

Good News

THE
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Please continue to visit our website at
www.stpaulsdallaspa.org for worship
resources to use as you are able, and to
join our **Live Stream Zoom meeting at**
9:30 am on Sunday.



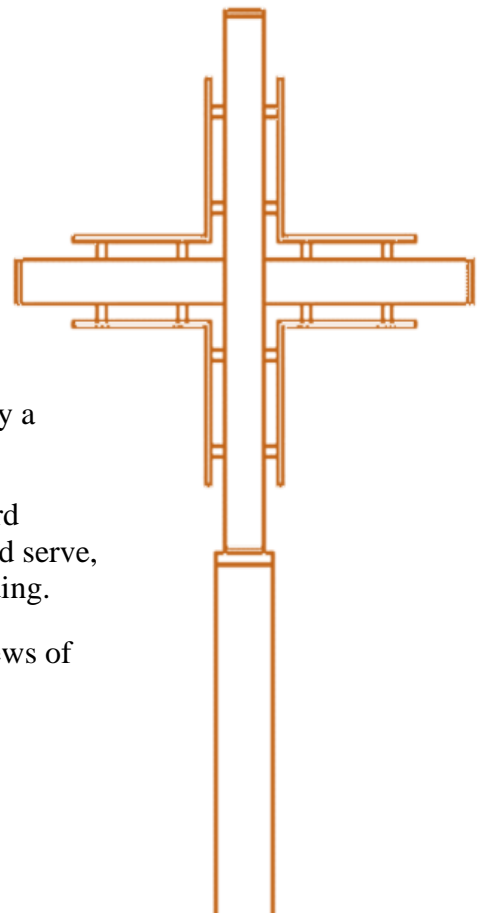
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family called together by God and united by a common faith.

Our mission is to share with all people God's Love and Grace through Word and Sacrament. Through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to witness and serve, treating one another with Love, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Understanding.

By our commitments, actions, deeds, and resources, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out to our Community, Nation, and World.

Adopted May 1993



ST. PAUL'S STAFF		
Pastor	Rev. Charles H. Grube	
Dir. of Music/Organist	Margaret Quintanar	
Chapel & Emmanuel Choir Dir.	Jean Grube	
Minister of Technology	Marissa Miller	
Sexton	James Madonna	
Sunday School Superintendent	Tony Linnen	
Financial Secretary	Ruth Ide	
CONGREGATION COUNCIL		
<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Alice Baer	Heidi Manning	John Waschek*
Joel Eneboe		Gail Smallwood
Jon Moelling*	Cathy Ridout	Marissa Miller
Don Pheasant	Scott Schukraft*	Frank Mariano
*Final Term		
CONGREGATION OFFICERS		
President	Rev. Charles H. Grube	
Vice-President	Scott Schukraft	
Secretary	Alice Baer	
Treasurer	Carol Fett	
STANDING COMMITTEES		
Christian Education	Marissa Miller	
Communications	Marissa Miller/Gail Smallwood	
Evangelism	Alice Baer	
Fellowship	Heidi Manning	
Finance	John Waschek/Don Pheasant/Carol Fett	
Head Start/Early Intervention	Carol Fett / Cathy Ridout	
Health Ministry	Cathy Ridout	
Landscaping	Jon Moelling/Joel Eneboe	
Long Range Planning	Scott Schukraft/Don Pheasant/ John Waschek/Frank Mariano	
Property	Jon Moelling/Joel Eneboe/Carol Fett	
Salary Review	Scott Schukraft	
Social Ministry	Alice Baer	
Staff Support	Scott Schukraft, Alice Baer and Frank Mariano	
Worship & Music	Heidi Manning/Frank Mariano	
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PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list.

Pray for the Congregation of Holy Trinity, Kingston.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Alice Baer, Hope Beisel, Jim Bellezza, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Max Bowman, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Maryan Daily, Margaret Edwards, Mary Ehret, Bill Eimers, Cheryl Everhart, Marty Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzinger, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Barbara Kessler, Dave Kowalek, Tom Lundberg, Margie McCarty, Vivian Richardson, Ann Sabol, Bill Smith, Mark & Mary Walters, Betty Weaver, Anita Weiss, Justin Yost.

Please note: Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or stpaul@epix.net if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Abby Baker, Hank Banaszek, Darcey Bradley, Ed Campbell, Marjorie Catania, Tim Cummings, Janice DeFebo, Cheryl DelKanick, Bob Dinger, Baby Dior, Derrick Ellard, Abby Fett, Mike & Laura Filter, Ron & Candyce Fike, Helen Fredrick, Frank Gallagher, Bradley Kessler, Mike Hage, Higgins Family, Bob Hughes, Darren Ide, Marilyn Klick, Taavi Kowalek, Audrey Mace, Bob Margellina, Carol Marker, John Menapace, Rob Merritt, Amanda Moelling, Wayne Namey, Alice O'Neil, Tim Nulton, Ryleigh Phillips, Dawn Qvanda, Grace Reishus, Frank Rollman, Bonnie Ryman, Kelly, Aiden & Wyatt Schaper, John Schray, Jr., Nancy Shymanski, Stevens Family, Betty Stochla, Chris Terhune, Erica Texiera, Donna Thiessen, Jean Thompson, Janice Tucker, Beth Turnbach, Ralph Walp, Bill Ward, Karen Wise, Helen Zarychta, and Tom S., Herb, Jason, Trina, Leslie, (last names not given).

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- "Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself ...keeps you feeling young."

—Betty White

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the June 2022 issue. The deadline for all submissions will be **Noon on**

Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Please remember that all bulletin items need to be in the office by noon on Thursdays.



Updates from the April Council meeting held on April 5, 2022.

Finance: Funds from savings account needed to be moved to the general fund to help cover expenses. Dorcas Society donated \$2500 to general fund; a thank you note on behalf of Finance/Council will be sent to Dorcas.

Committee reviewed liability insurance renewal questionnaire and considered whether or not to increase our liability coverage and if Cyber Security should be added - recommendations to come at a later date.

Communications: Presented options regarding their search for a website hosting company and following discussion WPENGINE was chosen as best option.

Worship & Music: In accordance with current CDC recommendations, the tape for social distancing will be removed from the pews and masking will be optional, but we will continue with taking communion in the pews.

Christian Education: Last day of Sunday School will be May 29th. Plans are tentative regarding Vacation Bible School.

Long Range Planning: A final draft of the church constitution has been completed and a copy will be sent to all council members for their feedback. Pastor requested that members take a look at the committee descriptions and the officer descriptions in particular.

Fellowship: Dorcas ladies will be asked if they would possibly provide coffee/breakfast snacks and a luncheon for a synod meeting at St. Paul's on May 16th and a Confirmation reception on June 5.

Head Start / Early Intervention: Classes will remain in session through the end of June. EI summer session will begin on July 5 and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Social Ministry: Committee members delivered Easter crosses.

Property: DEP will be conducting a major water inspection, including the well, holding tank in the garage and other parts of the water system.

Old Business: Discussed the upcoming May Council Elections to fill six positions; those who have agreed to run include Don Pheasant and Karen Mertz (for one-year terms) and Gail Ide, Bruce Thomas, Larry Pierce and Pat Peiffer. Delegates are still needed for the Scranton / Wilkes-Barre Mission District on-line meeting on April 27 at 7 pm, and the on-line Synod Assembly on June 10-11. All those interested are asked to contact Pastor.



WE REMEMBER

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.



By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

The April 12, 2022 Dorcas meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm with 20 women present. Annie Bisher shared Easter traditions from other countries. Lois Gdovin gave a report of cards she sent since the last meeting and shared a card that was sent to all Dorcas members from Judy Loeffler.

The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read and approved. Chris Bellezza recognized April birthdays and anniversaries.

Old Business: Final plans were made for the Rummage Sale on Friday, May 5, 2022 and Saturday, May 6, 2022. These included ensuring there were cashiers at the necessary times, as well as help in all areas of the sales floor and the kitchen. Women from Pyramid Health will come to help on Monday, May 2.

New Business: Hostesses are needed for the Confirmation reception on Sunday, June 5 after the morning worship. Cake will be served in the Narthex. Three Dorcas members volunteered to serve this reception. Hostesses are also needed for the Northeastern Synod meeting on Monday, May 16 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to serve breakfast and lunch. Five Dorcas members volunteered to serve the two meals at this meeting and the Synod will cover expenses.

After the May 10 Dorcas Meeting, Marissa Miller will offer some pampering to the women of Dorcas after their hard work at the Rummage Sale by having a Mary Kay Skincare "event" and to join her in the Mary Kay Face Race (she needs to see fifty faces by June.) Any money that is collected from the sale of products will be given to the church. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm on May 10 to allow time for the business meeting, refreshments, and Marissa's event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Brosious, Dorcas Secretary

† IN MEMORIAM †

*May the light and promise of
the Resurrection
shine in the lives
of the family and friends of*

**Florence (Flo) Belenski
JoAnn Brown**

*Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and let light perpetual
shine upon them.*

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Graduation season is fast approaching! Do you have a soon-to-be graduated family member? Please call the church office at 570.675.3859 or email stpaul@epix.net and we'll share the great news in the June "Good News!"

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BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Following our short Holy Week and Easter break, our weekly Bible study, The Bible This Week, has resumed, and meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. We will be looking at weekly worship readings, with this Easter season's readings coming from Acts, Revelation, and John. We look forward to seeing you there.





CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

We are sad to announce that Krissie McDermott, our new Administrative Assistant, has had to leave us because of new requirements in her other employment. She reported, "I already felt at home and part of the church family at St. Paul's during the few days I was there." The good news for her is that her other position has become full time. The bad news for us is that we will need to begin our search again. In the meantime, our office hours will be from 10 am till 2 pm, Mondays through Thursdays; email and phone messages will be checked on Fridays. Your cooperation and support for our office hours and volunteers is greatly appreciated.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Alleluia! Christ is risen.

I'm grateful for this season in which we are surrounded by reminders that in the ways of God, God's mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Some reminders are natural, like dried, dead seeds and bulbs or dormant trees springing to flowering beauty. Some are not natural, like God's making us children in Holy Baptism, feeding us with the very body and blood of Christ in bread and wine, or raising Jesus from death.

Look for the signs and share them with your loved ones and neighbors. In that way, you proclaim the gospel's good news to others.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Pastor Grube

Easter Season



What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to us? It takes a season of seven weeks plus a day – fifty days – to explore that question. We call it the season of Easter. It ends with God's gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on all people, and for us in baptism, on Pentecost. We actually wait until June this year for Pentecost. That leaves all of May to revel in Easter joy.



BEAR CREEK CAMP NEWS

In a recent letter, Bear Creek Camp Executive Director, Collin Grooms, and Program Director, Kaitlyn Blend reported that over 700 youth and family campers experienced the fun, friendship, and faith formation made possible by time at Bear Creek Camp last year, when they returned to residential summer camp. What an impact that is on the youth and families of our eastern Pennsylvania region! Thanks to the first annual Soup Sale for Bear Creek Camp, an adaptation of the fundraising efforts of Kendra Brosious in her preparations for the now-canceled Youth Gathering, there are ample funds available to help you pay for your child's camp experience this summer. It is an incredible experience, and we are committed to seeing to it that the cost of camp will not be the reason for any of our children who want to attend camp to not go to camp. Registration folders are available on the table in the narthex, and you can learn more at the Bear Creek Camp website www.bearcreekcamp.org. Speak with Pastor Grube if you or someone you know might benefit from such assistance.



DORCAS SPRING RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Now that spring and spring-cleaning days are here, it's time to get excited about the Dorcas May Rummage Sale!

The Dorcas Society will sponsor the two-day rummage/bake sale, to be held Friday, May 6, 8:00 am-2:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm; and Saturday, May 7, 8:00 am-12 noon (Bag Day all day).

Donations of good clean, usable clothes, household items, dishes, pots and pans, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, games, puzzles, etc., are happily accepted. The church building will be open on the following days/times for donation drop-off:

Monday, May 2	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Tuesday, May 3	9:00 am-7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 4	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Thursday, May 5	9:00 am-2:00 pm

(Donations not accepted after 2:00 pm so Dorcas members will have time to price items).

Anyone (men and women) can assist during the week with setting up tables, unloading, displaying and/or pricing items to be sold.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING televisions, computers/printers, exercise equipment, large appliances, encyclopedias, cribs, strollers, artificial Christmas trees, VHS tapes, electrical cords, and old telephones.

All bakers of St. Paul's are asked to donate homemade baked goods for the Bake Sale; the items should be brought to the church by 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 5 so they may be packaged and priced.

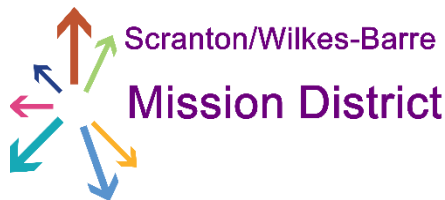
RELIEF EFFORTS

In this month's issue of ELCA Global Mission's monthly newsletter, "Global Links," they report on the ELCA's work in Eastern Europe: So far, generous donors have given over \$3 million to support relief for those impacted by the crisis in Eastern Europe through Lutheran Disaster Response. Those gifts are at work in Ukraine as well as in the border countries of Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania. They are providing crucial resources such as cash support for refugees; emergency items such as beds and shelter, food and clean water; protection for vulnerable individuals and groups; psychosocial care; and the prevention of sexual abuse. In a blog entry for Ash Wednesday, the Rev. Amy Reumann, senior director for ELCA Witness in Society, writes about the Putin regime's brutal invasion of Ukraine. "The valiant resistance of Ukrainian leaders, the courage of civilians fighting back and resilience of so many inhabitants are inspiring," she says. "But they do not ease my deep dismay as Russian air strikes and ground fighting continue, and civilian casualties mount." Reumann ponders the words of the prophet Joel and the question "Where is our God?" Reumann goes on to say that God is still present in the midst of war and injustice. She sees God's love in everyone around the world stepping forward in solidarity with Ukraine — and especially within the church. Members of the ELCA community have responded to the crisis with prayer, advocacy and financial support through Lutheran Disaster Response. Reumann says, "In our Lutheran family, I can glimpse God's action and can testify that in the gloom and horror of war, God is here." Your gifts through the Social Ministry Committee's goodie bag collection this Lent were part of that support for LDR in Eastern Europe. Thank you.



SYNOD WEBSITE

Northeastern PA Synod Bishop Christopher deForest shares Holy Week reflections on a Sunday school child’s question about whether Jesus cried when he was on the cross, and announces the new synod Growing Young coordinator, Stacey Burke, in his most recent blog post, “On the Way,” from April 10. You can read it for yourself under the “News” tab on the menu bar at the top of the synod website, <https://nepasynod.org/news>.



AND SYNOD ASSEMBLIES

Our Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District will hold its annual Assembly meeting this month, Thursday, May 12, 7:00 pm online. Anyone may attend the meeting, but only our voting members will be allowed voice and vote in the business it conducts. Contact pastor if you would like the link to the meeting and experience the assembly. The Northeastern PA Synod’s annual Assembly will likewise be online Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, and it will be streamed live.

You can become an integral part of the leadership of our Northeastern PA Synod by offering to serve on the Synod Council. Like our Congregation Council is to St. Paul’s ministry, the Synod Council is the governing body which oversees the regular operation of the synod and envisions its ministry. The Synod Council will have positions available for both lay male and lay female representatives. If you have questions, are curious, or would like to offer yourself to this important ministry, please contact Pastor Grube.

CAREGIVER NEEDED

An 89-year-old, long-time St. Paul’s member is in need of a companion, sitter, and personal assistant. This is a 40-hour paid position under the PA Waiver program. If you have questions, would like to inquire, or have interest in the position, please see Pastor Grube.



Hi Everyone,

Easter is past and the snow also, I hope! But, there’s always a “but”. Right, Pastor? The new Covid cases are going up again and hopefully only mild symptoms. For your reference look for the ins and outs at this CDC site:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>. It

helped me. There’s even a calculator available. Remember as more science data comes in, recommendations change. Check frequently. And then it’s also the time for and what’s the difference between colds and allergies. WEBMD has a good way to tell the difference at <https://www.webmd.com/cold-and-flu/cold-guide/common-cold-or-allergy-symptoms>. Please remember if you take prescription medications for any health reason, check with your doctor/health care provider about over-the-counter medications for colds or allergies to make sure there will be no adverse interactions.

Also from CDC is an evidenced-based program brought to my attention by the newly forming District 7 Parish Nurses about “F.A.N.” (Faith, Activity, and Nutrition). You have to type in the full name in the CDC search box. If anyone is interested, please, look at it and let me know what you think.



Carol can give you a copy of the cold and allergy page. Thanks, Carol.

In Love and Service and Gratitude,
Gail Ide, RN, Parish Nurse



SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT

Know how to tie a knot? Can you use a scissors? Do you like a “sit down” job? That all the skill needed to help make the fleece blankets for Camp Noah!

Social Ministry will donate the blankets to Camp Noah, a day camp helping children get through difficult times. Please join us at 10:00 am in the social hall on the following dates: Mondays May 9 and 23; Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 25. June - Mondays June 6, 13; Wednesdays, June 8, 15. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Mancke at 570-675-9858.

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FATHER’S DAY APPEAL

June 19 will mark our annual Father’s Day Appeal and we hope you will take this opportunity to honor or remember the fathers in your life by making a special donation again this year which will benefit the ministries of St. Paul’s. A special envelope and order form are included with this newsletter and your donation will be noted in the bulletin on Father’s Day. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or made on-line via our web site at stpaulsdallaspa.org and click on the Online Giving link. Be sure to enter the name of your loved one for the bulletin insert.

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FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear St. Paul’s Friends:

Marty and I want to thank you for the beautiful stained glass hanging cross ornament. It is just beautiful. We feel truly blessed with our St. Paul’s family. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity. God Bless!

Marty & Annie Bisher

To The Social Ministry Committee:

The Holy Spirit uses people to show his love!
Thanks to the Social Ministry Committee for the

love shown to me by giving of the lovely gift. It is a true reflection of faith and love. This tells me of the vitality of our congregation and the Spirit is at work among us. Evil forces tried to overcome us through COVID, but God reigns!

Each gift is thoughtfully and carefully selected as if the giver knew my heart. Please know it is appreciated. Thank you.

Carol Swanson

Thank you St. Paul’s,

A big Easter thank you to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church from LeJune Ely in Montrose. LeJune is my 97 year old mom. She opened the lovely gift of glass crosses from the Social Ministry folks recently. She is appreciative of the prayers and greetings, as well as the gift.

Jean Grube

Social Ministry Committee,

Thank you so much for the lovely card and beautiful cross. I am thrilled to get both.

Sincerely,
Greta Ruckno

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A MOTHER’S DAY HYMN

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God “mothers” each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God’s comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who “mothers” us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.

BRATISLAVA BOYS CHOIR TO PERFORM

The acclaimed Bratislava Boys Choir from Bratislava, Slovakia will perform at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm and at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 pm. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. The choir's repertoire features a variety of both sacred and secular music including Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, concert Masses, folk songs, and works by contemporary composers. The concerts are presented by the Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA in cooperation with World Artists Experiences and the Embassy of Slovakia. For more information, contact Michael Stretanski at 570-817-3430, Raphael Micca at rdmicca@aol.com, or visit www.facebook.com/worldartistsNEPA.

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FIXED HOURS OF PRAYER

As summer approaches, you may look forward to a more relaxed routine. But don't discard all your good habits and commitments! For soul care, try fixed hours of prayer. Simply expand the concept of praying at set times (such as before meals and bed) into praying regularly each morning, midday and evening. Set an alarm on your watch or phone and commit to engaging with God at the specified times. You can do this on your own or with family or friends.

You can pray using Scripture verses, devotional guides, the *Book of Common Prayer* or a resource such as *ExploreFaith.org*. (When I'm tired or overwhelmed, it's helpful to pray someone else's words.) You might want to pray the same prayers morning, noon and evening for a week or a month. This practice isn't meant to replace spontaneous prayers. Instead, use fixed hours of prayer to nurture a consistent habit of conversing with God.

—Janna Firestone

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM REUBEN
ABEL DAN
SETH ASHER
NOAH JUDAH
HAM LEVI
SHAM GAD
JAPHETH NAFTALI
ELKNAH ISSACHAR
SAMUEL ZEBULUN
AMNON BENJAMIN
NAOAB JOSEPH
HURI MARASSEH
CALEB EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM SAIL
ISHMAEL JONATHAN
ISAAC DAVID
ESAU SOLOMON
JACOB

M I B N A D S O S S E H S S A U A L E V I T T N A H T A N O J Z
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A B E L A P H L G S M B I O A O
J A R L H P E C I T O B A N C J

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.

SPECIAL DATES

- National Day of Prayer, *May 5, 2022*
- Mother's Day, *May 8, 2022*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 21, 2022*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 23, 2022*
- Ascension Day, *May 26, 2022*
- Memorial Day, *May 30, 2022*