



11:00am Outdoor Easter Service: Susan, Lynne, & Dominic  
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Elder of the Month  
Debbie Celio

## May WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Virtual Worship Service Link

<https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-video>

Services stream "Live" at 10:00am  
and Recorded for online viewing.

FM Transmission on **88.1**  
in the CPC Parking Lot

Protocols

<https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-covid19-info>

- **Sunday, May 2**  
10:00am in person worship
- **Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day)**  
10:00am in person worship
- **Sunday, May 16**  
10:00am in person worship
- **Sunday, May 23**  
10:00am in person worship
- **Sunday, May 30**  
10:00am in person worship



The gospel of Mark, chapter 6, tells the story of a hungry crowd of well over 5,000 people, and Jesus' disciples' anxious plan for dismissing them. The disciples figured out that the best way for the people to eat was to send them away as soon as possible before it got any later in the day – they were getting worried, and they told Jesus what He should do and say now that He had finished teaching.

But Jesus didn't want to send the crowd away hungry. And Jesus wasn't worried. Instead, Jesus asked for an assessment of what food was on hand. The disciples reported back: 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. (Not the results the disciples wanted to hear!) Jesus, however, organized the crowd into groups to sit down, took the fish and loaves that the Lord provided, gave thanks – that is, He prayed –

and let the huge crowd watch Him break the loaves apart and divide the fish to be distributed for them to further break and pass to share with each other. And we know the joyful end of the story, recorded in all of the gospels.

"They ALL ate, AND were satisfied." Set aside for a moment that familiar scrutiny we're used to, that can't stop asking "how" did Jesus do that, in order to consider "why" As we read later in John's gospel, it was nevertheless Jesus' intention to become a traveling soup kitchen or, as we might imagine today, a miracle food truck! Instead, Jesus was still teaching that day. Jesus was revealing God's love that day. Jesus was living His Word that day.

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## MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

### SUNDAYS

- Join us for recorded Worship Service  
Videos <https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-video>

**NOTE: All meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise stated by the committee.**

### TUESDAYS

- May 4 / Adult Ed 3:00pm  
/ Worship Committee 7:00pm
- May 11 / Missions 3:00pm  
/ Children's Ministry 4:30pm
- May 18 / Deacons 6:30pm  
/ Trustees 7:30pm
- May 25 / Session 6:30pm  
/ Trustees 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAYS

- Women's Bible Study 10:00am (All are welcome)
- Staff 1:00pm
- May 12 / Communications 10:00am  
/ Finance 6:00pm

### Pastor's Post: Continued from pg. 1

In Matthew 6 He preached: There's no need to be anxious when we have faith in the Lord who has compassion for us. We no longer have to worry about what we will eat, or wear, or about tomorrow – the Lord will give all these things to us when we seek His Kingdom.

What might this living teaching mean for us now? Of course, we can readily apply it to our daily lives! Asking Jesus to replace our naturally anxious hearts with faith. To give us minds centered on seeking Him and His way of life (His Kingdom) – ready to give thanks and pray in all circumstances.

And for our church?

Well, the Session recently realized that it's time to look at all of the rooms in our church building – our spaces – and ask, now that the pandemic is past and we can reopen, how these spaces can best serve our congregation as we grow going forward. So, we have a new task group of folks energized to assess what we have: our version of loaves and fishes – to see how our resources might be multiplied for the good of everyone we are serving. We call our new Session group the

### "Space Force!"

And we pray that as we emerge from this past year of lockdown, many other new, life-giving ideas and projects and events will reshape and renew our church and encourage and engage our people.

What a joy that will be!"

- Peace and Joy, Pastor Susan

### Usher & Registrar Schedule for May:

- May 2 - Mike Marlow, Betsy Swinson & Joan Marlow, Sandi Hechler
- May 9 - Bill Stout, Eric Schwarz & Patti Comfort, Don Comfort
- May 16 - Ken Schweisthal, Jack Force/Eric S. & Martha Krema, Kelly Simms
- May 23 - Jim DeLuca, Tyler Celio & Jack Force, Ruth Force
- May 30 - Bill Stout, Ken Schweisthal & Diane Porter, Martha Krema

## POOL PARTY

Sunday, June 13th



Meet at church at 11:45am  
We will go to Tyler Celio's house to  
**Swim • Eat • Play Games**  
and have a great time together  
as a youth group. We will bring you  
back to church at 2:00pm

*Bring your friends!*



Wednesday, July 14th, 9:00am  
We head to Great America!

We'll call or text families  
on our way home. Permission slip  
will be handed out before we go.

Bring money for your ticket.  
Free lunch and drink provided by CPC.

*Bring your friends!*



Date TBD - Stay Tuned!  
6:00 - 8:00pm

During the 1st week of school,  
CPC will have Slip & Slide Kickball.  
Food & Drinks provided.

*Bring your friends!*



## Monday Night Bible Study – Book of Ephesians

Zoom Classes 7:00pm

Continues May 3, 10, 17, 24

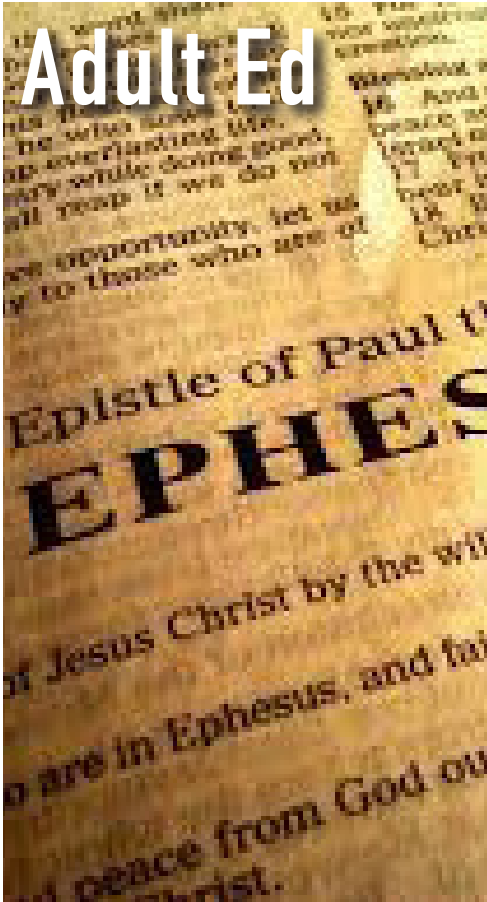
The remainder of the seven-week Zoom, series which utilizes short videos by J.D. Greear and is facilitated by Pastor Susan Finley continues.

Has it ever dawned upon you that nothing has ever dawned on God? And this God gave us His Word. "The Book of Ephesians is considered to be the most concise, theologically rich book in the Bible" according to pastor and author J.D. Greear. "It is a survival manual for Christians. This is how you can survive and thrive ...".

Paul desires to convey that the Spirit works in individual hearts and also works through the Church – with each leaning forward to new opportunities to shine with the light of Christ.

Each class, starts at 7:00pm will utilize a video by J.D. Greear and is facilitated by Pastor Susan Finley. Greear emphasizes in Ephesians that the Gospel changes us, not through behavior modification, but through soul transformation at the core level. Encounter Ephesians, and get swept up into the story of Jesus.

- By Ron Zabel, Adult Ed Committee Chair



## Deacons' Diary

# Mother's Day

### Community Giving

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the congregation with their donations to the Deacon's Fund. Through your continued support we are able to contribute to a number of groups that provide aid and services for our community. These include local food pantries, PADS, and other agencies that administer need based services.

lessly nurture their children and grandchildren, and to all others in honor of their mothers: we wish you a blessed day! We thank all those who have given the love and care of a mother to the children of our congregation. To show our apprecia-

tion, the Deacons will be handing out a special gift to each woman, in addition to contributing to the Outreach House and their mission to provide compassionate and effective care for local families.

### Happy Mothers' Day!

We wish all women of the congregation a very happy Mothers' Day on May 9th. To the mothers and caregivers who tire-



### Easter Coffee Hour

Thank you to everyone who attended Easter service. It was a joy to be able to once more provide a coffee hour for congregational fellowships especially on such a beautiful day! We are looking forward to finding a way to continue this safely going forward.

- by Sierra Innis

# Mission Minutes

## A Letter

### from Todd and Maria Luke Building Cisterns in Mexico

Dear friends,

Our partners in Mexico are very busy, even though we do not plan to send American mission groups to build cisterns this year. Victor, Raul, and Isaias are leading a team that will work with at least twenty-two families to build twenty-two family-owned cisterns during the next couple of months. Generous financial support from our American church and family partners makes this possible. We hope to build up to forty cisterns in 2021, but that number depends on the response we receive from our American partners.

We are also doing something new and exciting. In addition to the many support tasks he already performs, our associate in Xpujil, Felipe Torres now leads a small crew that visits each of our cistern partners who have repaid at least \$2,000 pesos of their cistern materials loan. The purpose of the house call is to:

1. Check the current water level in the cistern.
2. Make sure all inlets and outlets are in good working order.
3. Replace any worn-out or broken parts.
4. Talk with the family about their cistern.
5. Remove any mold and dirt from the cistern's exterior walls and roof.
6. Apply a fresh coat of white paint.

All of this is done free of charge. All expenses are covered by funds from the previous repayments made by the family that Felipe's crew is visiting.

Let me give a quick reminder about our cistern loans. When a family agrees to



work with us to acquire a cistern, they take on many responsibilities. Among them are a commitment to provide a lot of manual labor. This sweat equity is not just for their own cistern, but also for the cisterns of several neighbors. The cistern owner also agrees to repay little by little the entire cost of the construction materials used to build the family's cistern. This loan is interest-free, no collateral, and no signed contract. Repayments signal to us that the family's cistern remains important to them.

With each cistern service call, Felipe shows the family that we remain interested in the family and their clean water situation. We really want to make sure their cistern provides clean water for decades to come. I like that we can fund these visits without making a special appeal to our American partners. If you or your church ever donated money for a cistern in the past and the family that owns that cistern is making repayments then your initial investment continues to make an impact.

It is great that our work in Mexico continues, even when our American partners are unable to be directly involved. In a way, we have been planning for circumstances like these for a long, long time.

(To be continued next month.)

## FEET TO FAITH

James 2:26 - "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." [NASB]

By: Dave Micksch  
Communications Specialist



## Pray Without Ceasing

In first 1 Thessalonians 5 [NASB] after describing that the day is near when the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night (verse 2), Paul encourages them to remain children of light, and to remain sober warriors of faith. He then follows that with we should conduct ourselves; to lead, to be at peace with others, to remain humble, and so on. Paul then starts to close by saying in verses 16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks... Do not quench the Spirit".

This letter may have been the first of his letters and it took place around twenty to thirty years after Jesus died. This letter is right during some of the worst persecution Christians faced. Paul's words embodied encouragement, and exhortation. Over the last year, we've all had the opportunity to learn a lot about ourselves and others. Often, the toughest times produce the greatest fruit. Learning to pray without ceasing and giving thanks during difficult times has made all the difference. Not just for me, but for many that I'm connected with.

Let us pray without ceasing, and always rejoice for we have a God who listens, acts, and loves beyond measure or understanding.



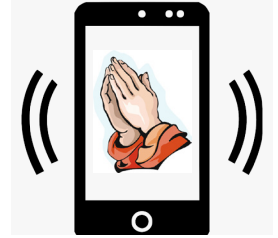
## Senior Outings

For more information, go to our CPC website, Facebook page, or Sunday Bulletin.

What a spectacular Easter we had this year with the sun out, temps in the 70s, and many people attending one of our two services, either inside or outside the church! We are reminded of one of the last commands that Jesus gave to his disciples, "This is my command: Love each other" - John 15:17 [NIV]. Your church family does love each and every one of you. We are hoping with many getting vaccinated and the weather turning pleasant that we might soon return to some face-to-face events. In the meantime, please call any of us on the committee if you have a need, prayer request, or just want to talk. We are praying for all of you.

The Senior committee: Carol Brunton (630-620-4571), Carol Kloster (630-903-4847), Nancy Bane (630-917-7128), Gail Smith (630-629-0475), Cheryl Williams (630-284-9474), Jeanne Logan (630-629-7641), and Diane Gilliard (312-502-4751).

## Join Our Prayer Group



Yeah Spring is here! CPC's Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) has begun their search for our full-time minister, our programming is expanding, and Session is looking at what CPC should be doing as we come out of the pandemic restrictions. We need more prayers for our staff and church than ever! Our prayer group continues to meet to pray by phone for our church and our world every Saturday. We would love to have anyone who is interested in joining to please do so, even if you do not want to pray out loud. "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20 [NIV]. We would love to have you join us! We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am for about 30 minutes. Please join us for this phone prayer group. Please drop a call or note to Joan Marlow if you wish to join the group and we will merge you into our small group. It is VERY easy.

Hope to pray with you. Joan Marlow, Diane Porter, and Diane Gilliard.



*After the Sunday worship service, are you Zoom'in for some coffee & conversation? Join us every Sunday at the 11:30am Coffee Hour.*

Link provided in our Sunday morning email. If you do not receive our emails, please contact us at [connect@cpclombard.org](mailto:connect@cpclombard.org).

# Archives Committee

The Archives and AV committees did a little spring cleaning this month. We need to get one more shelving unit, then we'll be in tip-top shape. If you're interested in joining the AV or Archives Committees, contact Dan Smaczny at [dan.smaczny@outlook.com](mailto:dan.smaczny@outlook.com).





Doris Holden  
Growing Place Director  
[doris@growingplacepreschool.org](mailto:doris@growingplacepreschool.org)

The Growing Place has been doing very well since their opening in January. They are in the process of registering students for summer camp and next year's classes. Already 80+ children are registered for next year and the camps are filling up. GP is in the process of hiring more teachers and is planning for the two-year-old classes to be reopened in the fall. The children continue to be a delight! They are having a lot of fun in their classes and handling their masks very well. They are enjoying being outside in the nice weather and playing with their friends. Our new Director Doris Holden is giving tours and interviewing prospective staff.

The 3-year classroom is busy exploring butterflies, caterpillars, and learning



about the life cycles of insects. During Earth week, they will be learning about materials that can be recycled.

The PreK children were little inventors, as they had many opportunities to create inventions made from recycled machines and other recyclable objects. The PreK children also used math, science, literacy, and sensory skills to investigate worms.



*Calling all graduates!!!*

CPC would like to honor you whether you are graduating from elementary school, jr. high, senior high, college, or vocational school. Please leave a message on the church phone by May 9th. We will be recognizing you on June 6th. The phone number is 630-627-0306 or 630-627-0400.

Congratulations in advance!!!

## Coming to Lombard July 11th - All Aboard!



All Aboard for VBS this summer! VBS at CPC will be the week of July 11-15. Registration information coming soon in May. Are you ready to volunteer for VBS? We would love to have you help lead and guide children through this awesome program.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages.

Please contact Melissa Ferguson directly or the church office. Melissa Ferguson at [melissa@olyola.com](mailto:melissa@olyola.com)

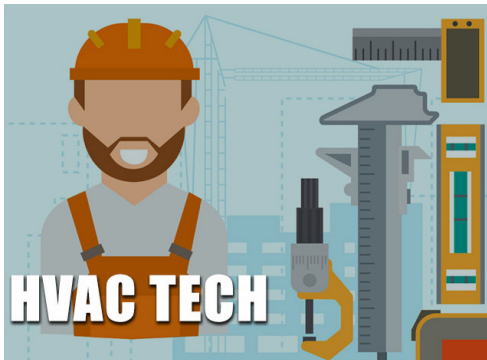


# Trustees' Report



The Trustees met in Westminster Hall on Tuesday night, April 20th. Several matters were discussed among the Trustees in attendance.

Don Comfort is leading the search for a new HVAC service provider. We need to find a contractor who has experience on hot water heat systems. Also we need to have our water tested for lead content, as it has been three years since that was done. Doris Holden, with the Growing Place has said she knows a company that can have the necessary tests done. It involves water in the building not being used for a period of time, so it will take some coordination.



Speaking of water, church members should be aware that the pipes in our building are old and many are not used frequently. So if water runs brownish in the sinks and toilets, please be patient and run the water a little longer, as the situation will clear up quickly. Re-piping our sinks and bathrooms will someday be a very costly project.

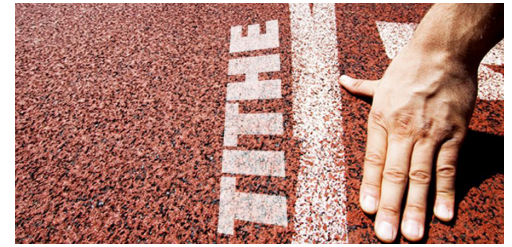
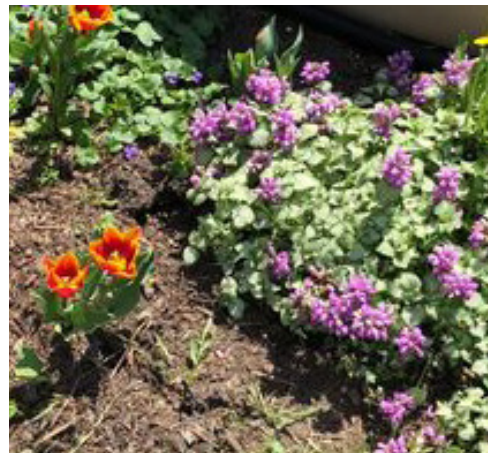
Our chair Bill Stout reported that Jeff De-Jong has stepped off our Trustee Board. We thank and appreciate Jeff for his service, both in this term and in the past. Bill also requested that church members with concerns please jot them down in a note, instead of just speaking to our Trustees about church building problems they have noticed. Or our trustee email can

be utilized ([trustees@cpcclombard.org](mailto:trustees@cpcclombard.org)), but either is better than just mentioning a concern verbally, as conversations are too easily forgotten. We serve for the purpose of serving you, so please help us take care of your concerns by writing them down.

Cary Mentzer, Bill Stout, John Harris, Don Comfort, Phil Dahm, Jim DeLuca, Lynne Smazny, Ron Zabel, and Tyler Celio.

Be sure to let a Trustee know of any concerns you may have about our church building, such as light bulbs needing replacement, or other safety issues. You can email '[Trustees@cpcclombard.org](mailto:Trustees@cpcclombard.org)' or leave a note in our office mail slot. We have allotted funds in the Trustees' 2021 budget to provide equipment and supplies to minimize coronavirus risk and to maintain a safe worship and education experience. Stay safe in 2021!  
- by Cary Mentzer

*The pictures below are from the work on the grounds during the CPC Annual Clean Up Day - It was a great turnout, thanks to all who helped spruce up CPC!*

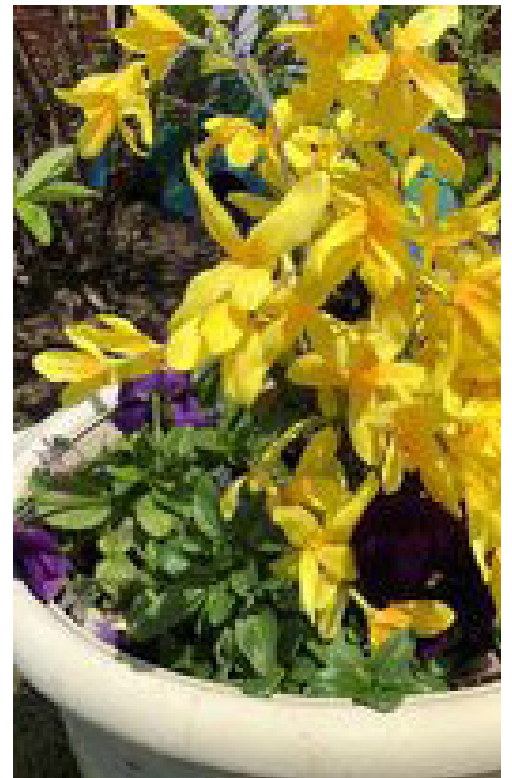


Go to our website "Donate" page [www.cpcclombard.org/donate](http://www.cpcclombard.org/donate) click on the "Donate Now" button, and you can use your credit card to make a donation.

To use your smart phone to donate:  
**TEXT (DON'T CALL) 855-913-0299**, and on the MESSAGE LINE, type in the amount to be given. If this is the first time you have used this method, it will come up and ask you for your credit card information. Or, if you prefer, mail a check to the CPC office at 1111 E Madison St, Lombard, IL 60148-3198.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. We will be back together soon.

Finance - Don Gilliard & Carol Kloster



# Let's Celebrate!



*We celebrate with joy the baptism of  
Charlotte "Lottie" Aileen Campbell  
on Sunday, April 18th  
Daughter of  
Will & Amanda Campbell  
granddaughter of Carol Kloster*

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## Messages from Members:

I wanted to thank the church for remembering us who are shut-in. The Easter Lillies were beautiful. Best wishes to all and thank you very much for the flowers, they're very lovely and I do appreciate it. Best wishes. - Joan Given

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Dear Deacons,  
I want to thank you for the beautiful lily plant you gave us. It is lovely and the cookies were delicious. Thank you Nancy. I was so pleased to see two wonderful faces at my door that I have not seen in over a year. I do look forward to returning to the church soon. Thank you again. - Dolores & Ken Van Schaick

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Thank you to the Deacons. It was a nice surprise for you to stop by and deliver the lovely lillies. - Barb Dries



*Our condolences are extended to  
Dominic Harris and his family  
upon the passing of his mother  
on April 23, 2021  
Our hearts and prayers  
will be with them.*

## May Birthdays

Courtney Bell  
Barb Zahrieh  
Jean Van Horne  
Linda Pagonis  
Joan Johnson  
Tony Opila  
Emily Jungblut  
Sally Jungblut  
Sandi Hechler  
Rev. Jane Lionberger  
Sgt. Colton Gilbert  
Alexander Jaffray  
Jessica Kram  
Barb Myers  
Sara Stout  
Andrew Rugg  
Nick DeJong  
Laurel Jasinski  
Diane Gilliard  
Mark Roucka  
Joan Keith  
Carter Rau  
Keith McClow  
Bonnie Pattison  
Donovan Badalamenti  
Jayda Rogers  
Tim Baffa  
Bruce Bell  
Tyler Celio  
Rev. Stewart Pattison

## May Anniversaries

Ken Schweisthal & Kari Wendt  
Lewis & Theresa Campbell  
Mike & Catherine Berner  
Jack & Ruth Force  
Mark & Kathryn Nelsen  
William & Diana Stout  
Richard & Diane Grek  
Daniel & Lynne Smaczny  
Andrew & Lisa Szostak  
Eric & Afarin Morgan  
Lawrence & Karen Rugg

## June Birthdays

Ruth Force  
Rev. David Hoffmann  
David Cook  
Robin Anderson  
Mike Gilbert  
Holly Harris  
Tyshon Outlaw  
Nancy Zabel  
Michael Marlow  
Josh Roucka  
Adam Hoffmann  
Carter Ferguson  
Jason Nelson  
Melody Mathieu  
Kelly Simms  
Thomas Haaker  
Nick Badalamenti  
Finnegan Campbell  
Marcella Gilbert  
Cameron Kloster  
Steven Simms  
Haley Ferguson  
Michael Casey  
Julia Rogers

## June Anniversaries

Matt & Julia Rogers  
Terry & Jan Jackson  
Tim & Nancy Kehayias  
Keith & Teresa McClow  
Harry & Mary Camp  
Dominic & Sharon Harris  
Mark & Katrina Ladendorf  
Jim & Nancy Hollenbeck  
Gary & Donna Shorter  
Mark & Susan Roucka  
Michael & Erin Gillard