

St. Peters Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod

**MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER**



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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done."**

**Psalm 105:1**



## The Over Grown Jungle of Podcasts

Podcasting, Livestreaming, blogging, vlogging, and the terms go on. Some might be familiar with these terms and for some, they might be a foreign language, but they are a reality of the world we live in. Anyone can start one. Just do an internet search for LCMS Lutheran Podcasts and over 70 podcasts will come up (and none of them have I ever heard of). Navigating a world filled with thousands and thousands of Christian podcasts will drown a person. No one has time to listen to every one of them to find out which ones are good and which ones are bad. This month I want to help you dig through all the podcasts out there and start to narrow them down to some you could listen to.

What makes a good podcast? Before we can get into depth on podcasts or blogs, or vlogs we need to first consider the source. Before ever listening or reading click on the about section and read it completely. Look for some key items which are going to help you know if this podcast is going to be worth listening to. First, make sure it comes from someone or an organization that has connections with the LCMS. If they have anything stating what they believe read over it and see if it lines up with what we believe, teach, and confess. Lastly, if all of that looks good go ahead and listen to the podcast, read the blog, or watch it.

What to do while you are listening. First, have a Bible present and check to look up all scripture passages quoted. The reason is to make sure they are quoted correctly and so you know them. Sometimes we think we know what a passage says and we have forgotten or mixed it up with a different passage. Second, compare this to what you have learned in confirmation, sermons, and bible studies. Third, trust your Lutheran Spidey senses. If something seems strange or off it probably is off. If there is a lot of stuff that seems off about it and you cannot put your finger on why it seems off stop listening.

What if you liked the podcast but there were things off about it? Ask your pastor. He is the resident theologian there at your fingertips to read, listen and watch anything theological and help you understand it. He has the training and the experience to tell why what you are listening to is off. It might be as simple as they are saying it in a way you have never heard it or it could be they are completely wrong and teaching falsely. The resident theologian will be able to help you determine which of these the podcast falls into.

Why listen to podcasts or read blogs or watch vlogs? Short answer: they are another way for us to learn the Word of God. They can be wonderful gifts from God to keep us connected to His Word even when we are not in church and help us prepare for the coming Sunday as we have contemplated the Word of God all week in preparation for receiving the Lord's Supper. Also, there are many podcasts that can grow our knowledge of God's Word and help us feel comfortable in Bible Studies and when we are asked questions by friends and family.

Where to listen to podcasts, read blogs, and watch vlogs? There are hundreds of apps and sites out there which allow you to stream podcasts and vlogs and even download blogs right to your phone or computer. I use one called Overcast but it is just one. Pick the one you like the best and use it. These apps when used on your phone allow you to listen anywhere you are: at home, in the car, in the tractor, on the plane, at the mall, at the dentist, etc. giving you the ability to continue to learn the word of God continuously.

Suggestions of podcasts to listen to Thinking Fellows, Issues Etc., Lutheran Hour Ministry (they have one for their sermons and one for their daily devotions), The Lutheran Witness has a podcast. The list could go on and on. If you listened to any of these podcasts you would be in good shape. If you have a podcast or blog you are currently listening to please feel free to share with me I would love to learn of a new solid Lutheran podcast.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Welton



St. Peter's LWML society met on April 17th to discuss our purpose and the missions that we want to focus on. We will be meeting on May 8th at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall for bible study. Please join us, **you do not need to be active in LWML to join us.**

We will begin to set up the new display table to share with the congregation on missions we support. We also encourage anyone one who has ideas on a mission to consider sharing that with LWML so that we may prayerfully consider and add to our list.

We have discussed supporting a local seminary student and I have contacted them to get their information so that we may share with the congregation.

We briefly discussed doing in-service events for those that may be interested. Some examples of this are tie blankets, quilts, hygiene packets, etc. that we can then give to Option 1, Alpha Center, Orphan Grain Train, etc. If you have ideas on in-service events that you would like to support please let us know.

Blessings to you,  
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St. Peters LWML

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## **Camp Comeca Deadlines**

**Sunday, May 2** – Registration due to Pastor Welton

**Sunday, May 23** – Payment for camp due to Pastor Welton

# **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

### **Newsletter Article – May 2021**

St. Paul teaches us: “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 6:6). And again, he says: “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:13–14). In other words, ministers of the Gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them.

And this is how the church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not just *that* we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deut. 14:22–23). The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?” If it does, ask yourself: Is the church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then, there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. In Matthew 28, Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations, and there are churches and ministries all around the world! How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, and the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism. He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of His Son – our Lord Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way – and in response to His fatherly divine goodness and mercy – we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.” For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

# 2021 CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY ~ MARCH

Baptized membership	251
Confirmed membership	182
Households	122

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(Does not include the shut-ins)

**13 Sunday Worship Opportunities this Quarter (1 cancelled due to weather):**

Avg. **Sunday** attendance this quarter - **members** 63

**24%** of Baptized members attended per **Sunday** this quarter

Avg. **Sun.** attendance this quarter - **members & visitors** 73

[# counted w/visitors from attendance book] **Average # of visitors this quarter** 10

**13 Saturday Worship opportunities this quarter:**

Avg. **Saturday** attendance this quarter – **members** ~ 27 or 11% of Baptized members

Avg. **Saturday** attendance this quarter – **members & visitors** 28

**6 Special Services this quarter (1 cancelled due to weather):**

Avg. member attendance ~ 61 or 24% of Baptized members

Avg. mem/vis attendance ~ 67

**7 Saturday & 7 Sunday Communion opportunities this quarter:**

Avg. **Sunday** attendance: 51 or 28% of **communicant membership**

Avg. **Saturday** attendance: 23 or 13% of **communicant membership**

**1 Special Communion opportunity this quarter cancelled due to weather:**

**Sunday School age enrollment: Pre – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 38 (8 regular visitors)**

Average attendance of enrolled members: 14

Average attendance of members/visitors: 16

Average number of visitors: 03

**Youth Group enrollment: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 18**

Not enough attendance numbers for correct outcome

## Official Acts:

**Baptism:** Linus Burdette Backus ~ February 13, 2021

**Adult Confirmation:** March 7, 2021 ~ Josh & Neisha Bjorklund (daughter Brittyn)

March 7, 2021 ~ Brant & Amanda Klawonn (children Aedan, Ainslie & Clayton)

**Transfer In:** Eric & Ashley Milbrandt – Everett; Parker from Immanuel Lutheran Dimock, SD

**Transfer Out:** Lyle & Sandi Johnson back to Our Savior Lutheran Madison, SD

Brad & Janet Swenson to Our Savior Lutheran Madison, SD

St. Peters Lutheran Church Voters meeting 4/18/21  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 10:20 AM by President Shawn Martin with Jason Fischer, Rev. Adam Welton, Shawn Martin, Dave Beeck, Gale Maas, Scott Feige, Loren Lindholm, Ashes Dean, Mike Tammen, Mikeal Tammen, Todd Keupp Mark Limmer, Matt Tweet and Kasey Gehrels present.

Pastor opened meeting with devotion and prayer.

Treasurers report presented by Dave Beeck and informed the voters of some accounts will be renamed to more accurately show the financial information.

Todd Keupp presented Financial Secretaries report.

Motion by Kasey and second by Jason to approve minutes from last meeting, motion carried.

Pastor presented Pastors report and told voters we will have youth attending Camp Comeca June 1st through the 3rd and scholarships will be available if needed.

Elders report presented by Mike Tammen.

Motion by Mark and second by Gale to accept the Baptism of Linus Backus, motion carried.

Motion by Jason and second by Mark to accept adult Confirmations of Josh & Neisha Bjorklund (daughter Brittny) and Brant & Amanda Klawonn (children Aedan, Ainslie & Clayton), motion carried.

Motion by Loren and second by Jason to accept transfers out of Lyle & Sandi Johnson and Brad & Janet Swenson, motion carried.

Motion by Loren and second by Gale to accept transfers in of Eric & Ashley Milbrandt, motion carried.

Board of education report presented by Jason. Teachers and volunteers are needed for VBS and Sunday school.

Trustees report presented by Matt, we will have tuck pointing inspection and elevator has been inspected.

Old Business:

Pastor presented information on a new copier quotes were given for a black and white copier and a color machine. Recommendation made to get Color copier which will be less costly compared to what we are currently spending on copier and color printer.

Motion by Kasey and second Dave to lease the color copier, motion carried.

New Business:

We have bids from Leader Printing and Allegra printing for the printing of the church directory.

Motion by Kasey and second by Scott to accept the Leader printing bid, Motion carried.

Discussion on progress of the endowment fund for the church. And discussion on Live Streaming of our services. We have been live streaming Sundays and Baptisms and Funerals. If we are going to continue this practice we will need to look into purchasing our own equipment. We have been reaching shut-ins and people from around the country.

Pastor mentioned he will be preaching a number of services at Prairie Village this summer and fall.

Motion to adjourn by Kasey and second by Gale, Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

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<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Offerings</b>	
<b><u>January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021</u></b>	
Building Fund	\$85.00
Doxology	\$250.00
Endowment	\$3,478.32
General Fund	\$41,651.51
Lutherans For Life	\$165.00
Main Street Living	\$175.00
Option 1 Brookings	\$78.00
Sunday school	\$230.74

**St. Peters Lutheran Church**  
**Inflows & Outflows by Class**  
January through March 2021

Cash Basis

	Building		Total unclassified		TOTAL	
	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...
<b>Income</b>						
4001 · Interest Income	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
4011 · General Fund	0.00	0.00	41,429.47	41,429.47	41,429.47	41,429.47
4015 · Sunday School Donations	0.00	0.00	230.74	230.74	230.74	230.74
4020 · Building Fund	1,175.00	1,175.00	0.00	0.00	1,175.00	1,175.00
4053 · Designated Funds	0.00	0.00	4,146.32	4,146.32	4,146.32	4,146.32
4080 · Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	222.04	222.04	222.04	222.04
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,175.07</b>	<b>1,175.07</b>	<b>46,028.57</b>	<b>46,028.57</b>	<b>47,203.64</b>	<b>47,203.64</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
5180 · District/Synod Support	0.00	0.00	1,937.49	1,937.49	1,937.49	1,937.49
5182 · Together in Mission	0.00	0.00	987.51	987.51	987.51	987.51
5189 · Mission Work - local	0.00	0.00	372.00	372.00	372.00	372.00
5190 · Designated Funds Expen...	0.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
5195 · Sunday School-mission ...	0.00	0.00	253.65	253.65	253.65	253.65
5201 · Pastor's Salary	0.00	0.00	4,725.00	4,725.00	4,725.00	4,725.00
5202 · Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	8,625.00	8,625.00	8,625.00	8,625.00
5205 · Worker Benefit Plan	0.00	0.00	7,812.39	7,812.39	7,812.39	7,812.39
5206 · Church - Health Savings ...	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
5207 · Pastor's pymts to HSA	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
5209 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04
5301 · Organist Salary	0.00	0.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,330.00
5641 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	478.03	478.03	478.03	478.03
5690 · Publications	0.00	0.00	260.66	260.66	260.66	260.66
5695 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	397.82	397.82	397.82	397.82
6001 · Secretary's Salary	0.00	0.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	3,780.00
6020 · Office Expense	0.00	0.00	747.04	747.04	747.04	747.04
6030 · Postage	0.00	0.00	280.35	280.35	280.35	280.35
6051 · Service Contract	0.00	0.00	198.08	198.08	198.08	198.08
6070 · Telephone/Internet	0.00	0.00	300.41	300.41	300.41	300.41
6301 · Janitor's Salary	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	1,725.00	1,725.00	1,725.00
6344 · Copier Lease	0.00	0.00	241.42	241.42	241.42	241.42
6372 · Utilities - Church	0.00	0.00	1,814.95	1,814.95	1,814.95	1,814.95
6374 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	421.13	421.13	421.13	421.13
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>39,212.27</b>	<b>39,212.27</b>	<b>39,212.27</b>	<b>39,212.27</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,175.07</b>	<b>1,175.07</b>	<b>6,816.30</b>	<b>6,816.30</b>	<b>7,991.37</b>	<b>7,991.37</b>

Cash Basis

**St. Peters Lutheran Church**

**Account Balances**

As of March 31, 2021

	<u>Mar 31, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Great Western - Checking	26,869.52
1015 · Great Western - Improvement FD	1,645.76
1016 · Great Western - Building Fund	1,670.32
Total Checking/Savings	<u>30,185.60</u>
Total Current Assets	30,185.60
Other Assets	
2020 · SD District Ext - Scholar-#4806	1,535.00
Total Other Assets	<u>1,535.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>31,720.60</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3900 · Retained Earnings	23,729.23
Net Income	7,991.37
Total Equity	<u>31,720.60</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>31,720.60</u></u>

# **DIAPER DERBY**



From Mother's Day, May 9, 2021 until Father's Day, June 20, we will be collecting disposable diapers, wipes, other baby items, and cash. **This is a mission project for Lutherans for Life.** Donations will go to the **Alpha Center** in Sioux Falls or **Option-1** in Brookings. Both organizations support LIFE. Please **like** both Option-1 and Alpha Center on Facebook.

## **2019 ~ St. Peters' collected:**

1,125 diapers. 2,952 wipes. 1 outfit. 8 hangers. 3 onesies. 1 jumper. 2 swaddlers. 1 bib/bootie set. 2 changing table covers. 4 receiving blankets. 1 baby blanket and 2 Aquaphor diaper rash creams.

## **2020 ~ St. Peters' collected:**

660 diapers. 624 wipes. 1 baby quilt. 4 baby bottles. 1 boys light feet jammies. 1 girls fleece jammies; 13 baby books and 1 girls fleece baby blanket. \$50.00 donation.

Those are impressive numbers! Let us all come together and beat these numbers to help babies and families in need!



## **Congratulations to our High School Graduates!**



**Macie Brown ~ Graduate of St. Mary High School,  
Dell Rapids, SD ~ 05/14/2021**

**Nathan Gerry ~ Graduate of Chester High School,  
Chester, SD ~ 05/16/2021**

**Alex Henrichs ~ Graduate of Chester High School,  
Chester, SD ~ 05/16/2021**

**Myranda Moad ~ Graduate of Colman/Egan High School,  
Colman, SD ~ 05/08/2021**

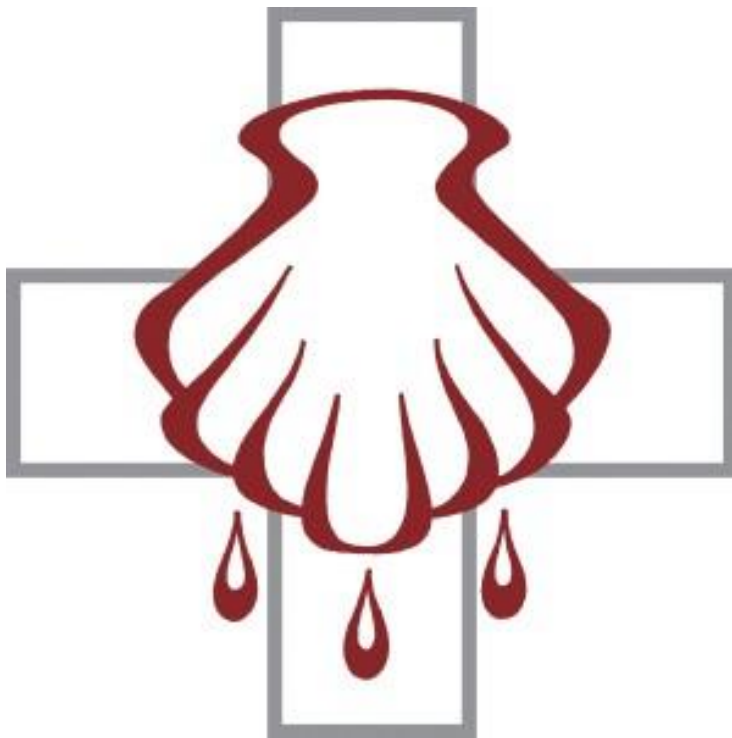
**Tyler Reck ~ Graduate of Madison High School,  
Madison SD ~ 05/17/2021**

To read the Bible in one year:  
**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
May 1	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Titus, Philemon
May 2	Psalms 121	Hebrews 1-4
May 3	Psalms 122	Hebrews 5-7
May 4	Psalms 123	Hebrews 8-10
May 5	Psalms 124	Hebrews 11-13
May 6	Psalms 125	James 1-3
May 7	Psalms 126	James 4-5
May 8	Psalms 127	1 Peter 1-2
May 9	Psalms 128	1 Peter 3-5
May 10	Psalms 129	2 Peter
May 11	Psalms 130	1 John 1-3
May 12	Psalms 131	1 John 4-5
May 13	Psalms 132	2 & 3 John, Jude
May 14	Psalms 133	John 1-2
May 15	Psalms 134	John 3-4
May 16	Psalms 135	John 5-6
May 17	Psalms 136	John 7-8
May 18	Psalms 137	John 9-10
May 19	Psalms 138	John 11-12
May 20	Psalms 139	John 13-14
May 21	Psalms 140	John 15-16
May 22	Psalms 141	John 17-18
May 23	Psalms 142	John 19
May 24	Psalms 143	John 20-21
May 25	Psalms 144	Acts 1-2
May 26	Psalms 145	Acts 3-4
May 27	Psalms 146	Acts 5-6
May 28	Psalms 147	Acts 7-8
May 29	Psalms 148	Acts 9-10
May 30	Psalms 149	Acts 11-12
May 31	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Acts 13-14

## *May Baptismal Birthdays*

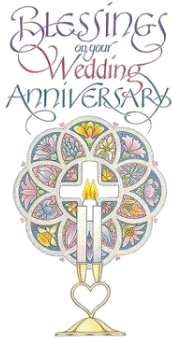
May 1, 2005	Emma Hess	46970 241st St. Dell Rapids, SD 57022
May 1, 2005	Layne Hess	46970 241st St. Dell Rapids, SD 57022
May 1, 2011	Elijah William Kelly DeGroot	PO Box 241 Volga, SD 57071
May 1, 1960	Shawn Tracy Martin	24106 461st Ave. Chester, SD 57016
May 4, 1975	Russ Ray Mendel	6249 Dakota Ave. Madison, SD 57042
May 5, 1968	Micheal Edward Tammen	46215 234 <sup>th</sup> St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 6, 2012	Darwin Paul Lindholm	46038 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 7, 1952	James Francis DeVaney	914 S. Highland Madison, SD 57042
May 10, 1988	Jenna Marie Baumberger	45796 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 15, 1992	Mindy Rae Olinger	614 SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. Madison, SD 57042
May 16, 2020	Jeb Lee Baumberger	45796 234 <sup>th</sup> St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 18, 1952	Thomas Ray Graff	46074 232nd St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 18, 1991	Lacey ReAnna Gehrels	46446 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 19, 1963	Jill Diane Martin	24106 461st Ave. Chester, SD 57016
May 23, 1937	Rudolph Leslie Schmidt	204 SE 5th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
May 28, 1983	Neisha Rose Bjorklund	PO Box 113 Wentworth, SD 57075
May 30, 1943	Shelia Diane Gerry	23686 465th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075



Happy Baptismal Birthday!!

From your brothers and sisters  
in Christ

“Whoever believes and is baptized  
will be saved” Mark 16:16a



## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Shelly Broghammer May 3, 2008  
(Celebrating 13 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Loren & Shirley Zimmer May 9, 1964  
(Celebrating 57 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Russ & Kay Mendel May 9, 1987  
(Celebrating 34 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Greg Teal & Linda Werkmeister May 10, 2015  
(Celebrating 6 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Neisha Bjorklund May 10, 2003  
(Celebrating 18 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Marlys Arneson May 23, 1981  
(Celebrating 40 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Verl & Opal Uthe May 23, 2009  
(Celebrating 12 years of marriage)
- Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Heidi Huewe (Voy) May 31, 2014  
(Celebrating 7 years of marriage)



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| May 1, 1952 Terry Reck      | May 13, 1943 Shelia Gerry            |
| May 6, 1933 Joann Hotchkin  | May 14, 1937 Rudolph Schmidt         |
| May 6, 1960 Julie Gehrels   | May 21, 1970 Leslie Heidelberger III |
| May 10, 1977 Kory Reck      | May 21, 2012 Maddox Maas             |
| May 10, 2020 Jeb Baumberger | May 26, 1962 Greg Teal               |
| May 13, 1936 Rosie Alverson | May 29, 1981 Shelly Broghammer       |

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!