

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

LWML MITE COLLECTION TODAY Our LWML chapter will be holding their next mite collection competition today. There will be 3 collection boxes: one for women, one for men, and one for kids age 18 and under. Please help us support the many wonderful efforts of the LWML.

PASTORAL CALL EXTENDED As a follow up to the Voters' meeting on March 17, 2024, we are excited to announce that Faith Lutheran Church has extended a call to Pastor James King to be our next pastor. **Pastor King was able to visit Faith and meet briefly with some of our leadership on April 1st.** Please pray for Pastor King and his wife Michelle as he seeks God's will regarding this call to serve our congregation. Please also pray for his current congregation at Immanuel, Gaylord, Minnesota, during this important time. And, finally, pray for your brothers and sisters at Faith Lutheran Church as we prepare for his response to this call. To God be the Glory!

SHINE! IN OZARK THIS SATURDAY Faith Lutheran will again be participating in the Missouri District SHINE event by having a workday at Open Arms Childcare Center in Ozark on Saturday, April 13th from 8 AM to 2 PM. If you can participate, please let Pastor Dave know as soon as possible.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS Our next meeting will be April 17 at 10:00 a.m. The program will be "Do You Remember?" Paul and Brenda Hansen and Ann Dobbs will be our hosts. Please come and join us.

SERVANT EVENT ON APRIL 20th On Saturday, April 20th, we will be having a servant event sponsored by the joint efforts of the Board of Properties and the Board of Education and Family Life. We will be doing spring cleaning inside the church along with repairs and painting on the east side exterior corridor of our building. We will begin at 9 AM and continue until we are finished. A light lunch will be provided. Families and kids are encouraged to attend!

MISSION SUNDAY and our time & talent auction is coming soon, April 21st! Education Hour will be at 9:15 AM, Worship at 10:30 AM, and a luncheon with our annual Time & Talent auction will take place after service. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver. Pastor Shaver has accepted a call as missionary to the Dominican Republic. He and his family will be moving in June to begin this exciting ministry. We will be using the proceeds from our auction to support Pastor Shaver through LCMS Missions and the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. If you wish to donate an item, please contact a member of the Stewardship Board or the church office. Members of the Stewardship Board are Nathan Meyer, Tyson Bourbina, Helen Clair, or Duane Moudy.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EZRA & NEHEMIAH BIBLE STUDY – STARTS TODAY 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 will begin Sunday, April 7 during the Education Hour. The class will be led by Cody Jeffries in the Gathering Room across from the Contemporary Worship area at the North End. Study guides will be provided.

WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY This group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Room. They are currently studying “Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph” by Donna Snow. They will next meet Monday, April 15th and will be covering Chapter 6.

MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY Our next monthly Men of Faith Bible Study will meet on Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 to 10:30 AM. We are working through a 4-session study called “How to Spot the Spirit's Work in Your Life.” This will be session #2. We will be meeting in Classroom FC-5 at the north end of our facility. Please enter through the doors on the northeast side of the Peters Family Life Center (north building). Please plan to stay after the study to help with the servant event.

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

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, April 16th.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT The Lutheran Student Center will be hosting a Pickleball Tournament and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 27th at the gym at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield. This event will begin at 1:00 PM. All proceeds will benefit the ministry of the Lutheran Student Center. Scan the QR code to register. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Eisenbraun at (402)992-6199.



STUDY GRANTS AVAILABLE – DUE NEXT WEEK The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District has study grants available for the 2024-2025 school year. Men and women enrolled in a University or Seminary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that are preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of an English or SELC District congregation active in the LWML located in Missouri for 12 months prior to filing an application. The Study Grant program is unique as recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to the Christian service. Applications and instructions are available from your LWML Zone President, society presidents, the financial aid office of your university or seminary or may be downloaded from the Missouri District website at www.missourilwml.org (under forms) or from the CWSG chairman at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com. Completed applications must be received by **APRIL 15, 2024**. No applications will be considered if not complete. For more information contact, LWML Missouri District, Church Workers Study Grant Chairman, Dawn Neil, 19509 State Hwy B, Canton, MO 63435; 573-248-9162, or lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com.

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 STUDENT CENTER SPRING MEAL SIGN UP The LSC could really use your help with providing a meal for their Tuesday Night Prayer & Praise. They usually have around 20-25 students per week. Meals will need to be dropped off between 5:00 & 5:45 PM. To sign up to provide a meal, visit the link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA4AD2CA1F94-46449725-spring>

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!

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			March 31, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,931.00
Baptized:	166	24.5%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$185.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$3,116.00
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	73			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	59			
Online	23			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$1,807)
Total in Person:	132		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$8,029

Stewardship in Time and Talents Serving in the House of the Lord		
Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(4/7)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(4/14)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Cliff Vest	Jim Garton
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Nathan & Grace Meyer	Leann Eden
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Kevin Wuench	Mary Beckers
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Brandee Lentz	Sheri Clines
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Frank Kukal	Cindy Masek
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)		
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Carole Jones	Jim Garton
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Grace & Leah Meyer
Children's Message	Pastor Dave	Diane Meyer
Mowers:	Frank Kukal	Duane Parker

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

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:

Pastor Jerry & Donna Markel (RSV)

Angela Hardison, niece of Marie Isbell

Carolyn Zell, friend of the Bensons (COVID and other medical issues)

Melissa Gammel, niece of Kerrie Salvador & Sharon Crunkleton (open heart surgery on April 5th)

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:

Pastor James King, his wife Michelle, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord, MN as Pastor King considers the call to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran.

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
Katie Pohlmann – YWAM missionary in Brazil
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:

Jeanette Lisenby – 4/10
Talon Skouby – 4/12
Annette Bass – 4/13
Krista Wessler – 4/14

Anniversaries:

Steve & Tracy Todd – 4/10 (26 years)

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to mcelweej@gmail.com.

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**

SPECIAL CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

MISSION SUNDAY

**COMBINED
WORSHIP
10:30 AM**

APRIL 21

**SPECIAL COMBINED
EDUCATION 9:15 AM**

**LUNCHEON 11:45 AM
TIME & TALENT AUCTION
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

9:15 AM – Sunday School and Combined Adult Class with Pastor Shaver (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM – Combined Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary) +Livestreamed
Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver, missionary to the Dominican Republic

12 PM – Luncheon, Time & Talent Auction, New Members Welcome (North Sanctuary)

MISSION SUNDAY

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION

Please join us on April 21, for a meal and to celebrate the gifts God has given us. On that day, we will also be recognizing new members that have been added to our church roster.

What might you donate? Some items that have donated in the past include fishing trips, babysitting, house cleaning, craft items, lawn mowing and yard work, firewood, prepared meals, smoked ham, etc. You might also consider hosting a meal in your home, a Springfield Cardinals game, or a Branson show.

BE CREATIVE!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, April 7th

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

9:45 AM – Ezra & Nehemiah Bible Study (Gathering Room)

– What Lutherans Believe Class (Fellowship Hall)

– 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

Monday, April 8th

6:00 PM – LWML

Tuesday, April 9th

8:30 PM – Inklings Book Club (Zoom)

Thursday, April 11th

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 13th

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM – SHINE! Work Day (Open Arms in Ozark)

Sunday, April 14th

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

9:45 AM – Ezra & Nehemiah Bible Study (Gathering Room)

– What Lutherans Believe Class (Fellowship Hall)

– 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

12:15 PM – Education & Family Life Board (Gathering Room)