of formerly enslaved people, and was established in 1862 on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. A bit more about the community:

"Mitchelville became a vibrant, self-governed community, both defined and accentuated by the customs and cultures of native islanders, the Gullahs, and those brought to America from a multitude of countries and islands. At its height, Mitchelville boasted 1,500 to 3,000 residents and demonstrated freedom and opportunity for African Americans diverse in backgrounds and origins." **exploremitchelville.org**



While exploring Mitchelville, we heard lots mentioned about **"Praise Houses"** - locations where the Gullah people would gather for worship to God. These wooden structures served as **THE** place to be when worship took place, and often combined conventional, **Christian** song practices with more rhythmic, **African** traditions.

Archaeologists on-site in Mitchelville have not only found **relics** from the FOUR Praise Houses that were on the property, but are currently reconstructing a **Praise House** for visitors to use. I smiled when I saw the familiar, **church bell** hanging from the soon-to-be-completed **replica** of a Praise House, and wondered just how many people that bell has called to worship.

Even now, over 164 years after those original sounds of praise erupted from formerly-enslaved Gullah people, this place of worship stands as a reminder to **"Praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forever more"**. Psalm 113:2-3.

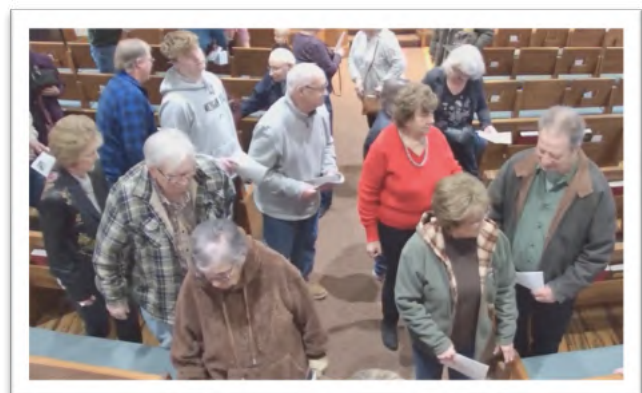


Let our voices never tire in praising the Lord!

Pr Brenda

Pr. Brenda

LENT 2026



Daily Bible Readings: May 2026

Fri, May 1	Paul Goes to Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9
Sat, May 2	Paul Goes to Beroea	Acts 17:10-15
Sun, May 3	Sharing the Hope of Jesus	Acts 17:16-31
Mon, May 4	Conversion of Dionysius	Acts 17:32-34
Tues, May 5	The Church at Corinth	Acts 18:1-17
Wed, May 6	The Church at Ephesus	Acts 19:1-10
Thurs, May 7	Paul's Decision to Leave Ephesus	Acts 19:21-22; 20:17-28
Fri, May 8	Paul Tells His Story, Pt. 1	Acts 22:1-11
Sat, May 9	Paul Tells His Story, Pt. 2	Acts 22:12-21
Sun, May 10	Living with Love	Philippians 1:1-18a
Mon, May 11	Paul's Reason for Happiness	Philippians 1:18b-26
Tues, May 12	Fight for the Faith	Philippians 1:27-30
Wed, May 13	Paul Explains the Gospel, Pt. 1	Galatians 1:11-24
Thurs, May 14	Paul at Jerusalem	Galatians 2:1-10
Fri, May 15	Paul and Peter	Galatians 2:11-14
Sat, May 16	Paul Explains the Gospel, Pt. 2	Galatians 2:15-21
Sun, May 17	Living Like Jesus	Philippians 2:1-13
Mon, May 18	Paul Rejoices in the Philippians	Philippians 2:14-18
Tues, May 19	Paul Sending Timothy	Philippians 2:19--3:1a
Wed, May 20	Paul Tells His Story Again	Philippians 3:1b-6
Thurs, May 21	Paul Counts Everything Else as Loss	Philippians 3:7-16
Fri, May 22	Paul Exhorts the Philippians	Philippians 3:17--4:1
Sat, May 23	Paul's Farewell	Philippians 4:10-20
Sun, May 24	Blessed to Share our Hope	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7
Mon, May 25	Focus on What Is Good	Philippians 4:8-9
Tues, May 26	Stand Up and Walk	Acts 3:1-10
Wed, May 27	Believers Share What They Have	Acts 4:32-37
Thurs, May 28	Many Are Healed	Acts 5:12-16
Fri, May 29	God Makes All Things New	Revelation 21:1-6
Sat, May 30	God's Kingdom Come	Revelation 22:1-7
Sun, May 31	Loss and Loyalty	Ruth 1:1-22

Daily Bible Readings: June 2026

Mon, June 1	Queen Vashti Removed	Esther 1:1-4
Tues, June 2	Queen Vashti Removed	Esther 1:5-9
Wed, June 3	Queen Vashti Removed	Esther 1:10-12
Thurs, June 4	Queen Vashti Removed	Esther 1:13-18
Fri, June 5	Queen Vashti Removed	Esther 1:19-22
Sat, June 6	Esther Becomes Queen	Esther 2:1-7
Sun, June 7	Esther Becomes Queen	Esther 2:8-16
Mon, June 8	Esther Becomes Queen	Esther 2:17-23
Tues, June 9	Haman's Plot	Esther 3:1-6
Wed, June 10	Haman's Plot	Esther 3:7-15
Thurs, June 11	Esther Helps Her People	Esther 4:1-8
Fri, June 12	Esther Helps Her People	Esther 4:9-14
Sat, June 13	Esther Helps Her People	Esther 4:15-17
Sun June 14	Banquet and Plot	Esther 5:1-8
Mon, June 15	Banquet and Plot	Esther 5:9-14
Tues, June 16	King Ahasuerus	Esther 6:1-5
Wed, June 17	King Ahasuerus	Esther 6:6-9
Thurs, June 18	King Ahasuerus	Esther 6:10-14
Fri, June 19	Haman is Hanged	Esther 7:1-6
Sat, June 20	Haman is Hanged	Esther 7:7-10
Sun, June 21	Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:1-8
Mon, June 22	Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:9-14
Tues, June 23	Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:15-17
Wed, June 24	The Feast of Purim	Esther 9:1-10
Thurs, June 25	The Feast of Purim	Esther 9:11-15
Fri, June 26	The Feast of Purim	Esther 9:16-19
Sat, June 27	The Feast of Purim	Esther 9:20-22
Sun, June 28	The Feast of Purim	Esther 9:23-28
Mon, June 29	The Feast of Purim	Esther 9:29-32
Sun, June 30	Reforming Policy	Esther 10:1-3



Church Council Minutes

March + April 2026



Members present: Wendy Hanson, Gail Schmidt, Cindy Moore, Carol Klein, Pastor Brenda Greenwald.

Absent: Rose Klatt

Opening Devotions were read by Cindy

Meeting Called to Order at 10:01am

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Wendy asked to have "Synod Assembly" added to the April Agenda as Item 6.

Motion to approve the agendas for both March and April was made by Pastor Brenda.

Motion was seconded by Cindy.

Carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to accept the Minutes from the February Council meeting was made by Pastor Brenda.

Motion was seconded by Cindy.

Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: January 1 - March 22, 2026

Pastor Brenda

☐ Baptisms	1/18/26	+Miller Jeffrey Kinjerski	Gethsemane
	2/15/26	+Aaron James Smith	St. Stephen's
	3/29/26	Khloe Rose Parker	Gethsemane
☐ Funerals	1/31/26	+Joy Palzewic+	Anderson Diehm
	2/27/26	+Sherry Paul+	Anderson Diehm
☐ Weddings	6/20/26	Amanda Klein + Mike Roeder	Little River Golf Course
	7/11/26	Calvin Voss + Sarah Shilts	Carp River Gardens
☐ Worship	3/25/26	Final Mid-Week Supper + Service	5:15p at St. Stephen's
	3/29/26	Joint Worship: Palm Sunday	9a at G + Potluck
	4/3/26	Good Friday Worship	12p at St. Stephen's
	4/5/26	EASTER! <i>Allelu....not yet!</i>	9a at Gethsemane
			9a Breakfast at St. St.
			10:30a at St. Stephen's
☐ Boxcar for LWR	TOTALLY new system this year. Figured out for October - will communicate.		
☐ Celebration Kits	Delivered + welcomed by the Peshtigo Food Pantry. GWOH at Joint		
☐ Community	Blood Drive, Catholic Luncheon Speaker, Joint Class, Mental Health Resources		
☐ Concerns	<i>(to be shared verbally at meeting)</i>		
☐ Confirmation	SS + TS are AMAZING! Engaged and full of questions.		
☐ Conversations	Encourage questions - "I don't know." - Welcome to steer folks to me if stuck.		
☐ Jordan Project	Grant is being written for Website Funding. Monthly Meetings		
☐ Loving Letter	Grateful to Wendy and John for reminding folks of loving boundaries + story		
☐ Ministerium	Back on track! Many eyes on Financial docs. Still looking for a Bookkeeper		

☐ NGL Synod	Theological Conference, Hosting Synod in May at G
☐ Nursing Homes	Harbors: Jack Wittgren - 4 th Tuesday of each month Luther Home: Visits with Dying Community Member Menominee Health: Worship - 4 th Tuesday. New Act. Director...Again. Roubals: Called-in for visits with new residents, Worship
☐ Office Manager - G	Interview 1#: Couldn't commit at this time. Interview #2: Tuesday, 3/24/26
☐ Personally	Lost wallet, hand-recovery, thankful for 3rd Thursdays, Sabbatical Prep Vacation, Take 2: April 12 after worship - Friday, April 24, 2026 Rev. Don Ludemann, Guest Preacher Rev. Christine Olson, Emergencies
☐ Rescue Squad	Double-run, early morning - WOW!
☐ Visits	Homes: 6 Hospital: 3 Retire. Home: 9 Office: WOW Phone: DAILY Text: CONSTANT Squad Calls: 2

TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORTS available from Jan/Feb/Mar:

- *(January Expense report will be available for the May meeting.)*
- It was noted that in February \$600 was sent to FLLC - that covered the \$300 budget item from 2025 and 2026.

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Carol; second by Gail.

Carried.

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

- Faith Formation: Of special significance was the baptism of Khloe Rose Parker 3/29; Faith Formation classes will continue until the end of May.
- Fellowship: Special times of fellowship included one Soup/Sandwich Supper, the joint Potluck of 3/29, and our regular Sunday morning Coffee Hour including following Easter Sunday Worship.
- Living Trust: Two new Eagle's Wings clients have been served.
- Memorial: New banners for Lent and Easter have been purchased with dollars from the Memorial Fund.
- Property: "EXIT" signs have been refreshed with new lights - thanks to John Starzynski from SS; a quote has been received from Chris Dessart - Let It Rain Seamless Gutters - for \$700 to install gutters on front portico and repair the fascia.
- Social Ministry: Wendy noted that the Roubal Birthday Party happened - with the help of Jean Getzen - as Wendy was the only volunteer there that day! :(
- WELCA: The quilting ladies continue to meet with the exception of January because of the weather. 14 quilts were finished in February and 14 again in March. On 3/8 54 quilts were on display in the sanctuary and were then boxed up ready for shipment in Oct.!
- Worship/Music: Worship highlights the past two months included Ash Wednesday and a few mid-week Lenten services (3 were canceled because of the weather), Palm Sunday Joint Worship which included the baptism of Khloe Rose - and was a FULL church with 105 in attendance! And of course, Easter Sunday Worship! And a special treat that happened during this past month, was having Pastor Brenda back at the piano!!

Motion to accept the Ministry Team reports was made by Cindy; second by Gail.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fortune Lake payment: Because the 2025 Budget line of \$300 for FLLC was not made in 2025, a payment of \$600 was sent to cover 2025 and 2026.
2. Parsonage Rent Update: Wendy met with John S (SS Council Pres.) and requested a \$50 increase in the rent payment that they send to us increasing the rent to \$350 monthly. Thanks to Ruth and Vicky for preparing a spreadsheet noting where the rent \$\$ has been spent for the past five years on maintenance projects and upkeep at the parsonage. SS Council approved the \$50 increase and began the \$350 rent payments in March.
3. Social Ministry Community Donations for 2026: Motion was made by Pastor Brenda to make donations of \$500 each to the Gary's Foundation, Hope Memorial, and Raven Wood Gardens; motion seconded by Gail. **Carried.**
4. Eagle's Wings: After reviewing the Eagle's Wings Financial Assistance Policy, two motions were made to update and amend the policy.
 - a. Motion #1 was made by Carol to keep Eagle's Wings grants current with the economy, we make yearly adjustments to financial assistance using the previous year's published inflation rate rounding to the nearest whole dollar value, and to change weekly gas allowance from \$40 per week to 12 gallons per week. Motion was seconded by Gail. **Carried.**
 - b. Motion #2, made by Cindy, recommended that we amend the Eagle's Wings Rubric to add guidelines for clients who may return for additional assistance, and to allow legally authorized third- parties to apply for assistance on behalf of someone else. Motion seconded by Carol. **Carried.**
- Wendy noted that earlier this year Pastor B lost her wallet which also included the church credit card. To assist an Eagle's Wings client who was out of town for medical care, Wendy used her personal credit card to cover the costs. The Eagle's Wing's account then repaid Wendy's card directly for those costs. (a new card has since been issued to replace the lost one!)

NEW BUSINESS (ITEMS FROM THE APRIL AGENDA)

1. Confirmand & Graduate Recognition: We have one graduate this year - Christian Klein, who will be recognized on Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday.
2. World Hunger Funds: Pastor Brenda made a motion to forward to the NGLS \$300 for World Hunger (dollars that have been donated for that cause);
Motion seconded by Cindy. **Carried.**
3. Upcoming Blood Drives - are scheduled for May 5 and August 25. The sign-up sheet for the May drive will be out soon.
4. Front Portico Repair & Gutters. Motion was made by Pastor B to accept the quote of \$700 from Chris Dessart, Let It Rain Seamless Gutters; second by Gail. **Carried.**
Doug will contact and set up time.
5. Lawn Mowing: It was decided to prepare a needs list and contact Sarah and others for quotes. Decision to be made at May Council meeting.
6. Synod Assembly - May 16: Gethsemane will be hosting Menominee Valley Conference of pastors and delegates for this year's NGLS Synod Assembly. Volunteers will be needed and a sign-up sheet will be available. Lunch and snacks will need to be provided.

NEXT STEPS

- a. Next Meetings: Joint Council: 5/7/26 at 1p at G, Gethsemane Council: 5/7/26 after Joint
 - b. Devotions for May: Wendy
- Motion to Adjourn was made by PB; time adjourned: 11:53 am
Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. **Respectfully submitted, Carol Klein, Council Secretary**
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Easter 2026

