



August

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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

Pastor Kratzer



OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Called
to share
Christ's love
with all**

GETTING TO KNOW LAURIE HENSLEY

Favorite place on earth? I am a Disney fan, so my favorite place is Walt Disney World. I was only 8 when I visited the Magic Kingdom for the first time... and have visited over 50+ times. As you enter the "happiest place on earth" the stress of life seems to vanish into smiles and laughter.

Funniest movie ever? I love any movie with Lucille Ball (especially *Yours, Mine and Ours*, *Mame*, and *The Long, Long Trailer*). I think *Christmas Vacation* is the funniest Christmas movie. I think the funniest movies I have ever watched were *Norbit* with Eddie Murphy or *Young Frankenstein*.

Sports fan? Football! Sunday afternoons, Monday and Thursday evenings are for football and I am cheering from my recliner. My favorite teams are the Chicago Bears, Indianapolis Colts, Denver Broncos and whoever is playing the Green Bay Packers.

What do you like to do when you're not working? Goodness, between working full time in real estate with Kathy Shemwell and going back to school (I am starting my second year as a full-time student at Wartburg Theological Seminary) I don't have much free time. However, I start my mornings with reading the news headlines from about 6 different news sources and I play one game of Tichu on my iPad to get my brain started.

Favorite book? I really enjoy reading books by Erik Larson and Ken Follet. Historical fiction is my favorite genre. However, I admit that I really enjoy sitting by the pool with a diet coke and a Danielle Steel book.

Favorite part of mealtime? Definitely dessert! I am an ice cream addict so just about every night I go to Culvers for the flavor of the day in a waffle cone.

OUR LORD'S NEWS

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GETTING TO KNOW THE HELMSES

Favorite place on earth? Our favorite places on Earth are where amazing family memories have been made! Our favorite places are Maui, the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville (specifically at Christmastime), Lambeau Field, Disney World, and anywhere on the beach!

Sports fans? Yes! We are Green Bay Packers Fans! (Our seven-year old's name is inspired by the former GB Packer, Clay Matthews.) We also love Cardinal Baseball. Randy enjoys watching the Blues and Blackhawks.

Tell us a little about your family. We have been married ten and a half years. We have four busy children: Sophia (9), Clayton (7), Liam (5), and Piper (3). Sophia is a creative 4th-grader who loves art, crafts, and dance. Clayton is our energetic guy who loves baseball, karate, running and all things Minecraft. Liam likes playing Minecraft and is passionate about technology and learning how things work. Piper is looking forward to preschool, loves everything princess, and continues to amaze us all with her stories and vast imagination.

Tell us a little about your work background. Randy is a PE teacher in the Hazelwood School District. He has taught in Hazelwood schools for 17 years. Randy is completing his Educational Doctorate with Lindenwood University, anticipating graduation in May of 2021. Erin has a B.S. in Chemistry from UW-La Crosse and worked as a Chemist with Premcor Refining Group and Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company before staying at home with their children.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. Sophia has graced the dance stage with routines in ballet and tap (along with a little jazz and hip-hop) since the age of 3. Clay really has a knack for baseball, starting his rookie season last year with coach-pitch. Both Sophia and Clay just earned their orange belt in karate early this summer. Liam is eager to start tee ball and karate after spending time on the sidelines watching his brother and sister. Piper started dance class this year and loves to teach her family proper tendu and arabesque technique. Randy likes to play golf and participate in slow-pitch softball. He hopes to incorporate more playing time once he completes his degree. Erin enjoys playing the flute and piccolo with the Edwardsville Municipal Band. This season would have been Erin's 25th season with the band.

GETTING TO KNOW THE ORRS

CAROL'S ANSWERS

Favorite place on earth? At home with Rod.

What's the best gift you ever received? A dress my mother made for me for Christmas when I was 10. She worked on it after I went to bed so I would be surprised on Christmas morning. One night I got up for a drink of water and she was working on the dress. She was dismayed that I found out what she was doing but it is one of my fondest memories of my mother.

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? Robot sweeper but I'll be more excited when they come out with a robot duster. I don't like to clean house.

Tell us a little about your work background. I was a Medical Technologist (laboratory scientist). I worked in Decatur, IL (Decatur Memorial Hospital, Coleman Clinic, St Mary's Hospital as Assistant Supervisor of Hematology), Porter Hospital in Denver, CO, McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, IL, Coleman Clinic in Canton, IL, Blessing Hospital as Second Shift Supervisor in Quincy, IL and Immunology Lab at Barnes Jewish, St Louis.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. Sewing (especially quilting), reading, and playing the piano.

ROD'S ANSWERS

Favorite place on earth? Anywhere in the woods or outdoors, especially Yellowstone National Park.

What's the best gift you ever received? An erector set.

Favorite part of mealtime? The aromas coming from the kitchen while Carol prepares a meal. Carol is my favorite chef.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. Hiking, fishing and woodworking. I recently made kitchen and bathroom cabinets for our cabin.

What song or playlist are you turning to in these days? Carrie Newcomer and folk songs that tell a story.

GETTING TO KNOW THE LARSONS

ERICK'S ANSWERS

My daughter Dylana once described me by saying, "If you stop to smell the roses, Dad is long gone, already photographing carnations." I don't have time to sit, my beautiful God has given me an incredible world to explore and I am going to explore every inch of it that I can. Before my accident in 2018, I had a goal to run around the world. At that point I had run 10,775 miles, approximately halfway. There are times in life that we get thrown detours and this was a huge one. But I have had so many blessings, it makes the pain of the detours disappear. I have two incredible children. Dylana, named after Bob Dylan (who else) & Nathan (which means a gift from God), plus seven fabulous grandchildren ranging in age from 18 months to 10 years. I have hundreds of hobbies, but at the top of the list are exercising, biking, photography, hiking, birding, geocaching, and Iowa Hawkeye Football. No biography about me would be complete without mentioning my other half, my other being. Or better put, without my beautiful wife Karen, I don't exist. Every inch of this world we see and do, we do together. That is God's plan. My God is an Awesome God.

KAREN'S ANSWERS

I am a charter member/kid of OLLC. I have many fond memories of Our Lord's as a child including meeting at Miner's Theater and gathering in the storefront on Main St. in Collinsville. The members of the early church felt like family - a sentiment that remains even today. After retiring from teaching in 2016 (11 years as a secondary art teacher and 10 years at UMSL teaching in higher education), I have kept busy in my art studio; I focus on drawing, painting, and textiles. My latest ventures are what I refer to as "thread paintings;" imagery comprised of hand-dyed fabric, machine quilting, and hand embellishments. I favor realism but entice the viewer to look more closely at an alternative reality. In addition to creating art, I can be found doing home building projects and remodeling; I restore and repurpose old furniture - I love antiques. There is always a project going on or an artwork in process in the studio! My favorite times are sharing the joy of making art with our grandchildren!

Between the two of us we have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Claire (10) and Austin (7) are the oldest grandkids and live near Champaign; Vada (5) and Warren (3) live in Galesburg; Ellie (5) and Edwin (2.5) live nearby in Troy; and James (1.5), the youngest of the grandchildren, lives in Portland, OR. If you are "friends" with either of us on Facebook, you are probably overwhelmed with pics of the grandkids.

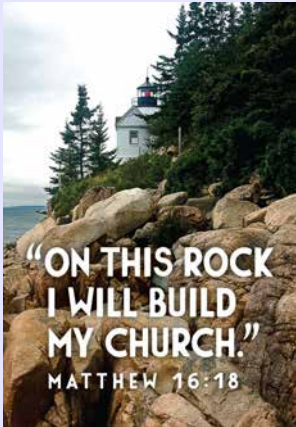
Once life returns to "normal," we will be traveling again; the list of places to visit and trips to take keeps getting longer. Our door is always open to visitors, please stop by! But you may want to call ahead as we may not be home.

August 1 & 2 – On-line Worship Service, Organ, piano, and Cantor led
9th Weekend after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21
“The Feeding of the 5,000”
Guest Pastor Thomas Kratzer



August 8 & 9 – On-line Worship Service, Praise Band led
10th Weekend after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9-18, Matthew 14:22-33
“Battered by the Waves”

August 15 & 16 – In-building, in-person at 5 pm, 8:00 am, and 10:45 am
11th Weekend after Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Matthew 15:21-28
“Crumbs”
Guest Musician via video



August 22 & 23 – In-building, in-person at 5 pm, 8:00 am, and 10:45 am
12th Weekend after Pentecost
Exodus 1:8 – 2:10, Matthew 16:13-20
“Foundations”

August 29 & 30 – In-building, in-person at 5 pm, 8:00 am, and 10:45 am
13th Weekend after Pentecost
Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28
“The Great I AM”

A worship service will be available for viewing by 5 pm each Saturday. Beginning the weekend of August 15 & 16, two different styles of service will be livestreamed. Non-Traditional Worship will livestream at 5 pm on Saturday. Traditional Worship will be livestreamed at 8 am. After the livestreaming is completed, the service will be uploaded to YouTube where you may view it at any time.

PEACE IN THE PINES



“Peace in the Pines” continues for two more weeks (August 6 & 13 at 6:30 pm). Please bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. We will provide communion elements. This service uses the gospel reading for the coming weekend as its foundational scripture.

THINGS ARE ALL OUT OF KILTER

That is the phrase my grandfather used to describe changes to his normal routine, and he experienced a number of changes in his life! With his mother at age five he sailed from Germany to America in 1896. As a child he spoke no English, lived on a farm in a new country, and learned a language that was as foreign to him as the American dollar.

He adapted: lived through the depression and WWII, suffered when the death of his wife left him with a fifteen-year-old daughter, survived assault and robbery on his farm as he was hogtied, pepper sprayed in his eyes. Grandpa was crippled with arthritis before the age of forty, so he walked with two canes. He saw more in his 92 years than I can imagine.

But through it all, Frederick Roeder was always positive. **Always**. Later in life Grandpa sold his farm to a local school district so the community could build a new school. At the closing, the young school board attorney touted how he had pulled a fast one, buying the land at below market value. He said, "You know old man, you could have twice what you made on the sale of this land." My grandfather, ever the gentleman said, "You know young man, you are wrong. The land was worth three times what you paid. My neighbor had a standing offer to buy it from me, but I believed building the school was more important. You need a school, young man. I don't need the money, but you need land." Oh, I wish I had been a fly in that room!

Grandpa died in 1972. Much to my surprise, he left me money to buy my first driver's license. The note read, "I know I probably won't be here when you turn 16, but I wanted to be the first to buy your license!" Even from the grave, he was doing good things - and being positive.

His daughter, Aunt Lucille, was just like him - always positive. She whistled while cooking and cleaning. I asked her one day how she stayed so positive. Her husband, my uncle, was not easy to live with. She laughed and told me that "I have a very tall fence in my mind. When something bad happens, I think about it for a bit, and then throw it over the fence never to be seen again. I keep all the good in front of me to look at every day." Her youngest sister, my mother, laughed and said she had a fence too. Hers was small, and she tossed things over it. Sometimes though, she jumped the fence just to dig through the bad stuff! No truer statements about the personalities of two vastly different sisters could be made - high fences and low ones.

Things are out of kilter across the world right now, and things are out of kilter at Our Lord's Lutheran Church. We are coping, adapting, creating, and communicating. Just not in person. As musicians, we have adapted in new and interesting ways. Do I prefer it? No! But then, we have been through much worse in our church's and country's history. We have terrific leadership under Pastor Kratzer with Tom Steinmann heading the Church Council and Ed and Laura Foppe leading the Steering Team. Ed, Matt, Patrick, Brian, Tim, and all those working with them are handling the technical issues like pros.

We will survive this and be stronger and more agile because of it. We will not be out of kilter forever. Just for a while. Now is the time to come forward and volunteer your talents as an actor, soloist, instrumentalist, or digital creator. We have a great team. But teams get tired and need a break to get back into "kilter."

So, build that high fence and toss the bad stuff over. Then forget about it. Be thankful for what we all have. And - share your talents and your wealth.

Blessings to all.

Dr. Harvey Chiles
Director of Traditional Music

GUIDELINES FOR RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The return to worship at Our Lord's Lutheran Church is guided by Christian moral sensibility, love for Christ's body the church, and love for each other. Protocols are in place to prevent transmission of illness, especially due to COVID-19. We recognize that our new 'normal' will not fully emerge for several months, and adjustments will be made as needed.

If you or a family member have shown symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness, **STAY HOME**. If you have been in contact with an individual who shows symptoms or was diagnosed with COVID-19, **STAY HOME**. Persons who are at high risk for illness or unable/unwilling to wear a face mask are also encouraged to worship from home.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH

Face masks are required in the church building.

Adult congregants and children nine-years-old and older should wear their own face masks/coverings during worship services *and* when entering the church building at other times.

Extra masks are available for those who need one and are in the narthex.

Physical distancing (at least 6 feet) is to be observed at entry, hallways, worship space, and all other areas.

Congregants should immediately go to their pew chairs upon arrival. The first to arrive should sit closest to the front of the church, with others filling in chairs from front to back.

A very limited number of bulletins for those who need them will be available for pick up on the table next to the sanctuary entrance. Recycle them or take them home with you.

You may place your offering in the offering plates at the entrance to the worship space upon arrival. Offering plates will not be passed during the service.

The designated greeter and usher will assist with any questions about how to proceed.

Water fountains should not be used.

Avoid using the restroom if possible. If necessary, wait several minutes between users.

WORSHIP

Worshippers should sit at a safe distance from one another (minimum of 6 feet). Family members who live together may sit together as a group.

Speaking will be limited to worship leaders, who will remain at a safe distance (i.e. about 18 feet) from worshippers.

We will not be singing or speaking aloud for hymns, songs, worship responses, prayers, the Lord's Prayer, or the Creed. Vocalizing elevates the level of risk due to the spread of aerosol and droplets that can carry the virus and remain suspended in the air. When singing, droplets travel even further than with spoken words.

Sharing of the peace will be done from a distance. You can communicate your message of love and caring through a respectful bow, a wave, or a peace sign.

EMERGING FROM THE STORM

Holy Communion will be “no touch.” We are using prepackaged communion kits or can distribute the wafers using social distancing.

Communion will be near the end of the service, followed by a benediction and dismissal.

EXITING

The congregants in the back pews will exit first. The order of persons taking their turn to depart moves toward the front, using social distancing guidelines.

To ensure that we do not place the minister or other assistants in harm’s way, the minister will not greet worshipers after the service.

There should be no gathering of groups inside the building.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Should you have any questions about attending in person services, please call or email Linda Spencer, who will then forward your concerns to the Emerging from the Storm Team. We all anticipate a joyful coming together for worship and fellowship!



Holy and compassionate God,

We thank you for the privilege of gathering together to offer you our worship and praise.

We long for the time when it will be safe for all of our siblings to gather in person.

Give us patience and flexibility as we exercise these safety precautions.

Keep us mindful that as we exercise these precautions, we are showing love for our neighbor and thereby showing our love for you.

Even as we remain physically distanced from one another, draw us closer to you.

In the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast Will resume on Saturday, August 1, 6 am. If you feel comfortable please come out for fellowship and churchwork. If you plan on attending, please confirm by e-mail or text to Steve Hoelscher.

AUGUST MOWER/TRIMMER SCHEDULE



<u>Date</u>	<u>Mowers</u>	<u>Trimmers</u>
July 30-Aug 1	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
Aug 6-8	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
Aug 13-15	Ted Nemsky	Mike Hester
Aug 20-22	Scott Comrie	Darrell Bruhn
Aug 27-29	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher

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

FELLOWSHIP

First Saturday IN – a social gathering on Zoom

FIRST SATURDAY "IN" is taking a break. Pastor Kratzer will still be on vacation on August 1 and the first Saturday in September is the Labor Day weekend. We will resume our Fellowship time on Zoom after the worship service on Saturday, October 3 at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday Tea

3:00 PM, every Tuesday

Tuesday Tea will continue throughout the summer. There is a new Meeting ID and Password to take us through August 25. Even if you have not been a part of it before, you are welcome!



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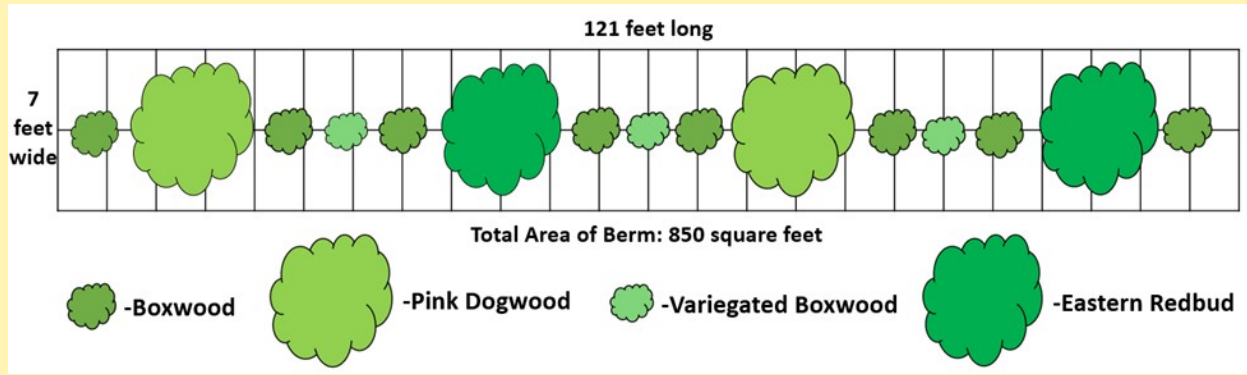
SERVICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

GRANDMA'S ATTIC IS OPEN!

The Outreach Center is still closed but Grandma's Attic re-opened in June. Check the website for the hours. The food pantry will continue serving clients by appointment with curbside pickup at least for another month. In the meantime, the food pantry is still accepting donations, but Grandma's Attic is unable to take any more items at this time. As always, thanks for your support.

BERM LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Alison Kirk will be re-landscaping the berm in the Worship Center parking lot for her Scouts BSA Eagle Project. The landscape design of the project is below. We anticipate that the project will be completed in October/November 2020. The estimated budget for the project is \$2,100. If you would like to donate to the project, please make a check out to Our Lord's Lutheran Church and write **Berm Project** in the memo line. If you have any questions, please email the Kirk Family at slmepk@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!



COLLINSVILLE FAITH IN ACTION

Hats off to our volunteers!

Over the past five months, the volunteers who provide services for CFIA care receivers have gone above and beyond to offer comfort and compassion. CFIA implemented new care receiver reassurance calls in March to each care receiver. It is a great opportunity to check-in with the care receivers to ensure they can get the supplies they need, to hear a friendly voice at the other end of the phone, or to just say hello. With an unclear picture of what a new normal will be for CFIA, these calls are one way that our mission can continue to shine through in all that we do for neighbors sixty years of age and older and persons with disabilities throughout our community. "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:25. CFIA is a thriving organization serving the Collinsville, Caseyville, Maryville, and State Park communities. If you would like to sign up to receive these calls, become a volunteer, or if you have other questions please contact our office at (618) 344-8080. "A Neighbor's Independence Depends on You!"

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY - PRIMARY AGES

"God in My Backyard"

August 4, 5, 6

This online Vacation Bible School includes a series of short videos including lessons, music, and activities. Lisa White is preparing VBS Kits that will be delivered to the doorsteps of the homes of our families. If your child has not participated in VBS in the past and would like to be a part of this year's at home experience, please notify Linda in the church office. The VBS videos will be posted on our website. Grandparents, this is a great opportunity to engage your grandchildren in activities that connect them with a creative and loving God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear People of Our Lord's Lutheran,

At long last we have hope that we will soon resume in-building, in-person worship services. Though all plans are subject to revision due to the unpredictable nature of SARS-CoV-2, we anticipate that those of you who are ready to return will join gathered worship on the weekend of August 15 and 16. All three Saturday and Sunday services are being planned so that attendance does not exceed 50 people at any service. If 50 people are already present when you arrive, you will be invited to join others in the Fellowship Hall where the service will be live-streamed. On pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter you will find clear guidelines for what to expect when you arrive for worship in the building. Out of love for the most vulnerable among us, we ask everyone to follow those guidelines. By using consistent practices at all services, members can be confident and make wise decisions about attending.

Some worship elements will be modified and might feel unnatural. Though any change of traditional practices might feel uncomfortable now, we will become accustomed to changes that protect each other. As we do so, we turn again to the wisdom of those who have gone before us in faith. In Philippians chapter 2, the apostle Paul writes, "But in humility consider others as more important than yourselves." The novel coronavirus has only been around for a little over seven months. Past experiences have shown that it usually takes a new virus about a year to spread to all areas of the world - this one only took about four months. SARS-CoV-2 shows no signs of quickly going away, so we will have to learn to live with it. If you find yourself being gently reminded to keep your distance or to pull up your mask so that it covers your nose, please respond with kindness.

Finally, remember that worship is a means of grace, not an obligation. If you do not feel safe, don't return to in-person worship. If you do not feel well, stay home. Thanks to the technical skills of our members and the gift of hours and hours of their time, online worship will still be available to you. For those who wish to receive communion at home, I will be consecrating communion elements at worship that can be delivered to your home. Then I will phone you to share the brief service for distribution of communion. While I look forward with great longing to seeing many of you on August 15 and 16, I know it be quite a while before the virus levels in our community are low enough for *all* of us to gather, regardless of age or preexisting conditions. After we come together and head into the fall, we will modify our procedures and practices to consider any new learnings about SARS-CoV-2. In the meantime, let us support, encourage, and love one another through this extended time of pandemic.

Pastor Kratzer

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVING IN 2020

This year's School Supply Collection will have a new look. While shopping is still a challenge, we can still help the children at Caseyville Elementary School. It has been suggested that we open a School Supply Fund for anyone who usually buys and donates the much-needed items. So, if you wish to participate, make your check out for the amount of your donation to Our Lord's and please put School Supply Fund on the memo line.

When school is ready to begin again, we will order the supplies for the school's list. The generosity of Our Lord's is greatly appreciated by the teachers and children of Caseyville Elementary School. Susan Rimar is a member of the teaching staff at the school and knows well the need for these children.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

WOMEN IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES/OLD TESTAMENT

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The stories of many of the women in scripture are fascinating, not well known, and not what they seem at first glance.

If you miss one Tuesday, you can always join the following Tuesday.

The study is led by Pr. Tom Kratzer. If you are interested in joining, please email Pastor Tom, at revkratzer@gmail.com or Linda Spencer, administrative assistant, at love2haveyou@ourlords.org and you will be sent the information needed to join the Zoom gathering.

BIBLE CRUNCHERS BIBLE STUDY gathers via a Zoom meeting on every Wednesday at 3 pm. New participants are welcome to join the Bible Crunchers study. Bible Crunchers will study Philipians.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526311907?pwd=NFAQ5U25oTXE5M2w3dkVFbG02RCtIZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 2631 1907 Password: 799925



MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom meeting on the second and fourth Thursday during the month of August. The subject will be Summer 2020: "Just Love" by Gladys Moore and Christa Compton - Gather Magazine.

FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 30, 2020

Total receipts for June 2020	\$32,565	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,167)
Total disbursements for June 2020	\$33,893	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,500)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 6/30/2020	\$249,971	(anticipated budget amount of \$185,918)
Total disbursements for 2020 as of 6/30/2020	\$205,500	(anticipated budget amount of \$187,583)
Mortgage principal paid in June 2020	\$2,638	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2020	\$20,885	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$112,478	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$67,749	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$30,800	

Submitted by **Max Eakin** 6/08/2020

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 September's Newsletter): **Monday, August 17.**

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.

FAIR TRADE

Apologies for not having an entry for the Fair Trade Shop over the last few months. In spite of our shutdown due to COVID-19, I am so proud how we have continued to be such a great support to artisans and small farmers around the world. Our numbers: March - \$479, April - \$663, May - \$362, June - \$592.

A few months ago, after our shutdown including the Fair Trade Shop, I started going in on Monday mornings making phone calls, pulling items, sanitizing, and bagging them up. I created an itemized tag to attach to the bags. I created a number of ways for people to get their orders, including doorstep deliveries where I am delivering local orders, curbside pickup where orders were picked up at the front of the church or just inside the front door. Payments for transactions have been done by charge over the phone, or check or cash left in mailboxes.

The Fair Trade Shop door is once again unlocked. We do have signs up for safe, healthy guidelines for shopping. Check and exact change purchases as always can be dropped off in the box in the shop. As always, if I am not there you can call me to process charge purchases. Even though the shop is again open, I am still going to be there on Monday mornings processing orders. So do not hesitate to call me or come by.



NEW! NEW! NEW!

If you are accustomed to the aroma of fresh coffee when entering the shop, be ready for a surprise. We now have 11 of 12 NEW spices from South Africa. Please check out the notebook pages there for the ingredients of the spices. The 12th spice will be in sometime in August. It is currently crossing the ocean. For those waiting on the Palestinian Olive Oil, it is still out at sea also. We also have five (5) NEW candy bars. Come check it all out.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Williams, Fair Trade Coordinator

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Tony DiBartolo

Kevin Giese

Della Crosby

JoAnn Downs

Natalie Messina

Chery Sides

Cindy Klein-Webb

Robin Wellener

Mark Holshouser

Anna Foppe

Stacy Harriss Cvijanovic

Randy Kempwerth

Nona Echevarria

Lori Messina

Adam Kirk

Zach Noga

Kevin Schrader

Greg Perkins

Joanna Beauchamp

Scott Comrie

Gwen Corrie

Brad Homes

Jim Trucano

Karen Cummings-Larson

Michelle Mihalich

Bill Diggs

Jeff Beauchamp

Maxine Asbury

Morgan Sallee

Sean & Della Crosby

Dave & Carol Gocken

Bob Schrader & Karen Tilashalski

Church & Gail Jorgenson

Dean & Shellie Lackley

Aaron & Heather Barnett

Scott & Rhonda Comrie

Everett & Jo Steele

Ron & Ruth Ann Blotevogel

Dom & Nona Echevarria

Brian & JoAnn Hartke

Dan & Susan Homes

Jim & Shelly Trucano

Randy & Lyn Kampwerth



NEW ARRIVAL

Raven Wei Shrader was born July 12, 2020 to parents Danny and Mona Schrader. Mother and baby are doing well.



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:

Stephanie Polston Family

(Karen Cummings-Larson's friend)

Sarah Speicher (Krueger) and Family

(at the death of her mother, Beverly Jackson)

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Matt Blind
Joe & Denise Cigliani
Max Eakin
Kenneth Giese
Julie Gruber
Jack Hammond
Dan Homes
Kim Payne
Don Schlonat
Abby Tiemann
Jean Weishaupt

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Debbie C. (Schonecker's friend)
Judy Douglass (Karen Tilashalshi's aunt)
Robert Chiles Goodwin (Harvey Chile's son)
Jimmy Huster (Dora Clawges' son)
Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)
Billie Koch (friend of Carol Orr)
Brian
Kelly, Chris & Zane McClellan (Lori Messina's niece)
Gordon Strong (Carole Callahan's brother)
Doris Swanson (Laura Schoenecker's mother)
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Janne Vernersson (Erick Larson's cousin)
Sharon Whitaker (Irene VanHooser's friend)
Kevin Wyvell (Caryl Kassing's son)
Bobby Wuebold (Joyce & Fred Tatjenhorst's nephew)

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**

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances

SEPTEMBER - Season of Creation

- Forest Weekend, Sept 5-6
- Office Closed for Labor Day, Sept 7
- Men's Club, Sept 12
- Land Weekend, Sept 12-13
- Rally Day, Sept 13
- Steering Team Mtg, Sept 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Sept 15
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sept 19
- Wilderness Weekend, Sept 19-20
- Church Council Mtg, Sept 21
- River Weekend, Sept 26-27

OCTOBER

- Men's Club, Oct 3
- World Communion Sunday, Oct 4
- Youth Wreath Sales Begin, Oct 10
- Office Closed for Columbus Day, Oct 12
- Steering Team Mtg, Oct 12
- Newsletter Deadline, Oct 15
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Oct 17
- Church Council Mtg, Oct 19
- Reformation Day, Oct 31

NOVEMBER

- All Saint's Day, Nov 1
- First Communion for 3rd Graders & up, Nov 1
- Church Office Closed, Veterans Day (Observed), Nov 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Nov 16
- Elmwood Christmas Gift Sign-up begins, Nov 18
- Youth Bake Sale, Nov 21
- Christ the King Sunday, Nov 22
- Youth Bake Sale, Nov 22
- Office Closed, Thanksgiving, Nov 26
- Office Closed, Nov 27
- Advent 1, Nov 28-29

SAVE THE DATE

The OLLC Fall Speaker Series will start on Wednesday, September 16. All presentations will take place over Zoom. The September speakers will explore topics related to care of creation. The October speakers will explore three social justice concerns. So, mark your calendars for 7:00 pm September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14, 21.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

Erik and Stacie Kirk have completed their service as Sunday School Superintendents. We are grateful for their years of dedication and hard work. Children of this congregation have benefited greatly from the planning and enthusiasm the Kirks brought to this role. Thank you, Erik and Stacie!

Lisa White is taking on the role of Sunday School Superintendent for the 2020-2021 academic year. Lisa will continue to teach the older primary grades, while working with the teachers of the younger children to coordinate materials, schedules, and learning methods.

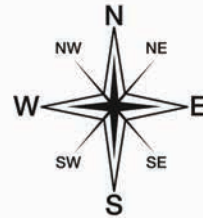
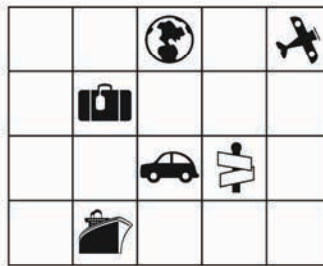


PUZZLE

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_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. 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



AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Backpack/Schools Supplies Collection Blessing of the College Students 5 Worship - Traditional - Online
2 Backpack/Schools Supplies Collection Blessing of the College Students 8 Worship - Traditional Online 10:45 Worship - Traditional - Online	3 Education Summit	4 Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7 Bible Study - Women in the Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Test. - Zoom 7 Narcotics Anon.	5 Bible Crunchers - Zoom	6 Peace In the Pines Worship 6 Worship Planning Contemporary Service	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8 Backpack/Schools Supplies Collection 10 Recording Session for Anthem & Hymns 5 Worship -Contemporary -Live Stream
9 Blessing of the Backpacks/School Supplies 8 Worship - Contemporary - Online 10:45 Worship - Contemporary - Online 2 Maryville Children's Choir Meeting	6 Steering Team Meeting	7 Bible Study - Women in the Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Test. - Zoom 7 Narcotics Anon.	3 Bible Crunchers - Zoom	6 Peace In the Pines Worship	14 Newsletter Deadline Pastor's Sabbath	5 Contemporary Service
16 Worship -Traditional 10:45 Worship - Traditional	17 Church Council	18 Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7 Bible Study - Women in the Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Test. - Zoom 7 Narcotics Anon.	19 Bible Crunchers - Zoom	8 Worship Planning	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22 Contemporary Service
23 Worship-Traditional 10:45 Worship - Traditional	24	25 Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7 Bible Study - Women in the Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Test. - Zoom 7 Narcotics Anon.	26 Bible Crunchers - Zoom	10 Morning Glories	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 Contemporary Service
30 Worship - Traditional 9 Confirmation Orientation 10:45 Worship - Traditional	31		3 Bible Crunchers - Zoom			5 Contemporary Service



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