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The Results are In!!

Church services
will begin at
9:00 am
starting
Sunday, May 8

inflation that is going on, and we can pray about what we are to learn from this new economic situation, and we can pray about, as well as seek wisdom regarding, what we should be doing right now with our hard earned dollars. We don't have control over the weather, and we can control how we celebrate the warm days we do get. We can look for the good in this season—like the fact the rain we've received is filling up our water table and taking some parts of our state out of a drought.

So, as we continue to journey together through our very anxious world, know that we can control how we *respond* to it. And make sure you are taking care of yourself in the middle of it all. Go do things that help bring down your anxiety. For me, I control the amount of time I watch the news in the morning and I pay attention to how the information is causing me to feel on the inside. Once it hits a certain mark of angst, I turn off the news. For me, it means going to one of our county or state parks to walk, sit, and contemplate. It can also mean going for a drive to a place that's beautiful. What do you do? How are you taking care of yourself these days?

Well, Lent is complete and our Praise School year is finished. Soon we will be moving to our 9am summer worship hours, and soon the school year will be done and summer will commence. There is much to look forward to. As we transition into this next season of being God's Faithful together, may we do so with grace and love at the center of it all. Happy Spring!

Blessings and Peace!
Pastor Adam



Hey First Church!

Well, I don't know how you all are doing, but as I sit here in my office looking out at *another* cold, dreary, and rainy day, all I can think about is...

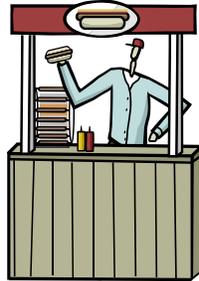
When is spring coming? As in, when will we feel temperatures in at least (or above) the 50s. I mean it is May, finally. Right? Come on Mother Nature, give us a break! Then, as I look ahead into the future. I hear on the news about a more hopeful forecast, for it does look like warmer temps are coming. And so hopefully it will.

And you know what? We all know that warmer days will come. It's just a matter of when. And all of this "waiting" is a gentle reminder that we don't have control over most things in our lives. The only things we can control (and sometimes we can't even control parts of this) is how we respond to all that is going on in our lives. And so, if you are feeling like things are a little crazy these days (and our moment in history sure seems to be anxious), take a step back. Acknowledge that you don't have control over any of it, or at least most of it, take a deep breath, and work on your response to all that is going on in your life and our world.

For example, we don't have control over the war going on in Ukraine, and we do have control over how we respond to that crisis. We can pray about our part to own and take action where we can. We don't have control over the

BRAT STAND

Please save Sunday, July 10, for the brat stand sale this summer. Sign-up sheets will be available closer to the time of the sale. The sale will be at Festival Bellevue next to Menards and will benefit our Youth Mission Team. Come on out and support the efforts of this great mission.



Youth Group News

As I am updating the article for May, I am reminded of all the things that the youth group were not able to do still this year, like visiting our friends at the nursing home. This also brings a smile to my face as we were able to accomplish the most important part of youth group and that is bringing our youth to have a closer relationship with God and to make their faith stronger. We did this by having strong lessons on songs, a couple by Kyle Idleman, some based off movies, but most of all hanging out with each other.

Another year is coming to a close and what an amazing year it was. Thank you to all our volunteers that came out to help in some way for the youth group: Lori Burroughs, Shawn Van Sluys, Allie Loewe and Autumn Lindow.

Summer is coming, and we will be taking time off to enjoy our families and the weather; however, please watch your email, the newsletter, etc. for special events.

May Calendar

For more information on any of these events, go to www.firsttab.org or call the office, 437-4164.

Sun. 1:	8:00 am—Worship 10:15 am—Worship
Tues. 3:	9:00 am—Marketing Meeting 9:30 am—Bible Study
Wed. 4:	6:00 pm—A2J Youth Group
Sun. 8:	9:00 am—Worship—Happy Mother’s Day
Tues. 10:	9:30 am—Bible Study 11:30 am—Friends Who Care
Sun. 15:	9:00 am—Worship—New Member Ceremony
Tues. 17:	9:30 am—Bible Study
Thurs. 19:	5:30 pm—Executive Council
Sun. 22:	9:00 am—Worship
Tues. 24:	9:30 am—Bible Study 5:30 pm—Bible and A Brew
Sun. 29:	9:00 am—Worship
Mon. 30:	OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Al Haass
7	Cameron Kees
9	Gary Truttmann
11	Evan Loewe
15	Elise Manning
17	Dan Derpinghaus
19	Hannah DeGroot
20	Sampson Retzak Krump
21	Marilyn Thaldorf Gabriel Kempf
25	Renae Karman Honnelli Godres
29	Seth Westrich
30	Jac Zich Madelyn Milz

ITEMS TO LOAN

May is the time for graduations and other celebrations. First Church members often borrow tables and cookers during this time of year for their celebrations. All items we have to loan out for members have ID numbers on them. We ask that you record these items with the office. We do this so we know who has the items should we need them in emergencies.

Items available are white fold-in-half tables (5 ft. and 6 ft.), Nesco roasters and coffee air pots. The 30- or 50-cup coffeemakers are available but not numbered. We have saved some of the wooden folding chairs for you to borrow and they are numbered for checkout. We will not be lending out the new chairs.

The loan sheet is in the office. The rules are simple: 1) First come/first served. PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE NOT RESERVED BEFORE YOU TAKE THEM. 2) Return them as soon as you are done with them. 3) Damaged items will need to be replaced.

Contact the office with questions.

BUDGET AS OF

March 31, 2021

INCOME

Anticipated \$58,842.00

Actual \$50,680.61

EXPENSES

Actual \$44,322.57

BIBLE and BREW

Bring your Bible or Bible App and join us at **Village Grille in Allouez** for **BIBLE AND BREW**. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24. You may arrive any time after 5:30 p.m., we will try to eat around 6:00 p.m. We will gather to talk about our faith in a safe, non-judgmental setting. And, God knows, we need a safe place to talk.

If you are new to B & B, each month a focus topic is provided, but we often manage to talk about a range of contemporary topics of interest. As always, you are encouraged to bring your questions and topics—and a friend!



Don't worry, you don't have to eat and share a beverage to join in the fun. We usually conclude around 7:30, but you may join in any time and stay for as long as you wish.

If you have any questions or want to let us know you are in (so we can plan on waiting for everyone to arrive), give the office a call at 920-437-4164.

Lawn Mowing

We will have a schedule soon on the information desk to sign up for mowing this summer. It is our goal to have the grounds looking good for worship on Sunday, so mowing should be done on Fridays or Saturdays. During the dry season, it may not need to be done. You can call the office for more information as to how to get at the mower and what is available for use.



Thank you to all who have helped in the past and welcome to new people who are willing to help in the future.
Building and Grounds