



Bible Verses for Mother's Day!

1

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and loving instruction is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26

2

Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Proverbs 31:28

3

Love is always supportive,
loyal, hopeful and trusting.
1 Corinthians 13:7

4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not
envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
1 Corinthians 13:4

5

Love is not rude, it is not selfish, and it
cannot be made angry easily. Love does not
remember wrongs done against it.
1 Corinthians 13:5

6

Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the
city gate.
Proverbs 31:31

7

Love never fails!
1 Corinthians 13:8

More Verses Here:

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Pastor will be conducting a Communion class for 3rd graders, and it is open to their parents as well. It will be **Saturday, May 5 from 1-4 pm** at church. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Email elkcreekchurch@gmail.com or
Call 715-694-2187.

Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 1
at 7 p.m.

Sunday School Awards Day Potluck

Sunday, May 20 after church our congregation will be celebrating the completion of another year and the accomplishments of our youth as well as recognizing the teachers for all they do. Ladies Group 1 will be helping with the potluck.

Due to the inclement weather in April, the council meeting and WELCA meetings were cancelled, so there are no minutes this month.

SOMETIMES
when I open my mouth
MY MOTHER
comes out



Lines from LaVerne... Jesus came to bring us peace by the blood of the cross. Peace implies order and there is no peace in the wicked, because they are their worst own enemies, and without God. Our Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Three times after his resurrection, He showed the benediction of peace. The first when the apostles were afraid and frightened. Second, after the proof of His resurrection. Third, a week later, when Thomas was with them. At first the apostles believed that they had seen a spirit, despite the words of the women. Jesus came to show the apostles his hands and feet that had

been pierced with nails on the cross and His side. There He was with the doors barred, showing the apostles His wounds so they would surely believe. Luke 24:39 says "Touch me and look, a Spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see that I have." The apostles had touched the Body of Christ. But Thomas was not with the others then. He came about a week later and was with Jesus. He could not be sure unless he had touched the nails piercing holes and His side. Doubting Thomas, isn't he like us, always doubting? Jesus wore His wounds to prove that love was stronger than death. Then Jesus ate with the apostles and this would be the strongest proof of His resurrection. The apostles had been frightened, but now they were filled with the joy of believing. Now, the world had been redeemed by our Savior. The night of the Last Supper, Jesus was concerned about His mission to the world after His crucifixion – a mission into a world that had rejected him. Jesus breathed into the apostles the breath of spiritual life. The power of the Holy Spirit was breathed into them. Going back to the doubting Thomas. How about the others who had doubted? Peter, who had betrayed Jesus three times by denying him. Our Lord reminded Peter of his past as a natural man of his denials. He had been living by nature rather than grace. It must have reminded Peter of his glorious confession when our Lord said to him, "Blessed art thou Simon, son of John," and made the Rock on which He would build His church. John 21:15. Yes, Lord, though knowest well that I love thee, and He said to him, "Feed my lambs." Now Peter did not claim to love our Lord more than the other apostles. The man who had fallen and learned thoroughly of his weakness. He was the best qualified for strengthening the weak and feeding the lambs. Peter was the first to bear witness to the Lord's Divinity and the bear witness to Christ's resurrection. Remember Jesus died for all our sins and to reconcile us with God. He has risen from the grave and is above. Now we can be forgiven and have new life. What's so great about it all, is the fact that it's a free gift. We could never buy it or even donate toward the cost. It's a gift for all of us. Can you even imagine how great it is for us! We are all offered eternal life and it is free because it has all been paid for by our loving Savior and Lord. Amen.

P.S. Always keep your faith. If we keep doubting we will probably sink.

Your Lay Minister,

LaVerne

Me·mo·ri·al Day

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noun

a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered, traditionally observed on May 30 but now officially observed on the last Monday in May.



Like Dandelions on the Wind

You have heard it was said, “April showers bring May Flowers”. But what happens when we have April snowstorms; what does they bring in the merry month of May? Anxious farmers itching to get in the fields to plant oats, corn, and soybeans? Impatient gardeners who didn’t get their potatoes planted on Good Friday? Hopeful fisher-people who want to sink a few worms or minnows to catch the big one? Starving robins and other birds who would enjoy a fat juicy worm to fill their tummies? Returning snowbirds who thought they could avoid winter by going south? Frustrated High School baseball and softball students and coaches who have to live with shorten games(5 innings) x 2/day? Winter seems to have thrown a monkey wrench into what normally should happen, “April showers bring May flowers.”

Yet, there IS hope!

On Easter Sunday, a gorgeous sunny day, when we celebrated together that God raised Jesus from the tomb to give us hope and victory over death, I suggested that there was another Easter flower, besides the Lilly, that symbolizes the hope and victory God gives over death. That flower is the Dandelion! So prolific and voracious it spreads across the land in the Spring and early Summer. Thousands upon thousands the Dandelion sprouts up its yellow flower that produces many more thousands upon thousands of seeds to be blown by the wind. Oh, that we could all be like Dandelions blooming forth with bright smiling faces with hearts that carry God’s Word of love and grace for the whole world, so that the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, will blow upon us and scatter the Good News of Jesus Christ: HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

How many of you saw the Dandelion, sticking its yellow blossom from between the crack of the cement sidewalk and church wall at Immanuel in Strum? I have to admit that I didn’t see it until someone sent me a picture of it via text message on my cell phone later on Easter Day. It gave me hope. New life Springs forth! Even when April snowstorms give us anxious and frustrated hearts, the promise remains. New life will burst forth in May, not only over the landscape near and far, but also in our hearts, because God will not let death or snowstorms, be the final word.

As we move forward into May and the sun gets warmer and farmers and gardeners ready the fields and gardens for the seed, so we of the Immanuel-Elk Creek United Lutheran Parish will confirm and send forth six young people to be blown, moved, encouraged, and challenged by the Holy Spirit on Sunday, May 20th as they affirm the faith that God gave to them when they were baptized. On that day

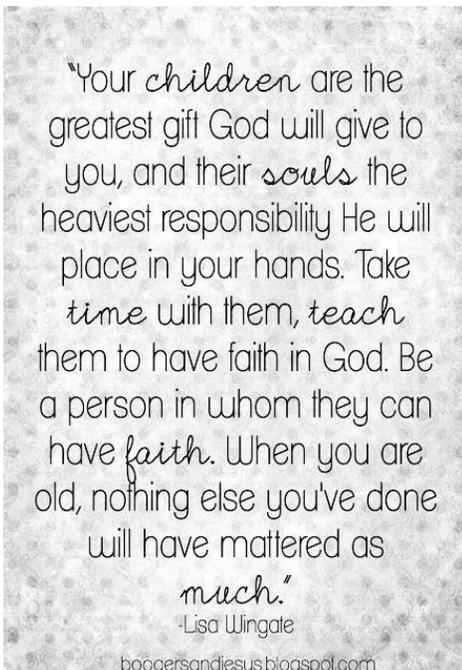
Motherhood takes...
the strength of Samson,
the wisdom of Solomon,
the patience of Job,
the faith of Abraham,
the insight of Daniel
and the courage of David!

they take full responsibility for the faith that carries the seed of grace and love through Jesus Christ in their lives; to become like beautiful Dandelions carrying the hope that God has defeated death so that new life springs forth. Please pray for Tessa, Grace, Katelyn, Bradley, Ethan, and Cayden as they affirm their faith and carry the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout their lives!

Therefore, whether you are an anxious farmer, impatient gardener, hopeful fisher-person, returning snowbird, frustrated High School student or coach itching for the umpire to yell, "Play Ball!," or ready to affirm your faith given to you by God in baptism, let your faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, carry you forth and give you strength to bear witness to the grace and love of God **"Like Dandelions on the Wind."**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.(Is.40:28-31)

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Birthday Celebration!

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8, THE CONGREGATION CELEBRATED ELDEN RONGSTAD'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BEFORE CHURCH WITH DELICIOUS CAKE AND COFFEE. MANY BIRTHDAY WISHES ELDEN!