

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Ryan Bourbina's 18th birthday today.

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 are served each week on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. The menu is as follows: 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL – NEXT WEEK Church Council will meet on Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30 PM.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS See your bulletin insert for this year's Easter Lily order form. Please turn order forms and checks into the offering plate or church office by Sunday, March 17th

7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS EVENT – TONIGHT The Healthy Relationships is tonight 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.

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!

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at 9:00 AM. More information will be given as time gets closer. Any candy donations for the eggs would be greatly appreciated. When buying candy, please keep in mind that candy needs to fit inside a plastic egg. Containers for donated candy will be placed near the north and south church doors. Any questions? Contact Diane Meyer.

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

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE HOSTING THE SOUTHWEST REGION E2 CONFERENCE HERE AT FAITH ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH.

Presented by the Missouri District staff and leaders from our area, sessions provide support and training for congregations and ministries. All (lay people and church workers) are invited and encouraged to attend, and there's no cost to attend. The event runs from 9 AM to 12:15 PM. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. Please go online to the district website to register: <https://mo.lcms.org/e2-conference-equip-encourage/>.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS – BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Dave will be teaching an 8-week section of his "What Lutherans Believe" class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall beginning next Sunday, March 3rd. This class is designed for adults and older youth who have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church but are interested in joining Faith as official members. (NOT INTENDED FOR OUR ESTABLISHED MEMBERS.) The class covers the "Six Chief Parts" of Lutheran teaching from Luther's Small Catechism. If you are interested in being a member of this class, and have not done so already, please contact Pastor Dave.

MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY Our next monthly Men of Faith Bible Study will meet on Saturday, March 16th, 9:00 to 10:30 AM. In February, we began 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 "The Gathering Room" at the north end of our facility. Please enter through the doors on the northeast side of the Peters Family Life Center (north building).

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 **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.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY & POSTER CONTESTS – DUE THIS WEEK 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 – LOTS OF SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE The 2024 Spring Semester is in progress and 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>

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, March 19th.

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 18, 2024

<u>Discipleship</u>		13.2% of the 52 Sundays in 2024	<u>Returning God's Gifts</u>		
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,103.00	
Baptized:	166		(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$1,300.00	
			Total Gifts Last Week:	\$3,403.00	
<u>Attendance</u>				<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,846
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	66			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$1,443)
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	31			SHORTAGE for Year	(\$1,102)
Online	10				
Total in Person:	97				

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(2/25)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(3/3)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Cliff Vest	Jim Garton
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	The Lentz Family	Leann Eden
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Kevin Wuench	Mary Beckers
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Brandee Lentz	Sheri Clines
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Cindy MacGregor
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	??
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Jim Garton
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Debby Zibilski Palin & Piper Lentz	Helen Clair
Children's Message	Diane Meyer	Pastor Dave

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:

Mary Ellen Wolf, hospice care

Hal Buchert, friend of Faith (recovering from surgery)

James Wantlend, family of the Markels (brain aneurysm)

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

Kathy Johnson, mother of Stacey Bourbina (strokes)

Lukas Shook, grandson of Loeta Shook

Thomas Jeffries (special needs)

Praise & Thanks Petitions:

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

Pastor Brian 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.

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:

Ryan Bourbina – 2/25

Joe Hadank – 2/25

Duane Parker – 2/26

Wanda McCann – 2/28

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 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

Wednesday, March 20th – Sixth Wednesday in Lent – “It is Finished!”

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

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

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday

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 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)

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

6:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 27th

8:30 PM –Inklings Book Club (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 28th

Rare Breed

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

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

Thursday, February 29th

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Sunday, March 3rd

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

9:45 AM – The Case for Easter Adult 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)

12:30 PM – Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class