

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Joye & Karen McElwee in honor of their birthdays this month, Karen on the 7th and Joye on the 19th.

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

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will continue this week through March 20th. Midweek Lenten services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the South Sanctuary.

MIDWEEK MEALS The menu is as follows: February 21 – soups, February 28 – hamburgers & hotdogs, March 6 – soups, March 13 – lasagna, March 20 – soups. There are food donation sign-up sheets at the welcome center and on the counter on the north end of the building. Money raised will go to support Katie Pohlmann who is serving as a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) missionary in Brazil.

THIS 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 – THIS WEEK 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!

7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS EVENT – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP You may still RSVP for the Healthy Relationships banquet next Sunday at 6:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church (1415 S. Holland, Springfield). Lutherans for Life invites all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents to an evening of conversation and discussion about dating and strong friendships. The meal is FREE for all students and \$5 for parents. It is very helpful for our planning to have an accurate head count so please RSVP to Kim DeLuce. *You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy: in Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Psalm 16:11*

ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION The youth are once again gearing up for the annual Easter breakfast, and they would love donations of auction items. In the past, we've had everything from quilts to crafts to gift baskets and food! Be creative and start thinking ahead, please. We appreciate your help!

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY - TOMORROW 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.

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.

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).

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 **Galicia: The Daughter of the Bi-Soul Slave** 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

← **CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY – THIS 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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY & POSTER CONTESTS Lutherans for Life is offering a poster contest for grades 3-5 and an essay contest for grades 6-12. The deadline for both of these contests is March 1st. More information about the poster contest can be found at <https://www.lflofmo.org/poster-contest.html> and more information about the essay contest can be found at <https://www.lflofmo.org/essay-contest.html>.


LEONARD WALLENMEYER LIFE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP The Leonard Wallenmeyer Life Award is a scholarship available to high school seniors (one homeschool student, one public school student, and one student from each Missouri Lutheran high school) who are dedicated to the mission of Lutherans for Life. The application deadline is Friday, March 15th. The application and more information can be found at <https://www.lflofmo.org/leonard-wallenmeyer-award.html>.

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.

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 11, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,382.00
Baptized:	166	11.3%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$0.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$2,382.00
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	62			\$4,846
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	38			
Online	7			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$2,464)
Total in Person:	100		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$341

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(2/18)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(2/25)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Cliff Vest
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Tyson Bourbina	The Lentz Family
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Cathy Bowman	Kevin Wuench
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Debby Zibilski	Brandee Lentz
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Amy Jeffries	Brenda Owen
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	??	Brenda Owen
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Vicki Kukal	Brenda Owen
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Helen Clair	Debby Zibilski Palin & Piper Lentz
Children's Message	Pastor Dave Benson	Diane Meyer

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:

*Marie Isbell – 2/18
Joye McElwee – 2/19
Wally Ostrom – 2/20
Elise Jeffries – 2/21
Bobbi Brown – 2/21
Ryan Bourbina – 2/25
Joe Hadank – 2/25*

Anniversaries:

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**

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE*

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) - Lasagna

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

Sunday, March 17th – Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

*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 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

Monday, February 19th

6:30 PM – Women of Faith Bible Study (Gathering Room)

Tuesday, February 20th

9 AM to 2 PM – Crosslines Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity

8:30 PM –Inklings Book Club (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 21st

10:00 AM – Faithful Servants (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM – Soups Meal (Fellowship Hall)

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

Thursday, February 22nd

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 PM – Trivia Night & Chili/Soup/Dessert Cook-Off Fundraiser (North Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 25th

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)

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