

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

**WEST GRANVILLE
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From our Interim Minister

Can you believe our interim pilgrimage began eight months ago? We set off together in September, working at first to simply find our footing after Pastor Dee's retirement. We journeyed through Advent and welcomed the Christ child on Christmas Eve. We caught our stride through Lent and celebrated the resurrection on Easter. This summer, we'll begin sharing stories on the road. We'll ask one another questions: how did you end up at West Granville? What has the church meant to you? Where do you think God may be calling us next? This journey calls for holy curiosity, a willingness not to jump to conclusions or decisions, but rather to take our time. This is a season of wondering, daydreaming, listening, and exploring together. In May, try practicing a little holy curiosity in your life. Try asking God, "What are you up to in my life? What are you up to in the world? How do I get to be a part of it?" We'll listen together for what God's leading for us.

WORSHIP IN MAY

May 3 **5th Sunday of Easter**
Holy Communion
Recognition of Graduating Senior Highs
Adult Choir
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
Sermon: *Living Stones*

May 10 **Mother's Day**
Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14-15-21
Sermon: *The Living and the Dead*

May 17 **7th Sunday of Easter**
Adult Choir
Bell Choir
Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
Sermon: *Stranger Things*

May 24 **Pentecost**
Many Voices!
Pulpit color change to red
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21;
Revelation 22:1-5, John 7:37-39
Sermon: *Rivers of Living Water*

May 31 **Trinity Sunday**
Summer Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.
Memorial Day Weekend
Pulpit color change to green
Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Matthew 28:16-20
Sermon: *From the Beginning...World without End*

Summer Worship at 9:30 a.m.

[Live Stream West Granville](#)
*Live Stream will open 10 minutes before
the start of service*

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors
May 3rd is our Senior Sunday honoring our graduating High School Seniors:
Noah Bichler, Lucia Daniel, Miriam Daniel, Christian Ellner, Michael Essoka, Victor Essoka, and Godson Nyadzi

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Military

Kali Grogan and her husband Abraham, US Navy
JT Lorbiecki, WI Air National Guard 115 Air Wing

Prayers

Nell Weidmann

The Prills' friend has passed away

Gary Shuff

Diagnosed with shingles, pray for healing

Segan Akinyiga & Family

Segan's mother passed away in Nigeria;
pray for comfort and peace during this time.

Long Term Prayers

Nicki Rupke, special care
Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special needs

Prayers for peace and for military families,
and for all those who are most vulnerable
economically at this time.

**Maple Tree Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Monday, May 4th.**

Please see Signup Genius Link. Items can be dropped off at Church on Sunday, May 3rd for the event.

Maple Tree Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Please contact Tammy Wood with questions

**POLICE APPRECIATION MEAL
FOR DISTRICT 4 OFFICERS**

Once again West Granville, sponsored by the Mission Committee, is helping with the meal being served at the District 4 Station on **Thursday, May 21st**. We will need help with the set-up, serving, and take down of the meal. Help for set-up would be at 3:30, meal served till 7p.m., and clean-up after that time.

Again, we are partnering with our Muslim friends who will be bringing their wonderful chicken and rice dish for the main meal. The officers will also be served hamburgers and hot dogs as an option. West Granville helps with all the fantastic side dishes and desserts. Please sign up for options to bring through the on-line sign up or contact Deb Bascom. Thank you

THANK YOU

*Thank you for your very generous donation of \$300 to the food pantry. Your continuing help is greatly appreciated. God bless you for caring.
St. Peter – Immanuel Food Pantry*

~ card is posted in the Narthex

FLOWERS ~ OPEN CIRCLE

The Open Circle Flower Sale is here again. Some options will include 10" hanging baskets, flower pouches, 4.5" geranium and tomato pots, and 14" patio planters, all from Shady Lane Nursery. There are several more choices on the order form.

Flowers will be available at the church for pick-up on **Sunday, May 17**, after 9:30 a.m. Orders must be placed by **Sunday, May 10**. Flowers can be ordered in one of the following ways:

1. Order using the link available in the Tuesday emails
2. Contact Deb Crane at 262-707-1102 or debcrane99@gmail.com
3. Paper form - please contact Deb Crane to request a copy or you may pick some up in Perseverance Hall starting May 3.

All proceeds from the flower sale go toward local missions. No room for planting? Monetary donations gratefully accepted for these missions.

Master Singers of Milwaukee

"Night and Day"

Sunday, May 17 at 4pm

Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon

Marna Tess-Mattner, choir member

2026 PLEDGES

In an attempt to help educate and provide insight on pledges, the Finance Committee has created a quiz. Answers will be provided in next month's newsletter.

1. How many pledge letters were mailed in 2025?
A) 204
B) 97
C) 125
2. How many pledges were received in 2025 for 2026?
A) 45
B) 115
C) 75
3. Which group tends to give at a higher level?
A) Older members
B) Longtime members
C) A & B are correct

The Finance Committee

Open Circle crafted 6 no-sew fleece blankets and assembled 24 blessing bags. Blankets will be donated to Lake Country Caring, a non-profit organization which serves people in need throughout 4 counties. Patti Lorbiecki provided most all of the materials and we gathered for fellowship and lunch after.



Photo courtesy of Eleanor Ellner

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ben Anderson
- 2 Kelly Grogan
- 6 Elizabeth Sandretti & Ed Kress, 2006
- 6 Terry Mikec
- 7 Bridget Rhode
- 8 Noel Adams
- 8 Jeff Prill
- 8 Alexander Shuff
- 14 Karl & Pamela Mayer, 1988
- 19 Jeannette and Chet Bell, 1962
- 21 Chris & Michelle Pogorzelski, 1994
- 25 Deborah Crane
- 28 Christine Prill
- 29 John & Bridget Rhode, 1994
- 30 Kent & Marna Tess-Mattner, 1975
- 30 Joseph Hrovat

If your dates are missing or in error,
please inform the church office.

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Please submit June articles by May 24, 2026

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Communion Team:</i> Deb Bascom, Scott Prill and Marcie Mangas-Prill <i>Ushers:</i> David Lambert, Patti Lorbiecki, Carol Buck <i>Stream Team:</i> 3, 24 Angie Anderson; 10, 17 Laura Meyer; 31 Logan Cannestra <i>Coffee Hour hosts:</i> 3: Essoka family					1	2
3 – 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Holy Communion H.S. Senior Recognition Adult Choir	4 Maple Tree Appreciation Lunch 6:30 - Worship*	5	6 6:30 Bells	7	8	10 Open Circle flower orders due tomorrow
10 – 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:15 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	11 7 – Finance *	12	13 6:30 Bells	14	15	16 Pick up Open Circle flowers tomorrow
17 – 7th Sunday of Easter 9:15 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Adult Choir, Bell Choir Pick up Open Circle flowers after 9:30	18 7 – Session *	19	20	21 Police Appreciation Dinner 3:30-7	22	23 June Newsletter deadline tomorrow
24 – Pentecost Sunday 10:30 Worship	25 <i>Memorial Day observed</i>	26 7 – Property *	27	28	29	30
31 – Trinity Sunday 9:30 Worship Service	Zoom links may be found on our www.Westgranville.org website under the <i>Events</i> tab. *Meetings may be via Zoom or may have been date- and/or time-changed, stay tuned. Recorded sermons and videos may be found at our YouTube channel – https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYrRM4-Dw					