

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. -1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Last year we a new mission statement, a goal to which we believe God is calling St. Thomas to. We are called to cultivate spiritual growth in our community and share the love of Christ with all. Since then, we have been working to discern what it means to live into that mission statement—what gifts we have that might lead to new ministries through which we can fulfill this calling.

Sometimes it can be difficult for people to figure out what spiritual gifts they have. It's not always obvious to us what our strengths are. That's where things like Spiritual Gifts Inventories come in handy. When you take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, you simply have to answer questions about yourself. When the inventory is completed, you look at your answers to discover what they say about you. Perhaps you have a gift for teaching, or for leadership, or for prayer. Once you can identify your gifts, it becomes easier to figure out what things you might be interested in getting involved in to serve God and serve the Church. Perhaps a group of people who discover a gift for teaching will decide they'd like to help put on a series of lectures for the community. Perhaps someone with the gift of prayer will want to begin a prayer group at a local assisted living facility. As we discern how we might live into our mission statement, it is helpful to have tools that will begin to give us some direction. A Spiritual Gifts Inventory can do that.

And what better day to search out what gifts the Spirit has given us than Pentecost, the day the Spirit alighted upon the apostles! Sunday, May 20th, after the service we will have a potluck brunch with a presentation about the gifts of the spirit, followed by time to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory developed by the Rev. Frank Allen. We will then get together in small groups to discuss our results and what ideas we have to use our gifts for the glory of God and the benefit of our church and community. Please bring a side or dessert to share and come with an open mind to discover what gifts the Spirit might make known to our church!

Peace,
Megan



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Natali Foster
- 17 Bob Cook
- 19 Shirley Gundrum
- 23 Megan Dembi



Coming up:

Sunday, May 6—Sunday School & Kid's First Church

Tues., May 22—Food Pantry Distribution

May 6

Sunday School—9:00am

Kid’s Church

9:30am

Chalice.....Liz Beebe/Stan Stalnaker
 Ushers.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen
 Refreshments.....Stillman/Moore
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Counters.....Sally Stalnaker/Jen Cunningham

May 13

9:30am

Reader.....Amy Smith
 Intercessor.....Barbara Goodling
 Chalice.....Jackie Laverty/Pat Mast
 Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
 Refreshments.....Goodling/Mast
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen

May 20

9:30am

Reader.....Pat Mast
 Intercessor.....Jackie Laverty
 Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
 Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
 Refreshments.....Potluck Brunch
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook



May 27

9:30am

Reader.....Evans Goodling
 Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway
 Chalice.....Stan Stalnaker/D.D. Krawlzik
 Ushers.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
 Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Counters.....Goodlings



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