

QUAIL LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY

This weekend we will celebrate Memorial Day. This is usually seen as the official beginning of summer with our first trips to the mountains or beaches and the traditional inflation of gas prices! But Memorial Day has such an important role in our nation as we remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for freedom's cause. Here's a bit of the history of this special day that will help you to understand and appreciate this time of honor for those who have given so much to us all.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, Moina Michael conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of

France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

YOUNG PARENTS MEETING JUNE 1

One of the real blessings of Quail Lake is the number of kids third grade and under we have in our church. Many of those youngsters are still nursery age. With the number of little ones, we want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to make kids and parent's time on Sunday the best we can. Kristen Rusconi, who is doing the teaching of the little ones each Sunday, will be your host. Because a number of you have already expressed scheduling conflicts with this Wednesday, we will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 1 at the home of Cindi Pettit at 249 Lyon in Sanger. You are welcome to bring infants, but we will not be able to accommodate those kiddos who are able to move quickly on their own! If you would like more information,

please call Kristen Rusconi at 259-4989. We'll try to start as close to 7:00 pm as possible and we'll end by or before 8:30 pm. Please encourage other young families to join us!

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to share in a Women's only Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 am right here at Reagan campus. The study meets in the portables just north of the auditorium and child care is available in the Nursery. For more information, please call Kristen Rusconi at 259-4989.

CAR SHOW JUNE 12

Last year we had a great first Quail Lake Car Show! Our second "annual" show will be held here in the Reagan parking lot on Sunday, June 12. Our coordinator is Vern Ward so please let him know as soon as possible how many cars you can bring. It was great to have such a wide variety of vehicles here last year. So if you have a car you love, a project car you've worked on or one that is in progress, please consider bringing it to Quail Lake on June 12th. This is a great way to invite those car lovers to church that Sunday. We will have parking lot security and we will have the cars on display both before and after church. Also, if you have friends that would like to show their car or truck, please invite them!

BABY DEDICATION JUNE 12

If were unable to have your baby dedicated on Easter, and would like to do so, consider making June 12th the time that you make that open commitment as a reflection of your trust and love for this Jesus we follow. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Joe at 260-7363.

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IN THE BIBLE THIS WEEK

Sunday...Jeremiah 23
Monday...Jeremiah 24
Tuesday...Jeremiah 25
Wednesday...Jeremiah 26
Thursday...Jeremiah 27
Friday...Jeremiah 28
Saturday...Jeremiah 29

Hi Quail Lakers! There's lots of stuff going on here at Quail Lake and if you have questions about anything, just contact Pastor Joe or any one of our elders:

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GOOD NEWS CLUB

We had a great year with the Good News Club! It was a wonderful time of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to about 40 elementary school kids at Reagan Elementary School! We are off for the summer but will be starting up again next school year. If you are interested in this club and would like more information, please contact Barbara Spalding. Are you interested but think you wouldn't know where to start? Well don't worry about that! There's a 2-day training that you can go to where you will learn fun ways to talk and share Jesus Christ with kids. But remember, all you need in order to share Jesus with these kids is for you to know Jesus yourself!

JOIN US FOR

LUNCH IN SANGER!

On June 1st our Wednesday Small Group will be meeting at 11:30 am at the Denney's in Sanger. This is a wild and fun group and you are invited to join these "seasoned citizens" for a time of good food, fellowship and fun. Just show up or contact Pauline Merk for more info.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT QUAIL LAKE

May 26...4:00 pm...Men's PK group at Sierra Vista Mall Starbucks
May 26...4:00 pm...Women's Study...Canceled this week
May 29...Cafe Closed
May 29...Memorial Day Sunday
June 1...11:30 am....Lunch at Denney's in Sanger (corner Academy and Jensen)
June 1...7:00 pm...Young Parents meeting at Pettit's
June 5...Cafe Closed
June 12...Baby Dedications
June 12...Car Show
June 12...Cafe Open
June 19...Father's Day
June 19...Cafe Closed
June 26...Quail Lake Church Annual Meeting.
June 26...All church picnic...Luau
June 29...Cafe Open
July 24-28...Vacation Bible School
August TBA...Family Camp

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Reagan Elementary School
Memorial Day Weekend