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Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place.

1 Kings 8:28-29

King Solomon of ancient Israel prayed these words when he dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem. And even before then, those who had an encounter with God marked the place so it could be found in the future. Then people could gather in that place and give thanks for what God had done, was doing, and would do. I know that the church is not a building. The church is people. But that does not mean our buildings are not important. In our buildings we worship, learn, plan, serve, and fellowship with one another. The property of Our Lord's Lutheran is one of the many assets we use for ministry. This place is full of memories and potential. The fruits that we will bear in the future grow in a rich topsoil that rests on the foundation of Jesus our Lord.

On Sunday, May 7 we will celebrate our freedom from all indebtedness on our buildings and land. This is a huge accomplishment. Your Council President, Karen Cummings-Larson highlights this in her column on page 10. I have never been a part of a Mortgage Burning Celebration before and as the day draws near, my excitement is growing. This is a celebration of the good stewardship of this congregation. The generosity of members made it possible to be "Debt Free by 2023." Our celebration on May 7 is about people, money, property, memories, hopes and dreams. Both Saturday worshippers and Sunday morning worshippers will come together at 10:15 am for a program that includes remarks from two former pastors, a current and a former treasurer, and a current and a former Council president. Weather permitting, we will go outside for the burning of a copy of the mortgage papers. Then we will complete the program inside and enjoy good food and conversation at a Potluck meal. (Please see page 4 for potluck assignments.) It is fitting that we do this in the season of Easter, a season when Jesus shows up again and again sharing food and preparing disciples, then and now, for a new beginning.

Pastor K



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"Called to share Christ's Love with all."

PENTECOST REFLECTION: GOD GIVES MORE THAN ENOUGH

So entrenched in the ways of grief and guilt are the disciples locked away in the upper room that the Risen One in their midst needs to offer his life-giving invitation twice: "Peace be with you."

The logic of the new age is *peace*, not retribution; *forgiveness*, not vengeance.

Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so now are these disciples sent as witnesses to God's saving work.

Pentecost is therefore the crowning achievement of the Jesus story. Now, more than ever, these huddled disciples would have just cause to sing the "Dayenu" ("It would have been enough") verses from the Passover seder meal, but revised: It would have been enough for the Word and wisdom of God to have been born in the flesh...Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to say to his enemies, "Father, forgive them"... Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to have died on a cross for us...Dayenu! It would have been enough that he rose again in blessing, not vengeance... Dayenu! But now, beyond what we would even expect—the Word becomes our word and it is written on our hearts at Pentecost ...Dayenu! It is enough, and more than enough to enflame our ministry of reconciliation in a world in need of a healing word.

Sunday Hospitality Time has resumed. Please drop by the Commons after service for a cup of coffee or tea and a treat. Saturday Hospitality Hour continues each week as a light meal is shared.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

May 6 & 7

Fifth Weekend of Easter

"A Place for Us"

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-4

*Burning of the Mortgage
Celebration on Sunday*

May 13 & 14

Sixth Weekend of Easter

"Not Alone"

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

*Mother's Day – two services
this Sunday (9 and 10:45)*

May 20 & 21

Seventh Weekend of Easter

"Praying for Us"

Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11

May 27 & 28

Pentecost

"Clothed with Power from On High"

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

Saturday Service | 5:00 PM
Sunday Service | 9:00 AM (& 10:45 am
on the 2nd Sunday of the month)

5:00 pm and 9:00 am services will be livestreamed. Not all scriptures listed above will be used for Saturday services.

MAY GIVING EMPHASIS – VBS!

Jerusalem Marketplace

Come to the Marketplace as it was in days of old...

It has been many years since the grounds at Our Lord's was transformed into the Marketplace where Jesus walked among the people. Please join us at Jerusalem Marketplace from **June 5-9, 2023**. Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/213074758684163>. This year's VBS will feature:

Light supper served nightly from 5:00-5:50 at the Oasis Café (Fellowship Hall)

Become a member of a *Tribal Family*

Participate in *tie dyeing, pottery making, jewelry making, and brickmaking*

Visit the *Synagogue School*

Be entertained by the daily *dramas and music*

Visit the credenza in the Narthex where signup sheets are available for VBS volunteers. You can volunteer to become a shopkeeper, Tribal leader, or actor in one of the nightly dramas. Also, volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up the nightly meals.

There is a Marketplace Well in the Narthex. There is a need for donations to help with the decorating, shop materials, etc. Please look over the Wishing Well list below (it is also in the Narthex at the Well). Please drop off all donations at the Well by **May 21**.

- Solid colored or striped bed sheets (any size)
- Colorful lightweight blankets
- Old scatter rugs
- Scarves
- Beading/gemstone stickers
- Kids wading pool
- Small clay pots (need 16)
- Washable paints & paint brushes
- Plastic table coverings (any color)
- Leather lacing
- Individually wrapped snacks & drinks
- Music Direction & Support (\$240)
- Styluses
- Burlap
- Permanent markers AND fabric markers
- Disposable bowls
- Gallon zip lock bag (need 50-60 bags)
- Disposable plastic gloves (small, medium)
- 25 lb. box Crayola air dry clay
(at Target online for \$49.95)
- Rubber bands (large size)
- Bale of hay
- Yarmulkes
- Rolls of duct tape

Many hours of planning go into creating this adventure for young and young-at-heart. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. For information and questions, please contact Lisa White at 618-972-6594 or Kathy Nehrt at 618-304-0473.



EVENTS



MAYOR'S PRAYER DINNER

The annual Mayor's Prayer Dinner will take place on **Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 pm**. Please join in this time of prayer, music, recognition of **Maryville Outreach Center** volunteers, and delicious food. Tickets are required, since this dinner is being catered by Uncle Linny's. There is no charge for the ticket, but you are welcome to give money to support the work of the Maryville Outreach Center at the dinner. A Free-will Offering will be gathered. You may pick up a ticket at the church office or from Pastor Kratzer **by May 1**. (If for any reason your plans change, return your ticket so we have an accurate count.)

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE



A celebratory "burning of the mortgage" will take place on **Sunday, May 7, 2023!** The celebration begins with Festival Worship at **9 am**. It continues with a program at **10:15 am** including remarks from current and former Pastors, Church Council Presidents, and Treasurers. Speakers will include Pastor John Lottes, Pastor Chuck Miller, a message from Pastor Dealey, a tribute to Pastor Park, Karen Cummings-Larson, Tim Schoenecker, Max Eakin, and Alan Kramer. Then a celebratory potluck meal will take place in the Fellowship Hall at **11:15 am**. Potluck assignments are as follows (if your last name begins with...):

- A- E: entrees
- F - J: side dishes
- K - O: salads
- P - Z: desserts

SPRING FLING, SPRING CLEAN!

It is time for cleaning at OLLC! The 2022 remodel of the Worship Center is complete but cleaning and routine maintenance are necessary. In addition, time and efforts must be extended to cleaning and maintaining the Life Center. We are asking congregation members to contribute a few hours of their time to assist with cleaning tasks. In order to share the workload, please 'adopt' a room or space and complete a "spring cleaning" of the space by signing up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Please then collect a cleaning checklist from the church office (this can be sent via email or text as well!). If you cannot take on an entire space but feel you can assist with one or two tasks within a space, let us know and we will include your help within one of the spaces. Two weekends are being identified to clean the faculties.

May 6 & 13 (lunch will be provided on both days). You can work during a time that is convenient for you or you can help on the 6th or 13th. We are asking that the spring cleaning of OLLC be completed by **May 13**. As you clean your self-identified space make a list of repairs needed and pass the repair information to Olivia. Once you have completed your cleaning, please notify Olivia so the space can be removed from the list. Questions should be directed to Karen Cummings-Larson 314-306-5987.

MIND THE GAP

During the spring and summer months, many of us will be traveling for family occasions and vacations. If you stay in a hotel and don't use the soaps or shampoos in the mini bottles, please save them for Mind the Gap. We use them in hygiene kits and the small bottles are space savers for the homeless living out of a backpack.

OLLC FAIR TRADE MINISTRY

If you prefer grinding your own coffee or have an all-in-one machine that does it all for you, there is good news. We have been out of Colombian and Ethiopian whole bean coffees for a while. THEY'RE BACK!! But don't forget, we also have the Breakfast Blend Decaf, that is served for hospitality in whole bean form also.



Also don't forget, there are over three weeks left of the Easter season. There are plenty of Easter items left in the shop (i.e. candy, bunnies, etc.). We have so many other special occasions coming, (i.e. Mother's Day, Just Because Day, Father's Day). With all the additional gift items there, be sure and check the small room behind the shop door for all the treasures.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

JIM & TERRI SCHICKEL

If you had a warning label, what would it say?

Jim: Buyer beware!

Terri: Coffee first!



Favorite place on earth?

Jim: Beach

Terri: With my family

Funniest movie ever?

Jim: Blues Brothers

Terri: Elf

Welcome



Favorite summer activity?

Jim: Fishing, being outdoors

Tell us a little bit about your family:

We have two daughters, Madison and Heidi.

We have been married for 35 years.

We have a five month old puppy, Otis.

We have three grandchildren (9, 5, 1 and a half) that live in Edwardsville.

Most of our life, we lived in Taylor Ridge, IL.

HOMEWORK HELP & HOOPS (HHH) SUMMER CAMP

St. John Church, in partnership with The Collinsville Food Pantry, Collinsville Township, and the S.O.S. Soup Kitchen will again be hosting a free summer lunch program for children 4 years to 18 years of age. The program is on Monday-Thursday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and will begin on **Monday, June 5** and run through **Thursday, July 27**.

Along with a free hot lunch, the children receive a variety of activities including cooking & nutrition, arts & crafts, P.E., music, science, reading, and math. The Collinsville Food Pantry provides Tote Me Home bags to all the children who qualify for free and/or reduced lunch because of food insecurity at home. This year we need help with VOLUNTEERS to:

- Assist the cook in the kitchen one or more days a week from 10:30-1:00.
- Encourage and listen to students read on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Lesson plan and teach in the Preschool Classroom.
- TEACH THE KIDS A HOBBY OR LIFE SKILL THAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT! Could include Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama, sign language, knitting, chess, juggling, CPR, fishing, etc. We will work to accommodate your schedule.

If you would like to volunteer to help at HHH Summer Camp, please contact Dana at 618-344-2526.

BECOME AN HHH SPONSOR!

Through the St. John HHH Summer Camp program, we have been able to provide a free lunch for children 4 to 18 years old. It is operated solely on donations! Consider becoming an HHH Sponsor! You will be recognized for your support on our HHH Facebook page and your name will be printed on our HHH T-Shirts.

- Bronze - Donate up to \$99
- Silver - Donate \$100-\$249
- Gold - Donate \$250 or more

Checks should be made out to St. John Church – HHH. You may drop off or mail your check to St. John Church, Attention Dana, 307 West Clay St., Collinsville, IL 62234. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like more information, please contact Dana at 618-344-2526.

AUDIT OF CHURCH FINANCES

Our Lord's Lutheran is in the process of undergoing an internal audit. It has been several years since the last audit was completed and the council determined it was time to evaluate the financial health of Our Lord's once again. The OLLC audit will be completed by voting members of Our Lord's. Mike Blotevogel, Mark Holshouser, and John Nehrt have agreed to serve on the Audit Committee. The audit will include verification of financial giving and disbursements. Therefore, a member from the Committee may ask you for verification of financial dealings you may have had with Our Lord's. We are asking that you respond and provide information in a timely manner and to the best of your ability.

Please contact Pastor Darla Ann or a member of the Council with any questions regarding the audit.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We're now on summer break!

PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Pre-K and Kindergarteners meet in Classroom 4 at the Life Center!

Sundays at 10:15 am



OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

We will next meet on May 7 at 1 pm in the Youth Room to assemble hygiene kits for youth at the Madison County Juvenile Justice System.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

High School Sunday School meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room.

Sundays at 10:15 am

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We meet in Classroom 2 at the Life Center for crafts and fun Bible-oriented activities!

Sundays at 10:15 am

OLY & friends working at the "Feed My Starving Children" Mobile Pack Event on April 22



GRADUATIONS

If you or a relative/friend are graduating this year and wish to be acknowledged in the June newsletter, please let Olivia know. Information required:

- name
- date of graduation
- school
- degree level
- degree subject
- (optional) future plans after graduation



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am

We meet in the Life Center Conference Room. We are currently watching "The Chosen," the "first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." For more information, please visit: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays at 4:30 pm

We meet in either the Worship Center Fellowship Hall, or, weather permitting, Drost Park, Shelter 5. We are currently studying evangelism.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

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

The Ten Commandments by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

(May 2023) Session four (continued from April): Guardrails for love of God and neighbor (Commandments 7,8,9 & 10) In this fourth and final session, we will consider sayings from Proverbs and other biblical wisdom related to minding our tongues, integrity in the marketplace, and practical ways to serve our neighbors.

We will meet for lunch later in May. Date and time TBD!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

We meet in the Worship Center Conference Room. We are currently watching "The Chosen," the "first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." For more information, please visit: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE:

During the months of June, July, and August, choir and bells will not rehearse or perform. Cady Thomas Potts, our Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services, will also not be on staff in the capacity of this position. She will resume her regular duties in September. She will continue to provide special music and serve as an accompanist over the summer months.



OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Performances: Monthly on 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

OLLC PRAISE BAND

Time: Saturdays 3:30 pm (practice)

5:00 pm (performance)

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact lemuelsing@ourlords.org



OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

We will next meet on May 15 at 11:30 am. We will be discussing *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Bringing your lunch is optional. The meeting can be made available on Zoom upon request.



TUESDAY TEA

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

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

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171 (we will not meet on April 4 or April 11)

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

We will next meet on **May 24** in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm. Please contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!



CRAFTS & LAUGHS

The second Tuesday of each month we will meet to create a craft and share in the fun of being together. Engage in 'make and takes' anyone can do! Experience crafting for the entire family--young or nearly young, ladies or men! Next session will be **May 9, 6:30 p.m.** All Craft & Laugh events are \$10/craft per evening. Crafting begins at 6:30-? Bring your own drink and a snack to share if you desire. RSVP & pre-pay by the Sunday prior to each craft night. Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) or Karen Larson (314-306-5987) if you plan to attend the March event.

SOS SOUP KITCHEN

The SoS team continues to be a much-needed outreach mission for our community. We have noticed an increase in the number of patrons served due to the increase in the price of food. They have been greatly appreciative of the support and routinely ask us to share their thanks with our congregation. So, a big THANKS!

We are scheduled to serve **May 11th St John's**. All the items needed to prepare the casseroles are identified on the signup sheet in the Narthex - all items must be at OLLC by noon May 11. We will again assemble the casseroles on site at St John's - prep starts around 3:00 and we serve at 5:30. We have been serving somewhere between 125 - 150 patrons. Please sign up on the sheets as you can support the mission.

We enjoy great fellowship though out the day/evening of serving. Our team of "cooks and dishwashers" has grown over time, but we're always excited to see new teammates. If you have any questions, please reach out to Gail Jorgenson (618-581-8692). THANK YOU again as you provide food, volunteer time, and pray for this community meal.



MAY COUNCIL BRIEFS

I have been talking about paying off the church mortgage for several months yet you may wonder why is this accomplishment worthy of months of discussion and celebration. The final payment of the OLLC mortgage is “a BIG DEAL!” Our Lord’s has carried a mortgage against the church property for over half of a century. Consider this scenario—you bought a home in 1967 and made payments on the mortgage every month for the next **56** years for a total of **672** months. Shortly after making the final payment you received a statement indicating a zero balance. Wouldn’t you be excited? Wouldn’t you be looking forward to a **debt-free future** and thinking of how this accomplishment could change your life? If this happened to me, I know I would be shouting with joy and dreaming of possibilities. This is the reality of OLLC and it ***IS time for Our Lord’s to celebrate!***

During the April Council meeting we discussed the upcoming mortgage celebration, next steps for conducting an internal audit of the church finances, the new signage at the intersection of Hwy. 159 and frontage road (*special thanks to Joe & Georgeann Smithies*), and plumbing repairs in the Life Center which are scheduled to begin May 9. Each month the Council is faced with new challenges and tasks to be completed but through it all there comes feelings of achievement and anticipation as we look to a future that is debt-free.

I was recently introduced to the Romero Prayer by Pastor Darla Ann. I offer the Prayer here as a reminder to look to God for direction as we consider the future possibilities at Our Lord’s.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church’s mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

I know that God has magnificent things in store for Our Lord’s. It is time to plan for the future and then take steps to fulfill our vision. Let us pause and celebrate the accomplishment in paying off the mortgage then ask God to guide us as we continue to do His work.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson

If you would like to discuss becoming involved in the leadership at OLLC, (serving on church council or as part of the ministry support team) please contact Pastor Darla Ann or a council member.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the church office for access information.

You may read the previous month’s minutes here: tinyurl.com/4fmv76k2

FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash Assets of the Congregation

Cash - Unrestricted	\$38,439
Cash - Designated	\$59,174
	\$97,613

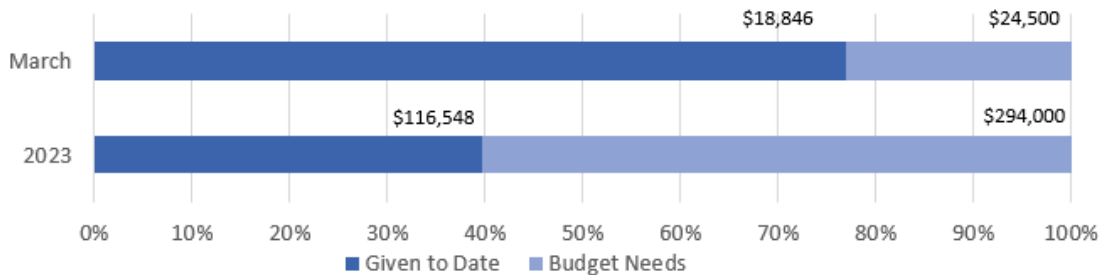
Balances in Selected Designated Funds

Building and Grounds	\$6,522
Fair Trade	\$949
Funeral Luncheons	\$1,461
IT	\$1,047
Kitchen Team	\$842
Musical Performance	\$100
Our Lord's Youth	\$13,294
Harry Thiel estate bequest	\$21,493
Memorial	\$4,724
Camperships	\$3,775
Mind the Gap	\$2,167
People in A Pickle	\$947
SOS Soup Kitchen	\$1,726

(financial figures are taken from a report given to the OLLC Council by Treasurer Max Eakin)

Please note: payments labeled "Cooling Our Lord's," "Restoring Our Lord's," or "VIF/Boom, Mortgage, etc." will be deposited into "Building and Grounds," as the aforementioned funds are no longer active (remodeling has been completed and the mortgage has been paid off!).

2023 General Benevolence Summary (Non-Designated Funds) (as of 3/31/2023)



For March

GB (non-designated funds) as of 3/31/2023: \$18,846
 Monthly Budget Needs: \$24,500
 Shortage for March (Budget Needs - Giving): \$5,654
 March expenditures: \$27,400

For 2023

GB (non-designated funds) as of 1/1 - 3/31/2023: \$116,548
 Budget Needs for 2023: \$294,000
 Needed for 2023 (2023 Budget - Giving): \$177,452
 Year To Date Expenditures: \$77,649

Additional Funds Received 3/1-3/31/2023

Designated Giving: \$7,429

Additional Funds Received 1/1-3/31/2023

Designated Giving: \$19,387

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 June's Newsletter): Monday, May 15, 2023.

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 at: www.elca.org/prayerventures

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

ELCA WEBSITE: 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 sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.

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

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



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Dora Clawges

Adam White

Kirby Orr

Claire Blind

Cindy Pugh

Alison Hancock

Ed Foppe

Adam Rimar

Aidan Truckenbrod

Devon Sallee

AJ Wieser

Deb Perry

Terry Ackerman

Becky Fremder

Jeff Scheiter

Eric Sutton

Kristen Gunderson

Alex Corrie

Kurtis Nemsky



Liz Blind

Anya Cvjianovic

Cindy Diggs

Linda Eakin

Roberta Wibben

Casey Eakin

Sean Micnheimer

Andrea Giese

Shellie Lackey

Peggy Pick-Sutton

Lizzy White

David & Lisa White

Brad & Lisa Bush

Billy & Diana Huster

Bryan & Nicole Soehnlin

Kelvin & Susan Peterson

Erik & Stacie Kirk

Cynthia & Charlie Jorgenson

David & Sharon Schroeder

Andrew & Jodie Nehrt

Jack & Karen Hammond

Julie & Jacob Preston



FAITH IN ACTION

CFiA Monthly Updates for Partner Churches

Please join us for Quarterly Coffee on **Thursday, May 4**. This casual gathering is for current and potential CFiA volunteers to meet like-minded people who want to help our community members. We meet at 10AM, 233 N. Seminary St. in Collinsville. All are welcome! If you're ready to put your faith into action, Collinsville Faith in Action is the place to do it.

Tickets are now on sale! Faith in Action's Auction Dinner and Awards Ceremony will be held **Friday, July 14** at the Collinsville Gateway Convention Center. Plan to join us as we celebrate 25 years of service to the community, honor our founders, leaders, and volunteers, and enjoy a fun and inspiring evening. Doors open at 530, dinner at 6, silent and oral auctions, and a ceremony to thank those who have made CFiA a community treasure for 25 years. Visit our website <https://fiacollinsville.org/> or call us for tickets, 618-344-8080.

In gratitude,

Lisa C. Brennan,
Executive Director

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Masks are currently optional on our Lord's campus. We will, however, continue to provide extra surgical and KN95 masks for those who may need one. Singing and verbal responses are welcome along with socializing before and after worship. We thank everyone for understanding the safety needs and preferences of all those in our midst. For questions or to reserve building space: **(618) 345-5692** or love2haveu@ourlords.org



WORKER BEES

Worker Bees will next meet on **Saturday, May 6**. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.



Mower/Trimmer Schedule

Date:	Mower:	Trimmer:
May 4-6	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
May 11-13	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
May 18-20	Scott Comrie	Tom Messina
May 25-27	-	Steve Hoelscher



If you are interested in becoming a mower or trimmer, please contact the office!

PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

KC Jensen	Isaac Simwinga
Angel Lipham	Rosemary Nafukwe
Ken Bunetic	Rod & Sharon Summer
Vickie Finan	Pat Patterson
Mary & David Finley	Yvonne Tritt
Jolie Boeger	Carol Gendron
Sarah Mastic	David Dow
Marsha Morgan	Jim
Mariella Smith	Jan Berkbigler
Debbie June Thompson	Doris Beck
Mary Larson	Diane Daubs
Marilyn Wolfe	Rosy Park
Mary Cambron	Heather
Dawn Cavins	Deb
Joni Joseph Owens	

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Kim Payne	Kathy Hoelscher
Dan Homes	Carole Callahan
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THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

The families of: Brenda Grigg Jodi Miles Lorta Linda Vitt Phil Davis

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
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SrA Paul Kampwerth
SrA Lucas Maue
John Meyer
Zachary Neubauer
Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYER OF ANTICIPATION

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod met in assembly on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to conduct the first ballot for the election of a bishop and to accept nominations for treasurer, discipline committee, and youth representative to Synod Council.

The complete lists are available at [CSIS-ELCA.org](https://www.csis-elca.org).

The new bishop will be announced at the June Synod Assembly. Please be in prayer for our voting members, our synod and the nominees.

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

- First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Jun 1
- Synod Assembly, Jun 1-3
- Holy Trinity Sunday, Jun 4
- Vacation Bible School, Jun 5-9
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, Jun 11
- Flag Day, Jun 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Jun 15
- Father's Day, Jun 17
- Juneteenth, Jun 18

Giving Emphasis: Faith In Action

JULY

- Independence Day, Jul 4 (Church Office Closed)
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, Jul 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 14

Giving Emphasis: School Supplies

AUGUST

- Blessing of the Backpacks and School Supplies, Aug 5-6
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, Aug 13
- Mary, Mother of Our Lord, Aug 15
- Newsletter Deadline, Aug 15

Giving Emphasis: Lutheran Campus Ministries

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
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Lemuel Smith, Director of Non-Traditional Worship Music
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson, President
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Linda Hester, At Large
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

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Cindy Pugh (Fellowship)
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Cinco de Mayo



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answer: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)



Let's do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB



PUZZLE

The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across


- 1. natural movement of air
- 4. to say something
- 5. refrain from work
- 7. place where God is
- 8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
- 9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
- 10. the time between sunrise and sunset
- 12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

- 2. followers of Christ
- 3. moved apart
- 6. quickly and unexpectedly
- 7. a building where people live
- 11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

MAY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 10:00 AM Giving Emphasis Team Meeting 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 1:30 PM People In A Pickle Meeting 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting	2 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	3 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 4:30 PM Feeding The Soul	4 5:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Mayor's Prayer Dinner 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 Cinco de Mayo Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	6 7:00 AM Worker Bees 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
7 Easter 5 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM "Burning of the Mortgage" Program 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 11:15 AM Celebratory Potluck - WC Fellowship Hall 1:00 PM OLY	8 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Calendar Planning Meeting	9 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea 6:30 PM Crafts & Laughs- WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	10 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 4:30 PM Feeding The Soul 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC	11 10:00 AM Morning Glories 5:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	13 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
14 Easter 6 Mother's Day 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:AM Coffee & Hospitality - WC Commons 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 10:45 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club - LC 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	16 Pastor K away for Continuing Ed. 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	17 Pastor K away for Continuing Ed. 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	18 Pastor K away for Continuing Ed. 5:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	19 Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	20 10:00 AM La Leche League - WC 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
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28 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:AM Coffee & Hospitality - WC Commons	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	31 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:</p>  <p>VBS</p> </div>		

"CALLED TO SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE WITH ALL."



**OUR LORD'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO THE...**

**Burning of the Mortgage
May 7, 2023**

Including:

9:00 am - Festival Worship

10:15 am - Program featuring remarks by current
and former Pastors, Council Presidents, and Treasurers

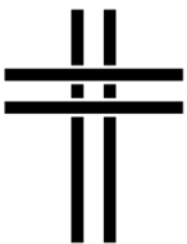
11:15 am - Celebratory Potluck
in the Fellowship Hall



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