

# NEWS AND NOTES

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God.

**QUILT BLESSING** Today we will be blessing quilts at both of our services.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE** Faith Lutheran Families are being invited to help with this amazing project again this year. Last year, you helped us fill 73 boxes to be sent to children in need. Shoeboxes must be returned no later than Sunday, November 10 so they can be sent for distribution by OCC. Thank you to Judy Ehlke for coordinating a team to make jump ropes for the children out of old t-shirts and to Daryl Bahn for organizing a group to make fishing kits. One of the most important things to remember before filling your shoebox is to pray as a family for the child receiving the box. Thank you for being a part of our 2024 Operation Christmas Child!

**PASTORAL CALL ACCEPTED** We are excited to announce that after careful and prayerful consideration, Pastor Timothy Steckling has accepted our call to be our next pastor! Please pray for Pastor Steckling, his wife Tammi and family as they prepare to move to Springfield in early October and become part of our congregation. **Pastor Steckling's Installation Service will take place in our traditional sanctuary on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The service will be followed by a potluck dinner.**

**FAITHFUL SERVANTS RESCHEDULED FOR THIS SATURDAY** Due to the weather the cookout at the home of Paul and Brenda Hansen scheduled for Friday, September 27 was postponed. The new date is Saturday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone then. The event will be hosted by the Hansens and Ann Dobbs at the home of Paul and Brenda Hansen. The hosts will provide the burgers, dogs and brats. They are asking those attending to bring a side dish to share. There is 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.

**WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE – BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY** Pastor Dave Benson will again be teaching an **8-week section** of this class on **Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM** in the Fellowship Hall, **beginning Sunday, October 6th**. This class is designed for adults and older youth who have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church but are interested in joining Faith as official members. **THIS TIME, ESTABLISHED MEMBERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN THIS CLASS AS A REFRESHER.** The class covers the "Six Chief Parts" of Lutheran teaching from Luther's Small Catechism. If you are interested in being a member of this class, please contact Pastor Dave directly at [pastordavebenson@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavebenson@gmail.com) or text him at (573) 356-1118.

**LWML MITE CHALLENGE** Help us celebrate LWML Sunday on October 6<sup>th</sup> by bringing in your spare change and help us support Missouri District mission grants. The money all stays in Missouri! Thanks in advance for your support. ~The Ladies of LWML

**BISCUITS AND GRAVY ARE BACK** The youth will be serving biscuits and gravy on October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall following the first service. This will be a free will donation for your youth to be utilized for the upcoming LCMS Youth Gathering. We appreciate everyone's support. Come hungry!

**CRAFTS FOR BATTING IS NOW ON FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE** Cindy Masek has listed the Crafts for Batting items on Facebook marketplace. You can find these items by searching "Fund Raising Faith Lutheran." Crafts for Batting is a fundraiser to help the Faith Quilting Ladies purchase quilt batting. These craft items are made from leftover quilting materials. 100% of the proceeds will help with purchasing quilting needs.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ADMINISTRATION BOARD** will meet on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FAMILY LIFE** will meet on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM in the Gathering Room.

**YOUTH FALL PARTY** The youth will be having a Fall Party on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. This event will be hosted by the Lentz Family.

**ATTENTION LADIES AND YOUNG WOMEN** Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>! Advent by Candlelight will be that evening starting at 6:00 PM. Stay tuned for more information.

**FAITH LUTHERAN SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE** In preparation for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, shirts and sweatshirts with the church logo and mission statement have been made available for purchase at [faithlutheranserves.itemorder.com/shop/home](http://faithlutheranserves.itemorder.com/shop/home). This website can also be reached by scanning the QR code. Please submit your orders by Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Shirts will be delivered to church after the order deadline. There are a wide variety of shirt styles and colors available so be sure to check it out!



### **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**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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**COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS: CATHOLICISM** This study, co-led by Cody and Amy Jeffries, began Sunday, September 22nd 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. **There will be no class on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Instead, please attend the first session of the “What Lutherans Believe” class in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Dave will be showing a video about Martin Luther and leading a discussion.**

**EXCITING NEW LIBRARY ADDITION** An exciting addition to our church library, located in the Gathering Room on the north end of our facility, is the Concordia Publishing sex education books. These books are available for parents and have books for each age group and gender. The only requests we have is that parents take only the ones needed for their children – in other words, please don't take the entire series out at one time. Two weeks is the limit for checking these books out. There will be cards to check them out so we know who has any certain book in case someone else needs it. We hope that these books, which are done in a Christian manner, will help parents.

**MARRIAGE IN GOD'S WAY SEMINAR** You are invited to an event that will offer long-lasting blessings! The Marriage in God's Way seminar, led by Rev. Dr. Todd Bierman, will help strengthen your marriage as you spend quality time with your spouse or fiancé. Redeemer Lutheran Church will be hosting this seminar for all married and engaged couples in the Southwest, MO region. Plan to join us at the Springfield campus from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm in the Redeemer fellowship hall on Saturday, October 12th. Ephesians 5:31-32 is an excellent summary of the Bible's key teachings on what makes a godly and lasting marriage. Study of this passage and others will direct couples to a complete Christian worldview that will benefit your marriage and all of life. Learn how your hand can be a constant guide to keeping your priorities in order and how a triangle can remind you of the three key aspects of marriage. Simple. Memorable. Fun. For you! Dr. Biermann is Executive Director of Concordia Center for the Family, based in Ann Arbor, MI – but he now lives in Republic, MO. A pastor of the LCMS since 1990, he completed his D. Min. degree related to Christian marriage in 2012. He and his wife, Heather, have been presenting “Marriage in God's Way” seminars since 2006 from Alaska to South America and Africa. Find out more about his work with Concordia Center for the Family at [www.concordiafamily.org](http://www.concordiafamily.org). The cost of the seminar is \$25 per couple, which will cover registration, snacks, lunch, and childcare. To register, scan the QR code or go to Redeemer's website at [www.growsharecare.org](http://www.growsharecare.org), scroll down to the “Current News” section, and click where it says, “Marriage in God's Way Seminar”. For more information, contact the Redeemer church office at 417-881-5470.



**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 at the north end, 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.

**WOMEN OF FAITH** meets at Kerrie Salvador's home on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. They are currently studying "Praying with Power." This study will next meet on October 17th.

**INKLINGS BOOK CLUB** meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 pm on Zoom to discuss the writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and authors of a similar genre. 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. This group is currently reading *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

**MEN OF FAITH** Our monthly Saturday "Men of Faith" prayer time and Bible Study meets on a selected Saturday of each month in "The Gathering Room" (FC-3). Please enter through the doors on the northeast side of the "Peters Family Life Center" (north building). Meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 are October 26th, November 23rd, and December 21st.

## **COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH**

**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.

**SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PRE-ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN** Pre-Enrollment is now open for current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Enroll by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the best pricing. Check out the October Compass for an update from SLHS and be sure to check out their new website at [www.springfieldlutheranhs.org](http://www.springfieldlutheranhs.org). 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 at (417) 343-1126 with questions, or to schedule the time you can help out with this incredible organization. The next volunteer opportunity will be Tuesday, October 15th.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE REGIONAL CONFERENCE** Lutherans For Life invites you to join fellow life-minded Lutherans celebrating life and equipping ourselves on life issues during the LFL Regional Conference Midwest at *Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee, Kansas, on Saturday, October 12, 2024*. This one-day in-person conference features four national life-affirming, Gospel-motivated speakers, as well as fellowship, lunch, and a service opportunity. Limited childcare is available. Come and learn how the Lord calls us to follow Him and be "Life in the Darkness." Details and registration at <https://lutheransforlife.org/conferences/>



**LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER NEEDS SNACKS** The LSC needs some snacks to have available for students to grab throughout the week. They also have one slot left to fill for the fall meal schedule. 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>.



# **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## **Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:**

*Kim Edwards and family at the death of her father*

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

## **Homebound:**

*Nancy Engelking*

*Gene & Isabell Ervin*

*Wanda McCann*

*Teresa Murphy*

*Betty Wessler*

*Mary Ellen Wolf (Castlewood Senior Living)*

## **Those Afflicted with Cancer**

*Kathy Johnson, mother of Stacey Bourbina*

*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:**

*Bill Montgomery & family, missionary in Haiti (ill but unable to get flight to US)*

*Mary Ombaga (recovering from a heart attack)*

*Reed Fuemmeler, 3 month old grandson of Pastor Bill & Katherine Marler (recovering from heart surgery)*

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

*Tim Powell, husband of Debbie Powell (advanced dementia)*

*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)*

## **Other Concerns:**

*Russell Gott (child custody issues)*

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to [mcelweejg@gmail.com](mailto:mcelweejg@gmail.com)

## **Praise & Thanks Petitions:**

*Pastor Steckling and his wife Tammi as they prepare for their move to the Springfield area as Pastor Steckling prepares to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran.*

*Praise and thanks to the LORD for bringing healing to Bryan White from his throat cancer.*

## **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:**

Jessica Todd – 9/29

Carolyn Thies – 9/30

Albert Owen – 10/1

Duane Moudy – 10/4

## **Anniversaries:**

Brian & Mary Beckers – 10/1 (45 years)

Tom & Sharon Crunkleton – 10/3 (60 years)

Jason & Laurie Clines – 10/5 (22 years)

Paul & Brenda Hansen – 10/6 (51 years)

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			September 22, 2024	
<b>Discipleship</b>			<b>Returning God's Gifts</b>	
Communicant:	151		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$1,934.00
Baptized:	165	<b>71.7%</b>	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$1,185.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	<b>\$3,119.00</b>
		in 2024		
<b>Attendance</b>			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	76			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	34			
Online	5			
			<b>SHORTAGE Last Week</b>	<b>(\$1,804)</b>
<b>Total in Person:</b>	<b>110</b>		<b>SHORTAGE for Year</b>	<b>(\$7,194)</b>

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(9/29)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(10/6)</u>
Elder/Deacon: (8:30 AM)	Joye McElwee	Joe Hadank
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Nathan Meyer	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Nathan & Grace Meyer	Leann Eden
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Hansen	Kevin Wuench
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Jenny Moudy	Carol Bourbina
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Brenda Owen
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Leah Meyer
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Vicki Kukal	Vicki Kukal & Edie Nelson
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Debby Zibilski
Children's Message	Wil Meyer	Pastor Dave Benson
Mowers:	Frank Kukal	Duane Parker

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

## **TODAY – Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:45 AM – Comparative Religions: Catholicism (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)

## **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 PM – Inklings (Zoom)

## **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM – Early Childhood Development Center Administration Board (Gathering Room)

## **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM – Outreach Board (Fellowship Hall)

## **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM – Springfield Circuit Forum

5:00 PM – Faithful Servants Cookout (Paul & Brenda Hansen's Home)

## **Next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday**

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

9:45 AM – Comparative Religions: Catholicism & What Lutherans Believe (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)