


# NEWS AND NOTES

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Judy Ehlke in memory of her husband, Bob.



**VOTERS MEETING TODAY** There will be a special voters' meeting today, August 25th at 12:30 PM to call our next pastor. An insert in today's bulletin shares some brief information about the two candidates recommended by our call committee. 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.

 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS** It's time to celebrate! Today, 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. **We are receiving a door offering today.** If you write a check, make it payable to "Faith Lutheran Church" and write "church workers" in the memo line. If you prefer to contribute directly, please go to [www.mo.lcms.org/donate](http://www.mo.lcms.org/donate). 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!

**JOANNE STOLLE'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** Joanne is turning 90 years old over Labor Day weekend. Cards are being collected as a surprise present for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please contact the office for her address if you wish to send a card. Thanks for your help with this project!

**FAITHFUL SERVANTS** will meet on Friday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Paul and Brenda Hansen hosted by the Hansens and Ann Dobbs. The hosts will provide the burgers, dogs and brats. They are asking those attending to bring a side dish to share. Beginning September 1 there will be a sign-up sheet for the dish you plan to bring and a sheet with a map and directions to their home at the welcome center in the narthex and on the counter at the north end. We hope to see everyone there.

**SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RELIEF** Senior Citizens (age 62 or older) Greene County Real Estate Tax Freeze forms are available at the Welcome Desk. You have until 9/30/2024 to complete and turn in the form. Instructions are included with the form. You can get help completing and notarizing the form at the Greene County Courthouse.

 **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](http://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](http://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!

# 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FAITH FOUNDATIONS BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY** The ladies of Faith Foundations will be studying the Gospel of John in its entirety over the next two years. John's account of Jesus' ministry is very different from that of Matthew, Mark, and Luke: it recounts different events, includes different monologues and sayings of Jesus, and overall focuses the most on Jesus' divine identity as God in the flesh, come to dwell with His people. Countless Christians over the past two thousand years have found inspiration, joy, and hope in John's Gospel, and they will continue to do so until the day that Jesus returns in glory. Join us at Faith Foundations on Monday mornings starting September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 – 11 AM so that you too may be encouraged by Jesus, whom John's Gospel describes as the living water, the bread of life, the light of the world, the Good Shepherd, and the resurrection and the life! This study is led by Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman at Trinity Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. If you have questions, please contact Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield.

**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.

**COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS: CATHOLICISM** This study will be co-led by Cody and Amy Jeffries, starting Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Gathering Room. In this seven-week installment of a longer series, we will compare and contrast Lutheranism with the denomination from which Martin Luther originally broke ties. In later installments of this Comparative Religions study, we will discuss how Lutheranism differs from other faiths, including Islam and Mormonism.

**INKLINGS BOOK CLUB** meets weekly on Zoom to discuss the writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and authors of a similar genre. Beginning Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will meet on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 pm. If you would like to join this group, please contact Dr. Cody Jeffries or Pastor Dave Benson and you will be sent information on how to join the Zoom meeting. Starting in September, this group will be reading *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

**SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY** This study for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students is held on Sunday mornings during the education hour 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

**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 PM on September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.*

**SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE** On Thursday, September 19, at 6 PM you're invited to the Springfield Lutheran School gym (2852 S Dayton Ave, Springfield) for in-person updates about the high school. This event is open to all who are curious and eager to learn more about Springfield Lutheran High School. Based on enrollment interest generated at this meeting, a launch date will be set – for either Fall 2025 or Fall 2026. 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!



**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, September 17th.

**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>.



**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 18, 2024**

<b>Discipleship</b>			<b>Returning God's Gifts</b>	
Communicant:	151		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$1,658.00
Baptized:	165		(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$1,635.00
		62.3% of the 52 Sundays in 2024	Total Gifts Last Week:	<b>\$3,293.00</b>
			Weekly financial needs 2024	\$4,923
<b>Attendance</b>			SHORTAGE Last Week	<b>(\$1,630)</b>
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	48		SHORTAGE for Year	<b>(\$1,229)</b>
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	40			
Online	15			
Total in Person:	<b>88</b>			

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

<b>Thank you for your servant heart ♥</b>	<b><u>This Sunday</u> <u>(8/18)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(8/25)</u></b>
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Joye McElwee	Joe Hadank
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	The Lentz Family	Tyson Bourbina
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Ann Dobbs	Mary Beckers
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Darla Berg
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Sonya Cox	Frank Kukal
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Kinley Cox	Kinley Cox
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Carole Jones	Vicki Kukal
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Debby Zibilski Palin & Piper Lentz	Carol Bourbina
Children's Message	Diane Meyer	Pastor Dave Benson
Mowers:	Frank Kukal	Duane Parker

# 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*

*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)

*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  
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)*

## **Our Nation and World**

*We pray for our nation, that we and our leaders would return to seeking God's will for our country and following the principles upon which it was founded.*

*We pray for the upcoming election, that God would guide our voters to choose national, state, and local officials who best reflect the morals and values found in the Holy Scriptures.*

*We pray for an end to all wars and political conflicts throughout the world, that all nations may live in peace and safety. Where wars continue, we pray that God would move us to bring physical and spiritual aid to civilians living in the middle of the conflicts.*

## **Birthdays:**

*Sarah Martin – 8/26  
Lincoln DeLapp – 8/27*

## **Anniversaries:**

*Les & Kim DeLuce – 8/25 (34 years)  
John & Kathy Hodges – 9/2 (49 years)*

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to [mcelweej@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://mo.lcms.org/donate)*



Missouri District  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

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

## **TODAY – Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 – Special Voters' Meeting

## **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Rare Breed

## **Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## **Next Sunday, September 1st**

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](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**