

# NEWS AND NOTES

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Randy and Bobbi Brown in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

**RE-COMMITMENT CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO YOU AS A REMINDER.** Last December you had the option of completing a "Re-commitment card," stating your 2024 stewardship commitment of time, talent, and treasure. These cards were brought forward and dedicated to the LORD at that time. We have held them in reserve, but now they have been returned either to your church mailbox or mailed to you via USPS for your review. Please take this opportunity to rejoice in your faithfulness to these commitments or, if you have fallen short in any, to re-commit and complete your promises to the LORD in the remaining six months of this year. All glory be to our Triune 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.

**THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE IS NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>!** We will be following our "Celebration Schedule." Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 AM on the north end; 1 blended worship service at 10:30 AM at the north end; and the meal following in the south fellowship hall. The meal will be picnic type food. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, condiments, and drinks will be provided. There's sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center at the south end and on the kitchen counter at the north end for salads, sides, and desserts! Please put down your name and what you're bringing so we have an idea of how much space we need.

**MITE SUNDAY CHALLENGE NEXT SUNDAY!** June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:faithlutheransec@gmail.com) if you can help fill this need.

**THE NEXT FAITHFUL SERVANTS** meeting will be Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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**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 have been explored in a 9-week LifeLight Bible study on Ezra and Nehemiah during the Education Hour. The class has been led by Cody Jeffries in the Fellowship Hall at the south end of the building. This study will be wrapping up this Sunday.

**ADULT EDUCATION OPEN FORUM:** Next Sunday, June 30, 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 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>**.

## **COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH**

← **CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY** Faith Lutheran is signed up to volunteer at Crosslines every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WE DID IT! IT'S OVER!** And it was a smashing success. Lutherans for Life, Springfield Chapter is breathing a sigh of relief. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated, helped and bought! We couldn't have done it without you!

**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 were unable to attend our VBS at Faith or would like to get even more Christian education for your kids, Hope Lutheran Church Republic will have their VBS June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> with a closing ceremony Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> and Trinity will have their VBS July 8-12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact those churches directly.



Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			June 16, 2024	
<u>Discipleship</u>			<u>Returning God's Gifts</u>	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,480.00
Baptized:	165	<b>45.3%</b>	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$335.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	<b>\$2,815.00</b>
		in 2024		
<u>Attendance</u>			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	51			\$4,923
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	45			
Online	60			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	<b>(\$2,108)</b>
Total in Person:	<b>96</b>		SHORTAGE for Year	<b>(\$324)</b>

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

Thank you for your servant heart ❤️	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(6/23)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(6/30) Patriotic Service</u> <u>10:30AM</u>
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Nathan Tritch	
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Nathan Tritch	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Lentz Family	Tyson Bourbina
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Hansen	
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Stacey Bourbina	Kevin Wuench
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Albert Owen	Amy Jeffries
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Albert Owen	
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Debby Zibilski, Palin and Piper Lentz	Leah Meyer/Yvonne Cordell
Children's Message	Nathan Tritch	Mr. Wil Meyer
Mowers:	Duane Parker	Cathy Bowman

# 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*, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

*Wilma Gomes* (recovering from oral surgery)

*Betty Wessler* (recovering from COVID)

*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)

*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  
Good Samaritan Ranch and Laura's Home  
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:**

Mark Arnold—6/23  
Marit Parker—6/24

**Anniversaries:**

Nathan & Shelly Meyer—6/25 (19 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](mailto: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**

## Summer's TOGETHER

CIRCUIT YOUTH MINISTRY  
FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

### Who

Students who have completed 5th-12th grade by the summer of 2024

### What

Events for youth from area congregations to get together and have some fun!

### When

Sundays, 1-3 PM  
6/9 - Youth Olympics  
@ Redeemer Springfield  
6/23 - Service Project  
@ Faith Branson  
8/4 - Kickball  
@ My Church Ozark

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?**

## **TODAY – Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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 25<sup>th</sup>**

1 PM – Elder's Meeting

## **Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Rare Breed

## **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

NO BIBLE CLASS

## **Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:30-7:30 PM – Open Arms June Jamboree

## **Next Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> PATRIOTIC SERVICE Celebration Schedule**

9:15 AM – Adult Education Open Forum

– Youth Bible Study (FC-5)

– Children's Sunday School (Peters Family Life Center, Rooms 1 &2)

10:30 AM – Combined Worship (North Sanctuary)

11:30 AM – Patriotic Picnic Potluck Luncheon (South Fellowship Hall)

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