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What makes us who we are?

What unseen forces continue to shape us?

Identity. We all have one. So does every community and institution. People and experiences contribute to each of our identities. A few months ago, the campus pastor of my alma mater, Bethany College, invited pastors who are Bethany graduates for Zoom conversations about how the values instilled in us as students at Lindsborg might continue to be raised up so that current students might claim those same life-giving values. (Pastor Dealey also graduated from Bethany.) During twice-a-month chats, the pastors peeled back the layers of the college's identity and our own. On some things we wondered, "Where did that come from?" Things that we thought were relatively recent perspectives on faith and daily life, faith and economic activity, faith and science, and faith and politics have deeper roots than any of us had imagined. We pulled books off our shelves and started reading. I was gifted with *The Augustana Story: Shaping Lutheran Identity in North America* by Maria Erling and Mark Granquist a couple years ago, but had been too busy to read it. I now understood my openness to seeing science as compatible with faith has roots in the Augustana Synod as it was formed in the 1850's. That is just one example. Others reported on their reading, and I had several light bulb moments. There were times when I said, "That's me." Or, I realized, "That's why I think it is normal to bring current issues into the worship service and wrestle with them in liturgy and preaching."

Our Lord's Lutheran is only fifty-four years old. Each member's background contributes to the identity of Our Lord's. But, our congregational roots go way back: through the early pioneers in America, the evangelical movements in Europe, the Reformation, and back to the early communities of Jesus' followers. This month we'll explore and celebrate our identity. I hope that you will have some light-bulb moments, times when you say, "This is us."

Pastor Darla Ann



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OCTOBER SERVICES

Not Ashamed: Reformation Sunday

"In many congregations, Reformation Sunday is treated as a sort of "Lutheran heritage" day. In other parishes, a greater focus is placed on the church's need for continual reform; the church's history is secondary to an emphasis on the issues and needs of the church today. Both approaches have much to commend them.

But the true center of this day is found in the appointed readings. In Jeremiah, we are reminded of a new covenant and the promise that God will forgive, the promise written on our hearts. In Romans, Paul brings the full force of the law to bear on our lives: "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). With this reality, how can we have any hope apart from divine grace? Finally, in the gospel reading from John we are reminded that our freedom comes from Christ alone. We are neither bound to the past nor slaves to our anxieties of the present.

Psalm 46 brings all of this together with the powerful proclamation: "God is our refuge and strength." The God we know in the person of Jesus is the one we can turn to in times of crisis, the one we call upon in times of fear, the one we trust to pour out mercy and forgiveness upon us. This Jesus is our solid foundation. In a world of chaos, confusion, and change there is a constant: the enduring and life-giving grace of God.

On Reformation Sunday—as every Sunday—we remember that we are not ashamed of this good news, this gospel."

Scriptures for Weekend Worship

October 2 & 3

19th Weekend after Pentecost
Genesis 2:18-24; Mark 10:2-16
"Created for Relationship"

October 9 & 10

20th Weekend after Pentecost
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12; Mark
10:17-31

Guest Pastor S. Blake Duncan

October 16 & 17

21st Weekend after Pentecost
Psalm 91:9-16; Mark 10:35-45
Week 1 of 3-week Sermon Series:
"Identity: People of Compassion"

October 23 & 24

22nd Weekend after Pentecost
Psalm 126; Mark 10:46-52
Week 2 of 3-week Sermon Series:
"Identity: Seeing Ourselves and Jesus
Clearly"

October 30 & 31

Reformation Day
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 3:28
John 8:31-36
Week 3 of 3 week Sermon Series:
"Identity: Being Lutheran in Such a
Time as This"

Saturday Services | 5:00 PM
Sunday Services | 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

5 pm and 10:45 am services will be
livestreamed and available to view on Our
Lord's YouTube channel. Outdoor services
and 8 am services will not be livestreamed.

OCTOBER GIVING EMPHASIS

Coming into 2021, your Church Council established, as one its goals, an initiative to support the St. Louis Bail Project. This organization was recommended to us by a couple of OLLC members early in 2020. The Council was interested in establishing a new charitable organization and we were delighted to have non-Council members assist in the recommendation process. When we ran out of time in 2020 to further pursue this suggestion, the Council voted to make the St. Louis Bail Project part of a primary goal for the upcoming year. Despite this decision, your Council did not devote any 2021 budget money to this organization.

Priorities for 2021 were first introduced in the 2020 Annual Report, and then further discussed at the Congregational Meeting on January 31, 2021. In the weeks following this meeting, concerns about the Bail Project were expressed by several OLLC members. These concerns eventually led to a conversational meeting on May 11, 2021. Although the ultimate goal of the Bail Project is to level the playing field for those who do not have the means to post bail, some members expressed concern that the lack of a vetting system allows for donations to potentially support the release of someone who could go on to commit additional crimes. Once initial concerns were raised, Council members decided to highlight this organization during only one month in 2021, rather than implement a year-long program of emphasis.

After continued discussion among Council members and additional members of the congregation, the following additional decisions were made:

- 1)** A second local charitable organization would join the St. Louis Bail Project as our monthly emphasis of giving in October.
- 2)** Members would be encouraged to do their own research into each organization and decide whether they feel comfortable supporting one charity, both charities or neither charity.
- 3)** A Giving Emphasis Team is being established to assist with any decision-making concerning future support of local, national, or world charities. This team will most likely meet quarterly, communicate with the Steering Team, and report directly to the Council. (If interested in being part of this team, please contact any of your Council members!)

The second organization we are focusing on in October is The Ethics Project of St. Louis. As indicated on their website, The Ethics Project seeks to “reduce the impact of crime, wrongful prosecutions and mass incarcerations by increasing collaboration of agencies and ministries that serve those most affected by crime and by raising the bar on ethical conduct within the system.” Past and present members of the Board of Directors of the Ethics Project form an impressive group that contains clergy, educators, authors, former chiefs of police, and one former US Ambassador to the United Nations. Any financial contributions made in October would go toward a gun violence awareness activity currently taking place in multiple writing and art classes in the St. Louis area. Frames are currently needed to display these writings and artwork.

Your Council believes all giving should be informed giving, and we are not endorsing one October charity over another. Additional information on both non-profit organizations being emphasized this month can be found through the following links.

<https://bailproject.org/>

<http://www.theethicsproject.org/>

*In Peace,
Tom Steinmann*

FAIR TRADE STORE



On God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we were invited to participate in the Collinsville Faith In Actions "Grandparents Day Mum Sale" event. In support of our Fair Trade Ministry, Loretta, Olivia & I had a booth next to theirs in Collinsville . We were promoting the Ministry for about 4 hours and took in approximately **\$545**. We had one person drive from St. Louis to shop our booth. I will always be proud of how we support the Fair Trade Ministry.

SERRV winter catalogues are now available for pickup. I have checked and all the New merchandise can also be viewed on the SERRV.org website. They have a lot of new items in the Gift/Christmas section as well as all the other sections. (Global Foods, Home, Kitchen, Garden, Fashion, Etc.) Remember Website prices are Retail. Text or Email the SKU's to me for your discounted price.

*Yours in Christ,
Mike*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Restoring Our Lord's House

Funds collected to date exceed **\$104,000...**
thank you for your generosity!

We have ordered furnishings for the hallway and the commons area (see photos of the furnishings for the commons). Once the furniture has been received and installed, the space will function well and look amazing! If you have not seen the updates, next time you are in the building look around and see what has been accomplished during the remodel. Installation of new carpet in the Fellowship Hall should be completed mid-October.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

To the congregation of Our Lord's Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank those who took the time out of their day to help me complete my Eagle Scout project on **Sept. 12** at the Maryville Outreach Center. I would also like to thank congregation members who donated money and also some of the plywood to help complete my project. I could not have done it without your generosity. I was able to construct two carts with wheels for the Maryville Outreach Center. The carts will help them move bins around the Outreach Center and help them load clothing on the outside. I also installed a shelf at the Outreach Center to help with storage. It will help get things off the floor of the storage room. On the Helping Hands day for Our Lord's, members of the congregation helped clean up the storage room and sort clothing while also helping me install new braces under the countertop to make it more usable.

Thank you again.

Drew Klingsick

STEERING TEAM

The Steering Team began by giving thanks for the fun and successful God's Work Our Hands Sunday the day before our meeting. The major planning task of the evening was to coordinate the items and people needed for the OLLC booth at the Maryville Fall Festival on October 16. We received reports on each core area of life as OLLC (worship, education, fellowship, service, and IT). We also completed our reflections on our name as it relates to our task. We decided to send a proposal to Council to change our name to Ministry Support Team.

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Masks are currently required during indoor worship services, meetings, and other gatherings. Capacity limits for worship services, meetings, or other gatherings are currently the maximum number the space is designed to hold (per the Fire Marshall). You may sit wherever you want during worship services. Spaces in the Worship Center and Life Center Buildings may be reserved for group meetings by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Olivia, via phone or email (listed below) and we ask that you continue to disinfect the space after your group has used it.

We will continue to update building usage policies in accordance with national and local safety guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Reserve your space: (618) 345-5692 or love2haveu@ourlords.org



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opening: Director of Non-Traditional Worship Music

This position is currently open. The job tasks include: rehearsing and directing Praise Team that provides music for Saturday 5 pm Worship Service, Christmas Eve, and Holy Week. The team offers Praise Songs, occasional special music to engage the Saturday Worshiping Community in joyful worship, and will work to develop musical opportunities for the youth who normally worship at the Saturday service. Please submit cover letter and resume to love2haveu@ourlords.org.

Job Opening: Facebook Coordinator

Katie Noga will be stepping down from this position at the end of October. Thank you, Katie, for all of your informative and thoughtful work as our Facebook coordinator! This job description includes: providing up to date information to Facebook members regarding Our Lord's Lutheran Church in a non-threatening, positive, inviting, unifying, easily accessible way. Please express interest to the OLLC office at love2haveu@ourlords.org.

A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed - An online benefit for ELCA World Hunger

When: Thursday, **Oct. 14**, 7:30 p.m. Central time

Where: Zoom webinar

Register: <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/a-people-of-hope-ELCA-World-Hunger?erid=a80f8f14-73d1-472b-9a63-9954e1c6db04&trid=a80f8f14-73d1-472b-9a63-9954e1c6db04>

This online benefit for ELCA World Hunger will feature interviews hosted by Rick Steves with people on the ground who are doing the dynamic work of fighting hunger around the world. Special guests include the Rev. David Beckmann, who is being honored for his lifelong service to end hunger; the Rev. Rebel Hurd; Willie and Anne Langdji; and the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla. There will also be special performances by Rachel Kurtz, Peter Mayer and the St. Olaf Choir.



Maryville Fall Festival - October 16, 2021, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - sponsored by Kiwanis

Join us for a day of food, drinks, games, and fellowship! in the Maryville Fireman's Park on Saturday, October 16th. Our Lord's will have a booth through a Thrivent Action Team Grant, and our Confirmation Class will be working the booth. If you would like to volunteer at the booth, please contact Laura Foppe. We will also be running the Duck Pond!

Collinsville Food Pantry Fundraiser - October 23, 2021

Doors open at 6 pm, trivia begins at 7 pm.

The Collinsville Food Pantry's Governing Board is holding a Trivia night and Silent Auction on Saturday October 23 to benefit our director, Angelica (Angel Lipham). The proceeds from this event will help Angel with expenses during her battle with Esophageal Cancer. If you would like to donate a silent auction basket for the Trivia Night or to RSVP for this event, please contact Barb Kusmierczak at cfptrivia@gmail.com. Tables are \$120 (max 10

6

people per table).



Location:
American Legion
1022 Vandalia
Collinsville, IL 62234

EDUCATION MINISTRY

Questions Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00 am

This study explores the topic of "Thinking About Religion And Violence." It looks at the factors involved in the increase in religious violence, including the history of religious violence, its multiple manifestations, its scriptural justifications, and how its perpetrators perceive the world. It also looks at the power of religion and violence individually and separately, the most common housings for religious violence, how religious violence is used to construct and police other kinds of identity, specifically race, gender, and sexuality, and will then shift to a course of case studies, including slavery and the persecutions of religious traditions like Native American religions, Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, and so-called cults, as well as violence within these traditions.

Fall Member Course

Mondays at 1 pm

"Making Connections," a set of gatherings for those interesting in a deeper relationship with Our Lord's Lutheran, is now set to start in mid-October on Monday, October 18th. It will take place in the Worship Center Commons. This time of conversation and learning is not just for new members. Many members may want to participate in this course to discover what the pastor believes and teaches about our identity as Lutheran Christians and our work as the people of God in this place and time. Contact Pastor Kratzer to indicate your interest or for more information.

The Cross And The Lynching Tree

Tuesdays at 10 am

Please join in a thought-provoking book discussion. We will meet in the Worship Center. The discussion is being facilitated by Pastor Tom Kratzer. The book we will be discussing is: Cone, James H. The Cross and the Lynching Tree, Orbis Books, Maryknoll (2011)

Bible Crunchers: Genesis From Scratch

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to participate. We will meet at 5 pm on Wednesdays in Drost Park, Shelter 5. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Commons area at the Worship Center. To sign up for Bible Crunchers updates, text **@bcrunchers** to **81010**.

Oct 6 - no class, Pastor on vacation

Oct 13 - Passing On The Promise: Genesis 25:1 - 28:9

Oct 20 - Mystery Surrounds The Ordinary: Genesis 28:10 - 32:32

Oct 27 - Loose Ends: Genesis 33:1 - 36:43



Morning Glories Bible Study

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

Fall 2021: The Gift Of The Spirit

Celtic Christians likened the Holy Spirit not to a dove, but to a goose. In these three sessions of the fall Gather Bible study, the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, will lead us on our own divine Wild Goose chase. We'll track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We'll explore how the Spirit moves God's people into adventures and lives we would never dare risk on our own.

EDUCATION MINISTRY CONT.

Session 2: Breath of God: Reviver and reformer (October)

The Holy Spirit is the breath of God, giving life and building community. Beginning with the breath God gave that first human, continuing with the breath that made dry bones dance, God's Spirit continues to revive us. We will see the ways that the Spirit gives life—not just to us as individuals, but to our communities, reconciling us and forming us into life-giving communities, even in our diversity.

Confirmation Class

Sundays at 9:15 am

Our October Schedule:

October 3rd: Old Testament Overview - Ed Foppe

October 8th (Friday night): Creation - Ed Foppe

October 17th: The Fall - Ed Foppe

October 24th: People Of Promise, Promise Continues - Ed Foppe

October 30th (Sat 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, no Sunday class): Food Preparation for SOS Soup Kitchen

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am

This study addresses the question of "How Jesus Became God." The course covers the transformation of Jesus from Jewish preacher to Lord God within its historical context, looks at the focal points of Jesus's ministry and whether he considered himself divine, examines the key event that promoted the idea that Jesus was God, and will study the Christian theological persuasions of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th centuries.

High School Sunday School & Youth Group

Sundays at 9:30 am

October events:

October 17: Current plan is for a bonfire at Scott and Rhonda Comrie's house. Time to be finalized.

Next year:

2022 Gathering: Boundless! will take place in July of 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. We will begin planning and making reservations soon!

Elementary Sunday School

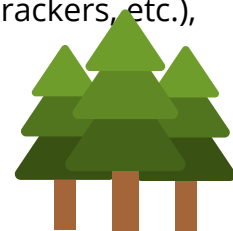
Sundays at 9:30 am

Elementary Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th grade) will be meeting on Zoom for the first few weeks of the fall semester. We will meet for 10-15 minutes each week to present the lesson, to briefly discuss the craft, and to pray together. Kathy Nehrt and Lisa White will be hosting the Zoom meeting from the Chapel In The Pines – you are welcome to join them in person, or, you can pick up your weekly kits at the church and then participate from home. Weekly kits are also available to pick up at the Life Center during the week. We are also currently looking for donations of individually pre-packaged snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.), construction paper, glue sticks, and other miscellaneous craft supplies.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84803984415?pwd=S0tOL24zM0hwV0dBUXJ6NlFmJmJgdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 0398 4415

Passcode: 835292



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Late Boomers

The next location and of time of Late Boomers will be announced soon! Keep an eye on the weekly Church announcements for details. We have some fun times planned!

Serendipity Book Club

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 18 at 11:30 am** in the Life Center conference room. Bringing your lunch is optional. We will be reading "Warmth Of Other Suns" by Isabell Wikerson. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xUWVMTUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2841 6039 Passcode: 388782

Tuesday Tea



Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us for fellowship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171

Monthly Bike Ride



Join us for our final ride of the year! We look forward to some fun and safe outdoor fellowship!

Cycling Date: October 17th (2 pm)

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir

Time: Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center



Handbell Choir



Time: Thursdays 7 pm - 8 pm

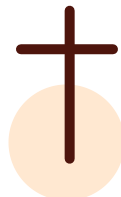
Performances: Monthly on the 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center



First Communion

If your child or grandchild is third-grade or older and has not yet participated in preparation for First Communion, please contact Pastor Kratzer. Receiving Holy Communion is the privilege of all the baptized. The church partners with families in keeping the promises made to the child at baptism by preparing the child to join with the family of God at the Lord's Table. A hybrid on-line/in-person three-week course will be offered starting **October 17**.



Invitation To Focus Group

Time: Tuesday, October 19 - 7 pm

If you are willing to listen to a presentation by our LICMA team and give feedback on the understandability of their presentation prior to it being shared with the whole congregation, please contact Olivia at love2haveu@ourlords.org to reserve your spot in this focus group.



THANK YOU'S

Thank You to Tim Nyland

After many, many years and preparing tens of thousands of visual slides for projection during worship services, Tim Nyland is stepping away from the weekly task of preparing three sets of slides for weekend worship at Our Lord's. He has coached and prepared our Administrative Assistant, Olivia Cross, to handle the weekly work. Tim will continue to be available to prepare visuals when she is on vacation and during extremely busy seasons of the church year. We cannot say thank you enough for Tim's foresight over the past decade in enhancing worship through the use of on-screen projection. Thank you, Tim!

Donation To Upgrade Tech Equipment

An anonymous donor gave \$2,392.19 to replace equipment which occasionally failed during worship services (both those with and those without live streaming) and to replace the front right screen in the sanctuary. Just as the consultations about what we really needed had concluded and we were ready to order the equipment, the MacBook was damaged in an accident. The new computer for presenting words and visuals on screen during worship is a PC. This change will allow for new volunteers to live stream and to operate slides for projection at services. Both online worship access and in-building worship visuals continue because of this generous gift. Many, many thanks to the donor!

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Your Church Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 20. Listed below are some of the highlights of our meeting.

- In an effort to help your Church Council and Steering Team (soon to be renamed Ministry Support Team) choose charitable organizations to feature in a given year, a Giving Emphasis Team will be assembled in the upcoming weeks. This team would meet quarterly, report to the Council, and communicate with the Steering Team prior to the Annual Calendar Planning Meeting. If interested in serving on this team, please contact any of your Council members.
- In coordination with Pastor Brian Robison of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Belleville, a position description has been developed for a shared Director of Youth, Emerging Adult, and Family Ministries. We will begin seeking candidates for this position very soon. If you or anyone you know is interested in this opportunity, please contact Olivia in the Life Center office.
- After many years of dedicated service as Facebook Coordinator, Katie Noga will be stepping away from this role at the end of October. A position description for OLLC Facebook Coordinator was approved at our September meeting. If anyone would be interested in taking over for Katie, please contact any of the Council members so we can forward you this document.

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 18. Please contact any of the Council members (Pastor Darla Ann, Laura Schoenecker, Linda Hester, Max Eakin, Dana Callahan, or Tom Steinmann) if you have any concerns that need to be addressed. The approved August Council minutes may be read here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z6-pRPlzs_xN05Rk91Dls27VbgZcff5t?usp=sharing

LICMA

In March 2021, many of you responded to a survey about Our Lord’s Lutheran Church. Our team sorted through the results of the closed ended questions and the open ended, write-in responses. You shared your hopes, ideas, and concerns. The team then endeavored to discern the values for Our Lord’s Lutheran as expressed through your diverse and thoughtful responses. We prayerfully undertook this assignment, as well as the challenge of doing our work over ‘Zoom’.

Identifying values might seem like a simple task. It was, sort of, until we really dug into what ‘things we will always do as a congregation’. The ‘things we will always do’ outwardly are the things that are important to us – and those are our core values. To accomplish our task, we met with a consultant (on Zoom) who provided an objective, outside perspective. Using feedback from the consultant we identified four core values that came through in your responses. Our core values will lead us to develop our vision as a congregation and lead us to revisit the current mission statement.

Finally, we will identify specific actions that carry out the mission, vision, and values of our congregation. At the end of the process, we will have a roadmap of sorts, guiding our efforts as we ‘do the things we will always do’ as members of the body of Christ. Bottom line, each of you has an idea of what Our Lord’s means to you, and each has an idea of what we should do. By identifying our values and vision, we can focus our efforts, work alongside each other, and carry out our mission as a congregation.

As this writing we are mid-step in finalizing the core value statements and providing them to the Church Council. Look forward to the October sermon series when Pastor Kratzer and members of the team present and explain the values.

Final values, vision, and mission statements will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting in January 2022. Please pray for the team as we continue our work.

The members of the LICMA team are Brian Henderson, Mike Hester, Stacey Kirk, Laura Schoenecker, and Rhonda Comrie, and Pastor Kratzer

WORKER BEES (MEN'S CLUB)



	Riding Mowers	Trimmers
Sep 30 - Oct 2	Scott Comrie	
October 7-9	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher
October 14-16	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
October 21-23	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
October 28-30	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr



October Chefs
Tom Steinmann
Chuck Pugh

The Worker Bees' Meeting and Breakfast is on **Saturday, October 2nd** at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you feel comfortable, please come out for fellowship and church work. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Steve Hoelscher.

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST - Please let Olivia know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for November's Newsletter): Friday, October 15.

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.

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

CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org



If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can now sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.



To sign up for updates regarding weekday outdoor services, text **@ollcpines** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Saturday services, text **@ollcsat** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday services, text **@ollcsun** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding the monthly bike ride, text **@ollcbike** to **81010**.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Birthdays

Kraig Gunderson
Alivia Kirk
Leah Wyvell
Debby Meadows
Angela Lange
Lili Micnheimer
Emily Callahan Thompson
Linda Harriss
Piper Helms
Susan Homes
Matthew Blind
David White
Lisa White
David Schroeder

Patrick McGuire
Christopher Short
Garrett Short
Karen Tilashalski
Kylie Fremder
Laura Foppe
Heather Barnett
Hailey McGuire-Bardmass
Kathie Brady
Jacob Callahan
Lori Fremder
Jackie Schlonat
Kyler Orr
Isabella Redenius

Anniversaries

Scott & Norma Klingsick
Kraig & Debby Gunderson
Jeff & Carol Helf
Steve & Kathy Hoelscher
Bill & Sara Davidson
Caleb & Alison Messina
Dave & Debbie Geiler
Joe & GeorgeAnn Smithies
David & Ashley Hammonds
Alex & Nicole Williams



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Harleigh Johnson	Elaine Kendall
Bob Meyer	Nel Kennedy
Kevin Wyvell	Brenda Reinhardt
Fritz Nemsky	Mira B
Sam & Barb Whitlow	Ardith & Dave
Charles Lozier	David Sachtleben
Joyce Bateman	Nancy Lutz
Norman Hoelscher	Tracy Sides
Judy Douglass	Bernice & Ron Mueller
Angel Lipham	

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Kim Payne	Robin Wellener
Dean Lackey	Lisa White
Linda Spencer	Karen Tilashalski
Jim Lemke	Chery Sides
Bill Davidson	Lance Wellener
Georgia Rinkel	Brian Kassing
Leonard Stensland	

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:

Elsie Anderson

Brock Parker

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
SrA 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
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYERS OF JOY & THANKSGIVING

Chery Sides has undergone two successful cataract surgeries and is now recovering. Thanks be to God!



Bonnie Boushard's sister, Bernice, underwent surgery recently and is now recovering at home. Thanks be to God!



We give thanks for our Praise Band and the uplifting parking lot concert they performed on September 25. Praise be to God!



FAITH IN ACTION

Partner Church Newsletter Article for October 2021 September 15, 2021

Thank you for remaining active partners with Collinsville Faith in Action. Our September Chrysanthemum Sale for Grandparents' Day was a success, and we loved seeing so many of you. Don't forget to join us on **Thursday, September 23 from 4-6PM** as we honor our supporters at the Giving Tree Dedication.

- 1. Saturday, October 9** is Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Yard & Garden Clean Up Day. CFIA volunteers will visit the homes of community members from 130-330PM to help clean up their yards and gardens for winter. This is light raking and clean up for people over the age of 60 and adults with disabilities who might not be able to handle the work on their own. Call 618-344-8080 to register for the free service or to volunteer.
- 2. Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23** is CFIA Roadblock. CFIA will be at the intersections of Main and Center Street as well as Clay and Center Street in Collinsville from 730A-1PM collecting donations. We hope to see you! Please call 618-344-8080 if you can volunteer for an hour or two.
3. CFIA is accepting applications for Board Members. Terms for five of our current board members expire at the end of the year. Interested parties may contact their parish office or CFIA for an application and more information.

*In gratitude,
Lisa C. Brennan*

FINANCIAL NEWS

Total receipts for August 2021	\$38,178 (anticipated budget amount of \$30,583)
Total expenditures for August 2021	\$28,987 (anticipated budget amount of \$31,748)
Total receipts for 2021 as of 8/31/2021	\$263,521 (anticipated budget amount of \$244,664)
Total expenditures for 2021 as of 8/31/2021	\$320,040 (anticipated budget amount of \$253,990)
Mortgage principal paid in August 2021	\$2,800
Total mortgage paid in 2021	\$22,097
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$53,396
Cash - Unrestricted	\$40,371 (CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$59,487

TREASURER'S REPORT As of August 31, 2021

Submitted by Max Eakin 9/12/2021

Fair Trade Store

Mike Williams | vablu2@aol.com

Newsletter

Olivia Cross
love2haveu@ourlords.org

Sunday School & VBS

Lisa White

Facebook

Katie Noga
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LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

- All Saint's Day, Nov 1
- First Day of American Indian Heritage Month
- All Souls Day, Nov 2
- Daylight Savings, Nov 7
- First Communion, Nov 7
- Veteran's Day, Nov 11
- Newsletter Deadline, Nov 15
- Dedication Weekend, Nov 20-21
- Thanksgiving, Nov 25
- Native American Heritage Day, Nov 26

DECEMBER

- Greening of the Church, Dec 4
- Fair Trade Christmas Store, Dec 10-11
- Christmas Program, Dec 11-12
- Newsletter Deadline, Dec 15
- Fair Trade Christmas Store, Dec 17-18
- Christmas Eve, Dec 24
- Christmas Day, Dec 25
- Christmas With Our Neighbors, Dec 25
- Annual Reports Due, Dec 30
- New Year's Eve, Dec 31

JANUARY

- New Year's Day, Jan 1
- Baptism of Our Lord, Jan 8-9
- OLLC Congregational Retreat, Jan 15-16 (*tentative*)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan 17
- Newsletter Deadline, Jan 18
- Annual Congregational Meeting, Jan 30

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances. All events are subject to change due to COVID-19.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC Staff

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
TBD, Director of Non-Traditional Music
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Chery Sides, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

Church Council

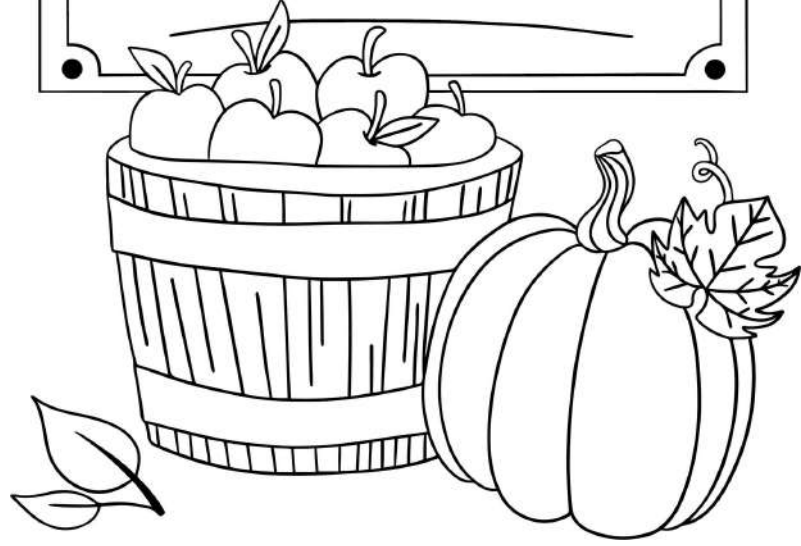
Tom Steinmann, President
Dana Callahan, Vice President
Laura Schoenecker, Secretary
Dr. Max Eakin, Treasurer
Linda Hester, At Large
Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

LICMA

Laura Schoenecker
(Council Representative)
Rhonda Comrie
(Steering Team Representative)
Brian Henderson
Mike Hester
Stacie Kirk
Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer

Steering Team

Ed & Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators
Lyn Kampwerth (Education)
Rhonda Comrie (Fellowship)
Matt Blind (IT)
TBD (Service)
Kalonny Short (Worship)



PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

MONTHLY
GIVING
EMPHASIS:

THE BAIL PROJECT &
THE ETHICS PROJECT

1
Pastor's Sabbath
2:00 PM Book Club - LC
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC

2
7:00 AM Worker Bees (Men's Club)
3:45 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service

3
8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM High School Sunday School Class
10:45 AM Traditional Service

4
Feast of St. Francis
10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas

5
3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC
7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC

6
Pastor On Vacation
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC

7
Pastor On Vacation
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

8
Pastor Vacation
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
TIME TBD Confirmation Class

9
Pastor On Vacation
3:45 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service

10
Pastor On Vacation
8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM High School Sunday School Class
10:45 AM Traditional Service

11
Pastor On Vacation
Columbus Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day
10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas
6:30 pm Steering Team Meeting

12
Pastor On Vacation
3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement

13
5:00 PM Bible Crunchers
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC
7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club - WC

14
10:00 AM Morning Glories
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

15
Pastor's Sabbath
Newsletter Deadline
1:00 PM Book Club - LC
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - WC

16
11:00 AM Maryville Fall Festival
2:00 PM Wedding: Homes & Karp
3:45 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service

17
8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM High School Sunday School Class
10:45 AM Traditional Service
1:00 PM SOS Lunch Assembly
2:00 PM Monthly Bike Ride

18
10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC
11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club
1:00 PM Making Connections - WC
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas
6:30 PM Church Council Meeting

19
3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement

20
5:00 PM Bible Crunchers
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC

21
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC

22
Pastor's Sabbath
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC

23
3:45 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service

24
8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM High School Sunday School Class
10:45 AM Traditional Service
12:00 PM First Communion Training

25
10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC
1:00 PM Making Connections - WC
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas

26
3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement

27
5:00 Bible Crunchers

28
10:00 AM Morning Glories
4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC
7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

29
Pastor's Sabbath
3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC

30
Reformation Weekend
10:00 AM SOS Lunch Assembly - Confirmation Class
3:45 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service

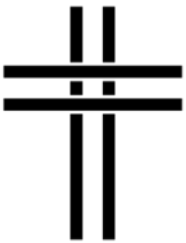
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Reformation Sunday
8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM High School Sunday School Class
10:45 AM Traditional Service
12:00 PM First Com. Training



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