



# The MARKINGS

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To the Family of St. Mark's,

Maybe my opinion is a little biased as the Pastor at St. Mark's, but I have to say I really enjoyed Lent and Holy Week above and beyond my previous experiences. The Overheard Conversations by the Cross series we did for Lent seemed to go very well, at least in terms of attendance. You see, typically Lenten participation slowly wanes away following Ash Wednesday, but it stayed steady this year. That tells me that there was interest in what we were doing, and that is WONDERFUL.

Another great thing was getting the Lenten dinners and Easter Breakfast going again. People may forget that this was my first go-round in Easter at St. Mark's with some normalcy. I was installed at St. Mark's in July of 2019, and then COVID happened, so this was my first normal Easter. There is something good and holy about God's people sharing a meal and worshipping together, and I hope even more people will participate in years to come. A special thanks goes out to all the groups who provided Lenten meals, and to Jim and Connie Brown and family for the Easter Breakfast. All the food was wonderful! Thank you all for your efforts!

All in all, from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday over 1,700 people worshipped throughout Holy Week. That is pretty cool! Now I know a lot of that was multiple visits and some visitors as well, especially on Easter. Nonetheless, that is a great number and even worshipping 742 people on Easter alone is pretty cool too. As a pastor I try not to get caught up in the numbers game. I really think if you focus on quality, then quantity always takes care of itself. After all, focusing on quality is what it means to makes disciples.

Remember that the word disciple means follower and to follow Jesus means to obey and place the Lord above everything else in your life. These aren't empty words I am speaking, and they are not Christian platitudes. Being a disciple is a lifestyle based off the life given for you. I would argue that 30 disciples are more dangerous to the kingdom of the devil than 1,300 believers and let me break down what I mean by that. I'll use a sports analogy. On my high school wrestling team, I had a lot of guys on varsity that believed they could be a State Champ and wanted it as well. But there is a difference between believing in something, as opposed to following the path to get there.

Now don't hear me wrong with what I am saying. Remember Romans 10:9 states, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." We are all on God's team because of Jesus, and believing, or having faith, in what Christ has accomplished for us...that is our salvation. The question upon knowing this God-given faith is WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT? I remember back to some of my teammates who had incredible potential to contribute to the team success by their own participation, but they fell short of their potential...why? It was their habits!

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by **Jerry & Carol Ray** for God's blessings.

*Thank You*

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### **Pillowcase Dress Workshops**

Thank you to all who participated in our pillowcase workshops in March and April. Close to 100 dresses were made as well as many pairs of shorts! All items will be going to Haiti to share the love of Jesus while supporting their summer VBS program with a 'cross in the pocket' for each.

Back packs and craft items are also needed for their VBS program. We'll be collecting those items in May - watch the bulletin for details.

### **Son-Shine Bible Study**

Our May studies will be on Mary and Martha the sisters of Lazarus. First, we plan to look at Mary - putting our faith into action, and then through Martha's story finding our identity in Jesus. We'll be meeting in the classrooms or Fellowship Hall, depending on availability, on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00. Many new insights have been gained through this study. You are welcome to join us!

### **Haiti VBS Camp**

Bethany Saint Louis has shared that, although the socio-political and security conditions are still very critical especially with kidnapping, they are starting to plan this summer's VBS camp. As in the past, St. Mark's will help to support this mission financially, with pillowcase dresses and shorts with the crosses in the pockets, and through donations including back packs and craft items for jewelry making, crayons, paint, paint brushes, and play dough. Please start watching sales and gathering items. We will have a box in the narthex for these items and plan to collect through mid-June. Thank you!



Our St. Mark family were initially introduced to KATS last November. Your response has been a true blessing to staff and residents of Hillcrest Home, located within a mile from church. Initially, these homeless teens had their "Christmas Wishes" generously filled through the Son-Shine Bible study group, along with our quilters who donated multiple quilts. Recently, someone anonymously donated two dozen new bath towels, but not before she lovingly stitched "Blessings!" on each one.

Recently, the Son Shine group sponsored a Mexican themed dinner/birthday party at the home. As part of the festive table decor, I placed our handmade, Cross in My Pocket, at each setting. One of the teens immediately picked it up saying, "I just love this; I used to have one just like this when I was little!" A perfect moment for me to share Jesus! While at the gathering, I took photos of the home's patio. As you can see, it lacks a fire pit. We'd like to fill that space and provide them with, ideally, a permanent pit, built of bricks and mortar. We already have the funding through your generous donations at our Advent/Lenten suppers and private checks. Even the wood has been donated. We just need a team to put the fire pit together to make it all happen... an outdoor gathering place for these teens to share, sing and even do S'Mores! Please contact me, Barb Lutz (715-212-6586), if you can help with this current project.

We, as a church family, are and can make a difference in the lives of these homeless and at risk teens. Thank you for supporting this local mission outreach, to give them a chance for a better life.





## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



1 Ted Haack	18 Amanda Bisgrove	Scott & Beth Hoff	5/2/1992
2 Nikolai Duerst	Ella Holmes	Kevin & Marie Heinking	5/3/1975
Cadence Gardipee	Bradley Kyle	Donald & Roxann Weigel	5/3/1997
Kailee Gardipee	Nick Schoch	Bob & Jean Berens	5/5/1973
Liam Kyle	19 Bruce Reynolds	Harvey & Donna Blaubach	5/6/1978
Ezria Peterson	20 Sasha Frahm	Erv & Clarice Boehm	5/6/1961
Rodney Zick	Nicholas Snoeyenbos	Wilfred & Dorraine Graveen	5/6/1967
3 Kay Block	21 Ruby Phillips	James & Jackie Schira	5/7/1988
Michael Deedon	Carol Ray	Daniel & Melissa Shewmake	5/7/2010
Gail Krieg	22 Kristen Novitch	Gary & Kathy Bielen	5/10/1969
Amy Schulz	Dick Schroeder	Roger & Darlene Burk	5/10/1958
4 Joan Crisman	Matt Werner	Larry & Shirley White	5/10/1986
Peggy Kniess	23 Kelly Butzlaff	Steve & Sandra Cotey	5/12/1995
5 Gary Bielen	Christopher Mahar	Harvey & Donna Iwen	5/15/1965
Mikayla Leopold	Vicki Noth	Dan & Linda Sherfinski	5/15/1993
6 Harvey Blaubach	24 Marvin Krueger	Steve & Ruthann Dahlke	5/16/1987
Bob Christensen	25 Diane Downing	Dan & Pam Barton	5/21/2017
Karey Kramer	Carol Paetzold	Mike & Sandy Kyle	5/17/1986
Braelyn Truman	26 Trinity Shanks	Thomas & Angela Mahar	5/17/2003
7 Dan Barton	Andrea Sheridan	Dave & Sharon Prasnicky	5/17/2002
Vanessa Haderlein	27 Marjorie Raddatz	Brad & Sue Behrens	5/18/2002
Micah Ojala	Samuel Radenz	Rodney & Rhonda Zick	5/19/1990
8 Charlie Hursh	Donna Schroeder	Charles & Lois Schultz	5/20/1967
9 Bill Dahlke	28 Joe Artz	Shawn & Kelly Fischer	5/23/1998
Marilyn Kasten	Angela Peterson	Gregory & Darlene Payne	5/24/1991
Lyle Royce	Jada Stroyny	Leon & Susan Woller	5/24/1980
10 Bob Frickenstein	29 Susan Berndt	Nick & Amber Hoelter	5/27/2013
Bob Hintz	Donna Block	James & Sally Reinke	5/28/1983
11 Ashlynn Haderlein	Justin Frahm		
Jesse Loiz	Jason Manowski		
Rev. Arleigh Lutz	31 Adalyne Osterbrink		
12 Janet Harmon	Amber Smith		
Eileen Rantanen	Josh Wanish		
13 Adam Menebroeker			
Megan Werner			
14 Jeana Kraft			
15 Parker Alters			
16 Lila Gwidt			
Kamea Kuehn			
Ron Truman			
Brittany Woller			
17 Mitch Hintz			
Joshua Kyle			
Jae Loiz			

### April Addition:

April 11th: Sawyer Frahm



**Thank you, Celebration Choir**

I want to say thank you to the members of the Celebration Choir for being totally committed in rehearsals and in sharing the musical anthems in worship. Also, thank you to my wife, Cathy, who volunteered her time in rehearsals and at worship to help direct the choir.

New members are always welcome. We have more seats to fill. Look for our schedule starting in September.

To God be the Glory!

Dan Page

**May 8th - Mother's Day Special Treat**

Local harpist, Linda Cannon, will be providing special music for our worship services. The exceptional skill and reverent joy of her musical selections will be greatly appreciated. Come and enjoy as she shares her talents to the glory of God.

~ Dan Page

**Annual Plant Sale for Cancer Care**

With Annuals provided by Cerny's Greenhouse

Marshfield Medical Center—Weston (3400 Ministry Parkway - Lot #7)

Look for the big white tent!

Thursday, May 5th - 1pm—7 pm

Friday, May 6th - 7am - 7pm

Saturday, May 7th - 7am - 11am

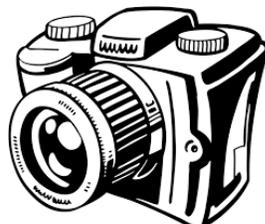


**Proceeds benefit:** Wausau / Weston Cancer Care Fund



**REMINDER:** Pictures for the pictorial directory will be taken on the following dates:

- May 10th: 1:45 - 7:45
- May 11th: 1:45 - 7:45
- May 12th: 1:45 - 7:45
- May 13th: 11:45-5:45
- May 14th: 9:00-1:45



**Greeter / Check In Table Volunteers**

If you are able to help check in our members for their pictures during this time, please reach out to Jean in the office. It would be a 2-hour time commitment.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE	
**FINANCIALS**	
MARCH	
CAME IN	
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$ 31,703.27
E-GIVING	\$ 11,777.00
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$ 5,935.00
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 5,182.76
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 90.00
LOAN	\$ 126.47
OTHER	\$ 1,930.00
OUTREACH	\$ 3,585.00
PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$ 3,071.25
OGT DONATION	\$ 100.00
ROOM USE	\$ 350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 63,850.75</b>

DISBURSED	
COMPENSATION	\$ 24,831.72
BENEFIT INSURANCE	\$ 8,047.27
PROPERTIES	\$ 7,540.82
MISSIONS	\$ 1,132.00
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$ 3,284.13
OTHER	\$ 2,652.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 47,488.04</b>

DIFFERENCE	\$ 16,362.71
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### Help Needed

We are currently looking for help to fill several part-time cleaning positions in the church and preschool.

In the Preschool area it would be approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours a day with bathrooms. Currently, this would be during the school year with possible added days as needed.

The second position would be in Fellowship Hall, Narthex and Sanctuary. This is a part-time position of approximately 15-18 hours per week with flexible hours.

In addition, we are looking for someone to help mow the lawn during the summer months.

Salary is negotiable for all positions. Please reach out to Dennis Wald if interested or with questions at 715-302-3376.



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**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
600 STEVENS DRIVE  
PATCHWORK QUILT SALE**

SMALL \$35.00 / TWIN \$45.00

MAY 1ST: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

MAY 4TH: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

MAY 8TH: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

### OGT Update

Thank you all! Your response to the Orphan Grain Train relief project for Ukraine has been fantastic. Churches, businesses, and individuals have all joined together to support this effort! We were able to send pallets of diapers and baby formula and a 24-foot trailer of new men's clothing. An area shoe manufacturer donated military boots and many pairs of woolen socks. In addition, a Wausau store owner also donated shoes and boots and we received cases of toothpaste from a Wausau dentist. Our Thrivent Action team grant helped us purchase socks, underwear, towels and washcloths, toothbrushes, and bars of soap. Our St. Mark's members, other area churches and individuals brought quilts, diapers, medical supplies, hygiene products, and other clothes. The individual monetary support has been overwhelming and very much appreciated! What blessings! These combined gifts have become a mountain of hope for the Ukraine people.

We delivered 5 loads of supplies to the new OGT warehouse in Westfield. On our last trip on April 12th there was a constant stream of cars, trucks, and trailers dropping off items. Volunteer workers (25-30) were all busy packing and sorting. There was an amazing amount of clothes and donations to go through.

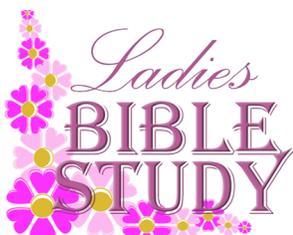
On Maundy Thursday the first load left Westfield by semi to New York. From there it will be sent via air cargo to Vienna and then trucked to our missionary Vitaliy Smolin and his team, where it will be dispersed among the refugee camps in Poland and Ukraine.

Even in a war-torn country, the love of God can shine through. May the Good News of the gospel and these gifts of love, give the people of Ukraine hope and be a blessing to them.

Thank you all for your generous support!

### Quilters Update

For the Fall and Spring quilting sessions, the Comfort Quilters finished 211 large and 94 small quilts. 21 small quilts were donated to KATS, 12 will be donated to Colonial Manor, and 12 will be donated to Hospice House. Many will be sold to generate funds for donation to OGT for shipping costs. Remaining quilts will be shipped thru OGT. Much appreciation to all the hard-working hands that sort, cut, sew, tie, and hem. And we LOVE all who donate funds, thread, fabric, bedspreads, mattress pads, and sheets. Thank you also to the Joy Bible Study group for dedicating Lenten supper proceeds and Thrivent for grant funds to use for batting & thread. To God be the Glory!



New Ladies Bible Study beginning Sunday nights on **May 15th at 6:00 pm**. The study is on the book of Hebrews, from a Bible Study series called "Life Lessons with Max Lucado, Book of Hebrews." This is a 12 week study. If possible, please purchase the book ahead of time. This will be led by Nan Schultz. Please call her with any questions 715-370-0208. See you there!

## 2022 Confirmands

**Ethan Dykman** - *“You were bought with a price so glorify God in your body.”* (1 Corinthians 6:20)

**Derek Emon** - *“I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* (John 8:12)

**Keitan Mengel** - *Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.* (Revelation 2:10)

**Bradley Peterson** - *“I will never fail you nor forsake you.”* (Hebrews 13:5)

**Landon Thurs** - *“Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9)

**Aissen Witter** - *“Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither by dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9)

### Usher Meeting

All existing usher teams and anyone interested (male and female) are asked to attend this meeting. Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. Questions? Call Kevin Heinking at 715-551-8716.

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They didn't put in the time, the effort, and the sacrifice. They didn't utilize the gifts around them like their coaches and facilities. Some of them were just content with being on the team and that is what they ended up being.

I want everyone to know how thankful I am for all of us to be on God's team. There is nothing more important to place our faith and belief in, for this life, than Jesus Christ our Lord. At the same time, I have been on both sides of the fence. I have been on the fence as well in terms of what I am to do with this great gift, and I know what our Lord is capable of when His people are willing. Read the Bible and you will see how inspiration can come from those who have asked this same question.

Being a disciple is as frustratingly simple as anything else in this life. If you want to be healthy and in shape, then willfully change your lifestyle and habits. Do you desire to be Spiritually in shape, then willfully change your lifestyle and habits. I am blessed as a pastor to be at worship often. I am blessed as a pastor to pray, to be in God's Word, and to follow the path God has laid before me. I am not blessed because my job forces these habits. I am blessed because I love doing them.

Wherever you are with your Lord between believing and following that is between the Lord and you. You know your potential and so does God, but most importantly the Father's Son knows you. We are all works in progress, and maybe it is as simple as letting our Lord have His way with us a little more and more every day. This life will pass us by in the blink of an eye and knowing what our Risen Savior has done for us...let us then remember what we can do for Him. Godly habits and a Godly lifestyle honor the unbelievable sacrifice that was given to us regardless of what we do with it.

Blessings,  
Pastor Eric

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### June MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the June edition of the MARKINGS will be **May 25th at 10am**. Thank you!



### Date to Remember

June 5th: Graduation recognition

### Patriotic Service

Please note that there is only **ONE** service on May 29th at 9:00 am

### OFFICIAL ACTS— April 2022

#### Received

Bob & Jean Berens  
Bryon & Kelly Guisner (Jackson, Phillip, and Genevieve)  
Mitchell Kail  
Eileen Kolbe  
Lauren Leurquin  
Janet Mann (St Andrew, Wausau, WI)  
Ginger Quaderer (Mt. Olive, Weston)  
Steve & Dorathy Reed (St Luke's Lutheran, Cordova, TN)  
Randy Rintelman  
Megan Timm (Emmanuel Lutheran, Breed, WI)  
Dan Share

#### Deaths

Erma Becker (passed April 20th)

# MAY 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Cable Channel 980 <b>Worship Times:</b> Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am	<b>May Bible Study</b> God & Government						
<b>1 CONTEMPORARY</b> 8:00 Worship <b>Questioning Service</b> 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 9:15 Quilt Sale 10:30 Worship	2 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 6:00 Dartball Meeting	3 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Last Quilting Day 3:30 Driver's Ed Class	4 1:00 Son Shine Bible Std 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 5:00 Quilt Sale 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	5 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 5:00 PEW Sisters	6 <b>Pastor's Family Day</b>	7 <b>9:00 -12:00 Open Sew Workshop</b>	
<b>8 TRADITIONAL</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 9:15 Quilt Sale 10:30 Worship <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	9 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Trustees 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 7:00 Band of Brothers	10 6:30 MIA Bible Study <b>1:45-7:45 Pictures</b> 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 6:00 Confirmand Banquet at 2510 Rest.	11 1:00 Son Shine Bible Std <b>1:45-7:45 Pictures</b> 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek <b>End of year party</b>	12 <b>1:45-7:45 Pictures</b> 3:30 Driver's Ed Class	13 <b>11:45-5:45 Pictures Fire @ Pastors for Grs. 9-12 Pastor's Family Day</b>	14 <b>9:00-1:45 Pictures</b> 5:00 New Member Reception at P. Gary & Nan's	
<b>15 TRADITIONAL</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / <b>LAST Sunday School</b> 10:30 Worship	16 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 5:30 Governance Mtg	17 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Retired Teachers 3:30 Driver's Ed Class	18 1:00 Son Shine Bible Std 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 6:00 Worship 7:00 Usher Meeting Last Day of Preschool <b>10:45 Preschool Closing Program</b>	19 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 5:00 PEW Sisters	20 <b>Camp In Pastor's Family Day</b>	21 <b>Service Saturday</b>	
<b>22 CONTEMPORARY</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	23 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Driver's Ed Class	24 6:30 MIA Bible Study 1:00 LWML Ex Board 3:30 Driver's Ed Class <b>Markings Deadline</b>	25 1:00 Son Shine Bible Std 3:30 Driver's Ed Class 6:00 Worship	26	27 <b>Pastor's Family Day</b>	28	
<b>29 TRADITIONAL</b> <b>1 service at 9 am</b>	30 <b>Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</b>	31					

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READERS	POWERPOINT	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	USHERS
<u>May 1st, 2022</u> <i>Wofers: Ken Berndt</i>	8:00 a.m. <i>Confirmation</i> <i>questioning</i>	Joan Crisman Sharon Michalski	Pastors	Derek Simon	None Needed	Team #5
<i>Contemporary</i> <i>Wofers: John Woller</i>	10:30 a.m.	Ken Lemons & Elaine Klockziem	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	<b>No Communion</b> Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Team #6
<u>May 4th, 2022</u>	6 p.m.	James Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner	Henry Jennejohn
<u>May 8th, 2022</u> <i>Wofers: Ken Berndt</i>	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Barb Patefield	Tom Radenz	Nick Schoch	Tom Radenz, Ruth Tritten	Team #5
<i>Traditional</i> <i>Wofers: John Woller</i>	10:30 a.m.	<b>TBD</b>	Rich Klein	Tyler Woller	Rich Klein, Rita Woller	Team #6
<u>May 11th, 2022</u>	6 p.m.	James Jacobson	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Scott Werner	Henry Jennejohn
<u>May 15th, 2022</u> <i>Wofers: Ken Berndt</i>	8:00 a.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	The Witter Family	Pastor	Curt Dahlke	Bob & Kim Christensen	Team #5
<i>Traditional</i> <i>Wofers: Dale Venderboom</i>	10:30 a.m.	Rod, Janet & Ryan Werner	Pastor	Tyler Woller	Rachel Olson, Brian Borchardt	Team #6
<u>May 18th, 2022</u>	6 p.m.	James Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner	Henry Jennejohn
<u>May 22nd, 2022</u> <i>Wofers: Ken Berndt</i>	8:00 a.m.	Ken & Sue Berndt	Katherine Sparks	Derek Simon	Sue Berndt Katherine Sparks	Team #5
<i>Contemporary</i> <i>Wofers: John Woller</i>	10:30 a.m.	Judith Young	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Team #6
<u>May 25th, 2022</u>	6 p.m.	James Jacobson	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Scott Werner	Henry Jennejohn
<u>May 29th, 2022</u> <i>Traditional</i> <i>(Memorial Weekend)</i>	9:00 a.m. <i>Wofers: John W</i> <b>1 SERVICE</b>	Ginny Kottke, Ella Holmes	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Ginny Kottke, Ella Holmes	Team #5 & #6

ALTAR GUILD FOR May 2022: Sue Berndt, Ruth Tritten, Kris Sparks

Group #5: Warren Jacobi-Lead, Sharon Jacobi, Bruce Thurs, Ray Melander, Jae Loiz

Group #6: Rich Klein-Lead, Chris Grosskreutz, Herb Ninemann

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED IN THE MONTH OF MAY.**

USHERS: