

# NEWS AND NOTES

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Tyson & Stacey Bourbina in celebration of their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**, and it is also the Day of Pentecost. Five of our youth will be confirmed: Elijah Bourbina, Palin Lentz, Ethan Meyer, Talon Skouby, and “Gracie” Wessler. A cake reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone with our Confirmands!

**PASTORAL CALL EXTENDED** As a follow up to the Voters' meeting on May 5, 2024, I am excited to announce that Faith Lutheran Church has extended a call to Pastor Benjamin Francisco to be our next pastor. Please pray for Pastor Francisco and his wife Elisa, as he seeks God's will regarding this call to serve our congregation. Please also pray for his current congregation at Faith Lutheran Church - York, Nebraska, during this important time. And, finally, pray for your brothers and sisters at Faith Lutheran Church - Springfield as we prepare for his response to this call.

To God be the Glory! Cindy MacGregor, Congregational President

**VOTER'S MEETING NOTES** The Voters Assembly of Faith Lutheran Church met on May 5, 2024 to conduct normal business and choose someone for Faith's next pastor. All boards of the congregation presented their reports. Several updates to our church *Bylaws* were approved. The voters chose to send a call to Pastor Benjamin Francisco, currently serving in York, Nebraska. Pastor Marler was in attendance to support our congregation during the call portion of the meeting.

**VBS IS ONLY 3 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 16-22 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. No one at Faith 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> to purchase tickets.

**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](mailto:koverstreet@mchsi.com), (417) 429-5116 or (417) 582-0067. Thank you!

**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](mailto: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.

## **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.

**WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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. This will be our last class. Please bring a finger food type snack to share.

**SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY** Harold Tscherny leads this study for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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 on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION PICNIC JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>** The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Springfield and Nixa would like to invite you to mark your calendars and plan to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Reunion Picnic to be held on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm at the Redeemer, Springfield campus (2852 S. Dayton, Springfield, MO). Bring your family and a side dish or dessert to share and join us under the big tent for a good old-fashioned Lutheran picnic/potluck! We have invited members from other area Lutheran congregations around SW MO to join us so we can all gather with more of our extended family and friends. The Redeemer Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. There will be an inflatable obstacle course for the kids and an Ice Cream Truck visit for all! This year we will be hosting a Silent Auction to raise money for Redeemer's Organ and Bus Funds! We have several cool items already donated! Hope you can join us!! You can sign up to give us an estimated head count at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AA4A92CA6F94-49271917-family>.

**THE ANNUAL IN-GATHERING** by Lutherans for Life continues. We are collecting for ALL STAGES OF LIFE. We love taking gifts to a local nursing home for these precious people. Lotions, crayons, lap blankets, LARGE PRINT puzzles books and other small donations brighten their days. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

**LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES DISASTER RESPONSE** In response to the destruction from the tornadoes that tore through Nebraska and Iowa on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jobs@jopelc.com) for further information.

**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](mailto: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 9-14<sup>th</sup> 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 12, 2024	
<b>Discipleship</b>			<b>Returning God's Gifts</b>	
Communicant:	146		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$2,153.00
Baptized:	165	<b>35.8%</b>	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$485.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	<b>\$2,638.00</b>
		in 2024		
<b>Attendance</b>			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	66			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	51			
Online	14			
			<b>SHORTAGE Last Week</b>	<b>(\$2,285)</b>
<b>Total in Person:</b>	<b>117</b>		<b>ABUNDANCE for Year</b>	<b>\$9,836</b>

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> (5/19)	<u>Next Sunday</u> (5/26)
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Joye McElwee (10:30)	Jim Garton
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)		Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Ryan Bourbina and Kennedy Howell	Lentz Family
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Darla Berg (10:30)	Kevin Wuench
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)		Brandee Lentz
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Nathan Meyer (10:30)	Cindy MacGregor
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)		Grace Meyer
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Frank & Vicki Kukal (10:30)	Leah Meyer and Yvonne Cordell
Greeter: (11:00 AM)		Debby Zibilski, Palin and Piper Lentz
Children's Message	Mr. Wil Meyer (10:30)	Pastor Dave Benson
Mowers:	Duane Parker	Cathy Bowman

# **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*

## **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**

*Tom Ronk, good friend of Duane and Marit Parker (starting cancer treatments)*

*Carolyn Zell, friend of the Bensons (pervasive cancer)*

*Sarah Tessaro, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Springfield Lutheran School (colon 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:**

*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 thank the LORD for leading our Voter's Assembly to extend a call to Pastor Benjamin Francisco and pray for God's guidance as he deliberates on this call.  
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  
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:**

Mia Replogle – 5/20  
Nathan Meyer – 5/23  
Madeline Cox – 5/24

## **Anniversaries:**

Tyson & Stacey Bourbina -- 5/20 (24 years)  
Brian & Sabrina DeLapp – 5/21 (19 years)

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

### **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**



God Bless  
You on  
Your  
Confirmation

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

## **TODAY – May 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost and Confirmation**

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)

## **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM – LWML

## **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30AM-2PM- Crosslines

## **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rare Breed

## **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday**

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

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