

NEWS AND NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God.

GUEST PASTOR Our preacher for today is Rev. William Marler.

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY Our regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting will be held after the late service today, Sunday, July 28th. Lunch will be provided.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The new Portals of Prayer have arrived and been distributed throughout the church. You are welcome to take a copy home to use as a devotional guide.

A NOTE FROM JENNIFER KOENIG Thank you so much to everyone for your prayers and support these past few months while I was on maternity leave. I'm excited to be back and look forward to serving here again!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVE I am taking a six Sunday sabbatical from July 7th through August 11th. I have arranged coverage of our Sunday services by guest preachers/worship leaders. For Sundays July 7th and 14th, it will be Pastor Paul Peckman; for Sundays July 21st and 28th, it will be Pastor Bill Marler; and for Sundays August 4th and 11th, it will be Pastor Mickey Wilkey. Pastoral coverage for emergencies and funerals will be covered by Pastor Jerry Markel. In case of an urgent pastoral need, you may also call your elder or contact the church office at (417) 833-3749.

OUR CALL COMMITTEE IS BACK AT WORK Please pray for them as they reach out to the LCMS Missouri District to acquire a new call list of candidates, begin narrowing the list to the most promising pastors, and conduct phone interviews to arrive at two or three to recommend to our voter's assembly. A special Voter's Meeting will likely be scheduled for mid to late August.

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 the church office at faithlutheransec@gmail.com if you can help fill this need.

YOUTH GATHERING YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER applications are now open! Adults ages 19–25 are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). YAVs serve as role models for youth participants while working in Gathering program areas. To learn more or to apply, please visit lcmsgathering.com/volunteer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WOMEN OF FAITH will be starting back up in September with a new study entitled “Praying with Power.” A sign-up sheet is available at the welcome desk in the narthex and at the back of the north sanctuary. Please sign up so that we can ensure there are enough books for everyone. This study will meet at Kerrie Salvador’s home on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM beginning Thursday, September 19th.

ADULT EDUCATION "AFTERLIFE AND END TIMES" Exploring What the Bible Says, Verse-By-Verse" What happens after death? Will there be a rapture? What will Judgment Day look like for those saved and not saved? Join us Sundays during the education hour in the Gathering Room at the North End this summer to discuss what Scripture says about these and other related topics concerning the nature of our existence beyond and after this life.

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

SLS CHOIR ACCOMPANIST NEEDED The Springfield Lutheran Middle School Choir is in need of an experienced piano accompanist for the school year. The choir will meet on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:15 pm in Redeemer's Sanctuary and will sing for a Christmas concert, Spring concert, and 2-3 Sundays in church. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Richter at richter@rlcmail.org or call the church office at 417-881-5470.

LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER MEAL SIGN-UPS The 2024 Fall Semester will be here before we know it! The Lutheran Student Center could use your help to provide meals for their Tuesday night Prayer & Praise. They usually have about 20-30 students each week. More information and the meal sign-up can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting their website at <https://lsc-springfield.wixsite.com/lsc-springfield/prayer-praise-meal-sign-up>.



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!

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, August 20th.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS Students attending Missouri colleges and universities can connect to the Lutheran campus ministry near their school by scanning the QR code or visiting www.mo.lcms.college. Referral information is submitted directly to the student's local campus ministry.



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!

150-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF TRINITY CHURCH & SCHOOL IN FREISTATT Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 7 and 8, 2024, for the 150-year anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in 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. On Saturday evening, September 7, at 6:30 pm, there will be a music concert featuring the Trinity Choir, Men's Glee, Trinity Ringers, School Choir and other talented musicians. On Sunday morning, September 8, Divine Worship Service will be at 10 am with guest preacher Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, president of the Missouri District - LCMS. The guest organist is Caleb Staehr for both the evening concert and the Divine Worship Service. There will be a catered lunch following the celebration service on Sunday. The catered lunch is free for all, but please RSVP by August 15th by following the link found at <https://www.trinity1874.com/150th-celebration>. For additional information, call Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistatt at 417-235-7300 or check the website www.trinity1874.com.

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

July 21, 2024

Discipleship		54.7% of the 52 Sundays in 2024	Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	155		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,809.00
Baptized:	168		(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$1,335.00
			Total Gifts Last Week:	\$4,144.00
Attendance			Weekly financial needs 2024	\$4,923
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	63			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	29			
Online	10			
Total in Person:	92		SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$779)
			SHORTAGE for Year	(\$240)

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(7/28)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(8/4)</u>
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Joye McElwee	Joe Hadank
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	The Lentz Family	Leann Eden
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Ann Dobbs	Kathy Hodges
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Brandee Lentz	Sheri Clines
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Marie Johnson	Nathan Meyer
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Marie Johnson	Ethan Meyer
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Leah Meyer & Yvonne Cordell
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Debby Zibilski Palin & Piper Lentz	Carol Bourbina
Children's Message	Pastor Marler	Pastor Wilkey
Mowers:	Duane Parker	Cathy Bowman

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

The family of Larry & Terri Timmerman at the death of their son, Phillip

Joe Lee & his family for the death of his father, Kyle Lee

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

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

Bryan White, friend of Judy Ehlke (neck cancer)

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

Carolyn Zell, friend of the Bensons (pervasive 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:

Jan Benson (recovering from Influenza A and bronchitis)

The Woolman Family, a family at Open Arms (many family health issues)

Helenea Porter (recovering from back surgery on 7/16)

David Moliga (chronic pain)

Mary Ellen Wolf (hospice care)

Arlo Buerck, grandson of Pastor Dave and Jan Benson (ITP)

Lukas Shook, grandson of Loeta Shook

Thomas Jeffries (special needs)

Praise & Thanks Petitions:

Thanks to the LORD for the diligent work of our Call Committee as they seek God's guidance leading to the selection of our next pastor.

Mission Petitions:

*Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center – Ozark
Rev. Jim & Kim Bartok, My Church – Ozark
Good Samaritan Ranch and Laura's Home
Crosslines, Rare Breed & York Elementary – Springfield
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
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)*

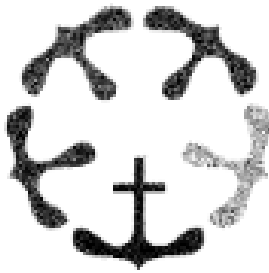
Birthdays:

*Phillip Davis – 7/30
Waylon Martin – 7/30
Loetta Shook – 7/31
Kevin Wuench – 8/2
Brenda Hansen – 8/3
Ethan Replogle – 8/3*

Anniversaries:

*Kenneth & Amanda Edmonds – 8/2 (7 years)
Josh & Amanda Bonner – 8/4 (17 years)*

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to mcelweejg@gmail.com



*Missouri District
Campus Ministry
Network*

www.molcms.college

Students, parents and church workers can help connect students attending Missouri colleges and universities to the Lutheran campus ministry near their school by visiting: ***www.molcms.college***.

Referral information is submitted directly to the student's local campus ministry.

Please take a moment to encourage the college students in your congregation to remain connected with the body of Christ while they are away at school.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, July 28th

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

9:45 AM – Adult Bible Class (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 – Voters' Meeting with lunch

Thursday, August 1st

9:00 AM – Thursday Morning Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Next Sunday, August 4th

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

9:45 AM – Adult Bible Class (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)

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**