

NEWS AND NOTES

← **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Kennedy Howell's 18th birthday. →

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING TODAY There will be a special voters' meeting TODAY at 12:30 PM to call our next pastor. All members are invited to attend, however only active voters will be eligible to vote to extend a call. A lunch of sub sandwiches and chips will be provided by the Fellowship Board.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Lenten Midweek services will begin on February 14th, Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM with Imposition of Ashes held at the beginning of both services. 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.

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

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.

IMPORTANT FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS Lutherans for Life invites all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents to an important evening of information on the significance of Healthy Relationships. Each day through social media our kids are exposed to the darkness of the world's view of dating, friendship, and connections. We need to tell them the truth. Our banquet is scheduled for February 25th at 6:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran – 1415 S. Holland in Springfield. Please join us – a delicious meal - free for the students and a nominal charge for the parents – knowledge and fellowship. Please text RSVP to Kim DeLuce. *In [Jesus Christ] was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5*

THANK YOU FROM CAROLE JONES I want to thank my family at Faith Lutheran for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement and memorials that were given during this difficult time. My family was touched by the outpouring of love & concern shown to us at the passing of Frank. Thank you & God bless all of you. ~Carole Jones & Family

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.

HELP NEEDED The Board of Christian Education and Family Life is looking for someone to serve in the role of Superintendent of Sunday School. Anyone interested in learning more about what this role would entail may talk to the chair of the Board of Ed, Cody Jeffries, for more details.

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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THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – NOT MEETING THIS WEEK 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. There will be NO BIBLE CLASS on Thursday, February 8th.

"MEN OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK Our monthly “Men of Faith” Bible Study will resume on **Saturday, February 10, 9:00 to 10:30 AM**. We will begin a new 4 session study called “How to Spot the Spirit’s Work in Your Life.” Please enter through the doors on the northeast side of the “Peters Family Life Center” (north building). We will be meeting in “The Gathering Room.”

THE CASE FOR EASTER – STARTS TODAY 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,” starting February 4th. 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.

 **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 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 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!

SAVE THE DATE Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 7 and 8, 2024, for 150-year anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Freistatt, MO. The celebration theme is "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" and will start Saturday afternoon with tours of the church, school, and cemetery with ancestral walks. In the evening, September 7, at 6:30 pm there will be a music concert - "150 Years - An Evening of Music and Celebration". On Sunday morning, Bible Class will begin at 8:45 am and Divine Worship Service at 10 am. The guest organist is Caleb Staehr for both the evening concert and the Divine Worship Service. There will be dinner on the grounds following the celebration service. Please join us as we remember our ancestors, recognize our present, and look forward to our future. There will be more details to follow. For additional information, call Trinity Lutheran Church at 417-235-7300 or check the website trinity1874.com.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24

January 28, 2024

<u>Discipleship</u>			<u>Returning God's Gifts</u>	
Communicant:	150		7.5% of the 52 Sundays in 2024	Plate offerings and tithes:
Baptized:	170	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit		\$0.00
		Total Gifts Last Week:		\$5,262.00
		<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>		\$4,846
<u>Attendance</u>			ABUNDANCE Last Week	\$416
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	59		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$10
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	44			
Online	14			
Total in Person:	103			

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(2/4)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(2/11)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Cliff Vest
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Leann Eden	Nathan & Grace Meyer
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Kathy Hodges	Brenda Hanson
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Stacey Bourbina	Carol Bourbina
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Sonya Cox	Albert Owen
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Kinley Cox	??
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Yvonne Cordell
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Grace & Leah Meyer
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:

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:

Kennedy Howell – 2/5

Helen Clair – 2/6

Karen McElwee – 2/7

Vicki Kukal – 2/8

Jenny Fite – 2/8

Jon Poulson – 2/9

Ryan Hadank – 2/9

Michael Lentz – 2/9

Teresa Murphy – 2/10

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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 4th

- 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)
- 12:30 PM – Special Voters’ Meeting
- 6:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 6th

- 1:30 PM – Elders
- 8:30 PM –Inklings Book Club (ZOOM)

Thursday, February 8th

- 7:00 PM – Early Childhood Development Center Administration Board (Gathering Room)

Saturday, February 10th

- 9:00 AM – Men of Faith Bible Study (Gathering Room)

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)
- 6:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY TESTIMONIAL

The Faith Instant Church Directory app on my phone has proven invaluable to my work as an Elder at Faith. The app allows me easy access to phone numbers, emails, birthdays, and anniversaries of people at Faith from anywhere. Pictures of people help me associate names and faces. Those whose pictures are not available in the Directory have been so frustrating that I’ve been taking pictures and sending them to the Faith Office Manager for upload to the Directory. Once you start using it, I’m confident it will become invaluable to you also.

Joye McElwee, Elder Chairman