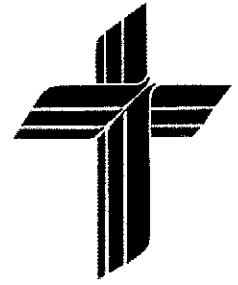


THE MESSENGER

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JUNE 2022

Dear Friends in Christ:

We teach that in the fullness of time the eternal Son of God was made man by assuming, from the Virgin Mary through the operation of the Holy Ghost, a human nature like unto ours, yet without sin, and receiving it unto His divine person. Jesus Christ is therefore "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary," true God and true man in one undivided and indivisible person. The purpose of this miraculous incarnation of the Son of God was that He might become the Mediator between God and men, both fulfilling the divine Law and suffering and dying in the place of mankind. In this manner God reconciled the whole sinful world unto Himself, Gal. 4:4, 5; 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:18, 19.

The redemption of humanity by Jesus is not held by any other so-called religion. That might seem like a very bold statement, but it also Biblical. Since Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, which we teach in Christianity, and the only place to learn about Jesus is in the Bible, then the truth of redemption is not part of any other religions theology, it can't be. The Bible is very clear who Jesus is and what you must believe about Him to be saved. So, what does it mean for us to have a Redeemer and be redeemed by Jesus? That is the point of Christianity, we have a Savior who paid the price that we didn't even know that we needed to pay, which He did not with silver or gold but with His precious blood as He died on the cross.

The concept of a redeemer is not new as we can see from Leviticus 25²⁵ "If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold." The redeemer intervenes on behalf of his relative so that the property would remain in the family. The price to buy back the property is paid by the redeemer because the seller didn't have the money in the first place which is why they sold it. In the same way we were sold into sin because of sin, but what we didn't know is that a price had to be paid, we had to be bought out of our former way of life. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 7 writes "23 You were bought with a price..." The fact that we need a redeemer and who that Redeemer is is not a new belief, for the oldest book in the Old Testament Job, prophetically proclaims in 19 "25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth." Job knew his sinfulness just as the Lord calls us to acknowledge our own, confess them to Him and know that they are forgiven because Jesus has reconciled us to the Father. The Father didn't have to be changed, but because of our sin we needed to be transformed and sure enough God had a plan, and He didn't keep it from us.

He tells us this when we read in Luke 1 “⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.” John the Baptists father is given this great message from the Lord to make known to all people who will believe that He has everything under control.

Which is why Paul is able to say in Ephesians 1 “³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of all the world!

In Christ,

Pastor Kene Whybrew

Ladies Aid Minutes

The St Paul's Ladies Aid met in the church Social Hall on May 5th, 2022 at 1:30 pm. Our meeting opened with prayer and devotion by Pastor Whybrew. Charlene served as our hostess for the meeting and had beautiful, festive decorations for a "Cinco de Mayo" day theme!

President Linda welcomed the members and one guest to the meeting. She also thanked Pastor for the devotion. Roll call was answered by twelve members. The April 7th minutes were read and approved. Muriel sent 26 cards to church family and friends in April. Charlene read the treasurer's report and it was approved. We received a new Worship Anew brochure and it was shared with the members.

Many members attended the Joy Shop at Trinity, Stewardson and they enjoyed the evening. They reported beautiful decorations, great food and nice devotions and enjoyed playing Bunco later as well. Many donations were gathered and collected for the Orphan Grain Train at the event.

In old business it was reported that progress is being made regarding the merge of St. Paul's and Grace Ladies Aid organizations. The new Constitution has once again been revised and approved by the St. Paul ladies and now awaits approval by the Grace ladies. The document will then be sent to the Zone for the final approval to merge groups.

A report was given by Marlene on the recent LWML Zone Convention. She attended on Saturday only with Holly and Muriel. 310 people attended and they had inspirational, entertaining speakers and sessions. We were pleased by their selections of charities for LWML mites this year!

In new business plans were made for our annual "eating out" day in June. The Grace and St. Paul ladies will meet at Grace at 10:00 a.m. on June 2nd for a brief meeting and then travel to the Airport Steakhouse in Mattoon for 11:30 lunch reservations.

New banners were discussed and ordered for church. A patriotic themed banner plus an appropriate banner for summer/September will be ordered soon.

Linda thanked Sharon for the April altar flowers. She also thanked Charlene for being our May hostess and providing us with delicious refreshments. Muriel will have the May altar flowers.

The meeting was closed with the Doxology, the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer. We did not have any birthdays or anniversaries this month. We were reminded by Karen of the upcoming VBS dates of June 20-24th and also starting June 1st there will be a 10 week Bible Class study with Pastor Whybrew.

All ladies are invited to attend a day of friendship and fellowship at our next meeting on June 2nd. Please let Linda, Charlene or Kay know if you'd like to join us for lunch in June and we can add you to our reservation list! Thank you!

Kay Dust, secretary

CRADLE ROLL

This month suggestions for working with children who are strong-willed, experience sensory processing disorder or have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder continues.

Another tool in the parental tool box is to manage the environment instead of the child. It takes longer for a special needs child to process and respond to requests or commands. Give your child more time to respond. Maybe twice as much time as you would think reasonable. If separation anxiety is an issue tell your child you will be back just after an event rather than giving an exact time. Say that you will pick him up after snack or a certain TV program ends.

Children who are not developmentally ready to function in larger groups such as birthday parties can still build social skills by being with one or two children for events such as a play date. Parents can manage group size and place to make the interaction of their child a positive experience rather than a cry session or a battle of wills.

In teaching new skills like tying shoes or sitting still give more time and opportunities to practice the skill. Just because your child did something yesterday does not mean that he can do it today—or if he did it in the morning that he can do it in the afternoon. He may have been rested and fresh in the morning but is tired in the afternoon.

Determine what are realistic expectations for your child, make a plan of action and stick to it.

Suggestions to this point are tools to use that are positive and helpful. Here are some tools that are negative and do not help accomplish parental goals.

- Commands: "Your need to get yourself dressed, now!"
- Shaming: "You're too old to use a diaper."
- Denial of feelings: "Come on this is fun. I don't want to hear any more complaining."
- Lectures: "We can't leave, honey. Your relatives came a long way so they can see you and visit with everybody. It's going to be over in a couple of hours. You need to be polite to your cousins. They just want to play with you."
- Questions: "Why did you do that? Didn't I tell you not to put your bunny rabbit in the toilet?"
- Threats: "I'm counting to three! One...two...two and a half..."

In parenting and rearing their children parents learn things about themselves, too. Children are expected to learn and grow. Parents can expect to learn things about themselves and be prepared to make changes themselves growing in the process.

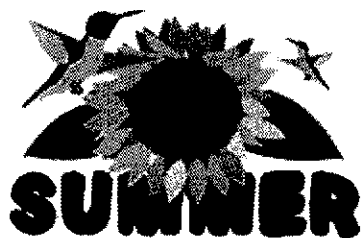
Taken from *How To Talk So Little Kids Will Listen* by Joanna Faber and Julie King, pp. 183-189.



JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Ron & Karen Wirth (37); Kane Rincker
- 2 - Wyatt Wetherell; Keri Reel
- 3 - Edie Wittenberg; Dustin Vonderheide; Raven Teague Heath & Autumn McCormick (19)
- 4 - Patrick Merriman; Roger & Wanda Kessler (55)
- 6 - Diane Paraiso; Brian Shelton
- 8 - Tom Weber; Beau Tabbert Dean & Karen Rentfro (53)
- 9 - Gideon Dollarhide; Megan Jack;
- 10 - Pat Wallace; Bryce Rincker
- 11 - Carol & Troy Salazar (28)
- 12 - Kay Dust
- 14 - Jaden Petri; Will Tabbert; Henry Vonderheide*; Dwight & Melvina Lading (70); Noel & Kathy Manhart (26)
- 15 - Emmalee Storm; Wes & Rosemarie Manhart (3)
- 16 - Daryn Merriman
- 17 - Brittany Clifton
- 18 - Joshua Glasscock; Jennifer Stodden; Cathern Stremming; Mason* Helmuth
- 19 - Neva Hagan; Gary & Marlene Wirth (51)
- 20 - Lori Pieper; Pastor & Doreen Whybrew (36)
- 21 - Susan Beals; Weston Booher
- 22- James* & Claire Hortenstein (3)
- 23 - Nicole Clapp; August* Supan David & Debbie* Stremming (32); Luke & Kalei* Rincker (4)
- 24 - Shalyn Tabbert; Pam & Jack Clark (33); Jaxson Hoene
- 25 - Don & Kim Telgmann (34)
- 26 - Kenna Wirth
- 27 - Logan Mathis; Richard Reel II; Dalton Storm; Samantha Hammack
- 28 - Mark* & Janice Moomaw (42)
- 29 - Luke Gilbert; Sheryl Duncan
- 30 - Lou* & Carol Camilotto (32)

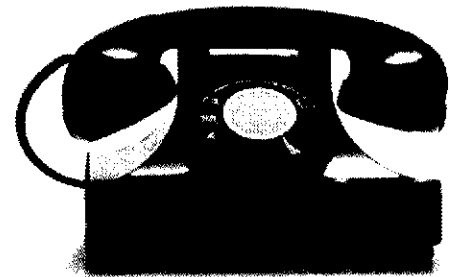


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Articles for Newsletter & Guide

Information for the Guide needs to be in the office by 8:00AM on **Wednesday morning**. Articles for the Newsletter should be in the office by the **15th** of the month.



PAUSE FOR PEACE

As your day draws to a close, spend a few moments with God, reflecting on His love and care for you throughout the day. Just dial 644-3124 to hear His message.



Music Notes

Sun. June 5- **Choir Sings**
 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"
 Carl P. Daw Jr/ Richard Jeffrey (Pentecost)

JUNE SCHEDULE

Organist - Muriel Merriman

Greeters -

- June 5 - Gary & Karen Kull
- June 12- Barb Ohnesorge
- June 19- Gary & Marlene Wirth
- June 26- Bob & Yvonne Pfeiffer

JULY SCHEDULE

Greeters-

- July 3- Diane Jack
- July 10- Gerry & Dawn Schlechte
- July 17- Dennis & Kenna Wirth
- July 24- Darin & Colleen Storm
- July 31- Rick & Susie Allen

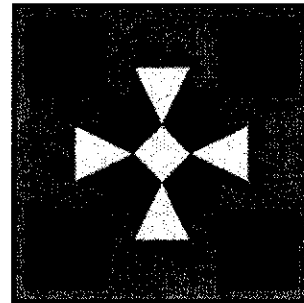


Camp CILCA scholarships for St. Paul's youth St. Paul's BOE is offering to pay for 1/2 the cost of any 2022 Camp CILCA summer camp for any youth

member of our congregation. Camp CILCA (Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association) is operated under the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The camp sits on 225 acres of woodland and open fields just north of Springfield, Ill. Various 1, 2, 3 or 5-night camps are available. A copy of the full schedule is available in the youth Sunday School classrooms as well as on www.cilca.org. If you are interested in this opportunity or have questions, please contact Karen Kull at 217-549-3141. All camp registration is to be submitted online, however, if you have any difficulty, contact the CILCA office for assistance. Phone 217.487.7497. WWW.CILCA.ORG



We are going to start back our Sunday morning greeters. If you wish to be added back into the rotation, you can call the church office at 217-644-2661.



Congratulations on Your New Baby!



Maxwell John Bowers, son of Tanner and Caroline Bowers was born May 6, 2022. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 21 in. long. Grandparents are Chris & Sue Bowers and John and Eileen Janecki. God's blessings to Maxwell and his parents.

Blankets: We recently sent 80 blankets made by the blanket making group to the LWML convention at Springfield. They were given along with our old red hymnals and various donations from other groups to the ingathering for the convention to Orphan Grain Train from St. Louis. Thank you to all who have helped in any way to make the blankets. These will be used to keep people warm and help warm their hearts to the saving news of Jesus. We can always use help with the blankets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the social hall from 8:30 until 11:30 A.M.



Congregational Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, June 5, St. Paul's will begin *The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*, a

special ten-week congregational study. The Tree of Life will include a ten-week sermon series, Youth and Children's Sunday School lessons, and adult Bible class lessons.

The Tree of Life examines God's plan of salvation as it unfolds through the Old Testament and is fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first five weeks will focus on the Old Testament, while the last five weeks will feature lessons in the New Testament. We will begin with creation and the fall into sin, which brought all the evils we experience into this world. Then we will look at the unfolding of God's promise to send His Son with lessons on Abraham, Moses, King David, and Daniel.

Then, in the second half of *The Tree of Life*, we will focus on Jesus' coming as our Savior. We will look at His birth, Baptism, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and His promise to return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead.

By the end of these ten weeks, you will be refreshed with the Bible's overarching theme and storyline, equipped with the tools for unlocking the full riches of each page of Holy Scripture. The Tree of Life 2022 curriculum comes from Concordia Publishing House.

Congregational Bible Study

We invite all families to attend this ten-week study from June 5 to August 14. *Voters Meeting on July 24.*

- Pastor Whybrew's sermons will follow the story theme each week during the 8:30 a.m. worship service
- Sunday School/Bible class will begin between 9:30-9:40 a.m.
- High School/Adult class, taught by Gary Kull and Heath McCormick, will meet in the social hall
- Youth class for grades 1-8 will be taught by Dee Dee Batson
- Preschool class will be taught by Autumn McCormick
- All SS classes study the same weekly Bible stories
- Attend Sunday School classes together as a family
- Discuss lessons afterwards with family or other members and grow in your faith

Not currently attending a Sunday School class?

Now is the time to begin.

Can't make it every Sunday?

***WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS
FROM CHILDREN & ADULTS WILL GO
TO DESIGNATED CHARITIES IN JUNE &
JULY***

***June: Rachel, Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog
July: Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box ministry***

SCHOOL'S OUT!

On Wednesday evening, May 4, the annual Weekday Picnic was held with almost all the children and a few guests present. The party began with a game in the gym led by Susie Allen and Dee Dee Batson. They hung name tags of Bible characters or places on the kids who had to look all around and find their "partner". Examples: Three Men- Fiery Furnace and Good Friday- Cross. Then the pair had to say at least two facts about their name tags. Next the kids ran outside for a really fun game of kickball. It was close, but Dylan and Seth's team beat Ross's team in five innings. Then Karen Kull had delicious treats of pizza, chips, cookies, drinks, and her great homemade brownies. The kids ate a lot and had a good time. Other helpers included Rev. and Mrs. Whybrew and Courtney Orman. Although Weekday School is over for this year, we are already planning for next year. If you know of any children who would like to attend, please let Karen Kull know. All children in grades 1-8 are welcome.

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Please register by May 30 for St. Paul's and Grace Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held at St. Paul's Church June 20-24, from 9-11:30 a.m. The theme is "God's Wonder Lab-Jesus Does the Impossible." An Adult class following the VBS theme will be taught by Pastor Whybrew and Virginia Vogel. Registration forms are available in the narthex, in the church office, and on St. Paul's FB page, or call the office at 217.644.2661. Donations are needed for cookies, milk, cups and bottled water. Please sign up in the narthex if you can donate.



God's blessings to the following new members. St. Paul's held a Meet & Greet on Sunday, May 29th during Sunday School. Coffee, juice and rolls was provided.

- Chris & Shanna Kessler and son Walter
- Jesse Williams
- Devin Warren
- Carol & David Polk
- Caroline Polk

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Pastor Whybrew's birthday will be July 29, 2022. He will be **60** years old! The BIG SIX OH! His dual congregations of Grace and St. Paul's will help him celebrate this special event **Saturday, July 30** at St. Paul's with a catered luncheon at 12:00 noon. A program is planned following lunch. Casual dress. **Sign-up sheets** will be available June 5 in the narthex of both Grace and St. Paul's as number of meals is needed for the caterer. **No gifts** are requested, but come, give Pastor your birthday wishes and enjoy the part.

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70th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Congratulations to Dwight & Melvina Lading who will be married 70 years on June 14. They were wed on June 14, 1952, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg by the Rev. G.A. Lueck. A family dinner in honor of their anniversary will be Saturday, June 12 at noon.

Everyone is invited to attend an Open House from 2-3:30 p.m. on June 12 at St. Paul's social hall. The Open House will be hosted by their children, Dennis (Nitelle) Lading, Debra (Darrell) Wittenberg, Karen (Gary) Kull and Kendall (Shelley) Lading.

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Shoe Box Project The items we are collecting for June for the shoe box project are combs, brushes, and hair ties or fasteners. Thank you for sharing.

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Voter Guides There are Illinois family institute voter guides for the upcoming Illinois primary election in the narthex. Pick up one if you are interested in how the candidates stand on family matters.

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Baby Bottle Project

Baby bottles are available in the narthex to support the Pregnancy Resource Center. The bottles are for your spare change or you can make a check payable to St. Paul's. The collection runs from Mother's Day until Father's Day (June 19).



Thank you Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Trinity Lutheran School formal dinner and live auction on May 13th! It was a huge success, and we hope you enjoyed your evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising! With your help, we were able to raise a little more than \$45,000 for Trinity Lutheran School! We are so thankful to those who bought tickets, donated items, bid on items, sponsored packages, or helped with this event in any way. It would not be possible without each and every one of you. Our Trinity School family is so grateful to have your support! We ask that you would continue to pray that God would bless Trinity Lutheran School. We hope to see you again in the fall for our silent auction and hog roast! God's blessings to each of you!

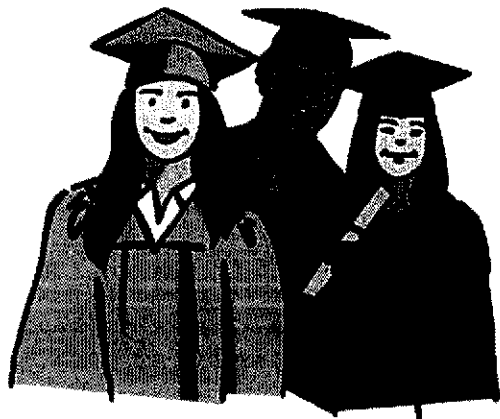
Thank you Katherine and Noel Manhart would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers, cards and kind words following the death of our son Joseph on April 11. We held Joe's family graveside service on May 5 at Richland cemetery. Eric, Emily & Matt, Molly and Roxy were all able to attend. River and Parker brightened our days. God carries us through times of sorrow and grief.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book

Thank you Thank you to members of St. Paul's for your support this spring of our adopted 4th year Seminarian, Alexander Goodwin. Call Day at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis was held April 26, and Alex received a call to be Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont, MN, located in the Minnesota South District. Commencement at the seminary was Friday, May 20. We rejoice with Alex as he and his wife Esther and son Malachi prepare for their move.

Thank you Thank you to Roger Kull, DeeDee Batson, Susie Allen and Chris Kramer for all their hard work cleaning up the landscape around the church and school. Everything looks great!

Thank you Thank you to everyone who donated to the Pregnancy Resource walk. We donated \$1855 from the communities of Strasburg and Stewardson. This money will be used to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the clients at the center. Remember to pray for the supreme court decision coming up on abortion that they will overturn the Roe vs Wade decision.



Our Church's Graduates

God's richest blessings to our St. Paul's graduates

8TH Grade Promotion

Dylan Wetherell
Ross McCormick
Seth Rincker

High School Class of 2022

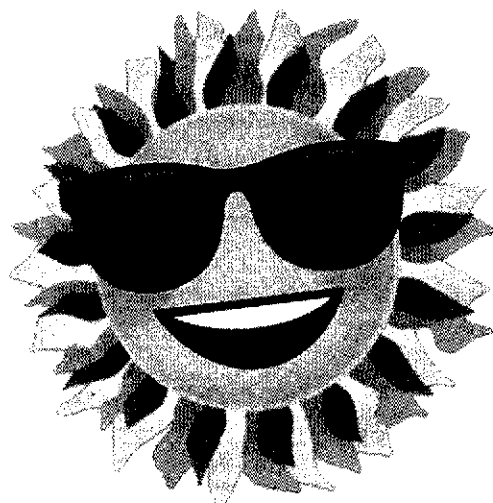
Noah Prosser
Natalie Hayes
Ella Gilbert

If you have a college graduate that you would like for us to acknowledge, please call the church office at 217.644.2661.

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ACH Debit for Offerings

St. Paul's is now offering auto debit for offerings. You will have two options to choose from for withdrawals, monthly or Bi-weekly. You also will be able to choose up to three designated funds of your choice for your funds to be distributed to. The letter explaining the ACH and the application and contract for the bank debit has been sent out in the May newsletter. You can also pick one up in the church office or in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 217.644.2661.



Sympathy Please keep the family of Jacquelyn Jo Stodden in your prayers. Jacquelyn passed away Thursday, May 19, 2022. Funeral services were held on Wednesday May, 25, 2022 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial was in Stewardson Cemetery, Stewardson, Illinois.

Sympathy Please keep the family of Betty Stremming in your thoughts and prayers. Betty passed away Friday, May 20, 2022. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 27, 2022 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, Illinois.

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Weddings this Month

Congratulations to Courtney Beals and Alan Koch, who were united in marriage Saturday, April 30th. Parents of the couple are Tim & Susan Beals. God's blessings Courtney and Alan

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