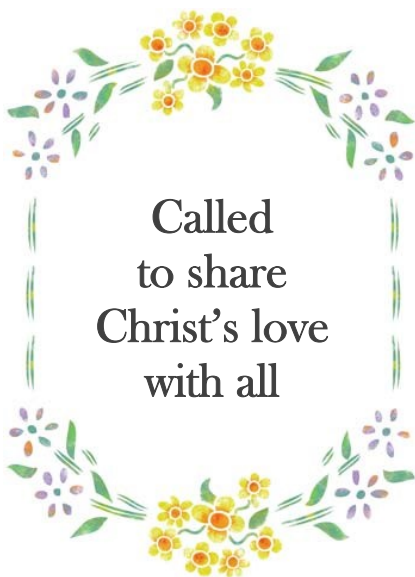




OUR LORD'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This is the second month of this new feature in our newsletter. We hope you will enjoy learning a bit more about each other.

Pastor Kratzer

GETTING TO KNOW THE FRITZES

What's your favorite comic strip? Easy one for Bruce; 'Dilbert'. Comic pokes fun at mistakes companies or business people make in work environments.

Favorite place on earth? Easy one for Mary Ann; Rothenburg, Germany. Beautiful small, walled medieval city with much charm and German traditional character. Everywhere looks like a postcard!

What's the best gift you ever received? Both of us; Grandchildren!!

Sports fan? Again, both of us; St. Louis Cardinal baseball.

Tell us a little about your work background. We are both now retired. Mary Ann taught elementary school children both in both full-time and substitute positions. Bruce worked in various engineering and management positions for Central Illinois Public Service and then Ameren for just under forty years.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. For Mary Ann, it would be needlework, quilting or reading. For Bruce, it would be home projects or fishing.

OUR LORD'S NEWS

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GETTING TO KNOW THE SPENCERS

It is hard to believe that I have been a whole month since I took over as Administrative Assistant at Our Lord's. I want to thank everyone for their patience and support. I promise I will try to dedicate as much of myself to this ministry as my predecessor. Jim, Nicole and I have been members of Our Lord's since 2014. We were not members of any other church until we came here. Being a military family, with all the moving that entailed made it difficult to ever set down roots. But one Saturday service here and we felt like we were home.

The Spencers are actually a family of 5. Our family consists of Matthew, a medically retired Marine serving as a firefighter in Virginia, Stephan, who is currently serving as a Marine Staff Sergeant training reserve troops in Texas, Nicole who has become a young lady at Our Lord's, and Jim and myself who both served in the Marine Corps. Yes, there is a theme that runs through our family.

Sports fans? You better believe it. There is not much we don't enjoy watching. Baseball, football, college basketball, and hockey being the favorites. Although there hasn't been much on lately, usually a game will be playing somewhere in the house. We all have our different teams we support, and usually support everybody else teams also unless they play each other and there is a lot of family rivalry.

Favorite summer activity? Our favorite activity is going out to the mountains for hikes or going to the beach for walks and the peace and quiet of the waves. When looking for inside activities visiting museums has always been something, we enjoy especially history.

The best gift you ever received? One of the best gifts this family has ever received is the gift of love, friendship and acceptance from the people of Our Lord's Lutheran Church. There is no better church to be a part of!

GETTING TO KNOW THE COMRIES

If you had a warning label, what would it say? Scott's warning label would read: "CAUTION, will talk to anyone and everyone. About anything."

Rhonda's would be: "Loves to play organ/piano. Will fight to keep houseplants alive"

Funniest movie ever? Young Frankenstein. Takes us back to our first date at Valparaiso University.

What's the best gift you ever received? Scott says, "My wife." Rhonda says, "My husband."

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? Most exciting for Scott includes all of the new technology 'his youth' Sunday School Class has to explain to him...which is just about everything. For Rhonda, it includes the digital components for the newer church organ.

Tell us a little about your family. We have two sons: Christopher, married to Stephanie. Chris is a 6th grade teacher in Collinsville and survived teaching from home. Stephanie is a Nurse Practitioner at a clinic in Greenville, IL. Their children include Olivia (who sings for our congregation on occasion), Colin, and

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Augustus. Ian currently serves as an essential worker at a store in Highland, IL.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. Rhonda completed the IL Extension Master Gardener certification in 2019. She enjoys home vegetable and flower gardening as well as volunteering at the SIUE Gardens (after the current orders are removed). A goal is to have flowers in bloom from early spring to late fall. Scott enjoys tinkering with wood working and stuff.

Favorite mentor: Harry Thiel

GETTING TO KNOW THE HOLSHOUSERS

DEANNE'S ANSWERS

Tell us a little about your family. Mark and I are the parents of three children. Our oldest son is an elementary school principal in Forks, WA (Yes, Twilight fans!); our daughter works for the BJC Foundation and lives in University City; our youngest son is a firefighter/paramedic in Alton, IL. Each of our children has a boy and a girl, so we are the proud grandparents of six amazing kids.

Tell us a little about your work background. I am a retired librarian. I worked at the Edwardsville Public Library for 33 years. It was a wonderful job and luckily, when not in a pandemic period, I can visit there often.

Favorite book? Obviously, I'm a reader. Two favorite books are *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain and *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner.

Favorite part of mealtime? I like to cook and try new recipes, I like to eat!!, cleaning up not so much.

What do you like to do when you're not working? I love to do needlepoint - our home is filled with pillows and rugs. Thanks to audio books, I can stitch and 'read' at the same time!

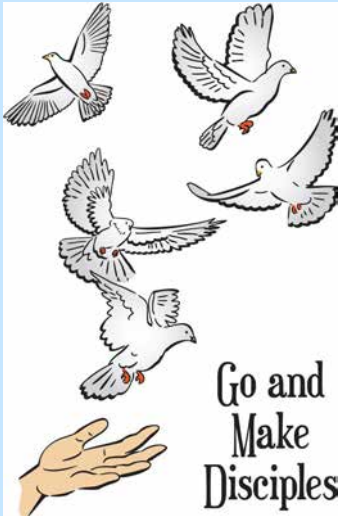
MARK'S ANSWERS

Tell us a little about your work background. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, I took a job at a local bank in Granite City, where I was born. After five years at the bank I accepted a position at Granite City Steel Employees Federal Credit Union (now GCS Credit Union). I held many positions in the organization until 1985 when I became President, until retirement in 2013.

Sports fan? I am an avid Blues Hockey fan and was ecstatic when they finally won their first Stanley Cup last year! I am also a St. Louis Cardinals fan, so during this time of no sports I am a little lost.

What do you like to do when you're not working? I do love to get outside and work in the yard. I began planting a vegetable garden when I was twelve years old and have had a garden every year since then with the exception of the years when I was at college, or when we lived in Germany.

Favorite book? I do enjoy reading and going to the movies. I don't know if I have a favorite book, however J D Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* made an impression on me when I was younger and I have reread it several more times since then.



June 6 & 7 – Organ, piano, and Cantor led
The Holy Trinity
Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a, Psalm 8,
2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20
“Experiencing God”

June 13 & 14 – Praise Band led
2nd Weekend after Pentecost
Exodus 19:2-8
“Commissioned”

June 20 & 21 – Organ, piano, and Cantor led
3rd Weekend after Pentecost
Father’s Day
Jeremiah 20:7-13, Matthew 10:24-39
“Rejected”

June 27 & 28 – Praise Band led
4th Weekend after Pentecost
Matthew 10:40-42
“What Is Our Cup of Cold Water?”



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.

MOVING TOWARD IN-PERSON WORSHIPPING OPPORTUNITIES

Worship leaders, Council, and a newly formed team which will guide us in making decisions concerning gathering physically in our worship spaces are looking at initial possibilities. While we cannot place a date on these at present, we do hope to have a Parking Lot Service that includes Holy Communion in June. We are also planning for the start of the mid-week summer services on Thursdays in the Chapel in the Pines. Those services will also include Holy Communion. Please watch for emails giving you dates and details.

Pastor Kratzer

DID YOU KNOW?

If you do not have FaceBook, you can go to our website to find everything that Katie Noga has posted recently. The five most recent posts are available on the website. You can see the posts by visiting <https://www.ourlords.org/> and scrolling to the bottom third of the page. Click “load more” to view older posts.

SPECIAL MUSIC IN JUNE

Our Lord's Lutheran Church is excited to feature the work of Antoine L. Clark in worship this week. An award-winning conductor known for his engaging presence and advocacy for arts education, Antoine T. Clark is the founding artistic and music director of the McConnell Arts Center Chamber Orchestra.

Committed to inspiring and nurturing the next generation of musicians, Mr. Clark has taught students ranging from young beginners through college music majors. He is currently the conductor and music director of the Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra's Philharmonia Orchestra, music director of the Ohio Wesleyan University Chamber Orchestra, music director of the Northern Ohio University Symphony Orchestra and adjunct instructor of woodwinds at Kenyon College. Previously, Mr. Clark served on the faculties of Denison University, Wayne State College, and Randolph College.



Mr. Clark earned the Master of Music degree in orchestral conducting and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in clarinet performance from the Ohio State University. He also holds the Master of Music degree in clarinet performance from the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music, and the Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Virginia Commonwealth University.

He will be featured in our worship services on Sunday, June 14th and throughout the following week on our Facebook page. I hope you enjoy this talented young musician and we expand our digital reach during this time of trial and transition.

Dr. Harvey Chiles
Director of Traditional Music

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Morning Glories Bible Study will be gathering via a Zoom meeting on the second Tuesday during the month of June, July and August. The subject will be Summer 2020: "Just love" by Gladys Moore and Christa Compton - Gather Magazine.

Bible Crunchers Bible Study will be gathering via a zoom meeting on every Wednesday at 3 pm through the end of June. We are using the NOOMA video series through June.

Online Bible Study Join in a Bible study (via Zoom) on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm (central) for a one-hour study. The study is led by The Rev. Dr. Thomas Kratzer (Pastor Tom). The topic of study is "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. The plan is for this Bible study to conclude June 2.



SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast is Cancelled for Saturday, June, 6 am. Hopefully, they can resume in July.

JUNE MOWER/TRIMMER SCHEDULE



Date

June 4-6
June 11-13
June 18-20
June 25-27

Mowers

Scott Comrie
Chuck Jorgenson
Jim Spencer
Chuck Pugh

Trimmers

Darrell Bruhn
Steve Hoelscher
Tom Steinmann
Brian Hartke

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 June. 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 supporting partners around the world during this time. Since January 2020, LDR-International has contributed over \$1.1 million in 26 countries in response to the pandemic.

- In Hungary, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary is providing COVID-19 antibody test kits to test parishioners and staff. Staff and residents of church-run facilities and schools will be tested as needed.
- In India, Padhar Hospital will be able to better treat their COVID-19 patients through the purchase of a ventilator and multiparameter monitors.
- In Liberia, the Lutheran Church of Liberia is collaborating with the Christian Health Association of Liberia to provide medical supplies for hospitals and health centers throughout the country. In addition, they will provide counseling and distribute food to those affected by the pandemic.
- In Mexico, LDR is contributing to Grupo de Trabajo Mexico to support Casa del Migrante de Saltillo in providing food kits for migrants. Additionally, informational brochures will be delivered to these families and a sanitation tunnel will be installed at the migrant house.
- In Malawi, the Evangelical Lutheran Development Services and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi are conducting awareness campaigns and training Community Health Change Agents. Additionally, local artisans will be trained in making masks, sanitation supplies, and handwashing stations.

LDR is contributing to Church World Service's "Emergency Appeal: Coronavirus Fund". This will support CWS global relief and development activities including distributing food and hygiene kits and assisting education programs. Migrants and refugees are among the populations targeted with this campaign.

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 July's Newsletter): **Tuesday, June 16.**

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 in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear People of God,

My new hairstyle reflects my state of mind lately. Since my hair hasn't been cut since February, it is more than a bit unruly. Without a headband to hold it down, it sticks out all over the place. My mind also goes off in all directions. It is hard to stay focused when there is so much to attend to. There are all the usual thoughts about worship rituals, office routines, and household routines. There is new information about opportunities to try new ways of doing things in all those areas. News about the world situation – both pandemic related and longstanding problems filter through my mind. But it's not just thoughts that demand attention. Many kinds of emotions are wedging their way in – pushing and pulling in an effort to be noticed. So, I have been trying to find a “headband” for my mind.

Maybe you are in a similar state of being. After all, the entire planet was exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus within a span of a few months. This coronavirus has forced us to make sacrifices. We made a huge number of changes in our daily routines. We gave up many events and pleasures. Which means we are feeling real pain, real loss, and real loneliness. And, at the same time, feeling intense concern for others who are in harm's way – physically or emotionally.

As all this tugs on us, what can calm us down? What can serve as a headband of sorts to pull us together? For me, it is prayer – especially sung prayer – that reorients me. By using the words of people who faithfully talked to God in the past, my own churning thoughts and emotions find expression. Many psalms, hymns, and recent songs have been recorded by individuals and congregations and are available on online sites such as YouTube and Vimeo. Those with a phrase that repeats frequently may be especially helpful as you center yourselves and invite God's presence to hold and sustain you.

These last few days it is a hymn by Isaac Watts that has woven its way into each hour. So, I close by sharing a couple of its verses with you:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. *ELW #632*

Pastor Kratzer



FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 30, 2020

Total receipts for April 2020	\$72,887	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,167)
Total disbursements for April 2020	\$40,188	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,500)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 4/30/2020	\$188,967	(anticipated budget amount of \$123,584)
Total expenditures for 2020 as of 4/30/2020	\$143,582	(anticipated budget amount of \$124,583)
Mortgage principal paid in March 2020	\$3,511	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2020	\$14,741	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$118,622	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$103,031	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$31,095	

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

OLL RECEIVES GRANT/LOAN

Due mainly to the efficiency and persistence of our treasurer, Max Eakin, Our Lord's Lutheran Church recently applied for, and received, a loan of \$35,693 through the government's Paycheck Protection Program. This program originated from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Paycheck Protection Program is meant to help small businesses (and non-profit organizations) maintain their payrolls through the initial stages of the current pandemic.

Loans secured by OLLC would typically need to be approved by our membership. This particular loan, however, does not qualify as typical. In the 8-week period following receipt of the loan, 75% of the loan amount must go toward employee salaries, with the remaining 25% going toward expenses that help keep our church operating. If these conditions are met, the original loan amount, along with any interest normally due, are forgiven and do not have to be repaid. Thus, this loan truly acts as a grant, provided we meet these provisions. This money will help Our Lord's continue to serve our community and congregation through worship and ministry.

Tom Steinmann, President
OLLC Church Council



GRADUATIONS

Anna Foppe received her Master of Business Administration at University of Missouri -St. Louis, UMSL, with a 4.0 GPA! In recognition for her excellence she has been appointed as Marshal for her graduating class. She is now working towards obtaining her CPA license.

Jim Spencer will receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from Park University with a 4.0 GPA. He plans to continue working only a little smarter about the lay of the land.

Kenneth Giese is graduating from Edwardsville High School. He will attend SIUE in the fall and is looking forward to exploring his options before he chooses a future career!

John Huster will be graduating from Collinsville High School on May 16, 2020. His future plans include becoming a Union Carpenter.

Ian Maue will get a high school diploma from me as part of the St Clair County Christian Home Educators. He is registered to attend SWIC full time come fall. Long-term he intends to pursue a degree in Business or IT.

Paul Kampwerth will graduate from Edwardsville High School. He joined the IL Air National Guard last August and will be attending boot camp this summer and tech school in the fall. He plans to attend Illinois State University in January, majoring in finance.

Kevin Schrader graduated with his M.D. from SIU Medicine. In June, he will begin his Internal Medicine Residency in Springfield with Memorial Medical Center. Kevin plans to pursue a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at the end of his residency.



GIVING

CAMP WARTBURG'S 20th ANNUAL JOHN MOHL MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

The Golf Classic has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19. And Camp Wartburg is having a rough time. The Golf Classic is one of our bigger fundraisers and we could really use funds this event would usually raise!

But we are planning a **VIRTUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** instead! All you golfers who would love to participate, we ask that you donate **\$100** (the price for the actual golf classic) and in return you will receive a voucher to play golf at Acorns on a future date of your choosing between May 18 (hopefully) and October 31, 2020. Bratwurst or hog dog, chips and two beers or soft drinks will be provided for you, as well as the greens fee and cart when you play! You have a chance to win a \$250 Yeti Cooler. The Golf Classic will be played at Acorns Golf Links (3933 Ahne Road in Waterloo, IL).

It would be a great way to get your golf game going, help Camp Wartburg and honor our former member John Mohl. For questions or donations, contact Theresa Thorburg at Theresa_thorburg@lcfs.org or Bob Polansky at Robert_polansky@lcfs.org. Or donate online at www.campwartburg.com.



Becky Garrison
 Bonnie Eberle
 Dona Racich
 Colin Comrie
 Blake Klingsick
 Dana Callahan
 Julie Preston
 Maddy LaMar
 Eric Kantola
 Scott Slingsick
 Luka Cvjanovich
 Georgia Rinkel
 Keith Wyvell
 Max Eakin
 Brian Kassing
 Brooke Trucano
 Lee Werne
 Terry Brady
 Deanne Holshouser
 Debby Gunderson
 Georgia Cox
 Andrew Kassing
 Eric Morris
 Hilda Scheiter
 Margeaux Williams
 Liz Peters
 Ashley Pugh Hammonds
 Cassius Schipkowski
 Ralph Schorr
 Nancy Lutz
 Jeff Menz
 Jeff Waterman



Greg & Lori Fremder	L. Eric & Leslee Morris
Jim & Linda Harriss	Grant & Lynn Lang
Leonard & Harriett Stensland	Tom & Lori Messina
Don & Glenda Klingsick	Max & Linda Eakin
Daniel & Cindy Klein Webb	Ralph & Vicki Schorr
Mark & Dana Callahan	Jim* & Sue Green
Wayne & Karen Eastby	Gary & Chery Sides
Erick & Karen Cummings	Keith & Connie Wyvell
Larson	Tom & Anita Steinmann

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, June 6th, Pastor John and Vicki Lottes celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary! They were married in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our Lord’s has been one of the recipients of the blessing their partnership and love has been to the world during their shared journey through life together. Congratulations, Pastor John and Vicki! We are so glad to have you walking along side us again as members of Our Lord’s.



Please remember these members, friends of Our Lord’s, and their families as they grieve their loss and share the sure promise of the resurrection:

- Gregory Paul Minor Family** (Caitlyn Baczewski’s friend)
- Jim & Linda Harriss** (at the death of Jim’s father Donald Harriss)
- Jim Maue Family** (Roberta Maue’s brother-in-law)
- Joan Vail Family & Friends** (at her death)
- Brian & Doug Manns** (at the death of Doug’s grandmother)
- Ed Walker & Family** (at the death of Sandra, cousin of Chuck Pugh)
- Al Murray Family** (at his death, friend of Chuck and Cindy Pugh)

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Matt Blind
Max Eakin
Kenneth Giese
Jim Green
Jack Hammond
Dan Homes
Kim Payne
Greg Perkins

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**, Newsletter Editor; **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

Jeff Bombal (Rhonda Comrie's nephew)

Christian Bristol

Patty Burks (Shellie & Dean Lackey's friend)

Debbie C. (Schonecker'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)

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)

Mary Lou Maue (Roberta's Maue's Mother)

Kelly, Chris & Zane McClellan (Lori Messina's niece)

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 Swanson

Ben Szakacsi (Nicole Williams' grandfather)

Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)

Cathy Thiesen (Deanne Holshouser's sisiter)

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)



PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances

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 Breakfast Jul 11
- Calendar Planning Meeting, Jul 13
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15
- Church Council Mtg, Jul 20

AUGUST

- Men's Club Breakfast, Aug 1
- Blessing of College Students, Aug 1-2
- Blessing of Backpacks, School Supplies and Students, Aug 8-9
- Steering Team, Mtg Aug 10
- Newsletter Deadline, Aug 15
- Church Council Mtg, Aug 17

SEPTEMBER

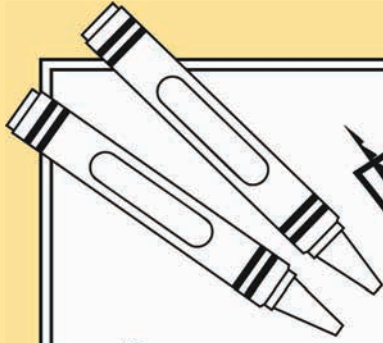
- Office Closed for Labor Day, Sept 7
- Men's Club Breakfast, Sept 12
- Rally Day, Sept 13
- Steering Team Mtg, Sept 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Sept 15
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sept 19
- Church Council Mtg, Sept 21

COMING THIS SUMMER

Thursday Outdoor Worship at the Chapel in the Pines

Late in June or in early July, 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.





PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

JOHN 9



Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

FIRST SATURDAY "IN"

JUNE 6, 6:45 PM

On Saturday, June 6 everyone who once went out to dinner (or considered doing so) after the First Saturday of the month worship service is invited to come together on Zoom. Plans are in the works for some lively sharing through show-and-tell, a scavenger hunt, and "would you rather?" questions. We may even be able to do some "breakout groups" allowing smaller groups to chat a bit and then bringing us all back together. Watch your email for a meeting link with Meeting ID and Password.

MENTAL HEALTH BREAK



This is a time of resetting our expectations. We continue to be in a time of uncertainty. And the longer that goes on, the more likely we are to feel frustrated, helpless, or even panicked. So, as we try to live with the certainty of uncertainty, it is very important to be intentional about doing things that improve your mental health. Here is a quick list of a few things that improve emotional resiliency:

- **Stay connected** – be intentional about having phone conversations with family and friends (and spend most of the conversation talking about something other than COVID-19).
- **Express gratitude** – say (or write down) one thing you are thankful for at the start of each day.
- **Go outside** – let nature soothe your soul. Look carefully at blades of grass, tree bark, flowers.
- **Dream** – make some plans about what you would like to do in two years or three years, use magazines to make a collage of images that would be a part of your dream.
- **Mourn** – do not neglect the power of your mourning. Tell God, or someone you trust to listen, about the losses you have experienced during this time. Mourning can lead you to a new morning (to a sense of energy and resilience for facing what is next).
- **Pray** – the Holy Spirit works through our petitions and our praises. The Holy Spirit knows how to shape our worries into prayers. So, pause for prayer on your own or call someone to pray with you for 3 - 5 minutes.

CREATION CARE CORNER

Eating a plant-based diet is a huge contribution that individuals can make to slow the warming of this earth. That is so because if we grouped all the cows of the world together as if they were a country and put them in a list of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Country, they would be 3rd on the list. Estimates vary, but livestock are responsible for between 14% and 17% of greenhouse gas emissions from human activities. So, consider trying out some plant-based recipes and/or some meat substitutes during this time when meat is not as plentiful due to the disruptions of the supply chain by COVID-19. You just might like it and discover that it is possible to do the world a favor by reducing your meat consumption in the future.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 - Monday Morning Brew ZOOM	2 3 - Tuesday Tea ZOOM 7 - Bible Study ZOOM	3 3 - Bible Crunchers ZOOM	4	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6 5 - Worship ONLINE 6:45 - First Saturday "In" ZOOM
7 8 & 10:45 - Worship ONLINE	8 9 - Monday Morning Brew ZOOM 6:30 - Steering Team Calendar Planning Mtg	9 3 - Tuesday Tea ZOOM	10 3 - Bible Crunchers ZOOM	11 10 - Morning Glories ZOOM	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13 5 - Worship LIVE STREAMED
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