

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Joye and Karen McElwee in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

THANK YOU! Jim and Betty Garton would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers while Jim was in the hospital.

PASTORAL CALL RETURNED Our call extended to Pastor Benjamin Francisco to be our next pastor has been declined. Pastor Francisco has been led by the Holy Spirit to remain at his current congregation, Faith Lutheran, in York NE. Please pray for our Call Committee as they reach out to the LCMS District to acquire a new call list of candidates.

THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE IS JUNE 30th! We will be following our "Celebration Schedule." Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 AM on the north end; 1 blended worship service on the north end; and the meal following in the south fellowship hall. The meal will be picnic type food and hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, condiments, and drinks will be provided. There's sign up sheets at the Welcome Center on the south end and on the kitchen counter on the north end for salads, sides, and desserts! Please put down your name and what you're bringing so we have an idea on how much space we need.

MITE SUNDAY CHALLENGE! June 30th is not only the Patriotic Service, it's also the Mite Sunday Challenge! There will be 3 boxes for collection: Men, Women, and kids under 18. On the national level (2023-2025 biennium) out of 31 grants; 9 have been paid in full, and 6 partial payments have been paid. The MO District just had their convention this past week, so new grants will be made available soon for publication.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR VBS A SUCCESS! Our VBS Jungle Journey has ended. We thank God for a wonderful experience. Captain Meyer and First Mate Ethan took us to 6 stops along the cruise. Our 6 "C" stops included Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Christ and the Cross, and finally Consummation. Our VBS wouldn't have been complete without the help of our many wonderful volunteers; Daryl Bahn, Annette Bass, Pastor Benson, Jan Benson, Amanda Bonner, Leann Eden, Judy Ehke, Cindy Masek, Ethan Meyer, Grace Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Wil Meyer, Brenda Owen, Janet Tscherny, Melinda Wessler, and Gracie Wessler. We averaged about 15 children each day, some days more, some days less. One student brought with her 4 friends! And finally, a special thank you to the office staff, Jennifer and Sabrina, for all their help in promoting VBS in various ways. You are great! From VBS Director Diane Meyer.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO SERVE BY BRINGING THE OFFERING FORWARD:

Parents who would like their school-age children to carry the offering forward during the traditional (8:30 AM) worship services should email or call the church office 417-833-3749 and provide Sabrina or Jennifer the child's name and dates available. This will allow the church office and Elders to maintain a list of dates and children's names who want to participate. The goal is to offer more opportunities for children to be involved in the worship service. Parents will decide if their children can perform the task without assistance. If a child needs assistance, a parent should plan to support them during the service. An Elder will be there should he be needed to answer questions or provide guidance.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN JULY! The Board of Outreach is sponsoring a Christmas Party in July on **Monday, July 8th at 6:30 PM.** ALL are invited! We ask that you bring a dish to pass for a festive supper. We will then be making jump ropes and fishing kits for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes sponsored by Samaritans Purse. Please mark your summer calendar and join in the fun! JOY WITH A PURPOSE! More details to come.

FROM OUR OPEN ARMS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN OZARK Once again Open Arms has an urgent need for full-time and part-time teachers, as well as substitutes. If you or someone you know would be willing to apply for one of the positions available at the Open Arms Center, please immediately contact Director Kim Overstreet at koverstreet@mchsi.com, (417) 429-5116 or (417) 582-0067. Thank you!

HELPERS NEEDED Our Quilting Ministry needs helpers to tie quilts. If you can tie a knot, then you are eligible! You are also welcome to take the quilts home to complete at your convenience. This is a fantastic ministry that has helped give joy and show Christian love to hundreds of thankful people. Please contact Donna Markel, Betty Garton, Carole Jones, or email Sabrina in the church office at faithlutheransec@gmail.com if you can help fill this need.

THE NEXT FAITHFUL SERVANTS meeting will be Friday, September 27th, 2024, at the Hansen's property. There will not be a meeting in June, July, or August. We look forward to seeing you then!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

← **EZRA & NEHEMIAH BIBLE STUDY** 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 during the Education Hour. The class will be led by Cody Jeffries in the Fellowship Hall at the south end of the building. Study guides will be provided. This study will be wrapping up this Sunday.

ADULT EDUCATION OPEN FORUM: On Sunday, June 23, Cody Jeffries will lead a special open forum for anyone interested in Adult Education, in the gathering room in the North End, during the education hour. The purpose of this forum will be twofold: (1) to discuss ideas for future Adult Education topics members of our congregation are interested in studying, and (2) to serve as a general Q&A where members can ask any questions they have about the Bible, Lutheranism, or Faith in general that they might not usually get the chance to ask in a typical Adult Education class (which is usually more narrowly focused on a specific subject). We look forward to hearing your ideas and fielding your questions then!

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.

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 AM or 11:15 AM – 2:00 PM. 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 this Tuesday, June 18th.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!! Lutherans for Life began our annual in-gathering of items for ALL STAGES OF LIFE. Donations for New Borns in Need, our precious elderly in a local nursing home and children in foster care (Sammy's Window) began Mother's Day and finishes today with Father's Day. It is a fact that approximately 50% of newly licensed foster parents resign within 12 months. Taking little strangers into your home, who have been abused or neglected, is a tough situation. It can be a hard adjustment for both sides. Your support lets foster parents know that we care and appreciate what they are doing!! Thank you for your encouragement. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Psalm 36:5

THIS IS IT! RUMMAGE SALE TIME! "Lutherans for Life Annual Rummage" sale at Trinity-Springfield begins this Thursday and Friday at 8:00-4:00 and again on Saturday from 8:00-12:00. **THREE DAYS!!!!** We can't wait for the fun to begin!! All this week, we will be sorting and pricing and we WOULD LOVE to see your shining little faces for help. Please bring your items **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY** to Trinity's gym at 1415 S. Holland. For more information, please contact Kim DeLuce or text Theresa Rader. Lutherans for Life depends on this annual sale to fund our many Pro-life activities. We deeply appreciate your support

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL SEEKING PART-TIME FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR ASL TEACHER 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 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!

VBS PROGRAMS AROUND THE COMMUNITY If you are unable to attend our VBS at Faith or would like to get even more Christian education for your kids, Redeemer Nixa has theirs scheduled for June 16-20th, and Trinity will have their VBS July 8-12th. For more information, please contact those churches directly.



Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			June 9, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,339.00
Baptized:	165	43.4%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$335.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$2,674.00
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	50			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	32			
Online	10			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$2,249)
Total in Person:	82		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$1,784

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(6/16) Father's Day</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(6/23)</u>
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Steven Steingraber	Nathan Tritch
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Steven Steingraber	Nathan Tritch
Proclaim Service:	Tyson Bourbina	Lentz Family
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Kathy Hodges	Brenda Hansen
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Debby Zibilski	Stacey Bourbina
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Sonya Cox	Albert Owen
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Kinley Cox	
Greeter: (8:30 AM)		Brenda Owen
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Helen Clair	Debby Zibilski, Palin and Piper Lentz
Children's Message	Steven Steingraber	Nathan Tritch
Mowers:	Frank Kukal	Duane Parker

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

Liz Blackburn and her 3 young children for the loss of her husband Scott (Dear friends of the DeLapp and Kraus families)

Jaretta Holt for the loss of her mom Virginia (neighbor of Brenda Owen)

Eugene Everson and his family for the loss of his wife Doris (dear friends of David Moliga)

Stan Dulin and his family for the loss of his wife Sylvia (good friend of Brenda Owen)

Stacey Bourbina and her family at the death of her Grandmother Dorothy

Marie Johnson and her family at the death of her Uncle Warren

Kim DeLuce and her family at the death of her two Aunts Karen and Hermine and Uncle Gerald

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

Tom Ronk, good friend of Duane and Marit Parker (starting cancer treatments)

Carolyn Zell, friend of the Bensons (pervasive 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)

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:

Terri Pribek and Laura Coggins (teachers at Open Arms who will be undergoing surgery soon)

Jim Garton (pneumonia)

David Moliga (chronic pain)

Sue Johnson, friend of the Bensons (various medical issues)

Marilyn Jeffries, mother of Cody Jeffries (recovering from knee surgery)

Melissa Gammel, niece of Kerrie Salvador & Sharon Crunkleton (recovering from heart surgery)

Angela Hardison, niece of Marie Isbell

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:

God's provision for our congregation through generous offerings.

Mission Petitions:

Rev. Jim & Kim Bartok, My Church – Ozark

Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver and Family in the Dominican Republic

Rev. Mark Hunsaker-Church Planter in the LCMS Texas District

Joe Lee – Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Area Coordinator

Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center – Ozark

Crosslines, Rare Breed & York Elementary – Springfield

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:

Yvonne Cordell—6/16

Adana Davis—6/18

Jeff Widmeyer—6/19

Autumn Wuench—6/20

Viola Edmonds—6/20

Russell Gott—6/22

David Moliga—6/22

Diane Meyer—6/22

Mark Arnold—6/23

Anniversaries:

Joe & Tracy Hadank 6/19—25yrs

Joye & Karen McElwee 6/19—57yrs

Jon & Courtney Locke 6/22—10yrs

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to Joye McElwee.

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**

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

**10:30 AM
COMBINED
WORSHIP
SERVICE**

**9:15 AM
EDUCATION
HOUR**

**POTLUCK LUNCH TO
FOLLOW
HAMBURGERS AND
HOT DOGS PROVIDED**

HAPPY

**Father's
Day**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, June 16th Father's Day

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

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

Tuesday, June 18th

9 AM-2 PM Crosslines

Wednesday, June 19th

NO FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Thursday, June 20th

8 AM-4 PM --LFL Rummage Sale

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, June 21st

8 AM-4 PM --LFL Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 22nd

8 AM-12 PM --LFL Rummage Sale

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Through the first week in July, the church office will be open Tuesday-Friday 8AM-2PM