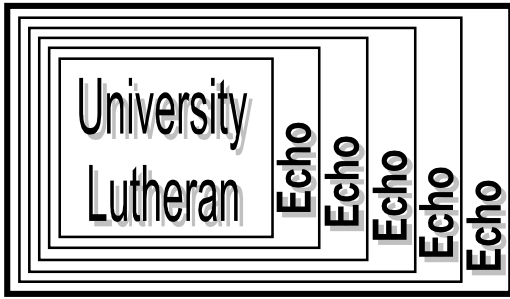


MAY 2014

The Echo

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Easter Sunday has come and gone, and together we proclaimed that Jesus is risen. One of my favorite resurrection stories is Jesus appearing to the disciples on Easter evening when they were hiding behind locked doors. On that occasion, Jesus said to the disciples, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As a Christian person, this statement is central to my work in the church and my service in the world. I take very seriously as I think every Christian should, that Jesus sends us into the world the same way God sent him, to love people.

Now don't get too nervous. I am not saying we must be crucified on a hill outside of Jerusalem or even Grand Forks for that matter. Certainly Jesus' death on the cross was central to how he loved us. Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life on the cross so that our sins are forgiven and our relationship with God is restored and eternal. With this in mind, Jesus sends us into the world to love other people in such a way that what we say and do in life, expresses this same sort of care and love for others, especially those who have particular needs.

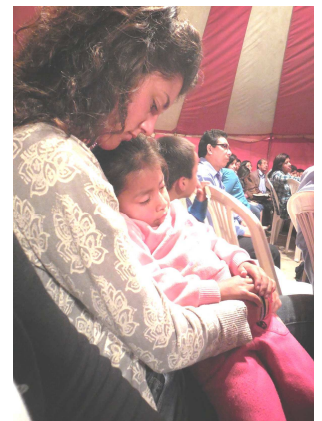
Since October, I have carefully tracked Jenna Shallman and Renae Schmidt on their 9 month mission trip to South America. They are my motivation to go to Ecuador and serve in the same two orphanages where they served last fall. I know from what I have read about their journey that they have understood themselves to be doing the Lord's work as they care for and love children and families along the way. I believe that they have shared the same love with people in South America that they first experienced from Jesus in their lives.

On a recent blog entry, Jenna took a picture Renae holding a child at an Easter Sunday Passion Play. This child was one of many street children Jenna and Renae had spent time with that day. In the picture I can see Jesus in Renae loving this child, and I can see this child experiencing the presence and love of Jesus through Renae. Some people may not see this with their eyes, but if you look at the picture with your faith, then you may see that Jesus sent Jenna and Renae to South America this past year to care for and love children.

I think that Christian people should look at every person from 1 to 120 years old as a child of God, a daughter and son of God, whom we are sent to by the Lord to care for and love. Just like Jenna and Renae have been sent by the Lord to South America to love there, so we too are sent into the world to love other people. This is true whether we serve in Grand Forks or Ecuador. In both places, we are sent by Jesus to love other people under the banner of his beautiful yet challenging words, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

There is an inspiring passage of Scripture in Mark, chapter 10, where Jesus is spending time with children. The disciples shoo the children away, thinking there must be more important work for Jesus to do rather than spend time with them. However, Jesus becomes angry and he blows up at his disciples saying, "You let these little children come to me. Do not stop them." And then the Bible says, "Jesus picked up the children in his arms and he blessed them." In other words, there is nothing more important for Jesus than to care for and love children.

Now take one last look at the picture of that child in Renae's arms. Is not Renae for this moment the presence of the Lord caring for and loving this child? Were not she and Jenna sent to South America by Jesus for this very purpose? Or the question for us is, to what child of God is Jesus sending us to care for and love? The point is simply this, "As the Father sent Jesus, so Jesus also sends us, to care for and love other people. When we do this the world will begin to see what we see, that Jesus not dead in the tomb, but that he is risen indeed!



You are in my prayers,

Peter Pom



WORSHIP NOTES

Church School Music – May 14 and 18

The Church School year is drawing to a close. We will celebrate another great year of sharing the Gospel with our ULC children with some special Church School music as part of our worship service. Here are the dates for you to remember:

- ♪ Wednesday, May 14, will feature our WWJ classes
- ♪ Sunday, May 18 will feature our Sunday School classes

Summer Vacation for Wednesday with Jesus

Our last two dates for Wednesday with Jesus are May 7 and 14. Please note there will be no classes or worship at ULC on Wednesdays, May 21 and 28.

The worship service on May 14 will include music from all our WWJ students, and some of our older students will help to lead worship. It has been another great WWJ year at ULC, and we hope you have a great summer. Please plan on joining us next September for the 2014-2015 year.

However, we hope to see you Wednesdays this summer beginning June 4!



Mother's Day – May 11



We hope you will join us for worship on Mother's Day! The day will include a "Mother's Day Litany of Thanks", some special music, and a gift for all our moms. Then after the worship service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a light brunch – cinnamon rolls, fruit, and a beverage. Get your mom off to the right start on this special day!

Senior Class Recognition – May 25

At this time, high school seniors from our local schools are preparing for graduation and life beyond K-12 education. As part of that process, we will bless and honor our seniors at the Sunday service on May 25. We will present them with a gift at the service, and then afterward, we will have a cake and punch reception, also in honor of them.



Some General Worship Reminders

Here are a few general reminders about monthly worship:

- ✝ Holy Communion is generally served on the first and third Sundays and Wednesdays of the month.
- ✝ We usually use our more contemporary Chicago Folk Service liturgy on the third Sunday of the month.
- ✝ The Service of the Word for Healing is on 6 Sundays and 6 Wednesdays of the year, roughly every other month.

Summer Wednesday Worship

Feed the Body, Feed the Soul

Picnic and Praise



Summer Wednesday Worship will begin as usual on the first Wednesday of June.

Please note that we will continue the following changes from last year:

1. We will worship at 6:00 p.m.
2. We will serve a picnic style lunch at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday – cost is \$1.
3. We will not have a formal fellowship time after worship because of the meal.

During the month of June we will worship with Holden Evening Prayer and the sermon series called, "Seeing God's Presence in Nature."

We hope you will worship with us and invite coworkers, neighbors and friends!

Confirmation



Grades 7-9 confirmation classes are drawing to a close for the 2013-2014 year. Wednesday classes will meet May 7, and Sunday classes on May 4 and 11.

Join us for our year end party on Wednesday, May 14, at Splasher's. There will be fun with water, arcade games, and pizza. Please go to the youth pages in this newsletter for details. This is for both Sunday and Wednesday students. Come and celebrate the fine year we have had together.

If you have not completed all 15 worship notes during the school year, you must catch up over the summer. Please do so before next September.

Feed My Starving Children

Our Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event in April was a huge success for the fourth year in a row! The people of Greater Grand Forks raised over \$88,000, so local volunteers could pack 427,680 healthy meals for starvation-impacted children. 272,160 meals went to Nicaragua (746 kids fed for one year), and 155,520 meals went to Haiti (426 kids fed for one year).

On our part, ULC members and friends contributed about \$3,196 toward this event, and provided many packing volunteers as well. Thank you to everyone who helped with our fundraising efforts and with packing food, as well as to Ann Shallman who serves for us on the local FMSC committee. Well done good and faithful servants!



Adult Education

Here are the adult education opportunities for you in the month of May:

Sunday Adult Class

Sunday morning Adult class meets at 8:45 a.m. The class will continue in the month of May on Sundays, May 3, 10, and 17, and then we will break for the summer.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible study in May will be the conclusion of our book study of "Making Sense of Christian Faith". Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge.

WELCA Bible Study

We conclude our study, "In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women" on Friday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. This month we study, "Rehab, A Faithful Business Woman", a story about a woman who helps two Israelite spies in Jericho. By doing so she secures a good future for her family. All ULC women and friends are invited to join us.

Calling All Men

Hey you guys! Please join us Saturday, May 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for prayer, breakfast pizza, conversation, and a short study. Our topic this month is THE END OF THE WORLD. It's not that Pastor Tom has any inside information about when this will happen. We are simply going to take some time to talk about it.



Men Serving West School 5th Graders

ULC men will be helping to serve the West School 5th grade breakfast on Friday, May 16. This event marks the end of elementary school for these

Education Update for May 2014

May 14th is the WWJ service that will showcase our Education Programs at ULC. WWJ students will sing and participate in the worship service that evening.

May 18th is the Sunday that will showcase our Education Programs at ULC. Sunday school students will sing and perform their memorization too. Older students will help with the worship service that day.



The last day of Wednesday With Jesus is May 14th,
the last day of Sunday school for this school year is May 18th.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY

children, and the beginning of Middle School. Our ULC men have served this event for about 13 years. If you would like to help with the breakfast this year, please contact the church office.

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly

The weekend of May 10-11 is the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly. This year the assembly is here in Grand Forks. Our delegates for this assembly are Pastor Tom, Seanne Voracek, Steven Jacobson and Kevin Meyer. Besides all the normal synod work, this year we will be electing a new bishop. If you are interested in the events of the weekend, you may stop by the church office and pick up a copy of the agenda.

One other important note, every synod assembly includes a Global Missions Breakfast. This year ULC will

Sanctuary Light Repayment

Hopefully you are enjoying the light in the sanctuary!

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends of ULC and the generosity of people through memorials for Pat Flaagan, we will soon be making a payment of about \$14,114 toward the new lights. This is about half the cost of the project so far. Our goal for 2014 was \$25,000. We are doing well to date!



We are still awaiting the delivery of our projector and screen. As soon as they are here, they will be installed and our sanctuary project will be complete. Thank you so much for your generosity and your patience!

Weddings at ULC

“Love one another as I have loved you.”



The traditional wedding season is upon us. We have three weddings at ULC in May. We ask the members and friends of ULC, to pray for our couples. In this way, even if we are not in attendance at a wedding, we are still supporting the couple at their wedding and in their marriage through our prayers. Here are the couples to pray for:

May 10 – Jena Gowan and Jeremy Myrvik

May 17 – Haley Pithey and Ryan Winfield

May 24 – Colleen Boman and Dave Driscoll

The North Dakota Long Term Care Association has named the Bethesda Society of Valley Memorial Homes in Grand Forks as their 2014 Group Volunteer of the Year contest winner. The Bethesda Society is one of the oldest continuous volunteer groups in North Dakota. In 1914, this group founded Valley Memorial Homes, which has grown to serve over 500 residents on 3 campuses. Over the past century they have provided mental, social, emotional and financial support for the residents and tenants. Over the past several years, they have raised over \$40,000 for an Endowment fund which provides annual funding to the Chaplaincy Program. Every month they partner with local congregations to provide meaningful social gatherings with inspirational speakers and talented musicians for residents, tenants and families to enjoy. Several members of ULC are volunteers with the Bethesda Society and we extend our congratulations and appreciation to them for their dedication and commitment.





"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

- **High School Graduates:** We will be honoring the graduating seniors on May 25th during worship. Please turn in a senior picture and information on your plans for next year to Heather or the church office by Friday, May 23rd. We would like to display your picture on this day.



- **Confirmation Pizza & Swimming Party:** Wednesday, May 14th at Splasher's Water park. This will take the place of our last confirmation class for the year. If you want to swim wristbands are \$6 from 5pm-until 9pm. If you are coming for pizza please bring \$3 to help with the cost. If you want to play at the arcade be sure to also bring extra money. If you don't want to swim come at 7pm. Let Heather know if you will need a ride. Hope to see everyone there. :)



- **Wednesday With Jesus** youth will be singing during worship on Wednesday, May 14th. **Sunday School** students will sing during worship on Sunday, May 18th.



- **Bible camp** will be here before you know it. All camp information will be posted on the FYI board in the narthex and is also posted on the church website. If your child will be attending camp please let Heather or Jen know so that we can send them a treat from ULC while they are at camp.





- **The high school mission trip** will be August 8-11th. We will be going to Minneapolis and will have many service opportunities. If you are in 8th-12th grade and are interested in attending please get information from Heather. The last day to sign up is **Sunday, May 11th**. Forms will be posted on the FYI board in the narthex.

- **Middle School Lock In** for youth in grades 6-8 will be held on Friday, June 6th at 7pm. The lock in will end at 8am Saturday morning. All youth can be dropped off and picked up at church. The night will include games, laser tag, snacks, worship, and lots of fun. If you plan on coming please sign up on the FYI board in the narthex and fill out a permission form. Pizza will be served later in the evening however be sure to eat supper before you come. If you have questions please let Heather know.



The last day of B.L.A.S.T. is Wednesday, May 14th and M.E.L.T. (Middleschoolers Engaged in Life Topics) begins Wednesday, June 4th.



Coloring Contest Winners

1st Place: Brooklyn Strom, Ellery White, Sean Vreeland

2nd Place: Talen Bursinger, Isaac Strom, Lauren Rydland

3rd Place: Brynn Solberg, Grace Hanson

Awesome Participants: Calvin LaFountain, Blake Solberg, Evan Saylor, Kellen LaFountain

Thank you to everyone who entered the contest.

ULC Mission Trip to Ecuador

Yes, we are going to Ecuador this summer, July 20-29, for a mission trip! Eighteen of us will board a plane in Fargo, travel to Chicago and Houston, and then land at the capital city of Quito, Ecuador. Our mission is to serve at two orphanages, one in Quito and one in Latacunga, caring for the children, doing some puppet ministry, and working on some buildings and grounds projects. We will also serve at two Christian missions within the city of Quito, where very poor children and families seek help.



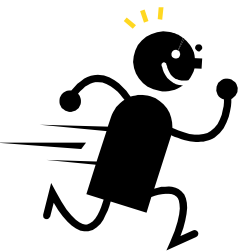
To date, we have raised just over \$18,000 toward our \$24,300 goal. Thank you for your help with this fundraising! Every dollar you have contributed, every prayer you have offered, and every event you have attended in support of this mission trip, is your way of filling Ecuador with your love.

We have a few fundraisers left:



WASH YOUR CAR at the North Washington Valley Dairy on Saturday, May 10th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean your car for Mother's Day! Our mission team will get a portion of the car wash money plus tips. When we did this last month, we made almost \$700!

ENTER THE QUILT RAFFLE by purchasing a ticket for \$10. The quilt will be out in the narthex on Sundays and Wednesdays in order for you to see it. The Quilt has a name! It is called, "Shine", and it was lovingly made by some of our quilting ladies explicitly to raise funds for the Ecuador Mission Team. The drawing for the quilt will be on May 18.



SPONSOR TWO RUNNERS who are running the Minneapolis Marathon on Sunday, June 1. These two runners ... drum roll please ... are Pastor Tom and Erin Colenso. Pastor Tom will run wearing a shirt that says, "I am running FOR HIS CHILDREN in Quito and Latacunga, Ecuador". You can simply make a flat contribution, or you may pledge a certain amount of money per mile. The race is 26.2 miles! See Pastor Tom if you would like to sponsor he and Erin.

Again, thank you so much for your prayer and financial support for this mission trip. We can hardly wait to go, and we can hardly wait to share this experience with you when we come back!

Your Ecuador Mission Team:

Pastor Tom and Erin Colenso; Jeff, Ann, Anna and Jenna Shallman,; Renae Schmidt; Les and Heather Kallestad; John and Kayla Neal; Megan Solberg; Amy Fiala; Patty Olsen; Brad Gunderson; Jane Traub; Ashley Holt and Brittany Benson

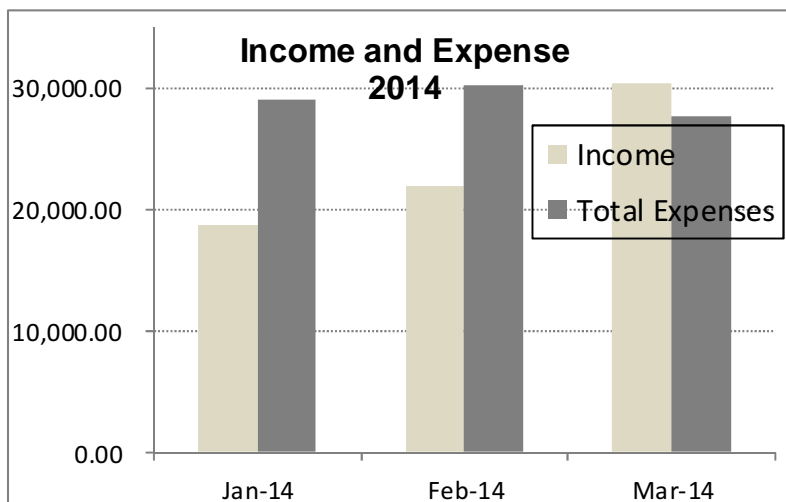


ULC Church Council Summary

1. We made our first payment on the lighting project of \$14,114.
Your continued support is appreciated.
1. The audio/visual project is on schedule and we should see the progress soon.
2. It's been a successful month with several events that were held in April (Luau Salad Luncheon, Mission Endowment Music Night, Ecuador Mission Trip Spaghetti Feed, and others). We all appreciate your continued support for these groups.

Financial Report

1. Our expenses are very comparable to last year, and our income was up in March due to the Lenten season and an extra Sunday in March. We gained approximately \$2000 during the month of March which brings our shortfall to just under \$20,000 going into April.
2. As we continue to show you the income and expense graph, you will see the comparison of income and expenses and that we need to continue to think about the general fund on a monthly basis. One of the ways you could help us even out the giving is to set up automatic payments to ULC. Forms for the Simply Giving program are available in the church office.



As summer approaches and as we wrap up our WWJ program, I want to leave you with this thought from 2 Corinthians 9: 10-11. "God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need. You will be blessed in every way and you will be able to keep on being generous. Then many people will thank God when we deliver your gift." We need your gift for the general fund to continue to support Gods work here at ULC. Thank you for your support and God bless you and your family.

Kevin Meyer

ULC WOMEN OF THE ELCA MAY 2014 NEWS AND EVENTS

Thought for the month:

"Time is the greatest gift to share with each other."

Oscar nominated actress, age 10, Quvenzhané Wallis.

Spring Salad Luncheon

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Spring Salad Luncheon a great success. Thanks to everyone who came and worked; kitchen, fellowship hall and dish washing room, set-up and clean-up ladies, men and youth; ticket, bake, quilt and craft sale staff and greeters. All of you worked hard and faithfully. I am so proud of our church people and received many compliments of how organized and friendly we are and the thanks goes to you. Our work was well rewarded: a total of \$4,200.75.

Luncheon - 191 adults and 2 children	\$1,343.00
Raffle	\$1,235.00
Quilts	\$305.00
Bake Sale	\$709.75
Cards, crafts, cutlery, plants	\$608.00

2014 Raffle Items, creator/s and winners:

Quilt - Evelyn Clark, Tuesday Night Quilters-----	Lynn Litzinger
Baby quilt, Tuesday Night Quilters-----	Donna Mosher
White Afghan, Marlys Erickson-----	Carol Aune
Embroidered Dish Towels, Evelyn Clark-----	Don Miller
Sioux Birdhouse, Ted Schock-----	Dean Groseth
Set of Knives, Ginnie Schock-----	Ardella Hefta
Fillet Knife, Evelyn Clark-----	Arlis Slusar
Chenille Bear, Fran Sailer-----	Maynard Tinglestad
Blue Table Topper, Carol Hanson-----	Betty Roberts
Red Table Topper, Carol Hanson-----	Adam Tinglestad
Brown Table Topper, Carol Hanson-----	Marsha Nordmark
Four Square Table Topper, Carol Hanson and quilters-----	Emma Traub
Mary Kay Basket, Angela Olstad-----	Heather Kallestad
Fishing Rod, WELCA-----	Julie Justice

Rhubarb Festival

June 14 will be here before we know it. The rhubarb is coming up faithfully once again. Watch for dates for baking and volunteer sign-up sheets. Remember, "Everything Is Rhubarb" for our bake sale. Those of you who like to make jams, jellies and preserves need to know we had reports of moldy ones last year. To prevent this and chances of anyone getting sick, these goods must be sealed preferably in a hot water bath or by sealing with paraffin wax.

For those of you interested in the Rhubarb Contest: the contest this year is for a main dish (meat) using at least 2 cups of rhubarb in the recipe. Entries will be judged the morning of the festival. Entries include the main dish and the recipe and need to be at the church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14th to be eligible. Put your creativity and cooking skills to the test and come up with an entry for the contest. Invite any friends or neighbors that might be interested to enter also.

Quilting

Quilting is in full swing again. Join us on Tuesday evenings when we work on quilts for sales and raffles. Thursday afternoons is when we make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and we do need help to make as many as we did last year (205). We need sheets for the layering of quilts and also items for layettes and health kits. Thanks for your participation and donations.

Spring Blessings,
Evelyn Clark, WELCA President

WOMEN OF THE ELCA Purpose Statement



As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,

We commit ourselves to
grow in faith, affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action,
and promote healing and wholeness
in the Church, the society, and the world.



WELCA Bible Study
"In Good Company"
Friday, April 4
10:00 a.m. in the lounge.

ULC Mission Endowment Fund

Music Night 2014

Everyone Enjoyed Themselves!



Members and friends of ULC gathered for the fourth annual ULC Mission Endowment Fund sponsored Music Night on Sunday night, April 27. We enjoyed ourselves as we made joyful noises to the Lord with voices and instruments. The theme for this year was, "Enjoy Yourself", and Endowment Board President, Les Howard, led off the evening by singing a fun song with the same title. We say thank you to everyone who shared their musical talents and to Seanne Voracek for providing the delicious treats for the fellowship time after the program. In addition to all the fun, we also received about \$1,700 toward the ULC Mission Endowment Fund.

Ecuador Mission Team Grant Request

The Mission Endowment Fund also responded generously at their last meeting to a grant request from the Ecuador Mission Team. The Board agreed to contribute \$2,000 to the ULC mission trip to Ecuador which will take place next July 20-29. The mission trip will include visits to two orphanages, as well as two other service opportunities in the capital city of Quito.

Who Are We?

Members of the Mission Endowment Committee are: Betty Bloomquist, Les Howard, Teresa Kuhens, Cory Lien, Dave Masterson, Clarice Urness, and Pastor Tom.

MAKE OUR DAY - VOLUNTEER IN MAY! How will you serve?



The Ministry of Worship is in need of people to assist with worship and fellowship at ULC. Sign up sheets for the next two months have been posted in the narthex. You may sign up to serve as ushers, fellowship hosts, supper assistants and nursery parents for May and June. Please consider signing up your family, or ask your friends or neighbors to volunteer with you. We can really use your help. Stop in to sign up or call the church office to volunteer. Thanks!

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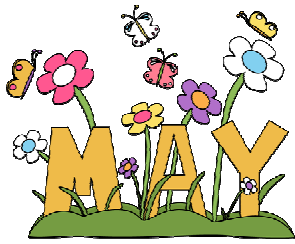
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Pastor: Thomas W. Colenso
Education Coordinator: Jen Hanson
Youth Minister: Heather Kallestad
Administrative Assistant: Seanne Voracek

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10:00 a.m.

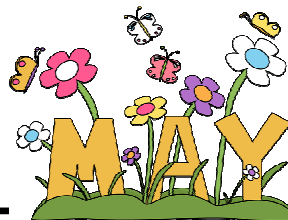
Wednesday Supper
May 7 and 14 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship and WWJ
May 7 and 14 6:00 p.m.

Ecuador Rummage Sale
Saturday, May 3

Confirmation - Grades 7-9
End-of-Year Pizza Party
Wednesday, May 14 at Splasher's

**High School Graduates
Recognition Sunday**
Sunday, May 25



Get all the details inside!

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we lift high the cross of Christ
through worship and service.*

