

Briefings

Pilot Knob Lutheran Church

May 2023



May is an important month with a focus on several events. First, May 7 is confirmation Sunday. Sophia Reese will become a confirmed member of PKLC as she has completed the two-year confirmation program. Confirmation is a time when seventh and eighth graders study the catechism and scripture furthering their knowledge and understanding and faith in God. It is a time in which faith is developed from their baptism and their commitment to Jesus Christ as savior is confirmed. We pray this foundation that was built throughout prior Sunday school years will continue to be built upon for the remainder of life. *2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

I want to be very clear; confirmation is not graduation even though it is in May with high school and college graduations. Confirmation is just the beginning and one of many past and future building blocks of Christian maturity and the continued development of a biblical worldview. So, please keep Sophia in prayer along with all our youth.



May is graduation month. Though we don't have any seniors this year you probably know some. This is a very important step, leaving behind a very structured routine that began twelve years ago. Young people are told when to go to school, how long and what classes to take. There are extracurricular activities, the development of friends and at times a sense of recognition for a job well done. For many it has been a 'safe place' in that surroundings and expectations are familiar and even comfortable. For others, they have their sights set on a career, college, military service, or some other venture and will not look back. One thing is certain, after graduation students leave it all behind, they enter the world as an adult, (or almost) with many opportunities and decisions to make. *Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.* This is good advice to keep in mind.



Lastly, May is Mother's Day. Having a mother is something we all have in common, whether she is still with us or has gone on to eternity. While motherhood is downplayed in our day, it continues to be held high in God's sight. He created us male and female, and nothing else. Eve is "the mother of all the living" (Genesis 3:20). Throughout scripture women and mother played an important role leading up to the first Christmas, culminating with Mary followed by significant women in the first century church. We can thank God for creating one man and one woman, for without Eve we would not be reading this.

Congratulations to Sophia Reese on her confirmation day. May the Lord continue to bless your development as you draw near to Him.

NOTHING NEW

There is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Many Christians have asked what is happening in our culture concerning the dramatic rise in moral relativism and the increasing prevalence of the LGBTQ worldview. They've said, "We've never seen our culture like this before, nor have we seen the battle over transgenderism as we see it regarding children today. What is happening to our culture?"

Many seem to think that what is happening is new. But it's not new. We are just seeing it in ways we never have before in the West.

Really, "there is nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The heart of man is still as described in Scripture: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick" (Jeremiah 17:9). There are still more on the broad way than the narrow way, and men still love "the darkness rather than the light because their works are evil" (John 3:19).

Ever since the fall (Genesis 3), there has been a battle between light and darkness. It's a battle between good and evil, between God's Word and man's fallible word.

Now, because of the history of the US, the Judeo-Christian ethic founded in the Bible permeated the culture. Most non-Christians accepted that marriage is between one man and one woman, that there are only two genders of humans—male and female—and that abortion kills a human being.

The spiritual battle between light and darkness was still raging in the culture, but it was as if a big curtain (a mostly Christianized worldview) shielded us from seeing it. But over time, as the education system became more secularized (more atheistic), progressively removing the Bible and Christian teaching—and as most churches and Christian institutions compromised God's Word in Genesis and endorsed the secular system that was indoctrinating generations of children—the more secularized the younger generations became.

We now see that Generation Z is the most atheistic generation in the history of this nation and is called a post-Christian generation. The more atheistic they become, the more they will build their morality on man's word and thus be their own gods and aggressively promote what they are committed to—moral relativism. That's what we are seeing. It's as if the curtain has been drawn back and the spiritual battle that's always been there is now allowed to run rampant in the culture.

THE SOLUTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD AND THE SAVING GOSPEL.

MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURES

MAY 7TH, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship & Holy Communion

SERMON: *A Prostitute, really?*

OT Lesson: Joshua 2:1-14

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-14

MAY 14TH, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship

SERMON: *The Spy's Escape*

OT Lesson: Joshua 2:15-24

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21

MAY 21ST, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship

SERMON: *More Water to Cross*

OT Lesson: Joshua 3:1-6

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

MAY 28TH, 2023

The Day of Pentecost

Morning Worship

SERMON: *Listen, Obey, and See*

OT Lesson: Joshua 3:7-17

Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



Thank you to all our veterans, both past and present!!!!

Memorial Day

WORD SEARCH

AMERICAN
ANTHEM
CEMETERY
CEREMONY
COMMEMORATE
DECORATION
FALLEN
FLAGS
FLOWERS
FREEDOM
GRAVE
HALF MAST
HEROES
HOLIDAY
HONOR
MAY
MEMORIAL
OBSERVANCE
PATRIOTIC

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REMEMBRANCE

VETERANS

SACRIFICE

WAR

SALUTE

SERVICE

SOLDIERS

TAPS





Congratulations Sophia Reese on your Confirmation. May the Lord Bless you and keep you as you continue to grow in your walk with Him.





MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7 Communion Greeters: Jim & Kayla Dontje Reader: Shelly Jdan Sound: Rachel/Greg	8 B-Day Don Reese	9 Council Deacon's Mtg: 5:45 PM Council: 6:30 PM	10 B-Day Karen Jorgensen	11 B-Day Becky Pederson	12	13
14 Confirmation Sunday 14 Mother's Day Greeters: Billy & Angie Lawrence Reader: Bobbi Elbert Sound: Dave/Don	15	16	17	18	19 B-Day Danny Lenz	20
21 Greeters: Jesse & Rachel Stensrud Reader: Joel Showalter Sound: Bobby/Steve	22	23 B-Day Sherry Flugum	24	25 B-Day Clara Zacharias	26	27
28 Greeters: Val J. & Karen J. Reader: Tony Gray Sound: Rachel/Devon Greetshare 2:00 PM B-Day Denny Hagen	29 Memorial Day	30 B-Day Joel Showalter	31		B-Day Joslyn Dontje	
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>						
Ushers: Greg & Sherry Flugum Custodians: Danny Lenz & Joel Showalter Acolyte: Sophia Reese Communion Asst: Greg Flugum						