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From The Desk Of Pastor P.

by Pastor Pamela J. Sayre



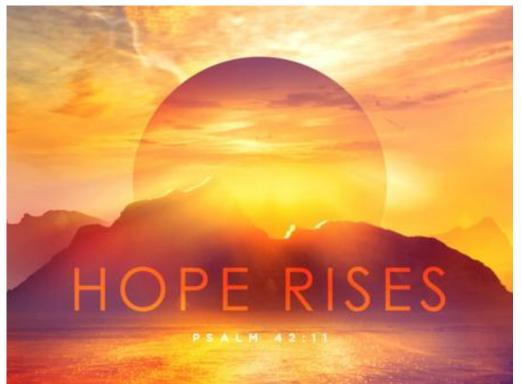
HOPE RISES! HOPE HAS RISEN! The stone has been rolled away! The tomb is empty! Jesus has overcome sin and death and has risen from

the dead! Easter people, raise your voices! Yes, raise your voices and share the Good News! Jesus lives, so HOPE lives!

As a congregation, we have been through much these last few months! And we remain faithful! We remain hopeful and hope-filled! Psalm 42 (NLT) comes to mind: As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him? Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?"

And my heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be: I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration!

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Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of each month.



The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, May 8th at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Program: Tom Ryan will talk about his trip overseas. Menu: chicken salad on croissant, pasta salad, angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream – catered by Janet Majoy. Cost is \$9.00. Please pay in cash the day of the luncheon.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Dee Hartley in person or phone 419-357-8825 by Monday, May 5th.

Confirmation Class

We are getting close to celebrating this part of the Christian journey with our confirmands! Confirmation Sunday coming up on June 1st during the 10:00 a.m. Worship celebration! Lucie and Addi have been doing a great job learning about the works of God,



teachings of Jesus, and the coming, power, and guidance of the Holy Spirit, as well as church history, the liturgical calendar, and how to use their Bibles. There are

just a few sessions remaining on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., during the LIFT program: May 7, 14, 21. Again, Confirmation Sunday is June 1, 2025, during our 10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration with a reception to follow. Please plan to attend to support and encourage our young people!



Pentecost Geraniums

Pentecost is fast approaching! We are accepting monetary donations with which to purchase this year's geraniums.

HUMC Welcome Wagon

Are you interested in using your talents to make others feel welcome at Huron United Methodist Church? If so, we are looking for YOU!!!

Welcome Wagon responsibilities include greeting guests on Sundays, handing out "Welcome Bags", engaging and conversing with someone you haven't seen at HUMC before, running the chair lift, and much more. Please see Dave Wilber or Scott (Drummer) Whitehurst.





Food Pantry Weekend

A reminder: Pantry Weekend is always the third weekend of each month (May 17th/18th), but items may be dropped off anytime the church is open. All donations help those in need in Huron and the surrounding area.

HUMC is accepting egg cartons.

Lighthouse Church/Strategic Planning Team Continues Its Work



If you would like to know more about our work or would like to volunteer to help, please contact any of us: Jenessa Faller, Dave Wilber, Judy Wilber, Scott Whitehurst, Kristin Erney, or Pastor P.



Sunday Morning Worship

We livestream our Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship celebrations to both Facebook and YouTube. Find archived versions on both sites any time. (Videos will be deleted by Facebook after 30 days.) No account is needed to watch! If attending online, please be sure the Cornect Cord!

to let us know – fill out the Connect Card!

Sunday Bulletin/Order Of Worship and announcements are emailed at the end of each week; copies of the sermon at the beginning. If you are not receiving them and would like to, let us know.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We will celebrate our

graduates on Sunday, May 25th during the 10:00 a.m. Worship celebration, followed by a reception. Please be sure we have names of those who are graduating. We would also love to have a picture and a brief "future plans." Please submit this information to the office by May 15th.

Ice Cream Social

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Be sure to mark your calendars for an Ice Cream Social



on Saturday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m. We will be gathering outside, under the tent for a yummy evening of sundaes and fellowship. Feel

free to join us for Saturdays ^(a) 5! worship before this fun evening of fellowship. Please contact Cathi and Chip Houghton if you would like to help with this event.



HUMC Card Connection is coordinated on-line. No meetings to attend. Cards & stamps are supplied. All you need is an email address and a willingness to occasionally write a short note. Email <u>Dixicann@AOL.com</u> (Cathi Dix Houghton), if you would like to join the group. We send 'Thinking of You,' sympathy, thank you, and congratulations cards.



2025 Race At The Rock For Flat Rock Homes

Support of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services right here in Huron on Saturday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. – following Saturdays @ 5! Worship. Pastor P. will provide pizza after our Walk! (The walk at Flat Rock Homes is on May 17, 2025! Check-in opens at 8:00 a.m. on May 17th and closes at 8:45 a.m.. The Walk of Hope will kick off the day at 9:00 a.m.) Registration for the 2025 Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock! (<u>https://</u> flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/)

Huron UMC and Lakewood UMC have teamed up to challenge all the other churches! (Pastor P. must turn in all fundraising dollars before registration closes on the 17th to be counted.)

If you're just registering yourself, this should be a quick process! On the last page of the form, you will fill in everyone's information, including team or church team name (Huron UMC). Please do not forget this step!!!!

HOW TO DONATE ONLY – To the HURON UMC Team: <u>https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?</u> <u>name=E363777&id=7&cfifid=5</u>

LIFT Lite Beginning Soon

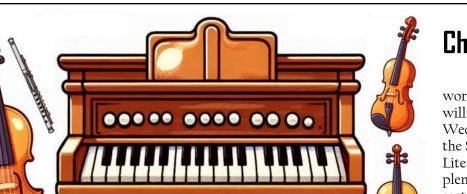
LIFT Lite starts Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. - Woo Hoo!!

LIFT Lite will bridge the gap over the summer months when LIFT is on hiatus. This will be a less formal gathering where we do not break into smaller groups.

We feel very passionately that our LIFT/LIFT Lite programs will strengthen the relationships with the people who attend LIFT/LIFT Lite, encourage members of our church who haven't been to join in the fun happening on Wednesday evenings, inspire attendees to invite their friends, and welcome members of the community to see what HUMC has to offer. Our plan for LIFT Lite is to create a variety of fun-filled evenings: game show night, ga-ga ball night, puzzle night, and movie night.

We are seeking "Hosts" for LIFT Lite. Host duties will include: deciding the evening's activity, setting up the snacks and drinks, cleaning up the kitchen, and taking out the trash. The activity can be as simple as a puzzle night. Snacks will be purchased using the grant money received. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up in the Welcome Center. If there is a particular snack or activity you would like to donate to the LIFT Lite ministry, please contact Jenessa Faller or Pastor P!





New Concert Coming This Month

On Sunday, May 4th, at 3:00 p.m., our organist, Tom Curry, will present a concert entitled "Tom and Friends."

Tom will be assisted by Ron Brooker, violin, Jacob Campbell, violin/viola, Brian Shifflett, cello and Stephanie Opfer, flute.

The string trio, accompanied by Tom, will perform "The Bagatelles" by Dvorak. Jacob and Tom will perform "Lyric Piece" by Grand Rapids Michigan composer, Raymond Haan.

Stephanie and Tom will play themes from the film score "Compassion, I Suppose," by 10-time Emmy award-winning John Kreitler and Rick Snyder.

All are invited and a free will offering will be received. Reception following.

Choir

There are still a number of worship celebrations left in which we will be singing! We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for LIFT or Lift Lite and stay for Choir! There are plenty of robes and we will find you a seat! Come one, come all! It's great fun and you get to sit in some of the best seats in the sanctuary!

Handbell Choir

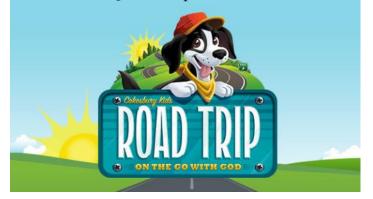
Hey!!! We have room in the Handbell Choir for YOU! Yes, YOU! We rehearse on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in ringing, please contact director Tom Curry! You do not need to have prior experience or any special skills - we will teach you! (You do have to wear gloves!) Don't miss out on all the fun! We also need folks ready and willing to step as a sub for ringers as well!

VBS Registration Is Now Open!

Join your friends this summer at the Huron **Community Vacation Bible** School, Tuesday-Thursday, June 17-19, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 900 South Main Street. VBS is for children who have completed preschool through 3rd grade.



Scan the QR code or phone 419-422-4711.



Donations For Scholarships

Funds for scholarship are accepted year round, but particularly during scholarship season. If you would like to give toward supporting our young men and women on their educational journey,



please make your check payable to HUMC and specify "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Audio/Visual **Team News**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider volunteering to help out up in the sound booth!

Derek and Chris are doing a WONDERFUL job, but they need some assistance (and time off!). We offer free training and deep gratitude! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the Audio/Visual Team!



Notes & Thank Yous

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the Easter breakfasts. It was a fun gathering of around sixty people, children thru adults, members and visitors.

Cathi & Chip

Thanks to the Trustees and everyone who helped with the outside clean-up day!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter Prayer Vigil!

Thanks to Chip & Cathi Houghton for organizing our Easter breakfast and "brunch" and to everyone who helped and brought in food to share!

Thank you to the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir and their directors, Ron Brooker and Tom Curry, for all the beautiful Holy Week music!

Thank you to Kathy Faller, Beth Anne McFarland, and Tom Curry for taking care of flowers and decorations for Easter!

Dear Huron UMC,

On behalf of Flat Rock Homes, I thank you for your ongoing support of Flat Rock. You are a blessing to the men and women we serve and to our staff. God bless you always! Warmly,

Deaconess Sheri Buehl

Meet Our Newest Members – Karen & Sara



▲ Karen Pelley

Karen (Hall) Pelley, 68, of Bellevue, transferred membership from Maple Grove UM in Columbus. After 50 years away, she moved back home last year to be closer to her 90year-old mom and her four siblings. She retired from nursing after 47 years – her last position was at OSU (OH-IO). She is currently working as a substitute teacher and school nurse in the local school district.

Karen is divorced and has two sons who live in Columbus; and a shih -tzu named Gigi. She says, "I look forward to getting to know all of you!"

HUMC Team Updates

Board of Trustees

- Trustees would like to thank everyone that participated in the April 12th clean up of the church and parsonage grounds.
- Classroom doors have recently had locking door knobs installed. This was done to safeguard electronic equipment during events hosted by outside parties.
- The church recently received a mandate from the city to limb up trees on Williams Street and to level sidewalk slabs. Trustees are working on solutions to rectify these items.

Tom Hastings, Trustee Chairperson

▼ Sara O'Neal

Sara is a membership transfer from Trinity UM Church in Sandusky. She and husband, Mike, have been Huron residents since 2015. They have four grown children, 6 grandkids, and 3 great grandkids. She is a retired hospital RN, after working in that profession for over 30 years.

With the maiden name of Wikel, she has ties to Huron – her uncle once owned a dairy on Main Street, and her cousin Bob has Bulk Express on Rte. 13. She enjoys quilting, tending the flowers in her yard, and reading.





Huron United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

"The best use of life is to invest in something that will outlast life."

For Endowment Fund information, please contact any Fund Committee member: Chip Houghton, Carole Dreffer, or Mike Prosser.

Photo Gallery





















Easter Egg Hunt For Children With Special Needs

2025's Easter Egg Hunt for Children with Special Needs was a huge success! We had 23 friends and their families come to celebrate with us on Palm Sunday. There were many repeat families who said their child looks forward to this event year after year! The families start their



visit with us coloring and chatting. Then head into the Fellowship Hall to gather as many Easter eggs as they want. After the children filled their baskets with eggs, they traded them in for a basket filled with faith-based toys and activities. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who help bring this ministry to these wonderful families. Huge WOO HOOs and THANK YOUs to Linda Boos, who

donated stuffed animals for every child, and Barb Ringle, who helped coordinate this inclusive community event.











Decorate A Banner Flag

Pick up a flag in the Welcome Center, decorate both sides and return to church by May 31st for display during our Community Art Exhibition, Saturday & Sunday, June 7th & 8th.

WOO HOO!

Now, as we head into summer, is a great time to share your "church spirit" and enthusiasm with a church t-shirt,

hat, etc.! Check out LuckyStone (right here in Huron!) for a huge selection of wonderful clothing and hat options available for imprint or embroidery with our church logo and/ our "WooHoo"

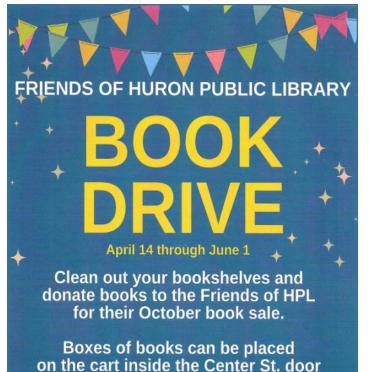


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Pastor's Current Reading List

- OUTLANDER by Diana Gabaldon
- *PARABLE OF THE TALENTS* by Octavia Butler (Book 2, PARABLE OF THE SOWER*)
- THE RIGHTEOUS MIND: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics And Religion by Jonathan Haidt
- SINS AGAINST SCIENCE:
 How Misinformation Affects Our Lives And Laws by Judi Nath
- F-WORDS: Reframing Words Through A Different Lens by Donna Reed
- A TESTAMENT OF HOPE: The Essential Writings And Speeches by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- HOPE RISING: How The Science Of Hope Can Change Your Life by Casey Gwinn, J.D. and Chan Hellman, Ph.D.
- HOLY HELL: A Case Against Eternal Damnation by Derek Kubilus

(*recently finished)



during open library hours.

Questions? Email friends@huronlibrary.org



U-Knitted Nations

The Knitters meet in Rooms 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays. Bring your project, join the fun and fellowship!

HUMC Quilt Connection



Our next sew days are Fridays, May 2nd & 16th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the basement. BYO projects and lunch.

Contact Cathi Dix Houghton at 419-433-5645 or <u>quintquilt@aol.com</u> to receive meeting email reminders.

Our primary mission is making prayer quilts. If you have an interest in sewing quilts, you are welcome to join us. (We have fabric you can use.)

Please Update Us!!!



Many of our member records are still incomplete. Please make sure we have the following: full name, birthdate (including year), physical address (and mailing address if different), home phone number, cell phone number, and email address. We

also need our college students' contact information. Please submit to Beth Anne at

secretary@huronumc.org or the Church Office.

Ways To Fill The Virtual Plate

There are several giving options available through which to support thee mission and ministry of HUMC.

- Mail your offering to HUMC directly or use your bank's bill pay service.
- Drop off your offering at the church.
- Sign up and give online with e-giving through Realm. This QR code will take you to the Realm giving page.



Huron Prayer Path Workday

The Prayer Path Work Day will be Saturday, May 10th, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Please join us as we work to maintain our beautiful Prayer Path. Dress for the weather. BYO garden gloves.



From The Desk (Continued from page 1)

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again – my Savior and my God!

Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember you – even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar. I hear the tumult of the raging seas as your waves and surging tides sweep over me. But each day the LORD pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.

"O God my rock," I cry, "why have you forgotten me? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?" Their taunts break my bones. They scoff, "Where is this God of yours?"

Why am I so discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again – my Savior and my God!

Indeed, we are Easter people in a Good Friday world! Let us hold on to HOPE and let us share the Good News of the Risen Savior!

We are Huron United Methodist Church! WooHoo! We are disciples of Jesus, the Christ, followers of the living God, and sharers of the WORD! May God continue to encourage, empower, and equip us as we strive "to make [and mature] disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!"

WELCOME – WORSHIP – WITNESS!

Grace and peace,

blessings and health,





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Communion Elements

We have pre-packaged Communion elements available in the office for pick-up! Regular and gluten-free!

Primary Election Day Is May 6th



This is your reminder to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 6th. Huron UMC is a polling place for Precincts A & C and will be using the Fellowship Hall all day. Expect more traffic in the parking lot. Drive carefully.

May Worship Plans

May 3/4: Third Weekend of Easter/Communion/

Native American Ministries Weekend Scriptures: Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; *John 21:1-19 Sermon: "Do You Love Me?"

<u>May 10/11</u>: Fourth Weekend of Easter/Mother's Day Scriptures: Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; *John 10:22-30 Sermon: "The Proof..."

<u>May 17/18</u>: Fifth Weekend of Easter Scriptures: Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; *John 13:31-35 Sermon: "Love Each Other!"

<u>May 25/26</u>: Sixth Weekend of Easter/Graduate Recognition at 10:00 a.m. Scriptures: Psalm 67; *John 14:23-29 Sermon: "Peace Of Mind And Heart"

<u>May 31/June 1</u>: Ascension of the Lord/Communion/ 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; *Luke 24:44-53 Sermon: "Taken Up To Heaven"

* denotes scripture used for basis of sermon

May Team Meetings

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Tuesday, May 6th 6:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4 (if needed).

Trustees: Tuesday, May 13th 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4. Church Council: Tuesday, May 20th 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.

Other May Events

- Erie County Board of Elections: Tuesday, May 6th, all day, Fellowship Hall.
- Huron Garden Club Plant Sale: (set up on Friday, May 16th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.) Sale on Saturday, May 17th, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Fellowship Hall.
- Firelands Symphony Orchestra Chorale Rehearsal: Thursday, May 22nd 6:30-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Ink & Toner Cartridges, Old Tech & Writing Instruments!



Our collection of empty cartridges and old tech items continues. Place in the box by the Fellowship Hall doors. Also included are writing instruments such as old <u>PENS</u>, <u>PENCILS</u> (wooden & mechanical) <u>MARKERS</u>, and <u>CRAYONS</u> !!! Your trash – our treasure!!!

10:00 Greeters/ Ushers

May 4: Nancy Meyer Mat 11: Bob Hastings May 18: Dave Wilber May 25: Bonnie & Ben Lindsley



Liturgists

May 4: 8:00 Lisa Beebe 10:00 Al Meyer May 11: 8:00 Chip Houghton 10:00 Derek Callin May 18: 8:00 Polly Hagman 10:00 Alyson Wilson May 25: 8:00 Marge Knight 10:00 Carol Schell

Money Counters

May 4: Alyson Wilson Norma Cook May II: Judy Wilber Dave Wilber Chip Houghton May 18: Bob Hastings Mark Claubaugh May 25: Barb Ringle Donna Preston

May Birthdays

Mary Hitchcock	1
Brett Fries	2
Jordan Boos	2
Elizabeth Conley	4
Carolyn Culbertson	4
Faith Diffenbacher	5
Scott Timple	5
Nancy Meyer	6
Mary Boos	6
Bethany Marxmiller	7
Robert Smith	9
Ryelle Faller	10
Veronica Morehart	12
Mark Koelsch	14
Philip Barbour	14
Joel McFarland	14
Karen Hastings	15
Noah Manner	15
Brittany Rowen	16
Judy Wilber	18
Wyatt Butcher	18
Gregory Semon	20
Gregory Bartzen	21
Doug Wilson	22
Jonathan Merckens	23
Violet King	26
Judy Patsch	27
Ellie Lesnett	29
Derek Callin	29
Amy Wennes	30
Robert Bruns	30



#BeUMC

Our Newsletter Is Online

Please remember that a digital copy of *The Circuit Rider* along with past issues can be found online on our website: www.huronumc.org.

You are invited to worship with us in person: "Saturdays @ 5" (5:00 p.m.) in our Fellowship Hall, and Sundays 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary or Online (Sundays are livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube)

Pastor: Rev. Pamela J. Sayre; Director of Discipleship Ministries: Jenessa Faller; Director of Music Ministry: Ron Brooker; Organist/Handbell Choir Director: Tom Curry; Housekeeper: Kathy Faller; Treasurer: Joe Beebe; Administrative Secretary: Beth Anne McFarland; Financial Secretary: Linda Ziegler; Website: Derek Callin; AV: Derek Callin & Chris Harlan; Lay Leader: Dave Wilber. Current Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. (Building open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M–Th.) Closed Fridays.

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Activities Capsules

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Cloggers' Practice Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

HUME QUILT CONNECTION

Friday Sew Days: May 2nd & 15th 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Basement

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Saturdays, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Saturdays @ 5! Relaxed Worship every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Race At The Rock

The HUMC Team will race on Saturday, May 3rd, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17th @ Flat Rock

COMPOSITION Saturday/Sunday, May 3rd/4th

Tom & Friends Concert Sunday, May 4th 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

U-Knitted Nations Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

CHAIR YOGA Tuesdays 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Class Each Wednesday during LIFT, Room 10

UM Youth Fellowship Wednesdays during LIFT, Rooms 6/7

> Choir Practice Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Proise Band Practice Wednesdays 8:10 p.m.

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, May 8th 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Path Work Day

Saturday, May 10th 9:00 a.m.-Noon at Zion Lutheran Church

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11th

Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at Noon and Wednesdays, May 14th & 28th 5:00-6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

Pantry Weekend May 17th/18th

Circuit Rider Newsletter Deadline Sunday, May 18th for June issue

Graduation Recognition Sunday

May 25th during10:00 a.m. Worship Cookie & Punch Reception following in Fellowship Hall

Momorial Day

Monday, May 26th, Church Offices closed

LIFT Lite Returns

beginning May 28th Wednesdays through August 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

- LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE:
- Confirmation Sunday, June 1st, 10:00 a.m.
- Art Exhibition, June 7th & 8th, Fellowship Hall
- VBS at Zion Lutheran, June 17th-19th

See page 9 for May Team Meetings and other events.