

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God.

GUEST PASTOR Our preacher for the week is Rev. Dr. Paul Peckman who will be with us July 7th and 14th.

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 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; 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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN JULY IS TOMORROW The Board of Outreach is sponsoring a Christmas Party in July tomorrow, **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 join in the fun! JOY WITH A PURPOSE!

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 schedule of children who would like to serve. 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

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 next Tuesday, July 16th.

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.

JOB OPENING REDEEMER NIXA PRESCHOOL is looking for a new Preschool director. This is a part-time position in the mornings. For more information, please contact Redeemer Nixa 417-725-4288.

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, Trinity will have their VBS July 8-12th. For more information, please contact Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO.

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

July 7, 2024

Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	155		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$1,795.00
Baptized:	168		(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$35.00
		47.2% of the 52 Sundays in 2024	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$1,830.00
			Weekly financial needs 2024	\$4,923
Attendance				
Combined Service Sun. 10:30 AM Svc.	81			
Total in Person:	81		SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$3,093)
			SHORTAGE for Year	(\$923)

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> (7/7)	<u>Next Sunday</u> (7/14)
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Joe Hadank	Cody Jeffries
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Leann Eden	Nathan & Grace Meyer
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Kevin Wuench	Mary Beckers
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Darla Berg
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Frank Kukal	Cindy Masek
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Grace Meyer	Kinley Cox
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Vicki Kukal	Carole Jones
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Grace & Leah Meyer
Children's Message	Pastor Paul Peckman	Pastor Paul Peckman
Mowers:	Richard Wilson	David MacGregor

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

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)

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

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

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

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 Ehke (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:

Helene Porter (upcoming back surgery on 7/16)

Cliff Vest (recovery from hernia surgery)

Betty Wessler (recovering from COVID)

Wilma Gomes (recovering from oral surgery)

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

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)

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:

Pastor Dave 7/7

Shelly Meyer 7/8

Tracy Hadank 7/12

Anniversaries:

Pastor Dave and Jan Benson 7/7 (45 years)

Jon & Erica Poulson 7/13 (28 years)

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



Christmas in July Party



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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**