

# NEWS AND NOTES

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Darla Berg in celebration of her son's birthday.

**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 STARTS TOMORROW!** Our Jungle Cruise begins at 6 PM tomorrow! 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Game time is 7:05 PM with gates opening at 6:05 PM. The cost for each ticket is \$10. **Please contact Duane Moudy TODAY, Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to purchase tickets.**

**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.

**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.

**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**

← **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 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.

# 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 on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.


**ALL STAGES OF LIFE** What can you bring to the Annual Mother's Day/Father's Day ingathering?? The possibilities are endless. All baby supplies, gently used or new onesies, soft fabrics will be happily accepted for Newborns in Need. ANY supplies for children in foster care – ages newborn to those big old teen-ages are needed for Sammy's Window. We should not forget the elderly. LARGE PRINT puzzle books, crayons, lotions, veteran ball caps and tissues are just ideas you might consider. "Love must be sincere...cling to what is good." Romans 12:9

**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! Date of the sale is June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM-4 PM and June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 AM-12 PM.


**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 16-20<sup>th</sup>, and Trinity will have their VBS July 8-12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact those churches directly.

<u>Discipleship</u>			<u>Returning God's Gifts</u>	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$7,159.00
Baptized:	165	<b>41.5%</b>	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$35.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	<b>\$7,194.00</b>
		in 2024		
<u>Attendance</u>				
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	74		<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	33			
Online	9			
			ABUNDANCE Last Week	\$2,271
Total in Person: 	<b>107</b>		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$4,033

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

Thank you for your servant heart 	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(6/9)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(6/16) Father's Day</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Joye McElwee	Joye McElwee
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Nathan and Grace Meyer	Tyson Bourbina
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Ann Dobbs	Kathy Hodges
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Jenny Moudy	Darla Berg
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Ryan Hadank	Sonya Cox
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)		Kinley Cox
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Carole Jones	
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Grace and Leah Meyer	Helen Clair
Children's Message	Yvonne Cordell	Steven Steingraber
Mowers:	David MacGregor	Frank Kukal

# 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*, 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:

*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 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:**

*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:**

Ian Fite—6/9  
Cliff Vest—6/10  
Ryder Gott—6/12  
Elijah Bourbina—6/13  
Yvonne Cordell—6/16

## **Anniversaries:**

Ethan & Abby Replogle—6/11 (8 yrs)  
Wally & Betty Ostrom—6/13 (60 yrs)

**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**

# Vacation Bible School is Coming!



## Faith Lutheran, Springfield, MO

TOMORROW June 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Please Join Us!

THIS Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 8-9:30 PM

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 9<sup>th</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)

## **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM – LWML

6-8 PM – VBS

## **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

6-8 PM – VBS

## **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

6-8 PM -- VBS

## **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6-8 PM – VBS

8-9:30 PM – Faith Friends and Family Night with Fireworks!

## **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Lutheran Night at the Springfield Cardinals

## **Next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

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