



+Christian Symbol+

ALPHA MU OMEGA

The Greek letters that begin the words yesterday, today and forever remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord's "steadfast love endures forever" (for example, Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What reassurance when life seems tough and fleeting!

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**THERE IS NOTHING
IN A CATERPILLAR
THAT TELLS YOU
IT'S GOING TO BE A
BUTTERFLY.**

— BUCKMINSTER
FULLER

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OLIVER THOMAS WESTERLUND!

Congratulations to Pastor And Courtney on the birth of their baby boy! God bless the new addition to your family!

Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaat Memorial Scholarship

If you are an active member of Christ Lutheran Church and are planning to attend college or an advanced training program this fall, you may be eligible to apply for the Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaat Memorial Scholarship. Please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138 for the application (due by May 12, 2025). Applicants will be considered based on church activity, community activity, and academic achievement.



REFLECTING ON RESURRECTION

In *Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig*, poet Joyce Rupp finds in spring flowers the proclamation of the gospel: "we who have died / are alive today." In another poem in the same volume, she writes: "A green shoot grows / out of an old tree stump, / announcing to the world / that power lies within death."

As you move about outdoors these springtime days in the northern hemisphere, where do you see nature testifying to resurrection? Where is evidence that what seemed dead — bare branches, dry grass, inactive seeds — was not in fact the final word? What encourages you to believe in renewal, second chances, life that blossoms from death? In what ways are you, who had died, alive today? Part of your life that felt like an old stump might be sprouting green shoots after all!



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TIME TO FIX THE ROOF IS WHEN THE SUN IS SHINING



Patrick, Noyes "Bart"
Bartholomew, Dolores
Brickman, Charlie Brown, Tony
Calise, Karin Carlough, Mike
Chapman, John Claehsen, John
Cutler, Bryant Rodriguez
Cyriax, Carol Daley, Carol
Doyle, Krista Fuchs, Mary
Carolyn Harrison, Dorothy
Hendricks, Fred Hesse, Pat
Kelly, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk,
Kaitlyn Kruk, Walter Kruk, Hugh
Lally, Dolores & Jack Lowack,
Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate,
Doris Robinson, Danny Rojas,
John Schaefer Cathy & Roger
Schramm, Tina Smith & Family,
Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli,
Lenny van Dam, the Vega
Family, Devin Vega, Janice &
Dave Wedderman and Rachel
Zarnke

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara
Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Siegrist	5/4
Pastor Jonathan	5/6
Debbie Young	5/6
Terry Calise	5/11
Linda Comery	5/21
Kevin Behnke	5/22
Bob Sakala	5/26

NJ SYNOD ZOOM CLASSES



The NJ Synod invites you to a zoom class on
Sunday, May 4
7:00 – 8:30pm

To Whom Does the Holy Land of Israel/Palestine/Canaan Belong? An Old Testament Perspective

A conversation with The Rev. Dennis Olson, Emeritus Professor of Old Testament Theology
at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey



For many Jews, Christians, and Muslims, the city of Jerusalem and the land of Israel/Palestine were and are sacred ground where God is understood to have worked powerfully at the origins of their faith stories. As a result, one important dimension of the current military and political conflict struggle in the Middle East is religious and biblical in nature.

This Zoom presentation will consider four questions:

- 1) What are some of the key Old Testament texts related to the people of Israel and the land of Canaan/Palestine and how have they been used on various sides of the conflict?
- 2) How do some Palestinian Christian scholars read and interpret the Old Testament promises of the land to Israel?
- 3) What are some Old Testament texts that seem to reject the notion that Israel alone is God's chosen people or that the land of Canaan rightfully belongs to them?
- 4) What are other Old Testament texts that might contribute to work toward peaceful or multi-state solutions for this conflicted land?

Following the presentation, Professor Olson will invite Zoom participants to converse with him and one another about the ways in which these biblical texts have been used and misused in the current struggle and might be used in the interests of peace-making going forward.

MAY

**Lay Asst. | Usher |
Altar Guild | Counter
Schedule**

MAY 4	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bill Jaichner
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
MAY 11	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	
MAY 18	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bob Denicola
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
MAY 25	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pam Sakala
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
Counter	Rosemary Chandra

BIBLE QUIZ

What was the name of the wealthy merchant of purple cloth who met Paul and his companions, was baptized and became a leader in the Philippian church?

- A. Priscilla
- B. Lydia
- C. Dorcas
- D. Joanna



MAY 2025

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NJ Synod Zoom Class Go and Be Joyful 7:00pm	2	3 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am We Believe in One God – 1700th Anniversary of The Nicene Creed Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Rd, Freehold, NJ
4 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am NJ Synod Zoom Class To Whom Does the Holy Land of Israel/Palestine/ Canaan Belong 7 – 8:30pm	5	6 Canoe/Kayak Club Meeting (FR) 6:30 – 9:00pm	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (CH) 11:15am	12	13	14	15	16 Corinne's Cupboard Packing Party (OB) 10:30 am	17 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
18 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	26 Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27	28	29	30	31

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