

May



OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month we begin a new feature in our newsletter. It was planned before the novel coronavirus arrived in our area, but is especially timely during this period when we cannot see each other. Each month members of Our Lord's will share with you a bit about themselves. This feature will continue throughout this year and well into the next. So without further ado, here are member answers to a variety of prompts.

Pastor Darla Ann

SARAH KRUEGER

Funniest Movie Ever: Princess Bride. Actually, this movie is just my go to movie for everything. Action, Romance, Adventure. It has it all.

What do you like to do when you're not working? I love spending time with my family. If you can add hiking into it, even better!

Favorite Book: If you know me at all, you know I love to read. Picking a favorite book is really, really difficult, but ***A Walk in the Woods*** by Bill Bryson is a book I recommend to almost everyone.

At the moment I'm reading Spying on the South by Tony Horwitz. If you love history, his books take you on a journey back and forth from the present to the past following in the footsteps of people who went before and analyzing the differences as well as the similarities. A Voyage Long and Strange by him is probably my second favorite book!

Hobbies? Hiking and Photography are my hobbies! I enjoy taking pictures of the birds and bugs I come across while walking in the woods.

What song or playlist are you turning to these days? I've found myself listing to a lot of classical music these days while trying to get projects and homework done for my now online classes.



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to share
Christ's love
with all

OUR LORD'S NEWS

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THE WIESER FAMILY

If you had a warning label, what would it say? CAUTION: Mom Cries When Proud. (So... often.)

Favorite place on earth? Wisconsin. Specifically, Drew’s parent’s lake house on Long Lake in New Auburn, Wisconsin (summer or winter).

Sports fan? Yes! St. Louis Blues and Green Bay Packers for life.

Tell us a little about your family. Drew and Megan met in kindergarten in their hometown of Plum City, Wisconsin (population approx. 500). The high school sweethearts took a pause throughout college and found their way back to each other upon graduation. They married on New Year’s Eve 2011. Their trio of kids includes Andrew Joseph “AJ” (age 7), Brooke (age 5) and Beckett (age 7 months).

If you have kids, what do they think you do all day? According to the kids - Dad is the boss of concrete. Mom writes stories at SIUE.

Tell us a little about your work background. Drew is the 3rd generation owner of Wieser Concrete, a business started by his grandpa Joe in 1965. Megan was formally a news reporter/ anchor in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Drew moved to Edwardsville in 2010 to start a new branch of Wieser Concrete. Megan joined him right after their wedding in 2012 and transitioned from news to public relations as a career.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. We love to play in the snow – all of us! Snowmobiling, sledding, skiing, building snow forts and more!

Favorite summer activity? Camping (more so, “glamping”) as a family!

Fun fact? Our last name is pronounced WEE-ZER - like the 90’s band. Not like the beer, Budweiser.



MIKE BLOTEVOGEL

Funniest movie ever? Vacation (the 1983 one with Chevy Chase)

What’s the best gift you ever received? A toy Death Star (from Star Wars) when I was 7; my son still plays with it now and then.

Sports fan? Yes - Kansas City Chiefs and Royals, Minnesota Timberwolves.

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? All of the video conferencing (Zoom, etc.) is relatively new to me and has really helped the past month

What do you like to do when you’re not working? Play video games with the kids, watch sports, exercise.

Tell us a little about your work background Before law school, I was at United Way of Minneapolis in their research department. I've been one of the partners at a small law firm that's now in Maryville since 2009.

TERRY MENZ

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? PCR or polymerase chain reaction technology. This is the technology that enabled scientists to develop a diagnostic test for COVID 19 so quickly. Most laboratory tests take years from concept to release. I am in awe that this testing is now in routine diagnostic laboratories, as it was developed within the span of my career.

What do you like to do when you're not working? Reading, gardening, doing jigsaw puzzles. I enjoy playing Pinochle, but have not done so for years. I was President of the Highland Animal Shelter for the past year but was able to work towards an acquisition by a much more capable organization, Metro-East Humane Society. When we are not in a pandemic, I spend about 2 to 4 days a month in astronomy related activities, mainly Outreach to Scout Troops, schools, and libraries as the Outreach Coordinator of the River Bend Astronomy Club.

Tell us a little about your family. My husband, Jeff, is a chemist who works at Praxair in Cahokia. His work has the task of keeping Barnes-Jewish hospitals stocked with medical oxygen tanks. With the pandemic, this has become a huge task for them. They also supply welding and other industrial gases. His pastimes include bird-watching, astronomy, and genealogy. Jeff is the President of the River Bend Astronomy Club.

Tell us a little about your work background: I am blessed with having two careers in one lifetime, both of which I love. I first became a Medical Technologist and worked several years, earning a n MBA, and eventually becoming a Lab Manager at Forest Park Hospital. As a manager, it was so difficult finding other medical technologists to hire, I decided to pursue my other lifelong interest of becoming a teacher. I was able to get a Master's in Teaching. My first full time position was with Edwardsville High School where I taught mainly Chemistry along with other sciences. I saw several students over my 10+ years of teaching enter the medical field. I had an opportunity to then go back to my first career, as a Lab Manager at one of the most respected hospitals in the area, Mercy. This was a huge eye-opener to see how the field had changed, and to work at such a high-volume lab that I was only one of eight managers for the laboratory. I had never worked in such a complex hospital.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. My email is a dead giveaway: lovemyherbgarden@yahoo.com. I have several gardens, but for years my herb garden was my favorite....until it had to become a shade garden when the trees all grew up around it! I now grow potted herbs, but still love to get out and dig in the dirt. Jeff and I like to take nature walks and I look for wildflowers while he searches for birds. Astronomy activities take up a lot of time all year round and provide another activity for Jeff and I to spend time together.

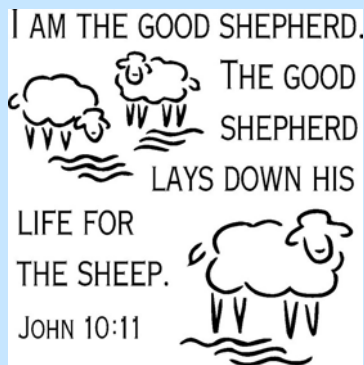
What song or playlist are you turning to in these days? To relax, I listen to Celtic Women, or Mannheim Steamroller. Celine Dion is one of my favorite vocalists also.



ONLINE WORSHIP MINISTRY

During the second half of March and the first two weeks of April, the portion of the IT Team that I now refer to as our Streaming Team, livestreamed multiple services each week. Mid-week Lenten Holden Evening Prayer was already underway when streaming began. Our team handled that and the Holy Week services on top of providing two services a weekend. It was a huge effort and I am so thankful for their expertise and persistence.

By Palm Sunday we all realized that while this level of work was doable for the short-term, it would not be sustainable in the long-term. I made the decision to protect the health of our volunteer Streaming Team by reducing the number of worship services to one each weekend. Since we have two different musical styles of worship, this means alternating music leadership and selections each weekend. So, here is the schedule and scripture list for the month of May:



May 2 & 3 – Praise Band led

Easter 4 – Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10
“Good Shepherd Sunday”

May 9 & 10 – Organ, piano, and Cantor

Easter 5 – John 14:1-14
“Where are you going, Jesus?”

May 16 & 17 – Praise Band led

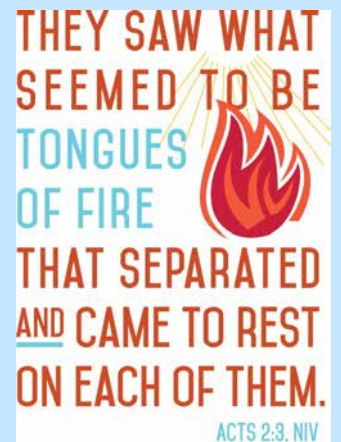
Easter 6 – John 14:15-21
“Sending an Advocate”

May 23 & 24 – Organ, piano, and Cantor

Easter 7 – John 17:1-11
“Jesus Prays for Us”

May 30 & 31 – Praise Band led

Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21
“Fire and Wind”



Each weekend the worship service will be available for viewing by 5 pm. When it is a Praise Band led service, it will usually be livestreamed. When it is the musical style supported by organ, piano, and cantor, it will usually be pre-recorded and available for those who worship at 5 pm, 8 am, 10:45 am and anytime in-between or after. It is wonderful knowing so many of us are singing and praying at the same time from our homes. It is also wonderful to have the option of worshipping at another time. Even when we are able to return to our Worship Center, the livestreaming of one weekend worship service will continue.

Pastor Darla Ann

SING, SING, SING

While we are still worshipping from home, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to sing. I recently learned that when we do return to the Worship Center, it is recommended that we do NOT sing in the sanctuary as a gathered congregation. Singing spreads droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air. A cloth mask is unlikely to be enough to protect our neighbor from any virus we might unknowingly be carrying. So, we will be designing some worship services that have music without singing. In the meantime, enjoy the online singing – and do sing along!

GROUPS THAT ARE MEETING ON ZOOM

High School Sunday School Class

Sundays at 10:30 am through May 10
Leaders: Scott Comrie and Debby Gunderson
All High School (grades 9-12) and College Students
at home are invited to attend
for learning, fun, and comradery.

Bible Crunchers

Every Wednesday from 3-4 pm
Leader: Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer
The work of the Holy Spirit according to
the Apostle's Creed

Morning Glories Spiritual Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Thursday in May
Leader: Debby Gunderson
"We are Called!" by Kathryn A. Kleinhans
Gather Magazine, April edition, study

Starting May 5 – new Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesday evenings, 7-8 pm
Leader: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Kratzer (Pastor Tom).

The topic of study will be "Who were the prophets of ancient Israel and what do they have to say to us today?" If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Pastor Tom (revkratzer@gmail.com) so that he can send the needed information to join the Zoom gathering.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COMING SOON - ONLINE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Watch for emails from the office as we begin Zoom gatherings for members to see each other's faces and catch-up with one another. Throughout the month of May new online gatherings will begin:



- Monday Morning Brew**
- Tuesday Tea**
- Evening Social Hour**
- Sunday Conversation**

So, grab a beverage or snack and join in these social opportunities.

SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast is Cancelled for Saturday, May 2, 7 am. Hopefully, they can resume in May.

MAY MOWER/TRIMMER SCHEDULE



<u>Date</u>	<u>Mowers</u>	<u>Trimmers</u>
April 30-May 2	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher
May 7-9	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
May 14-16	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
May 21-23	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
May 28-30	Ted Nemsky	Mike Hester

The following activities have been suspended temporarily. The church office will let you know when they will resume:

OFFICE ANGELS NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS
SOS (SPIRIT OF SHARING) SOUP KITCHEN

SERVICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER

The Food Pantry, Grandma's Attic and the Residence Assistance Program have been closed at least until the end of May. You will be notified when they will be open again. If you are in need of food, a Blessing Box (Food box) will be outside the Maryville Outreach building for you to come get food and will be restocked twice daily. If your need is greater than what is in the Blessing Box, you may call the Food Pantry and make arrangements to meet with the Food Pantry director. If you need help through the Residence Assistant Program, you may also leave a message for that.

But will you still be able to donate? YES! Please contact Glenda to make an appointment in which to drop off your donations! We are still helping people as the need arises, so your donations are still needed!



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is responding to this pandemic here in the United States and around the world, including:

- Across the United States, LDR is providing support for ELCA World Hunger's Daily Bread grants, which are supporting congregational feeding ministries as they do the critical work of providing those who are in need in their communities with food.
- In New Orleans, LDR is aiding the expansion of Bethlehem Lutheran Church's community meal program, which targets the at-risk population who are impacted at this time.
- In Southern California, LDR is supporting Care Connection Network, a social ministry organization, to serve older adults and people who are home bound by delivering food and essential supplies, in collaboration with congregations in the Pacifica Synod.
- In China, we helped provide medical supplies including ventilators, protective face shields, disposable gloves and more, as well as daily necessities such as food.
- In Italy, through the ELCA's companion church, the Chiesa Evangelica Luterana in Italia, LDR is providing Betania Evangelical Hospital in Naples, Italy, with support and medical gear and supplies.
- In Palestine, LDR is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land to provide food and necessities to families whose livelihoods have been impacted.
- In Sierra Leone, we are supporting the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone so the church can participate in a national response plan with the government.

LDR is also working with the Lutheran World Federation and the ACT Alliance to support their global responses.

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST

We want to keep Our Lord's Prayer List as current and viable as possible.

The list is long, as we have many in our church family, or people we know, that need prayer. The church office "purges" the list periodically. If the person for which you have requested prayer has improved enough to come off the prayer list or has passed away, please let the church office know. Thank you for your help.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for May's Newsletter): **Wednesday, April 15**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES

Church Office is Closed on Monday, May 25 in recognition of Memorial Day.

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES

Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc..

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, are available at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street, unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear."

ELW Hymn #390

In this season of Easter we are watching the pandemic spread across the globe, darkening city streets, emptying village market places, and straining resources, including the most important resource of all - people. The novel virus causing all this upheaval is still something of an unknown character. Each week researchers learn a bit more about its traits and its spread. We have learned that it had arrived in many nations and states far earlier than we knew. The percentage of people with no symptoms is much higher than with other viral diseases such as the flu. And the incubation time after exposure can be as long as fourteen days. These, and things that may be learned in the future, all affect returning to church.

Communities of faith have both additional freedoms and additional responsibilities. Even when the stay-at-home order is lifted, we will seek guidance from public health experts and denominational leaders. I am reminded of words written by the apostle Paul to the faith community at Corinth: *"All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.* (1 Corinthians 10:23-24, NRSV)

We are resetting our expectations, not just of when, but of how we will return to our physical spaces for worship, learning, serving, and connecting. We know now we won't be starting with a big celebratory homecoming. Instead return will have to happen in stages. And, we may have to move back and forth between those stages if there are second or third waves of infections.

So, for now we will continue to have online worship services only. There is more information about those, and what style of worship will be offered each weekend, on the next page. Bible studies, discussion groups, meetings, and the High School Sunday School class have begun to meet online. See page 5 for more information. Minimal, drop-in staffing is being used for essential operations. (Those in the office are wearing masks.) The rest of the time, your church staff is working from home.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is information about plans for social hours via Zoom, summer services held in the Chapel in the Pines, and other ways to continue to be the body of Christ in this place and time. Speaking a word of peace, the peace given to us by our risen Lord, is one to encourage one another. May that peace sustain you and fill you with hope and joy.

Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer



FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 31, 2020

Total receipts for March 2020	\$48,547	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,167)
Total expenditures for March 2020	\$44,102	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,500)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 3/31/2020	\$115,338	(anticipated budget amount of \$92,417)
Total expenditures for 2020 as of 3/31/2020	\$104,330	(anticipated budget amount of \$93,083)
Mortgage principal paid in March 2020	\$3,300	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2020	\$11,230	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$122,134	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$69,188	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$29,430	

Submitted by **Max Eakin** 4/20/2020

OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Linda Spencer is a familiar face to many of you. For the past four years she has served the people of Our Lord's as an Office Assistant. We are delighted to welcome her to the position of Administrative Assistant.



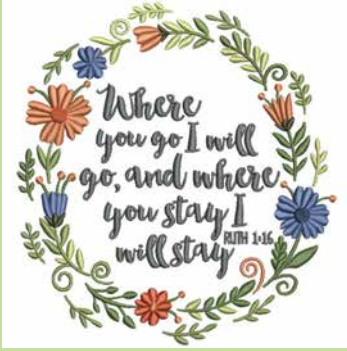
ADVICE FOR A TIME OF PLAGUE

Here is the quote Pastor Kratzer shared at the worship service on the last weekend of April. Martin Luther wrote this advice to his good friend and colleague, The Rev. Dr. John Hess, in response to his questions on how to act in a time of plague almost 500 years ago.

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

Luther's Works, Volume 43, Pg. 132

A THANK YOU FROM LORETTA WILLIAMS



“Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)
Yeah, I will follow You, yeah”

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I have been Our Lord's Lutheran Church Secretary and Administrative Assistant for exactly 22 years, beginning on April 20, 1998 until April 20, 2020. I was “called” to this position, just like a person is called to be a pastor. It took three times for the Holy Spirit's call to me to get my resume in before I actually listened and followed through. My first day at Our Lord's was also the day that I found out that my other employer, Venture Discount Stores, announced they were declaring bankruptcy. My Venture co-workers told me, “God certainly had a plan for you!” And God shows me all the time, the He DOES have a plan for me. I just need to listen!

I have worked with five pastors at Our Lord's, three permanent pastors and two interims, as well as five vicars, and a whole host of supply pastors through the years. I have learned from them all. My previous, non-church related jobs, were a training ground for what I would face as an Administrative Assistant. I became a “social worker” for people who needed help or referrals, I became God's sales person when showing potential members or visitors around, I have been God's assistant cook as I made a sandwich for someone who was hungry, I channeled my experiences as teacher, trainer or consultant as I tried to listen with God's ears to someone lost or confused or needing something that often they didn't even know they needed or brainstormed solutions to problems. And my years in government work prepared me for the mountain of paperwork, bulletins, record keeping and deadlines. And in all of that God was leading me and I was trying to follow. The last few years, I stretched my faith even more by helping to plan worship, write prayers and try to keep the day to day office activities going while we were without a pastor.

And when retirement approached, the Holy Spirit told me I had to wait, I couldn't retire yet. That I need to stay with Our Lord's until we had a permanent pastor in place and then give that person 6-8 months before I could retire. I agreed although reluctantly, until I came to accept that it wasn't quite time for me to retire yet. I followed.

So I would like to thank the people of Our Lord's for giving me 22 years of the most satisfying, gratifying and challenging job that I ever had. Your continued kindness, tolerance, love and caring have touched me greatly. I will miss being there for you just as you have been there for me. But I am looking forward to my retirement and am curious to see where the Holy Spirit leads me next. And I will do my best to follow.

God's peace, Loretta

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Dora Clawges
Adam White
Kirby Orr
Claire Blind
Cindy Pugh
Alison Messin-Hancock
Ed Foppe
Adam Rimar
Aidan Truckenbrod
Devon Sallee
AJ Wieser
Becky Fremder
Eric Sutton
Krissy Gunderson
Alex Corrie
Joan Vail
Kurtis Nemsky
Liz Blind
Anya Cvijanovic
Barb Erickson
Cindy Diggs
Linda Eakin
Casey Eakin
Sean Micnheimer
Andrea Giese
Shellie Lackey
Peggy Pick-Sutton
Lizzy White



David & Lisa White
Brad & Lisa Bush
Pr. Bob & JoAnn Downs
Billy & Diana Huster
Randy & Liz Peters
Kelvin & Susan Peterson
Erik & Stacie Kirk
David & Sharon Schroeder
Jack & Karen Hammond
Julie & Jacob* Preston



Olive Rae Baczewski, born April 27
8 lbs, 7 oz and 20.5 "
Proud parents: Chad and Caitlyn Baczewski
Proud grandparents: Mike and Loretta Williams

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Jacob Callahan, Max Eakin, Barb Erickson, Greg Fremder, Kenneth Giese, Dave Gocken, Jim Green, Krissy Gunderson, Debby & Kraig Gunderson, Linda Harriss, Dan Homes, Luke Huster, Rudy Kantola, Brian Kassing, Don Klingsick, Rudy Kantola, Kim Payne, Greg Perkins, Susan Peterson, John Puricelli, Jeff & Hilda Scheiter, Don Simonson, Leonard Stensland, Joyce Tatjenhorst, Lynn Thiel, Emily Callahan Thompson, Larry Trucano, Joan Vail, Lisa White, Sarah White, Mike Williams



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL



Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell, Major James Carmichael, Capt. Blake Crosby, Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby, Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby, SPC Bill Homes, Charles Homes, Zach Huff, AB Lucas Maue, John Meyer, Zachary Neubauer, Amador Ochoa, Josh Pace, Scott Prengel, Jake Randall, Jack Scoles, PFC Eric Shelton, Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith, Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.), Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer

PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Dar Kratzer, Pastor; **Dr. Harvey Chiles**, Director of Traditional Music; **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist; **Beth Giese**, Nursery Attendant; **Brian Gunderson**, Director of Contemporary Music; **Chery Sides**, Organist; **Toni Barz**, Office Helper; **Linda Spencer**, Administrative Assistant

Church Council

Tom Steinmann, President; **Kathy Hoelscher**, Vice President; **Jaime Henderson**, Secretary; **Dr. Max Eakin**, Treasurer; **Alan Kramer**, At Large

Steering Team [Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service]

Ed and Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators; **Tim Nyland**, **Lyn Kampwerth**, **Erick Larson**, **Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson**, **Rhonda Comrie**, **Randy Kampwerth**

Transition Team

Deanne Holhouser, Lead, **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, **Bruce Fritz**, **Dave Gocken**, **Katie Noga**, **Dr. Laura Schoenecker**, **KaLonny Short**, **Marian Steinmann**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER LIST

Jo Albright

Angie (Jim & Sue Green's granddaughter)

Barbara

Jeff Bombal (Rhonda Comrie's nephew)

Christian Bristol

Patty Burks (Shellie & Dean Lackey's friend)

Debbie C. (Schonecker's friend)

Pat C. (Schoenecker's friend)

Cancer Patients

David Cashen

Peggy Collins

Ardith Corsaw (Carol Orr's sister)

Sarah Degarmo (Roberta Maue's friend)

Pr. Roger Digges

Judy Douglass (Karen Tilashalshi's aunt)

Erin (Dona Racich's friend)

James Fayne (Chery Sides' co-worker)

Carol Gendron (Lori Messina's mother)

Glenda

DeWayne Gross

Larry H. (Don Simonson's friend)

Jimmy Huster (Dora Clawges' son)

Sandra Ingram (Mike Williams' sister)

Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)

Linda

Jim Maue (Roberta Maue's friend)

Charlie McCord

Shira Olsen (Mary Olsen's daughter-in-law)

Rosy Park

Georgiana Peterson (Rhonda Dealey's mother)

Johnny Piaz (Dora Clawges' brother)

Stephanie Polston (Karen Larson's friend)

Denis Scharette (Erick Larson's friend)

Jacob Stein (Melinda Stein's son)

Gordon Strong (Carole Callahan's brother)

Doris Swanson (Laura Schoenecker's mother)

Pr. Craig Swenson

Ben Szakacsi (Nicole Williams' grandfather)

Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)

Tennessee Tornado Victims

Cathy Thiesen (Deanne Holshouser's sister)

Cady Thomas Family (at the death of 2 friends)

Pr. Dan Tuhy

Janne Vernersson (Erick Larson's cousin)

Sharon Whitaker (Irene VanHooser's friend)

Jim Wilson (Larry Trucano's cousin)

Marilyn Wolfe (Irene VanHooser's friend)

Kevin Wyvell (Caryl Kassing's son)

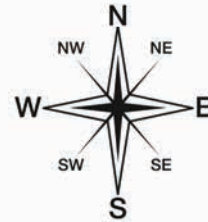
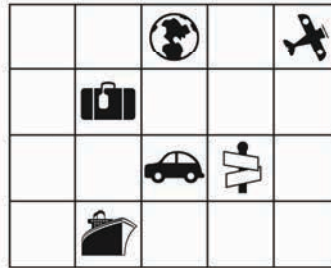




Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_n_g
both no_ and for_ verm ore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances

JUNE

- Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly, Postponed until June 3-5, 2021
- Holy Trinity Weekend, Jun 6-7
- Flag Day, Jun 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Jun 16
- Summer Begins, Jun 20
- Father's Day, Jun 21
- Newsletter Assembly, Jun 24

JULY

- Office Closed for Independence Day, Jul 3
- Independence Day, Jul 4
- S.O.S Soup Kitchen at St. John Evan. UCC, Jul 9
- Men's Club, Jul 11
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15
- Newsletter Assembly, Jul 29

AUGUST

- Men's Club Breakfast, Aug 1
- Blessing of College Students, Aug 1-2
- Blessing of Backpacks, School Supplies and Students, Aug 8-9
- Newsletter Deadline, Aug 15
- Newsletter Assembly, Aug 26

COMING THIS SUMMER

Thursday Outdoor Worship at the Chapel in the Pines

Once the basic criteria are met to allow for in person gatherings of 50 or less, we will begin the new summer outdoor worship service at 6:30 pm on Thursdays. It is an approximately 45-minute worship service designed to be family friendly and engaging. This new venture has already been reshaped by pandemic restrictions, but we are confident that it will be a time of active worship including prayer, scripture, conversation, and visual stations to nourish your spirit. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 5 - Worship LIVE STREAMED
3 Easter 4 8 & 10:45 - Worship ONLINE 10:30 - High School ZOOM	4 6:30 - Education Summit ZOOM	5 7 - Bible Study ZOOM	6 3 - Bible Crunchers ZOOM	7	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9 5 - Worship ONLINE
10 Easter 5 Mother's Day 8 & 10:45 - Worship ONLINE 10:30 - High School ZOOM	11 6:30 - Steering Team Calendar Planning Meeting ZOOM	12 7 - Bible Study ZOOM	13 3 - Bible Crunchers ZOOM	14 10 - Morning Glories ZOOM	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16 5 - Worship LIVE STREAMED
17 Easter 6 8 & 10:45 - Worship ONLINE	18	19 7 - Bible Study ZOOM	20 3 - Bible Crunchers ZOOM	21	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23 5 - Worship ONLINE
24 Easter 7 8 & 10:45 - Worship ONLINE	25	26 7 - Bible Study ZOOM	27 3 - Bible Crunchers ZOOM	28 10 - Morning Glories ZOOM	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30 5 - Worship LIVE STREAMED
31 Pentecost 8 & 10:45 - Worship						



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