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Thank you to all who supported and prayed for the Solid Rock team on their recent mission trip to Sumpango, Guatemala. While there, our team split into three groups. The first group, with the assistance of local masons, was

tasked with building a cement block home. Many homes in Sumpango have multiple generations living in a single tin shack with dirt floors – that means when it rains, they can have water running through their house. As a result, living in a concrete house, with cement floors is a huge improvement on their living conditions. The second group worked at Breaking Cycles, a local teen center that, among other things, provides a place for teenagers to learn a trade. On average kids, will drop out of school between the ages of 12-14 in order earn \$5 a day to help provide for their family. The team at Breaking Cycles spent several days sharing the goodness of Jesus with a VBS, and spent the rest of the week painting rooms in the teen center. The third group split their days between running a VBS and going to visit families in their homes. In each home they would share the gospel, pray over the family, and sing for them. Each evening we would gather at our base to hang out, worship, and be challenged from Scripture. It was so amazing to see God working in and through the lives of these amazing teenagers. Every experience, from the manual labor, sharing the gospel through an interpreter, eating local food, or seeing the joy in the face of children, was used to bring this group into a deeper relationship with Jesus and each other. Thank you so much for the part you played in God's work on this trip.



## What an awesome year for AWANA!

Parents, thank you for faithfully bringing your kids every week, we enjoyed getting to know them and teaching them. The youth bring so much life and laughter into the church and we are so thankful for it!

I want to give a special thank you to the more than 50 volunteers that really make AWANA happen! We truly could

not do any of this without YOU. Whether you led music, games, large groups, or small groups in your classroom, listened to countless verses, helped with store night, prayed faithfully or substituted on short notice, you kept things running smoothly. Thank you for your faithful service to teach the Word of God and show the love of Jesus every week!

As this year closes, I look at how abundantly blessed our AWANA ministry was this past year. I am humbled and so, so grateful.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus! ~Cami Ballagh





Missions Conference Sunday, May 21

> Burt & Amanda Newman and Peter & Maggie Sample

will be sharing with us during the Sunday School hour and during church.

Donuts, Juice, and Coffee will be available during S.S.

There will be a potluck meal following the church service. Please bring food to share and join us for a time of fellowship with these families.

# **Faith Community Church**

"For we walk by faith not by sight"

May 2023









May is often a time to reflect back over the school year and remember the fun things and hard things that happened. With summer just around the corner, thoughts can shift to graduations, growth, and upcoming changes. It's a great time to pray for our missionaries that work specifically with college students: Joe and Lisa Harder, Burt and Amanda Newman, and Jacob and Sarah Graham. Please pray for their ministries as they come to an end for the summer, with the knowledge that a fresh bunch of students searching for Jesus will come along soon. Pray also for the families that are going on furlough or fundraising trips this summer. We hope to see many of them here at church soon.

Keep looking out for ways to be missionaries here at home. Lots of kids look forward to summer camps and VBS, but they also might look right next door to see who cares about them in their neighborhood. Be a blessing for this upcoming summer! -The Missions Committee



# **Register TODAY!!**

## **June 4-8**

Sunday 5:30 - 7:30 pm **Royal Fun Faire for the** whole family

VBS Monday-Thursday 9 am–12 pm

Preschool—6th Grade



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# Thank you!

Many thanks are in order for those who helped make this spring's fundraiser meals such a success!

Thank you to...

-Gwen Johnston for your help with the soup and BBQ meal -Nancy Konrad for your help with the

soup meal

-Gary Strong for smoking and pulling all the pork for the BBQ meal -Nancy Young and the Sidak family for your help with the potato salad

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the high school students who are looking forward to attending camp Clydehurst Montana this summer.

**<u>4 - PreK Junior Church:</u>** 

7 - Christy Meyer & Lincoln Konrad

21 - Terah Wiekamp & Ty Diedrichsen

14 - Jennifer Miles & Taylor Young

28 - Tesha Ballagh & Olivia Young



Monthly

Missions

Update

Congratulations to this years seniors! Join us in praying for all the area graduates. During one of the most exciting and vulnerabilityfueling transitions in life, may Jesus make his truth, goodness, and love known to each one of them.

- Bree Breithaupt
- Landon Classen
- Tyler Diediker
- Wyatt Ehlers
- Sarah Mitchell
- Caleb Rowse
- Bryna Umphress
- Sydney Young

Bibles will be presented to the Seniors on Sunday, May 7

## <u>Ushers:</u>

- 7 Bob Young, Cully Forker, Dennis Schueth, Devyn Ballagh
- 14 Phil Lorenz, Trent Shoemaker,
- Neil Tompkins, Alex Brookhouser 21 - Jim Fuchtman, Rod Gartner, Bob Willats, Terry Sorensen
- 28 Joe Knopp, Rod Rowse, Gary Caskey, Ryan Ballagh



Fenske welcomed Graham Sawyer to their family.

A table will be set

up in the fover on Sunday, May 21 & 28 for gifts. They are registered on Baby List https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-alexandria-fenske)



## Sunday, May 21

**CONNECTION** Right After Church There will be a light luncheon/snack time so please bring a snack to share. Contact Jan Buller (394-8791) for more information.

## **ELDER MEETING**

## **MONDAY, MAY 8 & 22** 7 PM

Moms LINK is a great place to connect as you navigate

the journey of motherhood. Childcare is provided on site.

Playdate on Tuesday, May 2 Meeting on Tuesday, May 9 from 9:30 - 11:30 am



For more information, contact

Alex Fenske (340-7374) or Emily Van Horn (340-3738).



Wednesday, May 3 Last Night for Living Stones (Jr. High)



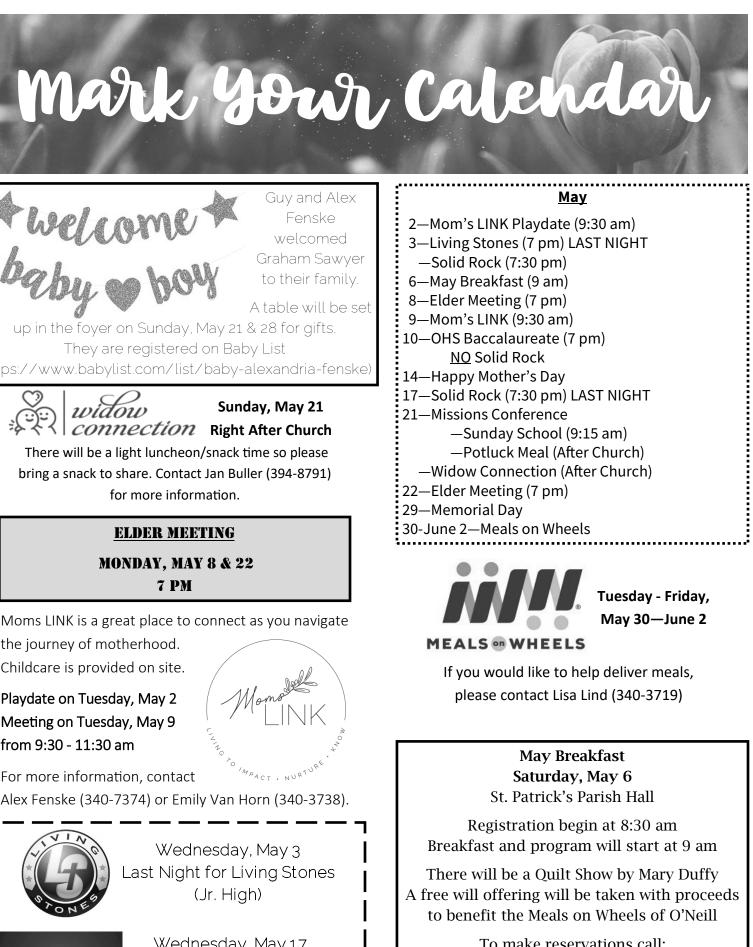
Wednesday, May 17 Last Night for Solid Rock (Sr. High)

# **May Service Staff**

### Infant/Toddler Nursery:

- 7 Vicki Willats & Nolan Ballagh
- 14 Allison Diedrichsen & Mia Boettcher
- 21 Jody Fuchtman & Ashley Sidak
- 28 Lisa Green & Holly Parks

Scan the code OR visit



To make reservations call: Mary Duffy at 340-4242 or Gert Slack at 340-2192