

Last chance to vote—help make a difference!

Time is running out! If you are a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans age 16 or older, you can help choose where to direct \$1 million in Thrivent Financial charitable outreach funds through Thrivent Financial's new Thrivent Choice™ program.

Vote today and help make a big impact

If you haven't voted yet, please vote for one of 10 Lutheran and non-Lutheran national charities, or choose the Thrivent Financial Should Select option. It's quick and easy to do. Each organization will receive a portion of the \$1 million, based on the percentage of votes it receives.

- ELCA World Hunger
- LCMS World Mission
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care
- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Lutheran Malaria Initiative
- WELS Committee on Relief
- WELS Humanitarian Aid Committee
- American Heart Association
- Feed My Starving Children
- Habitat for Humanity
- Thrivent Financial Should Select*

Voting deadline is May 21!

Learn about these organizations and cast your vote today at Thrivent.com/choicevote. Or complete the reply card found in the spring issue of *Thrivent*® magazine.

\$1 million bonus—spread the news!

If you've already voted, thank you! Now, please ask another Thrivent Financial member to vote. If more than 350,000 members vote, Thrivent Financial will distribute a bonus \$1 million to these national charities.

* If you choose the Thrivent Financial Should Select option, Thrivent Financial will use these funds to help the organizations aid individuals and communities in need.

Participating in Voting Events is subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice™ program and if you participate in any Voting Events, this means you agree to the Terms and Conditions. Visit Thrivent.com/choicevote for details.

Any Thrivent member needing assistance or having any question on how to vote please contact Joanna Miller-Ash, Congregational Service Team Director at 926-2625 or 444-0033 please leave a message if unavailable.



ATTENDANCE	<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Last week	5/9/2010	118	61
Last year	5/10/2009	163	74

PRAYER LIST MAY 16-22

HOSPITALIZED: Roger Duckett

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Dave Adams, Roger Duckett, Charlie Fisher, Faye Glessner, Rosalind Harkcom, Kevin Lowery, Helen Weigle, Lynn Walker, Doris Whipkey, George Wisler

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES: Ray Adams, Trudy Baker, Florence Engleka, Isabelle Gonger, Ella Hittie, Catherine Maust, Louise Ream

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Jodi Abramowich, Janet Alvares, Ed Berkebile, LCpl. Bob Bittner, Brian Bittner, Cpl. Chad Bittner, Krista Bonus, SGT Bryan Brant, Sarah Carlsen, Cpt. Aaron Chonko, SSGT Anson Chonko, Charlotte Chonko & family, Cpl. Eric D'Carrion, 1st Lt. Robert Dickey, Deborah Dilbon, Bob Ewing, Bill Farber, Ryan Ferre, Cpt. Brian Fisher, Elaine Franklin, David Fullard, CPO Carrie Gardner, SSG Aaron George, SSGT Jason Gerber, Jean Gerber, Alexzandra Gonzales, SSG Ron Helm, Travis Hummel (USAF), Major Travis Ingrodi (Afghanistan), A.F., Gerald & Mary Johnson, Fred Leister, Cpt. James Leister, Linda Leverknight, Dennis Macgregor, Andrea Moore, Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Moore, Grace O'Gara, The Ohler Family, Betty Cpt. John Paxton, Cpt. Cory Petro (Afghanistan), The Pribelsky Family, Alice Scheferston, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Matthew Spear, A1C Steven Spear, Kim Stayrook, Terry Stayrook, Amy Svonavec, Michael Yeager

PRAYER LIST POLICY

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list.

We will keep names on the prayer list for one (1) month, unless we know the person is still ill because they are a member of our congregation or whoever put them on the prayer list calls to keep them on.

***OPENING HYMN:** 186 "The Church's One Foundation"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON (10:40 AM) Lee Woida

ANTHEM: Joyful Noise

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:16-34 (p.719 in pew Bible; p.1595 in large-print Bible; p.1343 in Christmas edition)

PSALM 97 [Sung in Unison]

The LORD reigns; let the¹ earth rejoice;

let the multitude of the¹ isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness sur-¹ round the LORD,

righteousness and justice are the foundations¹ of God's throne.

Fire goes be-¹ fore the LORD,

burning up enemies on¹ every side.

Lightnings light¹ up the world;

the earth¹ sees and trembles.

The mountains¹ melt like wax

before the LORD of¹ all the earth.

The heavens declare your righteous-¹ness, O LORD,

and all the peoples¹ see your glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight¹ in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD,¹ all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju-¹dah rejoice,

because of your judg-¹ments, O LORD.

For you are the LORD, most high over¹ all the earth;

you are exalted far a-¹bove all gods.

You who love the¹ LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints

and rescues them from the hand¹ of the wicked.

Light dawns¹ for the righteous,

and joy for the hon-¹est of heart.

Rejoice in the¹ LORD, you righteous,

and give thanks to God's ¹ holy name.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21 (p.808 in pew Bible; p.1777 in large-print Bible; p.1528 in Christmas edition)

***GOSPEL: John 17:20–26** (p.702 in pew Bible; p.1552 in large-print Bible; p.1308 in Christmas edition)

SERMON: “Confirmed in the Truth”

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** 236 “Amazing Grace”

***APOSTLES' CREED (8 AM ONLY)**

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the Third Day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the Living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & PRAYERS (10:40 AM)

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: Kylie Froehlich, Brianna Leydig, Logan McKenzie, Emily Philip, Mitchell Walker, Wade Walker

P Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God’s people. You have learned from his Word God’s loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been (nourished at his holy table and) called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin. and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY:**
 - 8:00 AM** Worship
 - 9:30 AM** Sunday school
 - 10:40 AM** Worship and Confirmation
 - 7:00 PM** Uncommon Life
- TUESDAY:**
 - 9:00 AM** Quilters & Knotters
 - 7:00 PM** Beth Moore Bible Study
 - 7:00 PM** Compassionate Visitors & Homebound Comm.
- WEDNESDAY:**
 - 6:30 PM** Senior Choir
 - 7:30 PM** Adult Bells
- SUNDAY:**
 - 8:00 AM** Worship & Healing Sunday
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 - 10:40 AM** Worship & Healing Sunday
 - 7:00 PM** Uncommon Life

	<u>Need Per Week</u>	<u>Received Last Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Current	\$2,579.35	\$2,215.00	5/9 - 118
Benevolence	\$322.43	\$424.00	5/2 - 150
Building	\$920.77	\$471.50	4/25 - 114

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

- USHERS:**
 - 8:00 AM** Jay & Emily Berkey
 - 10:40 AM** Bill & Shirley Riley
- LECTOR:**
 - 8:00 AM** Sandy Shober
 - 10:40 AM** Christine Blubaugh
- ACOLYTE:**
 - 8:00 AM** Kane McKenzie
 - 10:40 AM** Jessica Leydig
- NURSERY:** **10:40 AM** Tracey, Daria, Emil & Estera Kiesnowski

- The next meeting of the Homebound Communion Committee and Compassionate Visitors will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18.
- The Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery Memorial Service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 30. The cemetery is located at the intersection of Route 31 and Glen Savage Road in Allegheny Township.
- The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.
- On Sunday, June 6, we will hold a steeple dedication service at 10 a.m. There will NOT be an 8 a.m. service that day.
- Following the steeple dedication service on Sunday, June 6 there will a chicken BBQ luncheon in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Youth. We are asking for donations with fruit and desserts. All other side dishes will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. So that we barbecue enough chicken we are asking that you please take a ticket from the basket on the back windowsill by May 30. Please take one ticket for every person dining. This will allow us to have a correct count for the number of chickens we will be barbecuing. The luncheon is a free will donation.
- If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, technical school or college this spring, please let us know at the Church Office at 267-5014, or e-mail us at htelc@verizon.net. We will be honoring all of our graduates during a special worship service in June.
- There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for spring cleaning -- both workers and those needing work done. For more information, call Jeff Moore at 267-5703.
- We will hold a special Healing Sunday on Pentecost, May 23. Bob & Ro-mayne Harkcom will speak about God's miraculous healing hand in their lives, and after the services they will sign copies of their book. On that day books will be available, and all the Harkcoms ask is a donation to the Steeple Fund.
- The next Confirmation class will be held Saturday, May 29. All students in grades 7-9 are welcome to attend. For more information call Jeff Moore at 267-5703.
- The Berlin Sidewalk and Yard Sale will be held July 10. Spaces will be available along Main Street for \$20, or you can have your own yard sale. To reserve a space, call Christine Blubaugh at 267-5183.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

R I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in you mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our lord.

C Amen.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn.

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P Let us pray. Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Kylie, Brianna, Logan, Emily, Mitchell and Wade the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in *his/herserving*, give *him/her* patience insuffering, and bring *him/her* to everlasting life.

C Amen.

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING: Debbie Fogle & Lorraine Woida

***DOXOLOGY** (*inside cover of hymnal*)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One-in-Three, tear down the walls that divide your church and make us one. Fill us with the grace of the risen Christ to make your name known to all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Enlighten our earth darkened by natural disasters, pollution, and violence. Bring water to lands where there is drought, sun where there is flood, and peace where there is war. Lord, in your mercy,

Let your love be known to all those who have been attacked, beaten, or imprisoned. Guide all police, judges, lawyers, and prison guards in the ways of justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Unfasten the chains of those who are captive to addictions or disease (*especially*). Watch over all caregivers, and give rest to the dying, especially those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

Renew the downtrodden in this assembly; energize the old among us; and instruct the young. Help us make use of our diverse gifts, that we might glorify you in many ways. Lord, in your mercy,

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, our beginning and our end, we remember with thanksgiving all the departed saints gathered around the tree of life, whose witness sustains us. Lord, in your mercy,

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***COMMISSION & BLESSING**

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** 380 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS AND PSALM

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of her son Edward, Lorraine Woida's brother, by Lenora Virtue.
- Today at the 10:40 a.m. service members of our youth will be confirmed in their faith. This is a significant step in their journey of faith and we pray for these young people that our Lord will help them keep the vows they make this day.