

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God Frank & Vicki Kukal in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.


BACKPACK BLESSING TODAY at both services; thank you for joining us! We all students (including high schoolers) are invited to participate as we have a special blessing for students for the upcoming school year.

VOTERS MEETING There will a special voters' meeting next Sunday, August 25th at 12:30 PM to call our next pastor. All members are invited to attend, however only active voters will be eligible to vote to extend a call. Please pray for God's continued guidance on the call process as we wait to see where He is leading Faith Lutheran Church.


WORSHIP TIMES SURVEY Please see your bulletin insert for a survey regarding possible adjustment to early service start time as discussed at the July Voters' Meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FAMILY LIFE BOARD MEETING will be today, Sunday, August 18th at 12:15 PM in the Gathering Room.

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.

 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS** Students, parents, and church workers can use the Campus Ministry Network to help connect students with their college's LCMS campus ministry. It's an easy process. Simply visit molcms.college, click on the school where the student is attending, fill out the short form, and the information will be passed on directly to that campus ministry. Not attending a school in Missouri? The Campus Ministry Network also has links for finding an LCMS-U chapter around the country at molcms.college/partners. The first 30 days on a college campus sets up habits for the whole year. Get connected to a campus ministry near you through the Campus Ministry Network!



 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS** It's time to celebrate! Next Sunday, congregations throughout Missouri will be praying for and supporting Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers with a special offering. Funds collected will be added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. For more than 40 years, this endowment has been a blessing to college and seminary students from our state who are preparing for vocations within the church. To all of you who support this effort, thank you for your forward-thinking ways and caring for generations to come. It's truly an investment with an eternal impact!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NO THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS THIS WEEK This study will not be meeting on August 22nd. 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.

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.



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 Tuesday, August 20th.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE We want you to come! Remember all that lovely money at the Lutherans for Life MONGO Rummage Sale? It's time to spend it. We take the responsibility of encouraging Pro-life – ALL STAGES OF LIFE activities and agencies very seriously. We will meet at Redeemer Lutheran in Springfield at 6:30 on September 5th. Are you a member of LFL? Did you donate treasures, help prepare for the sale or, very importantly, care deeply about the sanctity of life? We welcome you. We will begin our meeting with prayer for God's guidance, we will present opportunities for ALL STAGES OF LIFE and we will spend this money in a pleasing manner. *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation. Ephesians 2:14.*

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!

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Want to stay up-to-date on all things regarding Springfield Lutheran High School? Scan the QR code to subscribe and receive future news and updates sent straight to your inbox!



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 starts 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. 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.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			August 11, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	155		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$4,020.00
Baptized:	169	60.4%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$35.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$4,055.00
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	59			\$4,923
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	31			
Online	6			
			SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$868)
Total in Person:	90		SHORTAGE for Year	(\$1,229)

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(8/18)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(8/25)</u>
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Joye McElwee
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Tyson Bourbina	The Lentz Family
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Cathy Bowman	Ann Dobbs
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Stacey Bourbina	Carol Bourbina
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Yvonne Cordell	Sonya Cox
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Kinley Cox
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Carole Jones
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Helen Clair	Debby Zibilski Palin & Piper Lentz
Children's Message	Pastor Dave	Diane Meyer
Mowers:	David MacGregor	Frank Kukal

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

The family and friends of Carolyn Zell (neighbor of the Bensons)

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)

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:

Betty Wessler (recovering from hospitalization, moved to skilled nursing facility)

Tim Powell, husband of Debbie Powell (advanced dementia)

Betty Garton (recovering from surgery on 8/14 in St. Louis)

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

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

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:

*Ryan Hadank and Mitzy Melchor who were married on Saturday, August 10th.
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
Springfield Lutheran High School Project
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:

Tracy Todd – 8/24
Palin Lentz – 8/24

Anniversaries:

Carl & Angie Gann – 8/22 – (20 years)
Les & Kim DeLuce – 8/25 (34 years)

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

Sunday, August 25th



TOMORROW'S Teachers & Preachers

The Missouri District's "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers" annual campaign promotes church work vocations and bolsters the scholarship endowment for future pastors, deaconesses, teachers, DCEs, and more.

JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

for a special offering that aids Missouri students preparing to be church workers.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL
SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!**

mo.lcms.org/donate



Missouri District
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, August 18th – Backpack Blessing

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)

12:15 PM – Christian Education & Family Life Board (Gathering Room)

Monday, August 19th

7:00 PM – Elders Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th

9 AM – 2 PM – Volunteer Opportunity (Crosslines Food Pantry)

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12:30 PM – Special Voters' Meeting

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**