

NEWS AND NOTES

← **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Darla Berg. →

PASTORAL CALL EXTENDED As a follow up to the Voters' meeting on February 4, 2024, I am excited to announce that Faith Lutheran Church has extended a call to Pastor Brian McQuiggin to be our next pastor. Please pray for Pastor McQuiggin and his wife Jessica as he seeks God's will regarding this call to serve our congregation. Please also pray for his current congregation at River of Life, St. Peter, 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! Cindy MacGregor, Congregational President

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – THIS WEEK Lenten Midweek services will begin on February 14th, Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM with Imposition of Ashes held at the beginning of the service. There will be a meal served before this service and all the midweek services at 5:30 PM.

MIDWEEK MEALS The menu is as follows: February 14 – taco bar, February 21 – soups, February 28 – hamburgers & hotdogs, March 6 – soups. There are food donation sign-up sheets at the welcome center and on the counter on the north end of the building.

TOMORROW – LWML will meet on Monday, February 12th at 6 PM.

NEXT WEEK – FAITHFUL SERVANTS next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st at 10:00 AM. We plan on having a devotion, a couple of games, food of course, and lots of good fellowship. Please come and join us.

TRIVIA NIGHT AND CHILI/SOUP/DESSERT COOK-OFF One of the most fun events of the year is almost here! The Faith Lutheran Youth Group is hosting their annual Chili/Soup/Dessert Cook-Off on Saturday, February 24th. We will start with tasting at 5 PM and trivia at 6 PM. Bring your best recipes along with coins and bills because we will once again be voting for the winners with money. Get your teams together and we will see you then!

AN IMPORTANT EVENING FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS In two weeks, (February 25th) Lutherans for Life will be hosting our Healthy Relationships banquet at 6:00 PM - Trinity Lutheran Church – 1415 S. Holland, Springfield. We invite all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents to an evening of conversation about the sometimes-confusing world of dating. The delicious meal is FREE for our students and \$5 for parents. Please help us support your middle schooler as they build God pleasing friendships and connections for Healthy Relationships. We would appreciate an RSVP to Kim DeLuca. (We want to have enough tacos!) *And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16*

POTENTIAL “ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS” Pastor Dave is considering teaching a section of his "What Lutherans Believe" class, designed for adults and older youth who have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church but are interested in joining Faith as official members. The class covers the "Six Chief Parts" of Lutheran teaching from Luther's Small Catechism (Baptism, Holy Communion, The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, and The Office of the Keys (confession and forgiveness)). If you are interested in being a member of this class, please contact Pastor Dave.

SAVE THE DATE The Missouri Lutherans for Life Conference will be held here at Faith Lutheran on Saturday, April 6th from 9 AM to noon. We would love to have a large turnout for this event so mark your calendars! More information will be coming soon.

JANUARY VOTERS' MEETING SUMMARY The Voters Assembly of Faith Lutheran Church met on January 28th for a regularly scheduled meeting. Several new members of the assembly were approved; they are now eligible to vote at the special voters meeting scheduled for February 4th to call our next pastor. The 2024 Budget, tabled from the November meeting, was reviewed and approved. All boards, committees, and auxiliaries presented their reports. The second annual Leadership Retreat will be on February 3rd, with all board members and chairpersons encouraged to participate at this important planning meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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THE CASE FOR EASTER What do the Gospel accounts actually say about Jesus' death and resurrection? How can we know the biblical accounts are accurate? Join us for a four-week study by Lee Strobel entitled, "The Case for Easter," throughout the month of February. Classes will be held in the Gathering Room during the education hour.

FREE NIV BIBLES are available for anyone who is interested! If you do not have a Bible, or know someone who does not have one, please take one!

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).


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 on Monday, February 19th.

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION is on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8 PM

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 **Galcia: The Daughter of the Bi-Soul Stave** by Cody R. Jeffries. This book is available on Amazon in paperback or digitally.

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.

 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:** We are so excited for our upcoming E2 Conferences! There are five conferences, designed to be at a location where you or a group from your congregation could easily travel for the day. Presented by Missouri District staff and leaders from your area, sessions provide support and training for congregations and ministries. All (lay people and church workers) are invited, and there's no cost to attend. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. Visit us online to register at a location near you: <https://mo.lcms.org/e2-conference-equip-encourage/>. **We will be hosting the Southwest region event here at Faith on Saturday, March 9th.**

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – NEXT WEEK You are invited to attend an open house for Springfield Lutheran School (SLS). The open house will be held on **Thursday, February 15th** from 6-8 p.m. No registration is required. Join us and take a campus tour, see our program information, and meet our teachers and staff. SLS serves children from preschool through 8th grade and offers a Christ-centered and personalized educational experience. For more information, visit www.slssaints.org or call 417.883.5717. SLS is located at 2852 S. Dayton Ave. in Springfield and is attached to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER SPRING MEAL SIGN UP The 2024 Spring Semester is almost here. 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>

ENSURE THE WELLBEING OF MISSOURI'S CHILDREN LFCS supports children and families by providing guidance based on evidence-based education, prioritizing one-on-one relationships between our staff and clients, making our services low cost (sliding scale or no cost to our clients), and allowing clients to access all programs through our wrap-around approach to care. We take pride in eliminating obstacles that prevent those struggling from getting the help they need. Please help us let others know about our approach by sending them to <http://lfcsmo.org> for more information.

CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY – NEXT WEEK 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, February 20th.

SEW ON AND SEW FORTH If you would like to help with completing quilts, we work on projects on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. If you can thread a needle and tie a knot, we can use your beautiful hands. These quilts can be taken home and tacked while you watch TV or listen to an audio book.

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!

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Are you ready to *SHINE!*, Missouri District? Registration is now open for our annual servant event, this April 12-21, 2024. Groups of all sizes and skillsets are encouraged to live out Matthew 5:16 by showing the love of Christ to their neighbors through service during this timeframe. As is our tradition, participants will be outfitted in matching t-shirts...and in 2024 these shirts will be red. Head to mo.lcms.org/shine to learn more about *SHINE!* and place your shirt order. Please note: the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, March 12 (or for as long as supplies last).

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			February 4, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$7,341.00
Baptized:	166	9.4%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$300.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$7,641.00
Attendance		in 2024		
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	53		<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,846
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	56			
Online	13			
			ABUNDANCE Last Week	\$2,795
Total in Person:	109		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$2,805

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> (2/11)	<u>Next Sunday</u> (2/18)
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Cliff Vest	Jim Garton
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Nathan & Grace Meyer	Tyson Bourbina
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Hanson	Cathy Bowman
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Debby Zibilski
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Albert Owen	Amy Jeffries
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	??	??
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Yvonne Cordell	Vicki Kukal
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Grace & Leah Meyer	Helen Clair
Children's Message	Pastor Dave Benson	Pastor Dave Benson

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

The Family of Frank Jones

The Family of Jennifer Bryant (science teacher at Hillcrest High School)

The Family of Shannon Hodges (daughter-in-law of Kathy & John Hodges)

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:

David Tunnell, husband of Redeemer's Music Director (physical rehab in Nebraska)

David Moliga, hip pain

Steve Warner, friend of Cliff Vest (Burn Unit at Mercy Hospital)

Cliff Vest, recovering from shoulder surgery on 1/30

Arlo Buerck, grandson of Pastor Dave and Jan Benson (ITP)

Dean & Ruth Novak, friends of Brenda Owen (Dean entered hospice care)

Helenea Porter, preparing for back surgery

Pastor Dave, recovering from respiratory issues

Kathy Johnson, mother of Stacey Bourbina (strokes)

Janet Burchett, mother of Jessica Powell, Assistant Director at Open Arms

Lukas Shook, grandson of Loeta Shook

Thomas Jeffries (special needs)

Praise & Thanks Petitions:

Pastor McQuiggin, his wife Jessica, and River of Life Lutheran Church in St. Peter, MN as Pastor McQuiggin considers the call to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran.

Baptism of Kennedy Howell on January 21st

We praise and thank the Lord for all our lay leaders at Faith.

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:

Jason Clines – 2/13
Marie Isbell – 2/18

Anniversaries:

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to mcelweejg@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**

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE*

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday – “Father, Forgive Them”

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) – Taco Bar

7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes (South Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 18th – First Sunday in Lent

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

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

Wednesday, February 21st – Second Wednesday in Lent –

“You Will Be with Me in Paradise”

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) - Soups

7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service (South Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 25th – Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

Wednesday, February 28th – Third Wednesday in Lent –

“Behold Your Son; Behold Your Mother”

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) – Hamburgers & Hotdogs

7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service (South Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 3rd – Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

Wednesday, March 6th – Fourth Wednesday in Lent –

“My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) - Soups

7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service (South Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 10th – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

Wednesday, March 13th – Fifth Wednesday in Lent – “I Thirst”

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) - Pasta

7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service (South Sanctuary)

*The full Lenten season schedule can be viewed at our website www.flc-s.org on the “Lenten Worship Schedule” page under the “Worship” tab.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, February 11th

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

9:45 AM – The Case for Easter Adult Bible Study (Gathering Room)

– 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)

Monday, February 12th

6:00 PM – Lutheran Women's Missionary League/LWML

Tuesday, February 13th

8:30 PM –Inklings Book Club (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 14th

5:30 PM – Taco Bar Meal (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes (South Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 15th

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Sunday, February 18th

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

9:45 AM – The Case for Easter Adult Bible Study (Gathering Room)

– 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)

6:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY TESTIMONIAL

I have found the Instant Church Directory to be very helpful for email or phone numbers. I also use it to help me with the names of our newer members. It helps me to stay connected to our Faith family.

Brenda Owen, Fellowship Board Chair