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Karen's Korner


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April Showers bring May flowers

By: Lynn Bleau

April Showers bring May flowers,
So don't fret about the rain.
Before you know,
They'll be a glow,
Of sun once again.

April showers bring May flowers,
So snuggle in your bed.
And know that today,
May be full of gray,
But sun is shortly ahead.

April showers bring May flowers,
But April's once a year.
So watch the rain,
On your window pane,
And wipe that silly tear.



Because April showers may bring
May flowers,
But don't waste the day.
So dance around,
On the muddy wet ground,
And get outside and play!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to share this poem with you. The flowers and trees are already blooming. In the past, this was a time when I would go mushroom hunting. We would trail through the woods looking for morel mushrooms. Ken would usually go his way, our dog Sampson and I would go another way. I would get lost even though I had my compass on my walking stick. Sampson would go find Ken and then Sampson would return to me to lead me back to Ken. Most of the time I never found any mushrooms, but the best thing was that I got to walk through God's creation and talk to Him or just be amazed at what His hands made.

The woods are a favorite for me. I love the serenity, the smells and the sun peeking through the trees. It always gives me peace and time with God. My age is catching up with me, though, and I don't walk through the woods anymore. However, I have found other ways to feel a connection to God. I love my walks with Sweetness, and sometimes I talk to God.

KAREN'S KORNER continued

We need that personal connection to God. To be able to tell Him our worries and troubles, or to tell Him we appreciate the amazing things that He has given to us. Whatever way you find God, STOP, and take in His creation and have a talk with Him. He will always be there to hear you. Find a place that you can hear God's Word for you.

I will be going to St. Louis in May for Transitional Ministry Education training. This program, known as MALT, is conducted jointly with the Synod of Lincoln Trails and SOMA to help pastors gain the valuable skills they need to effectively serve congregations in transition. I am looking forward to learning new skills and undertaking new challenges in order to help me be a better pastor.

May God hear our joys and concerns.

Blessings,

Pastor Karen



Come join our loving family of Christ!

Grounded in Christ,

Rooted in Gospel,

Singing to the Lord!

Living and growing in the Holy Spirit!

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Men's Fellowship

BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

May 04: **Old Fashioned Pancake House** on Jefferson in Joliet

May 18: **Matty's Grill & Pancake House** on Brook Forest in Shorewood

June 01: **Silver Spoon** on Jefferson in Joliet

June 15: **The Happy Place** on Jefferson in Shorewood



PW LUNCHEON

DATE: Monday, May 20, 2024

TIME: Noon

More details to follow in the West Pres Weekly



SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

Sun, May 05: Drue Ballard — To the **Glory of God**.

Sun, May 12: Peggy Yurkovich — In memory of **E. C. Bytheway**.

Sun, May 19: Mark and Jina Ballard — In honor of **Nash' and Beau's birthday**.

Sun, May 26: Larry and Keena Minella — In celebration of **May birthdays**.
Janet Schaddelee—In memory of my brother **Bill** who was killed in Viet Nam in Feb '67.



Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Almighty God, in Christ you taught us to pray, and promised that we would receive all that we ask in his name.

Hear now our prayers:

Penelope Tom & Cheryl S. Ann Tim R. Jerry
Mario Mike M. Griffin Family
Families of Ramina Schupbach, Jay Larson & Jenna Newcomb

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please email your request to office@westpresjoliet.org



*Each one of us is special in His sight.
May you feel Him watching over you
with loving affection, not just on your
special day, but always.*

Blessings on Your Birthday!

May 01: Kathy Webb

May 02: Keena Minella

May 10: Marlene Jones

May 10: Dale Evans

May 18: Laura McCloud

*We pray to God that on your anniversary, the
Almighty showers all his blessings and love
upon the two of you.*

Happy Anniversary!




May 13: Tom & Cheryl Sheridan



Extended Communion Ministry

If you are unable to come to the table and would like to receive communion at your residence, please call the office at (815) 725-6687, so we can arrange for an Elder to come to you. Communion is every first Sunday of the month. In order for us to arrange this, we ask that you please call the office well before the Friday prior to Communion Sunday.

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 1:30: WORSHIP PLANNING MTG 7 PM: CHANCEL CHOIR	02 9 AM: KNIT & CROCHET 7 PM: MINISTRY TEAM MEETING	03	04 8AM: MF BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY 8:30 AM: PW BOARD 10 AM :BELL CHOIR
05 10 AM WORSHIP 	06	7 1 PM: KNIT & CROCHET	08 7 PM: CHANCEL CHOIR	09 9 AM: KNIT & CROCHET 1 PM: MISSION TEAM MTG 7 PM: DEACONS	10	11 10 AM: BELL CHOIR
12 10 AM WORSHIP 	13	14 1 PM: KNIT & CROCHET	15 1 PM: BYKOTA CIRCLE 7 PM: CHANCEL CHOIR	16 9 AM: KNIT & CROCHET 9 AM: HANNAH CIRCLE 6:30 PM: SESSION	17	18 8AM: MF BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY 10 AM: BELL CHOIR
19 10 AM WORSHIP	20 PW LUNCHEON	21 1 PM: KNIT & CROCHET	22 7 PM: CHANCEL CHOIR	23 9 AM: KNIT & CROCHET	24	25 10 AM: BELL CHOIR
26 10 AM WORSHIP	MEMORIAL DAY 	28 1 PM: KNIT & CROCHET	29 7 PM: CHANCEL CHOIR	30 9 AM: KNIT & CROCHET	31	

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