

# Helmar Heartlines



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### FROM THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK....

We have just concluded a week of weeks. Holy week is a very significant time in the life of the Christian church. We had three services, each one unique, which complemented the others. On Thursday we had the Lord's Supper. Those of you who were here know it was a bit different from our regular communion services. Yet, it was very meaningful to us who participated. Then we had the service of the Cross for Good Friday. We went back to see just what was finished when Jesus sacrificed His life and died for us. Of course, on Sunday we thrilled to the message of Resurrection and life in Christ. Because He lives those who are trusting in Him live as well, for time and eternity! Praise God!

In the early church, these three services were called the *triduum*. This meant that the three go together in one package as it were. That is why we have three services in holy week. It is interesting that many churches have discontinued the Thursday and sometimes even the Friday services as well. The thinking must be that they can celebrate the Resurrection without the other services. And, they can. But I am convinced that churches miss out on the *best preparation* for Resurrection Sunday by omitting Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

I am concerned that increasingly churches will abandon the first two services in anticipation of the third. And, that will be a great loss! I know that attendance on Thursday is much less than on Resurrection Sunday. But that should not dampen our commitment to a full schedule of services. Our aim is to worship and praise the Lord



for all He has done for us. And, just one service isn't enough!

Thanking the Lord for you,  
Pastor Steve



Dan and Linda Hanback will be hosting a summer, small group Bible Study in their home in Yorkville, beginning Wednesday, June 1st at 7pm. All ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Linda to help them plan or if you have any questions.



The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5. In observance, Helmar will be having a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm in the basement. Other ways to observe the day will be shared on Wednesday. Thank you!

### Worship Choir News

For the 175th Anniversary celebration we plan to sing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" on June 12, during the Sunday morning service in the sanctuary. Rehearsals will be Sunday, May 29 at 4pm in the basement and Sunday, June 5 at 4pm in the sanctuary. Bring a friend and let's have a big turnout!

## Birthdays and \*Anniversaries For MAY

We have updated our birthday and anniversary list to include active members and non-members, homebound, military and those requesting to be on.

### May 1

Linda Mathre

### May 5

Matt & Lisa Greven\*

Tom Mathre

### May 11

Joyce Johnson

### May 12

John Wayne

### May 14

Jerry Allen

Rose Butts

### May 15

Vivian Allen

Steve & Kim Eisnaugle\*

Tom Mathre, Jr.

### May 16

Graeson Sucher

### May 17

Pam Boe

Zemed Swenson

### May 18

Steve Bazan

David Braund

### May 19

AnnMarie Kobler

Sandra Vogen

### May 21

Debbie Keigher

Nancy Thompson

### May 24

Linda Hanback

Kaitlyn O'Malley

### May 25

Tom & Beth Adams\*

### May 28

Bruce Meyer

John Swenson

### May 29

Timothy Braund

Kynsey Cryder

Stan Osmond

### May 30

Niki Sucher

### May 31

Dana Cryder

Al Spera

### **BLESSED IS THE MOTHER...**

Who can hold onto her children while letting them go

Who puts a tranquil home ahead of an immaculate house

Who knows a kind at will be remembered longer than an easy word

Who really believe that prayer changes things

Whose faith in the future sweetens the present

Whose Bible never needs dusting

Whose sense of humor is alive and well.



## Confirmation

Please pray for the following Confirmation students as they confess their faith in Jesus on May 15th during the worship service. Alex Crawford, Hannah Greven and Sam Niles.

## 175th Anniversary Celebration Saturday & Sunday, June 11 and 12

### Saturday-

5pm—Potluck Dinner

7pm- Evening Service, Video Greeting by Pastor Robert Lee, Speaker-Pastor Gary Maxwell

### Sunday-

9am- Church Photo taken in FLC

10am- Service with Pastor Lyndon Korhonen, President, AFLC

2pm- Afternoon Service

Speakers- Pastor Jeff Swanson and Pastor James Molstre

\*More information will be coming in the bulletin by the end of May. Check bulletin board.

### *Memorial Day*

He can't come home,  
He's gone on home,  
He fell on foreign sod;  
He heard the call,  
He gave his all  
For country, home and God.

He can't come home,  
He's gone on home.  
Where war clouds never rise,  
His day is done,  
New life begun  
In lovely Paradise.

He can't come home,  
He's gone on home,  
Where foxholes are no more.  
No anguish now,  
No fevered brow  
He's safe forevermore.

He can't come home,  
He's gone on home,  
Dear lad, so young, so fair;  
God's will is best—in Him we rest  
Until we meet up there.

### *Unite*

A single firefly makes little show,  
But it goes on giving its spark,  
And when many act in union,  
They really light up the dark!

If you think you're insignificant,  
Don't give in to despair;  
Join with others in doing your best,  
And soon there'll be light everywhere!

## HELMAR FOOD PANTRY

Are you having trouble making ends meet? These are certainly challenging times with gas, food, medicine, and utilities all climbing higher and higher. Whether you're trying to meet your own needs or those of a family, it can be stressful. Helmar Lutheran Food Pantry can help stretch those dollars by offering free food at our distributions twice a month.

We serve the Kendall County area but will never turn anyone away in need of food, no matter your location. Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,..."

Should you, your family or someone you know need food assistance, please come to:

Helmar Lutheran Food Pantry  
11935 Lisbon Road  
Newark, IL 60541

### Distribution\*:

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from 5-7pm and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 3-5pm

Please bring with you the following:

2 proof of residency: Driver's License, State ID, Utility Bill, etc.

1 proof of dependent children: S S Card, Birth Certificate, report card, etc.

Any questions, please call (815)695-5489 and choose Food Pantry option.

\*Distribution may be adjusted near a holiday



**COOKBOOKS** have arrived and will be on sale after church in the FLC lobby. These cookbooks have some tasty recipes. We have prepared a few meals with delicious results. Included in the cookbooks are the church history, a few special photos and over 300+ recipes. Give a cookbook as a gift to family and friends and remember to purchase one for yourself. **The cookbooks are \$10 each.** If issuing a check, please write the check to HLC and in the memo indicate "cookbook". If you are purchasing a group of cookbooks, we can have them ready for you for pick up. Please contact either Linda M. or Tina C. with any large orders or questions.

If you want to buy a cookbook, and you are not in the area to pick it up, please email Linda Mathre at [tomlindamathre@gmail.com](mailto:tomlindamathre@gmail.com) and let Linda know you want to order and give her your complete address for shipping. Then go to either the website or the app and click on the payment link. The cost of the cookbook is \$10 and \$5 is added for shipping. If you want to buy more than one cookbook, you pay for them one at a time. When we see the purchase has been approved we will ship the book to you.

## Attention Bible Campers!!

Our church council has once again approved helping with camp expenses. Your out-of-pocket cost will be \$75 per camper for the week with a cap of \$150 per family. This is a significant savings. Please register by May 1st to avoid the church having to pay the late fee! Contact Kristen M. or Tyler W. so they can coordinate payment through the church. You may register on-line at [fybc.org](http://fybc.org) or pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center at church.

Memorial Day