



NCPC
May 2026
Newsletter

May Events

Sunday, May 3

Food Bank Collection Sunday

Tuesday, May 5—Cinco de Mayo

4:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Library

Wednesday, May 6

5:30 pm, Deacons Meeting, Library

Thursday, May 7—National Day of Prayer

8:00 am, National Day of Prayer Service @ Memorial Hall

10:30 am, Coffee with Kathy Trim, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day!

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—Mexican Food, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 12

1:30 pm, Lydia Circle, Library

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 pm, Missions Meeting, Library

Thursday, May 14—Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 16

6:00 pm, Scripture Singles, @ Beth Oliver's Home

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

*The Church Office will be closed today in observance of
Memorial Day*

Wednesday, May 27

1:30 pm, Kneedles & Hooks, Promise Room





A Word from the Pastor

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Dear beloved in Christ;

Every year, when the month of May comes around, my mind often goes back to some thoughts I've shared with you previously on how the month of May can be thought of as the 'weekend of the year.' And, by that, I mean that just like the weekend beckons us with rest and respite from a busy week of work and other activities and obligations, so the month of May beckons us with the coming of summer, when the pace of life tends to slow down. We welcome these times of rest because life can seem to be so hectic. Regardless of one's stage of life - whether retired or actively working, whether raising kids, or involved with grandkids, or even caring for older parents - nevertheless, life has a way of consuming all of our energy and leaving us feeling weary and heavy-laden.

But why is that? Why is it that everyone's life, regardless of age or circumstance, instead of slowing down, just seems to keep getting busier and busier and busier? You know how it is; you've probably answered the question this way yourself - 'How are you doing?' And you're answer? 'Busy! I'm just so busy!' Why is that? Could it be, whether we realize it or not, because that is what we desire?

John Calvin, the father of Reformed theology, is quoted as saying, "From birth, our hearts are idol factories." That is, we are, constantly, in pursuit of the created - whether that be material goods, activities, individuals, or even worries and concerns we have created in our own minds. And these various pursuits of the created end up consuming our lives with the business of 'busyness.' When what we ought to be searching for and pursuing can only, truly, be found - not in the created - but in the Creator. Rest can only be found in Jesus Christ.

It is so true today. And, it's not because of the advanced technologies of today. It's not because of social media or the internet that keeps us always connected, no matter how hard we try to disconnect. It has nothing to do with any of these things today that are designed to make life simpler, but instead seems to just make everything more complicated. (Have you tried watching TV lately!) It was just as true 2000 years ago when Jesus walked this earth. It is because of this constant pursuit of the created that keeps our minds off the Creator and keeps us, instead, always busy and so, unable to rest.

But Jesus gives us this invitation, as shared with you above, to come to Him. For only Jesus can give you the rest that you need. Only through Him will you truly find the rest for your soul that you desire. So come to Him, all you who are weary and burdened, for He will give you rest. Come to Jesus and you will find, not only that He is more than enough, but come to Him and discover life to the fullest, not only for today, not only for tomorrow, but every day and on to eternity. Come to Jesus, for only He can give you the true 'weekend' you have always been searching for.

As Jesus has also shared with us - *"I have come that (you) may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10)

God bless you and keep you.

And, as always, see you in church! Pastor Craig

Congratulations Graduates!

Ross Buggeln & Matthew Robinson

will be graduating from High School this year, and will be recognized during the Morning Worship service on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Please join us in congratulating them.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 7, 2026, 8:00 am

Memorial Hall, 101 S. Walnut St.

Sponsored by Elliott Mortuary

Call 620-663-3327 by May 1, 2026, for reservations

Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes 9 dozen ~ from Beth Oliver

May Recipe

Ingredients:

- 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c flour
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ t baking powder
- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ t baking soda
- $\frac{3}{4}$ t salt
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c shortening (I use butter)
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c peanut butter (I prefer Peter Pan) – chunky or smooth
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c brown sugar
- 3 eggs

Directions:

- Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, then set aside.
- Mix together remaining ingredients.
- Stir in flour.
- Chill dough
- Roll into 1" balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with a fork.
- Bake 10-12 minutes at 375°.
- Cool a couple minutes. Remove to cooling rack to cool completely

You Are Invited...



The congregation is invited to the high school graduation of Matthew Robinson.

The graduation ceremony will be at 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 9th, at Elyria Christian School in Elyria, KS. There will be a come and go graduation party to follow, 3:30—5:00 pm, at 823 Old 81 Hwy in Elyria, KS.

Deacons Corner

Deacons—our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6th, at 5:30 pm, in the Church Library.

May Deacon Greeters

Alex Patterson
Kathy Sayers

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalm 100:2a

NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS



Lydia Circle
"The Stories
of Women"

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
at 1:30 pm
in the Church Library

We will be in Lesson 8
&
Our May hostess is:
Jane Langvardt

Son-Rise Guys

Every Thursday morning—7:00-8:00 am
In the Church Library



"Son-Rise Guys" started hope you will join us as we study the Word of God. We all start out simple, but mature to wisdom. A Band of Brothers studying God's Word together—it doesn't get much better than that!

Kneedles & Hooks

Kneedles and Hooks will meet on May 27, (We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month) at 1:30 pm.

We hope you will join us in making scarves and other warm items for those in need.



Did You Know...

- That Cinco de Mayo commemorates Mexico's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla in 1862?
- That Cinco de Mayo is a bigger holiday in the US than it is in most parts of Mexico?
- That Americans consume over 80 million pounds of avocados on Cinco de Mayo each year?!





May 2026 Mission Prayer Notes



Murray and Kathy Trim – TEAM – Japan – The Evangelical Alliance Mission

THANK GOD that Murray and Kathy were able to spend time in Nebraska with his mother for her 100th birthday on April 25. Continue to **PRAY** for health and strength for each of their mothers, Kathy's mom, in Pretty Prairie Murray's mom in Nebraska. Kathy will be home for a week in May to share Mother's Day with her mother and two brothers and perhaps other family.



COME HAVE COFFEE WITH KATHY TRIM
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

NEW COVENANT FELLOWSHIP HALL

Open to All—Men & Women

Shelly Zadina – Medical Ambassadors – Albania

She is preparing a **VBS program** for Albania for this summer, however, however she may not be able to go to Albania. She would like to go to **Albania in June**.

THANK YOU for your generous giving to the Food Bank - 36# of food was delivered to the Food Bank during the month of April.

STERLING COLLEGE

PRAY for **Jose Carrillo**, campus pastor, as he plans and directs **MISSION TEAM** activities. This spring, after classes are finished for this semester, there are teams going to:

Cairo, Egypt – May 11–25

Craiova, Romania – May 12–28

Chiang Mai, Thailand – May 14–31, 2026

The mission team from New Covenant, Kevin Evenson, Bill Peterman, and Katelynn Roinson, are going to Chiang Mai and plan to meet up with the team from **PROJECT VIDEO**.

~ Praying for Missions ~

Pray for New Covenant's Mission Team

The Mission Team from our church consisting of Kevin Evenson, Bill Peterman and Katelynn Robinson, will be accompanying a team from the mission *Project Video*, this May to the country of Thailand. Their trip will run from May 14th to the 28th. Project Video's mission is to go out into the various parts of the world where there are UPG's (Unreached People Groups) and share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. They do this using translators and video so the Word can be shared with these groups in their own language. Kevin, Katelynn and Bill will be helping in hosting a gathering of these teams who will be meeting in Thailand.

Kevin has included the following description of what Project Video does and why their work for Christ is so necessary:

"There are reasons Unreached People Groups (UPGs) are still unreached. They are often in areas of intense persecution or other dangers. On April 17, many Christians gathered in a small village for an ordination service of a new pastor. After the service, the village was hit with an airstrike; not in Iran, but in Myanmar, which has been in a civil war for nearly 80 years. Five people died and 10 were seriously injured. Nay Knyaw had to have one leg amputated and one arm was shattered. Nay serves on one of Project Video's evangelistic media teams, ministering to refugees from the war. Many of PV's media teams serve in areas of persecution or insecurity."

Please pray for Nay, (picture of Nay and his family at right), and the families of those who were injured or died. Pray also for our mission team of Kevin, Katelynn and Bill.

We will be holding a commissioning service for Kevin, Katelynn and Bill on May 10th during the worship service.



♪ *A Note From Janet* ♪

The song "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" has been around since some unknown slaves sang it before the Civil War. However, it became famous due to the efforts of a musician named Kenneth Morris. He worked as an organist at a large church in Chicago. In 1940 he was traveling by train from Chicago to Kansas City. At one stop he got off the train to stretch his legs and heard a porter singing a song that was unknown to him. He re-boarded the train, but the words and melody kept going around in his head. So at the next stop he bought a return ticket to the previous stop where he hunted for this porter until he found him. Mr. Morris persuaded the man to keep singing the song until he had written down all of the words and music. Later that year, after Mr. Morris had polished the lyrics and melody, the song was published with a note at the top that the music stating "As sung by Mr. William B. Hurst of Kansas City, Missouri."

Many people have found hope in this song. It has been recorded by famous singers in various styles: Christian, Southern Gospel, Jazz, Country, Ballad, and even Rock. It shows that we all want a closer walk with God and to live life alongside Him.



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Fellowship Footnotes

May Happenings

May Fellowship Potluck—Isn't it great to see the church calendar full of things to do, and ways to thank our Lord for all that He has given us? Our fellowship meal this month will be our best-loved Mexican food potluck, and it will be held on May 10, Mother's Day. This way you can avoid the busy restaurants on May 10th, and join us around the table for food and fellowship. Celebrate Mom and all she does for us two days this year—at the potluck, plus another special day of your choice. If you want to be extra nice to the Mom in your family, plan to prepare the potluck dish for her so she can relax. See you around the table on Sunday, May 10th, at 11:45 am.

HCC Finals Outreach—May 4, 5, and 6. It's time for HCC finals again. The signup sheet is almost full (if not full already). The students and staff look forward to our food, drinks and best wishes each semester. If you've never taken part in this fun time of encouraging our HCC students and staff, you should talk to someone who has—some folks sign up as quick as I get the sheet out.

Coming in June—Our June potluck will be on Sunday, June 14. Let's make Dad's favorite foods for this potluck.