

## CHurch Action Opportunities for May 2024 [C.H.A.O.!]

ALL engagements in ALL areas of ministry here at Our Lord's for May.

Please:

READ ~ PRAY ~ and then CHOOSE what God calls you to  
in addition to your ongoing presence and support.

Use designated envelope/memo line on checks/website through VANCO.

**NEW THIS MONTH:** May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Learn more at:

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month#Origins%20of%20AAPI%20Heritage%20Month>



~ **MAY IS CHURCH CLEAN-UP MONTH!** Rather than hosting one day for clean-up, the entire month of MAY is open for folks to find a day and time convenient for them to tackle a project listed on the **SIGN-UP** sheet in the narthex. Take time to see what projects are in progress and which ones could use **YOUR** help!



~ May 5th is **MMIWG2S Awareness Day**. Watch this video of **Vance Blackfox**, director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations with ELCA presenting the alarming statistics surrounding violence toward native women and native LGBTQ+ community members:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-81f\\_f1jpE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-81f_f1jpE)



~ **THANK YOU** to **Linda and Tony Suminski**, the hosts of April's Think and Thrive Sunday, for introducing us to the website, Objibwe.net where we were treated to hearing songs in **Anishinaabemowin** (a language subfamily of the Algonquian group). Linda also shared the book, *The Gift of the Eagle* to an intergenerational audience. The songs and story created a memorable learning experience and a wonderful prelude to celebrating Earth Day.



~ **Laundry Detergent** will be our collective offering in continuing in **May** for the **New Berlin Food Pantry** and **Rooted and Rising**. Please note that **Rooted** and **Rising** needs **High-Efficiency Laundry Soap** for their washers.



~ **Social Action Day Virtual Event** hosted by **UWF** has shared the link for the recorded sessions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TltNNS227h8>. Direct Action opportunities are part of the sessions as well.



~ **Story Path** construction is about to begin. Any recommendations for post-hole digging would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mary Schulz or Pastor Kelly.



~ **May** is also collection time for **Personal Dignity Kits**. Items for Personal Dignity Kits will be collected by Our Lord's UMC during the month of May. The Mission Crafters will assemble the kits and they will be given to Midwest Mission at the Wisconsin Annual UMC Conference in June. All items must be new. There is a poster in the narthex with pull-off tags listing the items needed for each kit.

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Each Kit Needs:

- 1 hand towel (no dish towels)
- 1 washcloth (no dishcloths)
- 1 adult toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo 12-19 oz.
- 1 deodorant 2-3 oz stick, roll-on or pump
- 1 lotion 8-10 oz.
- \$3.00 donation for toothpaste and shipping
- A heartfelt prayer

**Please put all donated items in the wash basket in the Mission Corner. Dollar Store, Target, Walmart, or any area stores have good prices on these items. Thank you for thinking of and praying for others as you collect some or all of the components for the kits.**

## ONGOING



~ Continue to pray for the UMC General Conference as it concludes and for the upcoming Wisconsin Annual Conference in June.



~ Check out the **Mission Corner** located behind the Welcome Table to learn how to further support **The Cathedral Center** as well as **Rooted and Rising** through Amazon Wish List shopping. Take an information tag to assist you in accessing various opportunities to donate.

**Cathedral Center:** <https://cathedral-center.org/donate/>

**Rooted and Rising:** <https://www.rootedandrisingwp.org/donate>

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1BT36JIW8CS8Q/ref=cm\\_wl\\_search\\_bin\\_1\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1BT36JIW8CS8Q/ref=cm_wl_search_bin_1_1)



~ Follow the link to view the recording of “**Methodists in Palestine in a Time of War**” organized by UMKR and MFSA.

<https://www.mfsaweb.org/resources/methodists-in-palestine-in-a-time-of-war?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2b3bfd33-b62f-4d6e-850e-46845ade69f9>



~ Continue to pray for Gaza. Go to [www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org) to learn how to contact your legislators concerning issues of peace with justice.



~ **Join us** for our next Church and Society meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Room.



~ Borrow books from the Church library often (located in Fellowship Hall).



~ Ongoing collection of plastic bags/packaging in TREN bins in the Narthex.



~ (Reuse) B.Y.O.C.C. – Bring Your Own Coffee Cup on Sundays for fellowship. Fill it, enjoy it, use it as an ice breaker in getting acquainted, take it home, wash it, reuse it, or change it up!

### ***Our Lord's Mission and Vision Statements***

*To actively love our neighbors and proclaim God's unchanging love and mercy in everything we do.*

*As a community, Our Lord's UMC seeks to transform ourselves and the world by following Christ, welcoming ALL, serving others, and promoting social justice.*