

Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES



April 26, 2015

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, May 3rd @ 9:15 a.m.** All are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please speak to a Church Council member – Dave Baird, Stuart Engelke, Mark Kreklow, Greg Miller, or Pastor Free.



Spring Cleanup Day



It's time to beautify our church property! Our Spring Cleanup work day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.**

If you are willing to help with lawn mowing and weeding this year, please talk to Stuart Engelke or sign up in the entryway.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to applaud the wonderful blessings of mothers. We invite moms, grandmas, and the whole family to join us for a celebratory breakfast **May 10th @ 9:15.**



*For all the faithful women who served in days of old
To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks Your wisdom gave;
To You their life bore witness, proclaimed Your power to save.*

Pregnancy Counseling Center

There are always baby items needed for distribution at our WELS Pregnancy Counseling Center - Mundelein. If you are interested, you may drop off a gift in the church office. Items especially needed are: new or gently used baby & toddler clothing, baby wipes, & diapers - sizes 4 & 5. Thank you!



Our congregation is also supporting the *Change for Life* program and the ministry of *New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers*. It is a place for single mothers to live to learn how to care for their baby and, most importantly, to learn about God and the salvation he provides in Jesus.

You can pick up a baby bottle or a coin box to fill with change - due back on Mother's Day, **May 10th**. We can all make a difference in the lives of these mothers and children!



Kraft Korner



King's Daughters is hosting the final Sunday of "Kraft Korner" with items offered for a freewill offering today, **April 26th**. Items available are homemade dolls and some original items to benefit our WELS missions.

Birthday Greetings

This week, birthday greetings go to Eric Smith (April 26), John Bostwick (April 28), Joy Symonds (May 1), and Sandy Jones (May 2). Enjoy your special days!



King's Daughters Update

Women of all ages are invited to join in our next meeting, **Thursday, May 14th**, of King's Daughters. We will be having special elections for two-year terms for President and



Treasurer, and a one-year term for Secretary.

If you would like to add your name to the ballot, please speak to Gwynn Manzel or Fran Fry.

Usher Duties

We will soon be switching over to a summer worship schedule. If you would be willing to usher, summer is a great time to learn the ropes! Please speak to Doug Salzwedel if you are able to serve in this way.



An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - John 10:11-18



Among the many names given to Jesus is “the good shepherd” as described in this section of the gospel of John. His job as a shepherd, he says, is to “lay down my life for the sheep.”

Because he has complete knowledge of all of us, there is an intimate relationship between him and his sheep, all of us who believe in him. But Jesus goes on: “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.” A good shepherd uses all the resources at hand for the benefit of the sheep. Similarly, our resources, given to us for our needs, should also be used in bringing in the “other sheep.” We look to Jesus as our model for obedience and unconditional love, and we, in turn, are to be models for others “not of this sheep pen.”

Mission Prayer



Outreach to Muslims – Dear Lord, there are so many hurting people in this world who do not know what you have done for them—specifically, that you have saved them. We think especially of the Muslim populations both in this country and around the world. We thank you for blessing the work of our synod over the past years as we have tried to reach these hurting souls. We pray for your blessing as we redirect our outreach efforts to Muslims by going to countries with large Muslim populations. Go with us as we take you to them. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Service to Our Lord

	<i>April 20 – 26</i>	<i>April 27 – May 3</i>
<i>Pianists</i>	<i>Dave Frick</i>	<i>Dave Frick</i>
<i>Ushers—8:00</i>	<i>Mark Kreklow TBD</i>	<i>Dave Kammerer Jon Kammerer</i>
<i>Ushers—10:30</i>	<i>Doug Salzwedel Howard Smith</i>	<i>Geoff Grossman Caryn Grossman</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Grossman</i>	<i>Kreklow Fry</i>
<i>Lawn Mowing</i>	<i>Grossman</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance: 98
Bible Study/Sunday School: 21 / 19