

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have probably all heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." We may also recall the joke that some of us heard in elementary school--"If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?" The answer is, Pilgrims!

As I was driving one day in April between Hokah and Houston, Minnesota, I noticed the tree that I wrote about in one of my March letters. This time, instead of shamrocks and basketballs, the tree was decorated in umbrellas to represent April showers. (See photo. If you look closely, there are a few shamrocks remaining, too.) But the question in my mind was--what will the month of May bring?

For those of us attending worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the month of May is bringing a return today, to inside, in-person worship services that follow COVID-safe practices! We thank God for the vaccines that many of us have already received, that allow us to more safely gather together. And, we thank God that the vaccines are now even more accessible to those 16 years of age and older! Many of the vaccine locations in our area are starting to offer walk-in appointments. With this in mind, if you have not yet been vaccinated, now is the time to do so. Together, we can help stop the spread of the Coronavirus, and protect one another from harm. May will also bring a special blessing of our high school graduates on May 16, and the Annual Meeting on May 23. We will also remember on Sunday, May 30 (the day before Memorial Day) those who have passed away during the last year.

As we look to the month of May, and to the future of our high school graduates, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and all of us, let us join together in worship giving praise and thanks to God.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy