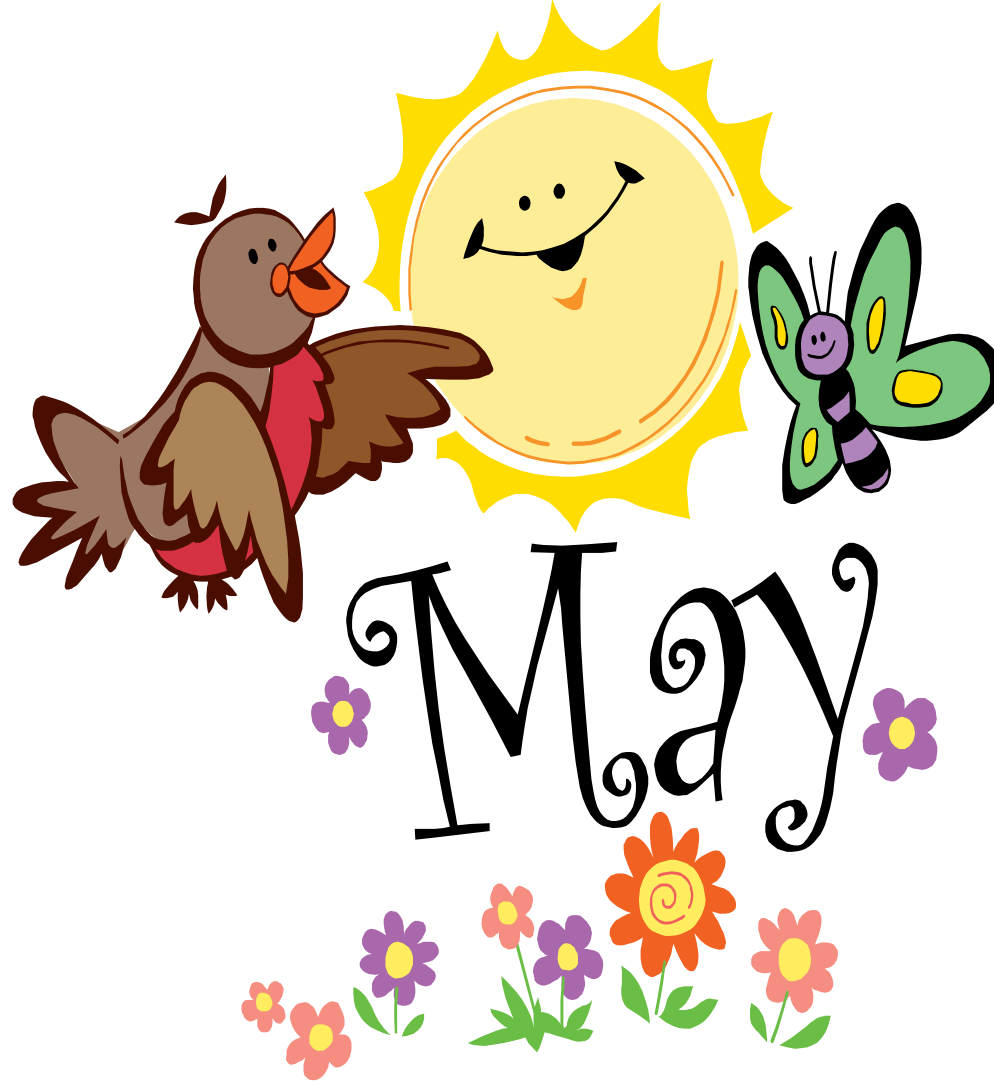


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**FAITH NEWS
MAY 2026
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." - Cardinal Meymillod

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					1 CCC Work Day Mental Health Month	2 CCC Work Day
3 Sounds of Inspiration 10am Coffee Fellowship	4 Looms of Love 1-3pm	5 Scouts 6-7pm Scouts Committee Mtg 7-8pm	6 Choir 7pm	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	11 Looms of Love 1-3pm	12 Scouts 6-7pm Connect Mtg 6:30pm Board Meeting 7pm	13	14 Members Breakfast 9am at Red Pride Cafe	15 Bike to Work Day	16
17 Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	18 Looms of Love 1-3pm	19 Scouts 6-7pm	20 Bible Study 6pm?	21 CWF at 9:30am at Church	22	23
24 Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	25 Memorial Day	26 Scouts 6-7pm	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 10am Church Picnic!						



The CWF will meet on Thursday, May 21st at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

All women are invited to attend.



Thanks to everyone that supported the Mission Coalition Bake Sale on April 18th. Proceeds will go to Kid Assist. Carol Macksey, CWF

Members Breakfast

May 14th at 9:00 am at the Red Pride Café.



Last Wednesday night Rehearsal will be May 6th and the last time singing in church will be on

Mother's Day, May 10th.

Have a great Summer and thank you all for participating in the Choir. See you in the Fall.

Cathi, Music Director



Vacation Bible School



Once again this year, First Christian Church, will be joining with St. Luke Methodist and First United Methodist to hold Vacation Bible School. Last year was a great experience for all involved. Join us at St. Luke Methodist June 22 through June 26 for Snowball Mountain Challenge. Kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, who is reporting on the events. Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope.

In addition to youth, many adult volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. Please prayerfully consider volunteering this year.

For questions, please contact Vicki Gunsaulus (641)521-5428

Summer Camp—May 1st Deadline to avoid late fee!

Each year the Christian Conference Center hosts 10 weeks of summer camps. Youth can begin attending, along with a grandparent, at the age of 4 years and continue through high school. Adults have multiple opportunities to attend as a camper as well as a counselor. Camp provides a great opportunity for Christian education that can last a lifetime. Check out the conference website www.uppermidwestcc.org to see what dates and type of camp works best for you. **This year, if registered by May 1, 2026, a camp t-shirt is included and a late fee of \$50.00 is avoided.**



Landscaping Volunteer Positions have been filled May—August. September is still available. The landscaping crews help keep our grounds looking beautiful We appreciate all that they do for FCC! The sign up sheet is on the board in the Narthex.



MEMORIAL DAY



This Memorial Day, we honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives for the freedoms we cherish. As a church family, we reflect on the selfless love of Jesus Christ—who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). We pray for comfort for their families and pledge to remember their valor.



May finally got here, is it just me or has it seemed to be a long spring? Maybe it is that we are confined to our homes by choice, (some of us do not like cold weather) so with the longer days, we find it is finally warming up enough to get ready for warmer weather and are getting summer lawn care equipment ready as well.

Each season requires a little preparation for things to easily blend from one season to another. How about in our faith walks, what transitions need to take place from one season in our lives to another?

Perhaps we have a child or grandchild that is finishing school and will be going into the work force or leaving home for college. Perhaps a loved one has to go into a care center or hospital, maybe a new baby has been added to our families or a pet has come or gone from our lives. Transitions can be difficult and a little scary, and then we may ask ourselves why things have to change – why couldn't things just stay the same?

The truth is 'change is the only thing that remains constant' change allows us opportunity to grow and learn and trust that God has a plan for us. In these transitions, there is opportunity for our faith and beliefs to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit so that we might be of service for someone else as they too find themselves in the midst of change. We can be the light of Christ to others as they struggle with issues that we have experienced ourselves – and now can be a guide for them as they begin a new season in their lives.

May brings with it warmer weather, new growth in nature and a promise of what is to come. It also requires different tools than winter or spring – so let us 'tool up' in prayer and praise to our Lord and Savior, let us 'prepare' for the season to come in study of scripture and let us do the work before us as we enter into another season of our lives.

Blessings this spring

Pastor Alan

