

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Darla Berg to celebrate Mothers.

WE WELCOME GUEST PASTOR MARK HUNSAKER who is now a deployed church planter in the LCMS-Texas District, former pastor of Praise and Worship Lutheran Church in Branson, MO.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS will meet at 10 AM on Wednesday, May 15th. We will have a program with the theme of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Carole Jones and Pastor Jerry and Donna Markel will be our hosts. We look forward to seeing you there!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND BLANKETS Today we pray for the recipients of these lovely handmade quilts from our Quilting Ministry. Fifteen single size quilts are being donated to Laura's Home and The Boys Ranch. Twenty-two lap robes, five single size quilts, and four crocheted/knitted lap robes are being donated to Woodland Manor Nursing home.

CONFIRMATION IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19TH (The Day of Pentecost). Five of our youth will be confirmed. We will be following our "celebration schedule" of Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:15 AM and one blended worship service in the south (traditional) Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. A cake reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS IS ONLY 4 WEEKS AWAY and there is still so much to do! Our Jungle Journey will be JUNE 10-13! In the following weeks, I will have more news on opportunities to help. **My first request is empty 18 oz peanut butter jars with the lids.** We will need about 15 of them so please start saving. As per the Elders request, anyone working with the children will have to pass a background check. This includes ANYONE over the age of 18. Only two people will have access to these reports and there is no cost to you. So, please start deciding how you can help. There is a sign-up sheet where a list of opportunities is available at each end of the building. Thanks for your continued support! ~Diane Meyer, VBS Director

LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS will be on Friday, June 14th. Game time is 7:05 PM with gates opening at 6:05 PM. The cost for each ticket is \$10. Please contact Duane Moudy by Sunday, June 9th to purchase tickets.

MISSION SUNDAY-TIME AND TALENT AUCTION So far, the proceeds from the auction and other donations total \$3000, a 25% increase from last year. A huge "Thank You" to all donors and bidders for making our 2nd annual Mission Sunday a big success! We will be sending checks to LCMS Missions (to benefit the Ross Shaver family) and to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Those checks will go out May 15th, so if you wish to make an additional donation you may place your check in the offering plate with "auction" in the memo section. If you prefer your donation to specifically support the Shaver family, LCMS Missions or Shaver family should be noted in your memo section. We are already looking forward to next year!

Your Stewardship Board: Tyson Bourbina, Helen Clair, Nathan Meyer, Duane Moudy

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

NEW LIBRARY OFFERING A copy of the book *Why You Do the Things You Do: The Secret to Healthy Relationships* by Dr. Tim Clinton and Dr. Gary Sibcy has been donated to the church library for use by members. This book explores relationship patterns from a Christian perspective and can provide insight for improving your relationships with God and your loved ones. This book is also available for free as an audiobook on the Hoopla app for anyone with a Greene County library card.

CRAFTS FOR BATTING Using scraps from previous quilts and left over trims, crafts have been made to raise money for the expensive batting used in our many quilts. New gift items appropriate for Mother's Day, graduation, teacher appreciation, and other occasions are being added. Please take a moment to check out our display in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall.

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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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EZRA & NEHEMIAH BIBLE STUDY How do God's people rebuild their home in a time of trouble, after long years of strife? How do they prepare their hearts for a new chapter in their journey of faith under a new spiritual leader? Questions like these and others will be explored in a 9-week LifeLight Bible study on Ezra and Nehemiah during the Education Hour. The class will be led by Cody Jeffries in the Fellowship Hall at the south end of the building. Study guides will be provided.

WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE This group has moved to Classroom EW-7. Today is the final session.

MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY The Men of Faith Bible Study will meet this Saturday, May 18th, from 9:00-10:30 AM. We are working through a 4-session study called "How to Spot the Spirit's Work in Your Life." This will be session #3. We will be meeting in Classroom FC-3 (The Gathering Room) at the north end of our facility. Please enter through the doors on the northeast side of the Peters Family Life Center (north building).

WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY will meet on Monday, May 20th at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Room. They will be covering Chapter 8 of the study "Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph" by Donna Snow.

INKLINGS IS AN ONLINE BOOK CLUB This book club is held by Zoom on Tuesdays, starting at 8:30 PM. Anyone interested and available to participate can contact either Pastor Dave Benson or Cody Jeffries for more information. They are currently reading *Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis.

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.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION is on Sundays at 12:15 PM.

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

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 on Tuesday, May 21st.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE invites you to join in our annual Mother's Day/Father's Day in-gathering. This year, we once again gather for those in ALL STAGES OF LIFE. We encourage you to bring baby supplies for Newborns in Need, an organization which helps nearly 1000 babies each month. Donations may also be brought for Sammy's Window, a support group for families who open their homes and hearts to children in foster care or gifts for the elderly in a local nursing home. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Lutherans for Life wishes love and gratitude to ALL women who care for and cherish children – birth, foster, adoptive, neighbors, teachers, grandmas, and aunts.... you make a difference in their little lives. Love must be sincere...cling to what is good." Romans 12:9

LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES DISASTER RESPONSE In response to the destruction from the tornadoes that tore through Nebraska and Iowa on Friday, April 26th, LCC Disaster Response has deployed with LERT Volunteers and Equipment to BE THERE for the Communities. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHILDCARE CENTER SEEKING FULL TIME DIRECTOR Hope Lutheran Church in Republic is seeking a full-time director for the childcare center. A full job description is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jill Kramer at 205-454-4708 or email jobs@jopelc.com for further information.

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL SEEKING PART-TIME PE TEACHER Springfield Lutheran School is seeking a part-time PE teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. This position is for up to 29 hours a week. Candidates must be comfortable working with varying ages (early childhood through middle school), have strong ability to manage student behavior, and have physical ability to regularly walk, run, and stand for extended periods of time. Interested candidates should contact SLS at (417) 883-5717 or email sls@rlcmail.org.

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE Family Fun Camp at Heit's Point will be June 9-14th this year. More information on this can be found in our May Compass Newsletter.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			May 5, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$5,998.00
Baptized:	165	34.0%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$185.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$6,183.00
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	48			\$4,923
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	46			
Online	6			
			ABUNDANCE Last Week	\$1,260
Total in Person:	100		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$9,836

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(5/12)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>Confirmation (5/19)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Joye McElwee (10:30)
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	
Proclaim Service:	Nathan and Grace Meyer	
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Ann Dobbs	Mary Beckers
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Marie Johnson	Nathan Meyers
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Marie Johnson	
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Jim Garton
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Grace and Leah Meyer	
Children's Message	Pastor Mark Hunsaker	Pastor Dave Benson
Mowers:	Frank Kukal	Duane Parker

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

Stacey Bourbina and her family at the death of her Grandmother Dorothy

Marie Johnson and her family at the death of her Uncle Warren

Kim DeLuce and her family at the death of her two Aunts Karen and Hermine and Uncle Gerald

The Family of Hal Buchert (friend of Faith)

The Family of Dean Novak (widow Ruth is a 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

Carolyn Zell, friend of the Bensons (lung cancer)

Sarah Tessaro, 3rd grade teacher at Springfield Lutheran School (colon cancer)

Pastor Gary Griffin, retired pastor from Immanuel in Lockwood (stage 4 neuroendocrine cancer)

Randy Austin, friend of the Bensons

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:

Sue Johnson, friend of the Bensons (various medical issues)

Marilyn Jeffries, mother of Cody Jeffries (recovering from knee surgery)

Melissa Gammel, niece of Kerrie Salvador & Sharon Crunkleton (recovering from open 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)

Helenea Porter, preparing for back surgery

Lukas Shook, grandson of Loeta Shook

Thomas Jeffries (special needs)

Praise & Thanks Petitions:

We give thanks to the LORD for the healthy birth of Seraiah Bethany Koenig born to Jennifer and Jarod Koenig on Friday, April 19th.

We give thanks to the LORD for His protection of Alice Clark (six-year-old granddaughter of Rick and Sally Clark) who recently experienced a hard fall but didn't receive any serious injuries.

God's provision for our congregation through generous offerings.

Mission Petitions:

Pastor Ross Shaver and Family in the Dominican Republic

Rev. Jim & Kim Bartok, My Church – Ozark

Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center – Ozark

Crosslines, Rare Breed & York Elementary – Springfield

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:

Mira Boyd – 5/12

Anniversaries:

Cody & Amy Jeffries -- 5/12 (11years)

Eric & Samantha Hodges – 5/13 (17 years)

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to Joye McElwee

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**



Happy
MOTHER'S DAY

Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.

Proverbs 31:28

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – May 12th Mother's Day

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

9:45 AM – Ezra & Nehemiah Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

– What Lutherans Believe Class (EW-7)

– 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 – Youth Confirmation Class

Monday, May 13th

6:00 PM – LWML

Tuesday, May 14th

6:30 PM – Inklings Book Club (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 15th

6:30 PM – Faithful Servants (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 16th

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, May 17th

6:00 PM -- Open Arms Pre-K Graduation

Saturday, May 18th

9:00 AM – Men's Bible Study (The Gathering Room)

Sunday, May 19th Confirmation Sunday- Day of Pentecost

9:15 AM – Ezra & Nehemiah Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

– Youth Bible Study (FC-5)

– Children's Sunday School (Peters Family Life Center, Rooms 1 &2)

10:30 AM – **Combined Worship with Rite of Confirmation (Traditional Sanctuary)**

12:15 PM – Reception for Confirmands (Fellowship Hall)