

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Christy, Shea and Talon Skouby in celebration of their birthdays and baptism birthdays.

PASTORAL CALL RETURNED Our call extended to Pastor James King to be our next pastor has been declined. Pastor King has been led by the Holy Spirit to remain at his current congregation, Immanuel- Gaylord, MN. Please pray for our Call Committee as they regroup and seek God's guidance in finding and recommending the issuing of a call to another pastor. To God be the Glory!

MISSION SUNDAY-TIME AND TALENT AUCTION So far, the proceeds from the auction and other donations total \$2960, a 25% increase from last year. A huge "Thank You" to all donors and bidders for making our 2nd annual Mission Sunday a big success! We will be sending checks to LCMS Missions (to benefit the Ross Shaver family) and to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Those checks will go out May 15th, so if you wish to make an additional donation you may place your check in the offering plate with "auction" in the memo section. If you prefer your donation to specifically support the Shaver family, LCMS Missions or Shaver family should be noted in your memo section. We are already looking forward to next year!

Your Stewardship Board: Tyson Bourbina, Helen Clair, Nathan Meyer, Duane Moudy

CHURCH COUNCIL The Church Council meeting is today, April 28th at 12:30 PM.

VOTER'S MEETING is next Sunday, May 5th at 12:30 PM. A meal will be provided and it will also be our next call meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5TH WILL BE A "FAMILY LIFE SUNDAY" The Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann, Executive Director of Concordia Center for the Family, will be our guest preacher and Bible Study leader. Don't miss it!

CELEBRATION FOR THE GRADUATES A cake reception will be held next Sunday, May 5th right after first service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our graduates! Congratulations to our high school graduates!

OUR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY THIS YEAR WILL BE MAY 19TH (The Day of Pentacost). Five of our youth will be confirmed. We will be following our "celebration schedule" of Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:15 AM and **one** blended worship service in the South (traditional) Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. A cake reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS IS ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY and there is still so much to do! Our Jungle Journey will be JUNE 10-13! In the following weeks, I will have more news on opportunities to help. **My first request is empty 18 oz peanut butter jars with the lids.** We will need about 15 of them so please start saving. As per the Elders request, anyone working with the children will have to pass a background check. This includes ANYONE over the age of 18. Only two people will have access to these reports and there is no cost to you. So, please start deciding how you can help. There is a sign-up sheet where a list of opportunities is available at each end of the building. Thanks for your continued support! ~Diane Meyer, VBS Director

LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS will be on Friday, June 14th. Game time is 7:05 PM with gates opening at 6:05 PM. The cost for each ticket is \$10. Please contact Duane Moudy by Sunday, June 9th to purchase tickets.

NEW LIBRARY OFFERING A copy of the book *Why You Do the Things You Do: The Secret to Healthy Relationships* by Dr. Tim Clinton and Dr. Gary Sibcy has been donated to the church library for use by members. This book explores relationship patterns from a Christian perspective and can provide insight for improving your relationships with God and your loved ones. This book is also available for free as an audiobook on the Hoopla app for anyone with a Greene County library card.

CRAFTS FOR BATTING Using scraps from previous quilts and left over trims, crafts have been made to raise money for the expensive batting used in our many quilts. Easter and spring items are available now, but other items will be added over time and change with the season. Please take a moment to check out our display in the hall outside the Fellowship Hall.

FROM OUR OPEN ARMS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN OZARK Once again Open Arms has an urgent need for full-time and part-time teachers, as well as substitutes. If you or someone you know would be willing to apply for one of the positions available at the Open Arms Center, please immediately contact Director Kim Overstreet at koverstreet@mchsi.com, (417) 429-5116 or (417) 582-0067. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, THE ADULT BIBLE CLASSES WILL AGAIN BE COMBINED This will be a "Family Life Sunday" and the Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann, Executive Director of Concordia Center for the Family, will be our guest leader.

EZRA & NEHEMIAH BIBLE STUDY How do God's people rebuild their home in a time of trouble, after long years of strife? How do they prepare their hearts for a new chapter in their journey of faith under a new spiritual leader? Questions like these and others will be explored in a 9-week LifeLight Bible study on Ezra and Nehemiah during the Education Hour. The class will be led by Cody Jeffries in the Fellowship Hall at the South End. Study guides will be provided.

WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE This group has moved to Classroom EW-7.

WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY They will next meet Monday, April 29th at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Room. They will be covering Chapter 7 of the study "Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph" by Donna Snow.

INKLINGS IS AN ONLINE BOOK CLUB This book club is held by Zoom on Tuesdays, starting at 8:30 pm. Anyone interested and available to participate can contact either Pastor Dave Benson or Cody Jeffries for more information. They are currently reading *Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY Harold Tscherny leads this study for 6th -12th grade students on Sunday mornings during the education hour. It is held in classroom FC-4 (the game room).

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL meets each week at 9:45 AM in the Peters Family Life Center, rooms 1 & 2.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION is on Sundays at 12:15 PM.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS Pastor Jerry Markel leads a Bible class on Thursday mornings at 9 AM. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall. For the most up-to-date schedule, please check the church calendar at www.flc-s.org. The calendar can be found under the "Activities" tab in the "Calendar" section.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

THE 2024 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE will be held at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City this coming Wednesday, May 1st. Activities will begin at 8:00 AM with the Rally and March taking place on the South Lawn at 9:30 AM. You are encouraged to attend, if you are able, or pray for the witness and safety of those who do. For more information go to www.midwestmarchforlife.com.

CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY Faith Lutheran is signed up to volunteer at Crosslines every 3rd Tuesday of each month. Shifts can be split: 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please contact Kim DeLuce with questions, or to schedule the time you can help out with this incredible organization. The next volunteer opportunity will be on Tuesday, May 21st.

DECLINE TO SIGN If you encounter a signature gatherer for the abortion petition (Article1, Section36), here are questions you can ask to help them reconsider their stance on abortion.

1. "Have you read the amendment in full?" Encourage them to do their own research before asking others to sign the petition.
2. "Have you signed the petition yourself?" If they haven't signed it, can they expect you to?
3. "Are you aware that this amendment cannot be undone?" Find out if they are confident enough in the amendment that it should never have the ability to be changed. This amendment would:
 - Allow late-term and partial birth abortions.
 - Obliterate parental rights.
 - Strip away malpractice protections for prenatal care, childbirth, miscarriage care, and all other reproductive healthcare.
 - **DECLINE TO SIGN** (Provided by Vitae)

HOPE LUTHERAN CHILDCARE CENTER SEEKING FULL TIME DIRECTOR Hope Lutheran Church in Republic is seeking a full-time director for the childcare center. A full job description is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jill Kramer at 205-454-4708 or email jobs@jopelc.com for further information.

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL SEEKING PART-TIME PE TEACHER Springfield Lutheran School is seeking a part-time PE teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. This position is for up to 29 hours a week. Candidates must be comfortable working with varying ages (early childhood through middle school), have strong ability to manage student behavior, and have physical ability to regularly walk, run, and stand for extended periods of time. Interested candidates should contact SLS at (417) 883-5717 or email sls@rlcmail.org.

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL SEEKING PART-TIME FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR ASL TEACHER Springfield Lutheran School is seeking a part-time foreign language or ASL teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. They are looking for an individual to fill a part-time teaching position in either American Sign Language (ASL) OR a foreign language. They are anxious to provide students with rich opportunities to learn about other languages and cultures! Interested applications should contact SLS at (417) 883-5717 or sls@rlcmail.org.

LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES is still in need of diapers (size 3 and up), wipes, diaper cream, tearless baby shampoo, and baby lotion. Can you help? We have a basket for baby supplies in the narthex. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE Family Fun Camp at Heit's Point will be June 9-14th this year. More information on this can be found in our May Compass Newsletter when it is published.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			April 21, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$1,916.00
Baptized:	165	30.2%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$1,185.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$3,101.00
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	
Sun.10:30 AM Svc.	88			\$4,923
Online	13			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$1,822)
Total in Person:	88		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$9,836

Stewardship in Time and Talents Serving in the House of the Lord

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(4/28)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(5/5)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Joye McElwee
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	The Lentz Family	Leann Eden
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Hansen	Kathy Hodges
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Darla Berg	Stacey Bourbina
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Thomas Jeffries
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Kinley Cox
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Leah Meyer & Yvonne Cordell	Carole Jones
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Helen Clair	Carol Bourbina
Children's Message	Pastor Dave	Pastor Dave
Mowers:	Richard Wilson	David MacGregor

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

Marie Johnson and her family at the death of her Uncle Warren
Kim DeLuce and her family at the death of bother her Aunt Karen and Uncle Gerald
The Family of Hal Buchert (friend of Faith)
The Family of Dean Novak (widow Ruth is a friend of Brenda Owen)

Homebound:

Nancy Engelking
Gene & Isabell Ervin
Wanda McCann
Teresa Murphy
Betty Wessler (Spring Ridge Assisted Living)
Mary Ellen Wolf (Castlewood Senior Living)

Those Afflicted With Cancer

Sarah Tessaro, 3rd grade teacher at Springfield Lutheran School (colon cancer)
Pastor Gary Griffin, retired pastor from Immanuel in Lockwood (stage 4 neuroendocrine cancer)
Randy Austin, friend of the Bensons
Marlys St. George, sister of Frank Jones
Pastor Tim Jones, nephew of Frank & Carole Jones
Jorene Brooks, daughter of Joye and Karen McElwee

Health Petitions:

Melissa Gammel, niece of Kerrie Salvador & Sharon Crunkleton (recovering from open heart surgery)
Pastor Jerry & Donna Markel (recovering from RSV)
Angela Hardison, niece of Marie Isbell
Carolyn Zell, friend of the Bensons (COVID and other medical issues)
Mary Ellen Wolf, hospice care
James Wantlend, family of the Markels (brain aneurysm)
Arlo Buerck, grandson of Pastor Dave and Jan Benson (ITP)
Helenea Porter, preparing for back surgery
Lukas Shook, grandson of Loeta Shook
Thomas Jeffries (special needs)

Praise & Thanks Petitions:

We give thanks to the LORD for the healthy birth of Seraiah Bethany Koenig born to Jennifer and Jarod Koenig on Friday, April 19th.

We give thanks to the LORD for His protection of Alice Clark (six year old granddaughter of Rick and Sally Clark) who recently experience a hard fall but didn't receive any serious injuries.

God's provision for our congregation through generous offerings.

Mission Petitions:

Rev. Jim & Kim Bartok, My Church – Ozark

Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center – Ozark

Crosslines, Rare Breed & York Elementary – Springfield

Joe Lee – Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Area Coordinator

Hillcrest High School student body, parents, faculty & staff

Preparing for Ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Nathan & Chrissy Tritch

Steven, Lori, David & Timmy Steingraber (sister of Leann Eden)

Birthdays:

Kinley Cox – 4/29

Donna Rader – 4/30

Leann Eden - 4/30

Anniversaries:

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to Joye McElwee.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please call the church office (417-833-3749) or email faithlutheransec@gmail.com if you:

- Have a new address, phone number, or email
- Are sick, facing a surgery, or hospitalization
- Are unable to attend worship
- Would like to add to our praise & thanks petitions
- **Are in need of prayer**

RECEPTION FOR OUR GRADUATES
SUNDAY MAY 5TH AT 9:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our
Church's
Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR GRADUATES!



**VOTERS'
MEETING**

**SUNDAY
MAY 5TH
12:30 PM
(Fellowship Hall)
Lunch Provided!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, April 28th

8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

9:45 AM – Ezra & Nehemiah Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

– What Lutherans Believe Class (EW-7)

– Youth Bible Study (FC-5)

– Children's Sunday School (Peters Family Life Center, Rooms 1 &2)

11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary)

12:15 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

12:30 PM – Church Council Meeting (EW-7)

Monday, April 29th

6:30 PM – Women of Faith Bible Study

Tuesday, April 30th

6:30 PM – Inklings Book Club (Zoom)

Thursday, May 1st

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

9:30 AM – Reception for our High School Graduates (Fellowship Hall)

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11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary)

12:15 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

12:30 PM – Voter's Meeting with lunch (Fellowship Hall)