

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God.

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.

PASTORAL CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS All members of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to submit a name (or names) of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Pastors to the call committee for consideration. Before submitting a nomination, please obtain a printed Ministry Position Description and nomination form from the Welcome Center (south end) or information counter (north end). This will guide you in prayerfully considering whether the pastor you wish to nominate has the qualifications to serve our congregation as its next pastor. Pastoral nomination forms can be obtained from the church office. All nominations need to be received by June 11th.

VBS IS NEXT WEEK! Our Jungle Cruise begins in just 1 week. As of now, we have the needed peanut butter jars. If you have volunteered, you probably have been sent information from Sabrina concerning background checks. We are SO BLESSED because we have all the volunteers we need, but that doesn't mean you can't come and enjoy the activities that will be going on. And who knows, we may find a job for you!

LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS will be on Friday, June 14th. Game time is 7:05 PM with gates opening at 6:05 PM. The cost for each ticket is \$10. **Please contact Duane Moudy by NEXT Sunday, June 9th to purchase tickets.**

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.

CRAFTS FOR BATTING Using scraps from previous quilts and left over trims, crafts have been made to raise money for the expensive batting used in our many quilts. New gift items appropriate for Mother's Day, graduation, teacher appreciation, and other occasions are being added. Please take a moment to check out our display in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall.

BLACK HELMET LEFT AT THE CHURCH It was found after the Bible Buggy adventure. If you are missing it, please contact Harold Tschemy or Sabrina in the church office.

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 Springfield will have their VBS from June 2-6th, 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.

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.

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.

**LUTHERAN NIGHT
AT THE
BALLPARK**

 **VS** 

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024
7:05 PM FIRST PITCH**

**CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE
OR DUANE MOUDY
FOR MORE
DETAILS**

The graphic features a dark stadium background with bright spotlights. At the bottom, a baseball sits on a green field. The Cardinals logo is a red cardinal on a white 'C' with a bat, and the X's logo is a stylized 'X' with a lightning bolt.

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 on Tuesday, June 18th.

3rd ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION PICNIC IS TODAY, JUNE 2nd The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Springfield and Nixa would like to invite you to attend the 3rd Annual Family Reunion Picnic today, Sunday, June 2nd at 12:30 pm at the Redeemer, Springfield campus (2852 S. Dayton, Springfield, MO). Bring your family and a side dish or dessert to share and join us under the big tent for a good old-fashioned Lutheran picnic/potluck! We have invited members from other area Lutheran congregations around SW MO to join us so we can all gather with more of our extended family and friends. The Redeemer Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. There will be an inflatable obstacle course for the kids and an Ice Cream Truck visit for all! This year we will be hosting a Silent Auction to raise money for Redeemer's Organ and Bus Funds! We have several cool items already donated! Hope you can join us!! You can sign up to give us an estimated head count at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AA4A92CA6F94-49271917-family>. You can check out items on the Silent Auction by going to www.growsharecare.org/3rd-annual-family-reunion-picnic/. The website is being updated daily as more things are brought in. Bidding will go from 12:00-1:30 on that Sunday.

THE MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY INGATHERING CONTINUES!! Springfield is blessed with the most active Newborns in Need Chapter in the country. Volunteers are busy cutting, sewing, knitting and crocheting. They touched 12,000 little lives in the past year throughout Greene County and 32 surrounding counties. Their layettes need baby shampoo, baby wash, binkies, bottles, board books and prayers. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Psalm 36:5

THE RUMMAGE SALE to end all rummages sales is just around the corner. Are you cleaning those closets, basements and attics???? Each year, Lutherans for Life is convinced that everyone has emptied out all their "treasures" at previous sales, but each year, we are pleasantly surprised. You may begin bringing your items 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! Dates for the sale are June 20th-22nd (8AM-4PM Thursday and Friday and 8AM-12PM on Saturday)

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!

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

May 26, 2024

<u>Discipleship</u>			<u>Returning God's Gifts</u>	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,329.86
Baptized:	165	39.6%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$185.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$2,514.86
		in 2024		
<u>Attendance</u>			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	66			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	32			
Online	10			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$2,408)
Total in Person:	98		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$1,762

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> (6/2)	<u>Next Sunday</u> (6/9)
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Joye McElwee	Jim Garton
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Leann Eden	Nathan and Grace Meyer
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Carole Jones	Ann Dobbs
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Sheri Clines	Jenny Moudy
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Betty Garton	Ryan Hadank
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Ethan Meyer	
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Vicki Kukal	Carole Jones
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Grace and Leah Meyer
Children's Message	Pastor Dave Benson	Pastor Dave Benson
Mowers:	Richard Wilson	David MacGregor

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

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:

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 open 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:

*We thank the LORD for leading our Voter's Assembly to extend a call to Pastor Benjamin Francisco and pray for God's guidance as he deliberates on this call.
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:

Jim Garton – 6/2
Brandee Lentz—6/6
Helenea Porter—6/7
Ian Fite—6/9

Anniversaries:

Kevin and Marla Wuench –6/8 (28 years)

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**

Vacation Bible School is Coming!



Faith Lutheran, Springfield, MO

June 10th through 13th

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Please Join Us!

Thursday, June 13th

For an All Church Family & Friends Night
with Ice Cream, a bounce house, and Fireworks!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, June 2nd

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)

12:15 AM – The Board of Christian Education and Family Life meeting

Thursday, June 6th

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Next Sunday, June 9th

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)

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