



Tri-County Ministry News

May — June 2025

Easter isn't over: Why Christians celebrate for 50 days

When most people hear "Easter," they think of a single Sunday filled with lilies, hymns, and maybe a few chocolate eggs. But in the Church's liturgical calendar, Easter is far more than just a day—it's a whole season. In fact, Easter lasts for 50 days!

What's happening now: we're in the season of Easter

Easter Sunday kicks off a **50-day celebration** known as **Eastertide** or **the Great Fifty Days**, which runs from Easter Sunday to **Pentecost Sunday**. This season is meant to be a joyful, ongoing reflection on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and what it means for the world.

In the same way that Lent gives us 40 days to prepare through prayer, fasting, and reflection, Easter gives us 50 days to rejoice, feast, and live into the hope of resurrection.

So why 50 days?

The number 50 has deep roots in scripture and tradition. In the Jewish calendar, **Shavuot (or Pentecost)** comes 50 days after Passover and celebrates the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Christians see Pentecost as the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to go out and share the good news.

The 50 days of Easter mirror this journey—from the empty tomb to the fire of Pentecost. It's a season that moves us from awe to action.

How can you live into the Easter season?

You don't need to keep your Easter decorations up (unless you want to!), but there are plenty of meaningful ways to mark this sacred season:

- **Keep celebrating**—Consider small acts of joy or gratitude each day.
- **Read the resurrection stories**—Dive into the post-Easter accounts in the Gospels and Acts.
- **Share hope**—Reach out to someone who could use some encouragement.
- **Pray with the season**—Use Easter prayers and songs throughout these 50 days.

Watch for light—Make space to notice signs of resurrection and new life in your daily routine.

Easter isn't a one-and-done event

Easter is meant to linger. It's a season that gives us time to let the good news soak in:

Christ is risen. Death is defeated. Hope is alive.

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May/June Events

Faith at CAB

June brings the traditional Wednesday evening worship services in Hannaford.

**7:00 each Wednesday
CAB Park (the creek)**

Synod Assembly

June 7-8

**Holiday Inn in Fargo
“Grace Upon Grace”**

Our congregations may send one or two delegates. Registration deadline is May 20.

A note about worship services on June 8: services are listed on the calendar but since most of our worship leaders will be at Synod Assembly, the services might be lay led. Congregations have the option of not having worship that day. Please watch your bulletin announcements.

Vacation Bible School

June 23-27

9:00 — 2:00

Lutheran Church of McVile

Registration info will be sent home from Club 3:16 on May 7.

Milestones for our youth

Affirmation of Faith Under the leadership of Truley Trautman, three eighth graders in Tri-County Ministry have completed their confirmation studies and will be confirmed during worship services in May.

Lutheran Church of McVile, May 4 at 9:30 a.m.

- Kendra Henke
- Kodee Klefstad
(joint service with Our Savior’s)
A meal will be served following the service.

Trinity, May 11 at 10:30 a.m.

- Bella Dramstad

Senior Recognition is being planned during May worship services. Date are listed or will be announced.

Trinity in Binford — May 11

Wyatt Hoyt Urben Dramstad
Mason Dramstad Jacob Barclay

Grace in Grace City — May 11 or 18

Myla Larson

Lutheran Church of McVile

Jessie Monsebroten Isabelle Sateren

Our Savior’s of rural McVile

Brandi Lippert

Faith in Hannaford — May 11

Ella Barclay Colton Walker

The ***First Communion*** class was held in April, led by Marla Larson. The following are welcomed to the fellowship of the Lord’s Supper:

- Trinity — Morgan Delfs and Leah Edlund
- Faith — Bella Staloch
- McVile Lutheran — Elsie Arneson and Arlo Arneson
- Grace — Aleks Johnson

Keeping Red Willow in mind . . .

Camp Clean Up Day

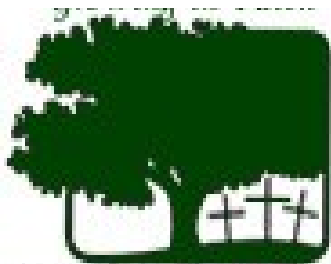
Saturday, May 3

Beginning at 9:00

Lunch will be provided

Individuals and groups are welcome!

Please sign up on the camp's website. ALL information about the camps can be found on the website.



Summer Camps — “God with Us”

- June 22-27 and August 3-8:
Taste of Camp, Pathfinders, Explorers
- June 26 and August 7: Seekers
- July 6-11 and August 10-15:
Genesis, Disciples
- July 27-August 1: Amp Camp

Remember that financial assistance is available from your congregation or WELCA.

***Please register on the camp's website —
redwillowministries.com***

Memorial Service in TCM

The memorial service for Phyllis Topp was held at Grace in Grace City on April 17. May God bless her memory.

Food and Fellowship

Salad Supper

Lutheran Church of McVile

Wednesday, May 28

6:00 p.m.

Speaker— Marsha Smaaladen,
local gardening expert.

A quilt will be raffled.

All are welcome to this annual
event sponsored by McVile
Lutheran Church Women

Salads & Sandwiches

Saturday, June 28

11:00 — 1:00

Faith Lutheran in Hannaford
(Hannaford Days)

Save the date

August 10 — Tri-County Ministry
Parish Worship Service at Red Willow
Bible Camp

August 23 — Annual Quilt Auction at
Red Willow Bible Camp

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