

The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church May 2021

As we enter the month of May we are resuming in-person worship services in the church sanctuary. As you recall, we opened the church to in-person worship services last fall only to abruptly shut it down when a new wave of infections caused concern that gathering for church could facilitate a further spread of the virus.

When the pandemic first erupted over a year ago the most vulnerable populations were those of us over 65 and people with preexisting medical conditions. This demographic included the majority of us who worship at Pleasant View Lutheran. Since then some things have changed, particularly the development and implementation of highly effective vaccines. Early roll out of the vaccines prioritized those in the most vulnerable demographic. An informal online survey of those associated with our church indicated that a very high percentage of us have taken advantage of the offer and are fully vaccinated or somewhere in the process. This knowledge has helped me and the church council to make the decision that we can once again safely gather for in-person worship.

As we gather together again we must not lose sight of the fact that we are still living in the midst of a deadly pandemic. Our Christian witness calls us to love one another and in this context that means taking precautions to limit the spread of the virus even if we have been fully vaccinated — even if those precautions seem a bit excessive.

When you return to the church you must wear a mask that covers both your mouth and your nose whenever inside the building and also maintain social distancing. A drop box will be available for your offering to avoid passing around a plate. Communion will be taken using individual pre-packaged elements. There will be no choir or congregational singing; in its place the hymns will be sung by a congregational representative.

At this time no one can accurately predict the future the effects this virus, or its variants, will have on our community. The church council is keeping a close watch on the patterns this virus is taking with a priority on maintaining a safe environment for the health of all who worship here. When the grip of the coronavirus loosens, restrictions on our worship life will be relaxed. In the case of a resurgence of the virus further restrictions to protect your health and the health of all who come to the church will be enacted. This may again include the temporary suspension of in-person worship. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these unprecedented times.

One thing I have learned through this pandemic is how precious it is to be able to gather together for worship. It's not just nice—it's vital for our mental, emotional and spiritual health. The church is more than a building. It is more than just participating in various activities. At the heart of the church are people and personal meaningful interactions with others who value worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I understand that virtual communication is necessary in a pandemic but it is no substitute for real flesh-and-blood, face-to-face, interactions. Perhaps, just perhaps, God came to this realization long before I did which is why he sent his Son to be among us in human form.

If you feel comfortable coming back to church for worship I look forward to seeing you there. If this is not the right time for you to return I and your church family understand and fully support your decision. Know that all those who present...in-person and those who are not yet ready to take that step...are all equally a vital part of our Christian witness.

Finally, I urge you all to go outside as often as you can to enjoy the beauty of God's wonderful creation during this beautiful month of May.

Pastor Larry

“In-Person” Worship Services resume on April 25th at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

On April 8th, the Council voted to resume “in-person” worship services on April 25th. All related activities continue suspended until further notice. If you feel comfortable, please plan to attend worship services. Hymns and liturgical responses will be sung/spoken by a congregational representative, not the congregation. Please place your offering in the plates at the entrance and exit doors. Any questions may be directed to Carol Troxell at carol.troxell@gmail.com or (540) 294-1559.

PVELC Survey Results

In April, the PVELC Council conducted an email survey to determine congregational readiness and safety in returning to “in-person” worship. 48 email surveys were sent out and 36 surveys were completed/returned. The completed surveys included a total of 62 persons ages 16 and older and 2 children under the age of 16 years. Everyone indicated they were ready to return to “in-person” worship; five of the 62 persons surveyed were comfortable returning to outdoor worship services only. 53 persons indicated they were fully vaccinated, had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose or had a scheduled appointment to receive the vaccine. Survey results indicated 100% of responding persons were ready/comfortable returning to some form of “in-person” worship and 85% of the responding persons had received or were scheduled to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This survey was an important resource for the church council's decision to resume in-person Sunday worship services beginning on Sunday, April 25th. We are still in the midst of a persistent pandemic so precautions (I.e., social distancing, mask wearing, taking temperatures, etc.) will be maintained during our worship times for everyone's safety. The weekly emails from the church will continue throughout the pandemic for those not yet comfortable with returning to worship in person.

May Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections”

Change for Hope Outreach Contributions: The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collections:

- Sunday, May 16 and May 30 General Outreach

Within PVELC’s approved 2021 budget, our Congregation has agreed to annually support the Virginia Synod (benevolence), Weekday Religious Education, the Valley Mission, SACRA, the Augusta Free Clinic, and the Verona Community Food Pantry. May’s “Red Bucket” collections will assist in reaching our 2021 Congregational commitment to these agencies.

April 25 - Giving Tree Dedication: As you know, the original giving tree planted several years ago was not growing properly. A Yoshino Cherry has been planted near the cemetery wall. Thanks to the committee: Sue Cook, Dennis Hastert, and Kenneth Leach. Thank you, Dennis for planting the tree. Thank you to Village Garden Center for donating the tree. A dedication for this tree will occur as part of our Worship Service on April 25.



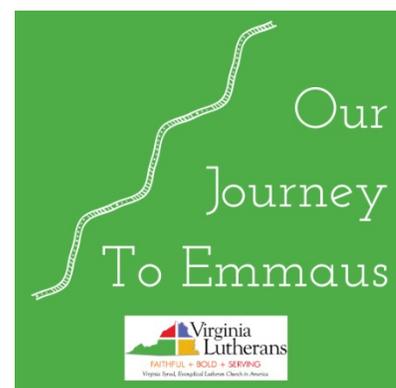
Thursday, May 6: Council Meeting (in-person) @ 6:30 p.m.: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for in-person worship services and overseeing the operation of our church. If you have suggestions or questions for the Council’s consideration, please submit them to Carol Troxell (preferably in writing) no later than May 3. Email to carol.troxell@gmail.com

May 2 – June 13: Our Journey to Emmaus

From the VA Synod: All ages are invited into a synod-wide faith formation experience: Our Journey to Emmaus.

Participants will engage the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24) in seven movements over seven Sundays beginning on May 2. Each weekly email will have a portion of the story, reflections for all ages, and movement activities for all types of bodies. You can sign up for weekly emails by registering using the link below. If you have questions, please contact **Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick** (bayerderrick@vasynod.org).

To register: [Our Journey to Emmaus Registration \(google.com\)](#)



May 9, Mother's Day: This is a special day to honor all mothers and motherhood. The carnation means **fascination, distinction, and love**. According to a Christian legend, carnations grew from the Virgin Mary's tears as she watched Jesus carry the cross. This is how they became associated with motherly love. A pink carnation signifies a mother's undying love. **Happy Mother's Day!**



May 13, Ascension of our Lord: The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day. This day commemorates the bodily Ascension of the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, into Heaven. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension. It is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter.



May 23, Pentecost: As Christians, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus Christ and recognize the day the church was established. We honor the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



May 31, Memorial Day: This federal holiday commemorates those who died while in the line of duty in military service to our country. Flags will be placed in the Pleasant View Cemetery for those with military markers. If you would like to commemorate a family member, please submit their name to Linda Page, Council Secretary, and they will be listed in the May 30 bulletin. Thanks.



May 19-June 1: Pastor Larry will be on a well-deserved vacation.

- May 23: Sermon provided by Virginia Synod and supplemented with celebration of Families (honoring Mother's Day and Father's Day).
- May 30: Sermon provided by Virginia Synod and supplemented with commemoration of those who died during military service.

Saturday, June 12, 4-6 p.m.: The **Virginia Synod Youth Assembly**, planned and led by the Virginia Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Board, will be on Saturday, June 12, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It will be held online via Zoom. All Virginia Synod Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. There is no charge for participants. Registration is online only. To register as a participant for Youth Assembly, use this link: [Virginia Synod ELCA Online Youth Assembly - June 12, 2021 - 4:00-6:00pm \(google.com\)](https://www.vsynod.org/online-youth-assembly-june-12-2021)

Main Floor Restroom Project: The ADA compliant restroom has been completed on the Main Floor of the Parish Hall by Randy Sutler, Contractor. This project was fully funded in 2019 with donations at an estimated cost of \$8,000. The entire footprint of the restroom has been redesigned to accommodate one handicap compliant commode, roll-under sink, supply closet, and electric wall heater. Thanks to everyone involved in refurbishing the completed project.

PVELC Contributions: Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, P.O. Box 346, Verona, VA 24482.** If you wish a contribution designated to a special fund (e.g., Outreach, HVAC, Change for Hope request), please make a note in the memo section of your check or include a note along with the contribution. Thank you for your ongoing support of PVELC.

Formation at Home (Online Worship Opportunities)

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church: search website and Facebook posts:

<http://www.pvelc.org/>

[Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

Thank you to Michael Vayvada (website) and to Mary Garber (Facebook) for maintaining and updating these PVELC websites. Just click on the links above.

ELCA: www.elca.org

ELCA news releases are detailed accounts describing events and ministries of the ELCA.

[News Releases - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](#)

Virginia Synod: vasynod.org/resources/pulpit-supply.

Apr 18: [Gospel Reading and Sermon by The Rev. Anders Nilsen for Easter Day 3b - YouTube](#)

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg; Pastors Lauren Eanes and Alex Zuber.

Apr 18: [Third Sunday of Easter Wellstream Worship at Muhlenberg - YouTube](#) (worship service);

[Share the Sermon! "Welcome Resurrection", Sermon for 4/18/2021 - YouTube](#) (sermon only)

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Sidney; Pastor Derek Boggs.

Apr 18: [Worship Service 4/18/21 - Third Sunday in Easter - YouTube](#)

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#) Or you may select the "Daily Grace from Women of ELCA" app.

PVELC Communications: If you need a pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Larry via phone or email. If you have issues for the Church Council, please contact Carol Troxell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please contact Stephen Dickerson. To initiate a prayer chain request or to be included in the prayer chain communications, please contact Linda Page.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Etc. A plastic bin containing these materials is placed outside at the Parish Hall door. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page. The “Word in Season” for April, May, and June is available.

From Pastor Larry: Sunday Gospel reflections; Midweek reflections
 Sunday Bulletin; Announcements; Roots and Wings; Spark Bulletin
 Devotion Materials: “Word in Season” and “Living Lutheran”

Communion – special circumstances: On an individual or a couple basis, limited at-home communion (on your porch or patio) may be administered by Pastor Larry or Sue Cook. If you are interested, please contact them via email or telephone.

Staying in Touch – Holidays, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thinking of You: Please take time to send a note of encouragement to one another, make a phone call, send a text message, post a social media message, light a candle, donate to a charity serving those in distress, and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world. To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via text or phone.

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via phone or phone at 540-294-6596; email lindalinkpage@comcast.net. In addition, refer to the “Our Prayers” section of the Announcements.



Congratulations to **Ashby and Phil Dixon** who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, April 17.



Kenneth Price – May 11



Gary & Mary Roudabush	4/27/1986 (35 years)
Duane & Rebecca Perrin	4/30/2011 (10 years)
Wayne & Diane Hizer	5/24/1991 (30 years)
Charles & Helen Marie Leach	5/26/1961 (60 years)
David & Stephanie Jetton	5/27/2001 (20 years)
Kenneth & Joe Price	5/30/1954 (57 years)



Evangelism Committee (Mary Garber): Thank you to this Committee for the Easter pouches that included the Holy Land olive wood prayer palm cross. Also, thank you for providing the Easter goodie bags for our youth and for our homebound members.



In Memoriam

Please keep the family and friends of this faithful servant in your prayers.

4.15 Freda (Wolfe) Hite, mother and mother-in-law of Robert and Carolyn (Link) Hite.

Entering the Church (other than Worship Services): If you need to be in the building, please use the Main Hall entrance. Please wear a mask and observe a six-foot physical distance. Sign-in "tracking" documents are in the Main Hall and in the Social Hall. Please sign in and note the applicable rooms visited.



The **Virginia Synod Assembly** will be held on-line for 2021 and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 12th. This year's theme comes from, *We have boldness and confident access to God by way of Christ's faithfulness.* (Ephesians 3.12 NET) God is bold – gifting us each with grace and making us servants of the gospel. Pleasant View may send two voting members to the Annual Assembly. Standard registration is \$65 through May 12th. The registration fee will be paid by the church. If you are interested in representing our Congregation, please contact Carol Troxell (carol.troxell@gmail.com) for additional information.

Friday, April 30: Arbor Day In 2021, Arbor Day will be the start of a year-long celebration leading up to the 150th anniversary.

Arbor Day is a secular day of observance in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Arbor Day was founded in 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska. The customary observance is to plant a tree. On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted. SOURCE: wiki

Replace trees that have died. Plant a commemorative tree.



CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT
Weekly COVID-19 Newsletter - Update (excerpts)
April 19, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Schedule Your Vaccine Appointment TODAY: All Virginians ages 16+ are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Here is how you can get the vaccine in the Central Shenandoah Health District (CSHD):

- Visit vaccineappointments.virginia.gov to make an appointment for a CSHD clinic. You can find clinics in our health district by using your zip code to search for appointments. CSHD will no longer be posting available clinics on our website.
- Visit vaccinefinder.org and use your zip code to find appointments at local pharmacies and healthcare providers.
- Visit vaccinate.augustahealth.com to make an appointment at Augusta Health. These appointments are available to those ages 16+ who live, work, or go to school in the Central Shenandoah Health District.

Community members eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1a, 1b, and 1c are encouraged to continue to pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine at vaccinate.virginia.gov.

Prevention Reminders: Let's work together to stop the COVID-19 variants from spreading! We need to continue to take preventative measures, even if you are fully vaccinated.

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6ft away from others
- Avoid crowded areas
- Sign up for your free COVID-19 vaccine
- Follow the [CDC guidance for fully vaccinated individuals*](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0415-covid-19-vaccine.html)

*You are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your second dose in a 2-dose series (Moderna and Pfizer) and 2 weeks after received a single dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA

Minutes –April 13, 2021

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at church. Due to Covid-19 issues, and church activities have been cancelled, we asked council for permission to meet today. Those present were: Goldie Shiflett, Carol Troxell, Rosemary Spell, Becci Page, Jo Cline, Wanda Bowers, Sue Cook and Linda Page. Goldie opened the meeting with devotions from Psalm 135 and prayer.

Purpose of WELCA: Goldie presented the “Purpose” of WELCA: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world. We read this purpose together.

Minutes: Linda read the 2020 Yearly Report that has been posted in the PV Yearly Report which will be passed out at our congregational meeting once we return to in-person worship. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Cook reported we have \$807.99 in our treasure. Since we only met a couple times in 2020 due to Covid-19 and couldn't take offerings each month, Sue sent \$50 to VA Synod WELCA for our yearly ½ offering. Our Blanket Offering for 2020 was \$368. Thank Offering was \$606 for which we received a thank you note. Our Love Offering is sent at the time of the yearly convention. Since the convention was cancelled in 2020, no Love Offering was sent in.

Election of Officers: Current officers agreed to serve for 2021: Goldie Shiflett, President, Becci Page, Vice President, Sue Cook, Treasurer and Linda Page, Secretary. Rosemary made a motion that we accept officers as they are now and it was seconded by Wanda. Motion passed.

Southern Valley WELCA: Rosemary reported there are no SVWELCA activities this year. The 33rd. Annual VA Synodical Women's Organization Convention has been cancelled and the Triennial Convention scheduled for last year in Arizona has been re-scheduled for 2023.

Current Shut-in-List: Goldie passed out an updated shut-in list. Becci reported that the Easter Bags the Evangelism Committee fixed for our shut-in's, have been delivered.

Program Schedule for the rest of 2021: Due to Covid-19 this schedule is tentative. Rosemary went to the JMU Arboretum and thought a tour of that would be nice and they have a labyrinth, but she said parking was terrible and there would be too much walking. We discussed other possibilities too and decided on the follow schedule:

May: We will not meet

June: Visit Shut-in's ***

July: Tour White Oak Lavender Farm/Purple Wolfe Winery

August: Rosemary Spell will have a program

September: Projects-Comfort Care and New Directions

October: Blanket Drive/Red Bucket

November: Becci Page, Thank Offering Program

December: Visit Shut-in's and take them a Christmas Gift.

*** Shut In Visits:

Gladys Fockler-Linda and Becci Page

Tom and Betty Cox-Sue Cook

Jackie and Connie Quick- Wanda Bowers

Linda Zullig- Carol Troxell

Bill and Mary Tueting-Rosemary Spell

Michael Thompson-Goldie Shiflett

Bill and Janet Braithwaite-Jo Cline

Kenneth and Alma Landes-Debbie Hastert

Thank You Notes: We received Thank You Notes from Church World Services for blanket money, one for our Thank Offering and one from New Directions for the donation of 15 Welcome Kits for their clients.

Goldie dismissed our meeting with all of us praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next WELCA meeting is Tuesday, July 13 to tour White Oak Lavender Farm/Purple Wolfe Winery. This is tentative depending on setting up a tour and Covid-19 situation at that time. Final plans will be posted in the bulletins and Newsletter.

Linda Page
Secretary

Our Prayers

For the good of the church: Our bishops, Elizabeth and Robert, and all pastors.

For those serving on military active duty: Chapman Toman and Alex Rankin

For our healthcare and safety members and friends: Leslie Adkins, Andy Bunch, Jennifer Cline, Rebecca Coffin, Alex & Nathan Hall, Courtney Johnson, Frances & John Knott, Kegan Knott, Naomi Knott, Dr. Timothy Landes, Amy Moyers, Casey Parady, Karen Quick, Lisa Rankin, Thomas Ratcliff, Beth Sheets, Susan St Clair, Kimberley Toman, Forester Wright, Hunter Wright, Dustin Wright, Dean Zullig, and others.

For healing and recovery: Linda Zullig, Bill Braithwaite, Betty Cox, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Wanda Bowers, Duane Perrin, Tina Carrillo, Frances Knott, David Whedbee and Carolyn Cox

For our friends and neighbors: **Rette Cline**, friend of Rosemary Spell; **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Emily Simmons**, grandmother of Laurel and Zane Simmons; **Dottie Hall**, sister of Jim Sheets; **Virginia Roudabush**, mother of Gary Roudabush; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jimmy and Carolyn Cox; **Lynda Midgett**, cousin of Joe Price; **Susan Wimmer**, friend of Joe Price; **Michael Suter**, nephew of Bill Braithwaite; **Jim Crapp**, stepfather of Jimmy Cox

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Property: John Knott 430-3005; Forester Wright 337-6408

Worship and Music: Gary Flavin 885-8479; Linda Page 885-0539

Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 245-0144

May Birthdays

Michael Adkins	5/2
Joshua Richter	5/2
Susan Wright	5/2
Sam Burns	5/3
Roger McKay	5/5
Kenny Jordan	5/8
Mary Roudabush	5/9
Tammy Cox	5/10
Kenneth Price	5/11
Stephanie Hensley	5/20
David King	5/20
Thomas Ratcliffe	5/20
Gottfried Pikel	5/21
Larry Landes	5/22
Burke Simmons	5/22
Wayne Heizer	5/23
Aiden Ashman	5/27
Steve Quick	5/28
David Taylor	5/29
Linda Page	5/30
Peggy Knott	5/31

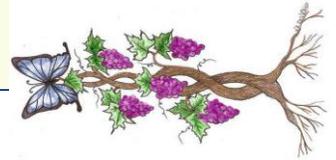
May Anniversaries

Mark & Jennifer Cline	5/11/2012
Rick & Karen Fauber	5/22/2004
Wayne & Diane Hizer	5/24/1991
David & Stephanie Jetton	5/27/2001
Kenneth & Joe Price	5/30/1954



May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	ROOTS AND WINGS VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA VOL 13, ISSUE 5 MAY 2021					
2 Read John 15:1-8	3 Nat'l Two Different Colored Shoes Day Today's a crazy day! Have fun by wearing two different colored shoes.	4 Nat'l Teacher Day Using coloring supplies, make your teacher a card to thank them for helping you to learn.	5 On this day in 1961, Alan Shepherd became the first American in space. Find more about this astronaut and his mission on the internet.	6 Mother's day is coming soon! Today, take time to create something special for Mom or someone who is like a Mom to you. Write a song, a poem, or draw a picture.	7 Composer Johannes Brahms birthday. With the help of a grown-up, find some music composed by Brahms. His lullaby might sound familiar to you.	1 Kentucky Derby Day Break out your best hat and watch the races today!
9 Mother's Day Read John 15:9-17	10 Clean Your Room Day Your grown-ups think that this holiday should be celebrated every day! So make sure you clean your room extra well today!	11 Eat What You Want Day With your grown-up's permission, eat lunch for breakfast, pig out on junk food, or enjoy a meal at your favorite restaurant together as a family.	12 Nat'l School Nurse Day Make sure to take time out of your school day to say thank you to the one who cares for us while we are at school. Make a card or bring in a special treat.	13 Jesus' love fills us with joy! In your family devotions tonight, talk about ways that you experience the joy of the love of Jesus every day.	14 Nat'l Chicken Dance Day Google the Chicken Dance and learn how to do these cool moves. It's a great way to have fun with the family.	15 Nat'l Chocolate Chip Day Today's a great day for some family baking. Whip up a batch of cookies and share them with the neighborhood.
16 Read John 17:6-19	17 Jesus prays for God to make us holy as we learn from God's Word. Discuss with your family how God's Word helps us to be holy.	18 Intern'l Museum Day By the magic of Google, we can choose any museum we'd like to see. With the help of a grown-up, take a virtual trip to see MOMA or Le Louvre.	19 Turn Beauty Inside Out Day The love we have in our hearts shines on our outsides. Today, do an unexpected deed of kindness.	20 World Bee Day Did you know there are more than 20,000 different kinds of bees? What other fun facts can you find about our buzzing buddies?	21 Nat'l Pizza Party Day Tonight for dinner, order out or make pizzas together. What's your favorite topping?	22
23 Pentecost Read John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	24 Brother's Day Do you have a brother or someone who is like a brother to you? Today, be extra kind, do one of their chores or make them a card to remind them that they are special.	25 World Breakfast for Dinner Day Eggs, Toast, and BACON! Tonight, help make a fancy feast.	26 World Otter Day Otters have two layers of fur to keep warm. With the help of an adult, google some more fun facts about these cute creatures.	27 Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to remind us of what He said and did. In your family devotions tonight, share what you remember about the life of Jesus.	28 Nat'l Hamburger Day It's time to help your grown-up fire up the grill and throw on some burgers for dinner.	29 Intern'l Jazz Day Tonight, take time as a family to YouTube some famous Jazz musicians.
30 Read John 3:1-17	31 Memorial Day Today we remember military service members who died in the line of duty. In your family devotions, say a prayer for their families.					



May Memory Verse: Proverbs 4:23- Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

May Table Prayer: God, help my light to shine as bright as the noonday sun. To walk in your ways, to bring others hope, and share your love with everyone. Amen.