



OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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

Pastor Kratzer

GETTING TO KNOW MELINDA STEIN

Favorite place on earth? My craft/sewing room

Funniest movie ever? Not a funny movie type of person. Give me a sci fi, action adventure, or horror movie any day.

What's the best gift you ever received? My granddaughter

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? It isn't new but for me it is FaceTime. My granddaughter lives in Virginia so this way I get to talk and see her weekly.

Tell us a little about your family . I moved to Troy in 1991 from Washington, DC after my divorce. I have 2 boys. Joshua is my oldest and he and his wife Roxana gave me my granddaughter. He works for Amazon. My youngest son Jacob lives with his girlfriend in St. Louis. He has been a St Louis City Police officer for almost 12 years. I am one proud mom. My sister Lisa and I have lived together for almost 12 years. Prior to that we lived next door to each other for several years. We decided to pool our resources and move in together. We are still both alive!!!

Tell us a little about your work background. After I moved to Troy in 1991, I started nursing school in 1992. I graduated in 1996. I worked at Barnes for almost 20 years as a staff nurse. I now work as a case manager for Anthem BCBS and have the luxury of working from home.



Called to
share
Christ's love
with all

OUR LORD'S NEWS

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What has been your fortress during the pandemic? Your home, your yard, your friends, your family, the Psalms? other scripture passages? What has been your fortress?

During the month of October, Lutherans remember our beginnings as a distinct branch of the Christian family tree. All Saint's Eve, or Halloween as we know it, was when Luther posted a set of statements calling for the reform of the church. His action set off a tumultuous time filled with claims and counter claims, accusations and a rendering of the church. New media (the printing press) and old (paintings by artists) circulated the arguments of reformers. And all this happened in a time of recurring plagues and societal upheaval.

Luther needed a fortress. And God provided for his need. There were both physical fortresses (the Wartburg Castle) and less tangible fortresses that God provided. God used people and the scriptures to meet Luther's need. Luther recognized this when he wrote, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing." (ELW #505)

During these past six to nine months, we have been inundated with news of a flood of ills from the pandemic to entrenched racism to fires, hurricanes, and monsoons. Like Luther, we too need a fortress in which we may be strengthened for the challenging work of caring for those who are injured and oppressed. In verse two of his hymn Luther wrote, "If we in our own strength confide, our striving turns to losing; the righteous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choosing." Jesus is here in the midst of this tumultuous time. God is at work to provide for your need, and to use you to provide for the needs of others. Allow the grace of God to flow into you as you rest in your fortress.

Pastor Kratzer



OCTOBER SPEAKER SERIES

October 7, 14, 21

7:00 pm on Zoom

The featured speaker on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm is Zach Schmidt. Zach is senior regional organizer with Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Based in Crystal Lake, Illinois, Zach is responsible for identifying, training and equipping leaders and congregations in the Midwest to actively engage in advocacy to end hunger. Zach studied Bible and theology at Bethel University (St. Paul, MN) and Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA). He loves being a husband and father of seven children, and in (rare) quiet moments, he enjoys reading and spending time outdoors.

On October 14, we will hear from a panel on incarceration and the legal justice system. And, on October 21, a panel of speakers will address the current state of immigration issues in our nation.

Our custom URL is <http://bit.ly/OLLCspeakers>

Or you may use:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86065196563?pwd=b0pac1crV1dIYzVVdldlaHJmMmhwdz09>

Or, Meeting ID: 860 6519 6563 Passcode: 570162

SCRIPTURES FOR ONLINE & OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Most weekends we will use two or three of the scriptures listed below as a part of the worship service. All four Revised Common Lectionary text references are listed here for your personal reading. May you be edified by these readings as you prepare for the weekend services.



Restore us,
O God Almighty;
make your face shine
upon us, that we
may be saved.

Psalm 80:7, NIV

October 3 and 4

World Communion Weekend

“God’s Love Song”

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 10 and 11

“The Great Banquet”

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 17 and 18

“I Pledge Allegiance”

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 24 and 25

Reformation Weekend – Lectionary 30

“What Would Luther Do?”

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18; Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

October 31 and November 1

All Saint’s Weekend

“Remembering the Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12



A combination of indoor services, Chapel in the Pines services, and Parking Lot (FM 93.3) services will be offered during the month of October. Please watch your Weekend Update for the announcement of the first indoor services and the schedule for each weekend.

Communion elements for all services are in Pre-Packaged Celebration Cups that contain Grape Juice and a small wafer (under a separate seal on the top of the cup). Gluten-Free wafers are available for those who have a food sensitivity.

PRAISE BAND OUTDOOR CONCERT AND WORSHIP SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 4:50 pm
OLLC PARKING LOT

The Praise Band will be offering a Concert with a service of Holy Communion on Saturday, October 17. There will be a trailer serving as a platform for the band as they lead music beginning at 4:50 pm. Just as they did in June, there will be a concert of approximately 30 minutes in length following the worship service.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:2
(paraphrased)

“If you’re gonna play the game boy, you gotta learn to play it right.
You gotta know when to hold em, know when to fold em
Know when to walk away and when to run.
“The Gambler,” lyrics by Don Schlitz

I have always thought of the Gambler lyrics as the paraphrase of Ecclesiastes 3:2. They just mirror one another. Sacred vs secular. Same theme. Different variations.

Two years ago, almost to the day, Loretta Williams suggested my name to Pastor Park as someone to interview for the recently vacated Director of Traditional Music position. The rest, as they say, is history.

2020 marked my 50th year as a church musician. My first official church gig was playing for my sister’s wedding. I remember vividly Anita telling us that she would be married in a year. “Great,” I said, “I will play for the wedding.” She enthusiastically agreed. The look of shock on my mother’s face was palpable.

“Play what?” my mother queried. “The organ,” I replied. “But you don’t play the organ,” she said with more than a little sarcasm. And with the hubris that only an 8th grader can fully own, I said, “I have a year to learn,” and off we went to find someone to teach me. MaeBeth Davis was the answer to that particular prayer.

Before his death from Alzheimer’s, my father was being shaved by my sister in the house he had lived in for 55 years. Seated on the edge of the tub, he had a sudden memory of the roles being reversed to a time when he was bathing my then three-year-old sister in the very same tub.

The realization of the moment became crystal clear when he said to her, in a rare moment of clarity, “Time certainly has gone by fast hasn’t it, Anita?” Today I must concur. It certainly has gone by fast.

My father’s mother, Cora Chiles, outlived three husbands. Her greatest joy, however, was with her first husband, Harry Decker. They travelled the country as lead-in acts to WC Fields on vaudeville stages throughout the country. When vaudeville gave way to talkies, WC Fields moved into the theaters and Grandma and Harry moved on to join PT Barnum and Bailey Circus. Traveling and performing were her first loves.

Grandma was 80 years old when I was born. I am fortunate to have such vivid memories of her playing the piano by ear on her frequent visits to our house. One day she said to me, “Boy, I love all of my kids and grandkids, but if I had my druthers, I would druther be on the next train to the next town for the next show.”

She sighed and returned to playing. I didn’t understand exactly what she was saying at the time. But I do now.

It has been a joy directing the choir, the handbells and leading worship at Our Lord’s. Working with Rhonda and Cherie have been rich personal and musical experiences also. Then Pastor Park and now Pastor Kratzer give wonderful insights into their ministries and pastoral roles.

The Byrd’s recording “Turn, Turn, Turn” is playing as I write this letter of thanks to the choir, handbells, musicians and you, the members of Our Lord’s Lutheran Church.

Time certainly has gone by fast. It always does when you are having fun!

Dr. Harvey Chiles
Former Director of Traditional Music

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S ANNUAL OFFERING OF LETTERS – OCTOBER 10 & 11

Bread for the World's 2020 Offering of Letters to Congress: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow urges Congress to pass legislation that provides nutrition for vulnerable people in the United States and abroad. Our faith calls us to stand alongside women and children around the world. This work has taken on greater urgency with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Pastor Kratzer has led congregations to participate in this annual offering of letters on five occasions during the past twenty years. This is an ideal year for Our Lord's members to offer their letters as an act of worship during weekend services. Furthermore, on the Wednesday prior to this offering, Zach Schmidt of Bread for the World will be the featured presenter at our Speaker Series on Zoom.

A SPECIAL GIFT

Last month Our Lord's Lutheran Church received the following note with a check from the Harry Thiel estate in the amount of \$21,700.00

Dear Ones,

Harry and I have been blessed in our lives in many ways, but most especially by our faith and our family. We have planned for many years to make gifts to a number of charitable organizations and family members. With Harry's passing, I am blessed and take joy (in the presence of Harry's spirit) in being able to share these gifts with you now while setting aside what will be needed for my well-being, pleasure and care in the coming years.

Please accept our gift to you, which is made possible by the death benefit from Harry's life insurance policies. Therefore, there will be not taxes due on your part.

As our beloved Harry so often said: "He delighteth in me." And so do we delighteth in you.

**With love,
Lynn and Harry**

In 2 Corinthians 9:11 the apostle Paul writes, "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us." Lynn and Harry generously shared their time, abilities, money, and love with this congregation for decades. That produced beautiful relationships and much thanksgiving while they were here. Now, following his death, they have blessed our congregation with their generosity once more. Thanks be to God!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FOR THIRD GRADERS

Pastor Kratzer will be working with the parents of third graders to prepare their children for First Communion. Class sessions will be done over Zoom. The hope is that the children will be able to celebrate their First Communion on Sunday, November 1 at the 10:45 am worship service in the sanctuary. If your child (or grandchild) is in the third-grade, or older and has not yet begun communing, please text or call Pastor Kratzer at 330-244-7963 so she may include your family in the class.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY



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 October. Fall 2020: "Holy Time" by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. In this three-session Bible study, the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni invites us to remember the past, recognize the present and reimagine the future.

Session 2: Holy Time: Recognizing the now

Scriptures: Mark 14:3-9, Luke 4:16-21, Luke 12:54-56, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Themes/Questions: How do we grasp the times we are living in? How did Jesus, the woman who anointed him, and Paul all recognize "kairos" time – and what is it? What does it mean to recognize our calling to "be present?"

Bible Crunchers

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm on Zoom

Throughout October will be discussing the book *Saving Simon, How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion* by John Katz. Call the office to reserve your copy of *Saving Simon* and arrange for pick-up or doorstep delivery.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526311907?pwd=NFQ5U25oTXE5M2w3dkVFbG02RCtIZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 2631 1907 Password: 799925

"What Does This Mean?" – an Online New Member Course

Thursdays: October 8, 15, 22, 29

1 pm – 2 pm

What does it mean to join a congregation that practices the Christian faith in specific ways? What is the Lutheran Lens through which we see the world? How are we put together as a congregation so that we can embody the grace of God? These questions, and many others you may have, will be explored during four online sessions. Current members who would like a refresher course are also welcome to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85472522509?pwd=UnZQU0tpRWFVSDJSeW82VEVDWHF0dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 7252 2509 Passcode: 916326

**for those who are not available for a daytime class, an evening version of this course will be offered in November*

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Due to COVID-19, our church decided to implement an online Vacation Bible School (VBS) program entitled "God in my Backyard", led by Reverend Emily McQuillan of St. James Parish in Lancaster, Kansas. The VBS program was three days: Day 1 - God in My Backyard as We Learn About Thankfulness; Day 2 - God in My Backyard as We Learn About Praise; and Day 3 - God in My Backyard as We Learn About Prayer. Crafts and activities were assembled and bagged for each day in addition to those carried out in the video. The program was set up in a flexible format where families could choose the daily pacing that best fit their schedule.

Throughout the three day VBS program we tried to emphasize that during these stressful and uncertain times, while we are not physically attending church and Sunday school, we can still thank, praise, and pray to God in the most convenient setting -- in our yard.

We were very excited with the overall success. There were 46 total packets distributed: 25 packets given to Our Lord's Sunday school students and an additional 21 outreach packets were given to requesting parents in the Metro East area. All Glory, Honor, and Praise be given unto God.

Thank you to Pastor and Linda for their input and assistance.

Lisa White
Sunday School Superintendent

BUILDING USE POLICY DURING THE PANDEMIC

At the present time Our Lord's is permitting groups of 15 people or less to use our classrooms or fellowship halls for meetings. Masks and social distancing must be observed. Leaders of the groups are responsible for disinfecting all areas used during the meetings. Contact Linda at (618) 345-5692 or lovetohaveu@ourlords.org to reserve your date and time.



FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Dinner Group - First Saturday IN

Every month on the First Sat, until May 1, 2021

Time: Oct 3, 2020 6:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Yes, we are back October 3rd, at 6:30. If you are home and available, please join us for this once a month social gathering. We are able to do "breakout groups" allowing smaller groups to chat a bit and then bringing us all back together. This month, show us your favorite Italian dish.

There is no advance registration required to use this link.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83342989545?pwd=UUJqSkc5SW9zZTQ3VTc3MlBsdWJkQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 4298 9545

Passcode: 364872

Topic: Tuesday Tea

Time: 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) -- Every week on Tue

Tuesday Tea will continue throughout the fall. Even if you have not attended before, you are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8yciNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550

Password: 511171

SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast will resume on Saturday, October 3, 7 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.

OCTOBER MOWER/TRIMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Mowers	Trimmers
Oct 1-3	Scott Comrie	Darrell Bruhn
Oct 8-10	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher
Oct 15-17	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
Oct 22-24	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
Oct 29-31	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr

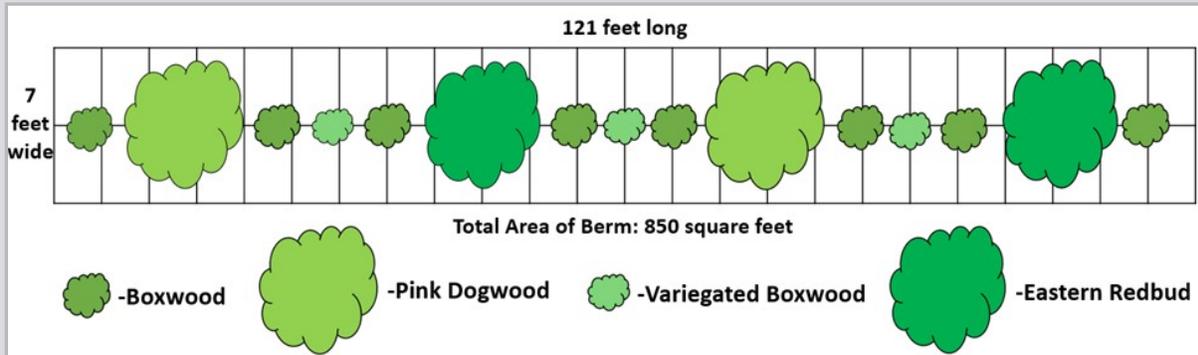


The following activities have been suspended temporarily. The church office will let you know when they will resume:

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

BERM LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Alison Kirk is re-landscaping the berm in the Worship Center parking lot for her Scouts BSA Eagle Project. The landscape design of the project is below. On October 10th, the plants will be taken out of the berm with the help of the Men's Club. October 17th, the Scouts will re-landscape the berm. We anticipate that the project will be completed in October or 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. Another donation opportunity is the chance to take home an existing plant that is going to be removed from the berm by October 10th. A suggested donation would be \$10-\$15 per plant. If you have any questions, please email the Kirk Family at slmepk@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!



FAIR TRADE

Christmas is coming along with other special occasions. I need to make room for some new goodies for the Fair Trade Shop and the annual Fair Trade Christmas Store. Zoom in or come in to check out the jewelry sale. 10% off on all jewelry pieces. Prices are marked with a large pink dot. Over the next few months, watch the newsletter and the Facebook page for more promotions.

Coming this week is that 12th missing spice: Madagascar Garlic Pepper, which contains garlic and pepper rounded off with sea-salt and parsley. Delicious with seafood, meats or stir fry. The spices have been selling great. Remember, all are grinders, so it is having fresh ground seasonings with everything. New shipment of all 12. Also, for the decaf coffee people, a fresh shipment of the Breakfast Blend decaf, whole bean and ground. COME ON IN.

Yours in Christ,
Mike



FAITH IN ACTION

The year of 2020 has been a remarkably shifting landscape for humanity, yet at Collinsville Faith in Action, our purpose and mission remain the same. We are here to serve our neighbors, particularly those 60 years of age and older as well as persons with disabilities.

How do we do this in the age of Covid-19? In much the same way we have always worked: by partnering with churches such as yours and using creativity as well as our passion to serve. Since March, we have pivoted to more telephone and online service and have limited face-to-face meetings with clients. For example, we assist people with Medicare enrollment and applying for reduced rates on their license plate stickers by phones and using online platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

We've also had significant changes in our offices. Kristi, our former director, has begun a new job closer to her home, and I've transitioned from an educator to an administrator for CFIA. Laura, our former Answers on Aging Specialist, has retired. Becca Knodell, a recent graduate of McKendree University's MBA program, has joined our team. Beth Baker is the anchor at our office and continues to coordinate our volunteers as well as manage the bookkeeping.

While there have been many changes in 2020, there are some factors that remain consistent. We continue to serve our community and to collaborate with agencies and churches in the region. As we move forward, we hope that you will join us in our work. Please call our office if you can serve as a volunteer or if you need our services. We look forward to serving you as well as working with you.



MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER

Grandma's Attic is taking reservations so shoppers can come in by appointment only. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Donations are not being taken at this time.

The Food Pantry also makes appointments with clients for once a month curbside pickup. Churches will not be asked to put together Thanksgiving baskets this year. The Food Pantry will still be giving out a Thanksgiving basket using items already stocked in the pantry as well as a turkey, rolls, butter, fruit, etc., if they are available from the grocery stores. The Boy Scout food drive will be held November 21, 2020. The plan is to reserve the community center for an extended period (two to three days) and have more shifts with fewer people working at a time sorting donations. The number of volunteers at the community center at any given time will depend on how many people will be allowed inside at the time due to COVID19.

The Resident Assistance Program does interviews over the phone. Clients can call the Outreach Center at (618)-345-9693 to leave their name, phone number, and a brief message. They will be called back as soon as possible.



Carol Orr
OLLC Liaison

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST

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

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 November's Newsletter): **Thursday, 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.

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.



FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 30, 2020

Total receipts for August 2020	\$53,731	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,167)
Total disbursements for August 2020	\$31,020	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,500)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 7/31/2020	\$326,714	(anticipated budget amount of \$248,252)
Total disbursements for 2020 as of 7/31/2020	\$275,382	(anticipated budget amount of \$250,583)
Mortgage principal paid in August 2021	\$1,603	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2021	\$38,022	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$95,339	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$47,435	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$55,731	

Submitted by **Max Eakin** 9/21/2020



Kraig Gunderson
Alivia Kirk
Leah Wyvell
Debby Meadows
Angela Lange
Lili Micnheimer
Harriett Stensland
Emily Callahan-Thompson
Linda Harriss
Piper Lily Helms
Susan Holms
Matthew Blind
David White
Lisa White
David Schroeder
Patrick John McGuire
Christopher Short
Garrett Short
Karen Tilashalski
Kylie Jo Fremder
Laura Foppe
Heather Barnett
Hailey McGuire-Bardmass
Kathie Brady
Jacob Callahan
Lori Fremder
Jackie Schlonat
Kyler Orr
Isabella Redenius



Scott & Norma Klingsick
Kraig & Debby Gunderson
Jeff* & Carol Helf
Steve & Kathy Hoelscher
Bill & Sara Davidson
Caleb & Alison Messina
Dave & Debbie* Geiler
Joe & Georgeann Smithies



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:

The Ernie Isam Family (at his death,
Robin & Lance Wellner's brother-in-law)

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Max Eakin
Kenneth Giese
Jack Hammond
Brad Homes
Dan Homes
Rudy Kantola
Kim Payne
Dona Racich
Don Schlonat
Jean Weishaupt

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Alan Brainard (Robert Chiles' friend)
Debbie C. (Schonecker's friend)
Judy Douglass (Karen Tilashalski's aunt)
Robert Chiles Goodwin (Harvey Chile's son)
Jimmy Huster (Dora Clawges' son)
Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)
Beth Klingsick (Don & Glenda Klingsick daughter-in-law)
Billie Koch (friend of Carol Orr)
Brian
C. J. (Julie Preston's friend)
Jim
Kelly, Chris & Zane McClellan (Lori Messina's niece)
Wayland Middendorf
Doris Swanson (Laura Schoenecker's mother)
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Ephraim Tayag (Harvey Chiles' friend)
Marlon Ventura (Harvey Chiles' colleague)
Janne Vernersson (Erick Larson's cousin)
Victims of the California and Colorado Wildfires
Victims of Hurricanes Laura and Sally
Laura Williams (Harvey Chiles' friend)
Sharon Whitaker (Irene VanHooser's friend)
Keith Wyvell (Caryl Kassing's son)
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. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor; **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist; **Beth Giese**, Nursery Attendant; **Chery Sides**, Organist; **Linda Spencer**, Administrative Assistant; **Toni Barz**, Newsletter Editor

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

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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. All events are subject to change due to COVID-19.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- Newsletter Deadline, Dec 15
- First Day of Winter, Dec 21
- Office Angels/Christmas Potluck, Dec 22
- Christmas Eve, Dec 24 (Office closed)
- Christmas Day, Dec 25 (Office closed)
- Christmas with Our Neighbors, Dec 25
- New Year’s Eve, Dec 31 (Office closed)

JANUARY

- New Year’s Day, Jan 1 (Office closed)
- Epiphany, Jan 6
- Baptism of Our Lord, Jan 10
- Newsletter Deadline, Jan 15
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan 18 (Office Closed)
- Annual Meeting, Jan 31



**CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALES
FUND RAISER**

The **High School Youth Group** will be selling **FRESH CHRISTMAS GREENERY** from Sherwood Forest Farms On-line beginning **October 10th-25th, 2020**. Watch your email for items to purchase and order form!

Wreathes, Garland, Swags, Table Decorations, Decorating Kits, and More!

Orders will be sent to Kathy Hoelscher via email to kah2003@att.net

The greenery will be delivered to the Church and available for pick up the first week of December, just in time for the Christmas Holiday decorating!

They are great for personal use or for gifts!
Nothing smells better than fresh evergreens!
A wonderful way to begin the Christmas season



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

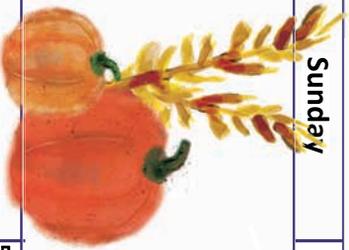
1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

“But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil; seed, soil, crop, sow



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 World Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship: Traditional, In Person; Chapel in the Pines 1:00 IL Global Arts Acad.	5 10:30 Staff Meeting	6 3:00 Tuesday Tea; Zoom 7:00 NAR-ANON 7:00 Narcotics Anon.	7 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 3:00 Bible Crunchers; Zoom	8 10:00 Morning Glories 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 2:00 Amici di Martino Studenti Italiani	9 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 Office Closes	10 Youth Wreath Sales 3:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Worship: Non-Traditional; Drive IN Style
11 Youth Wreath Sales 8:00 Worship: Traditional; Online 10:45 Worship: Traditional; Online 12:00 First Communion Instruction 1:00 IL Global Arts Acad.	12 Church Office Closed - Holiday Columbus Day	13 10:30 Staff Meeting 3:00 Tuesday Tea; Zoom 7:00 NAR-ANON 7:00 Narcotics Anon.	14 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 3:00 Bible Crunchers; Zoom 6:30 Lakeview Garden Club 7:00 Fall Speaker Series	15 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 2:00 Amici di Martino Studenti Italiani 6:00 MOC Board Meeting 6:30 Recovery 360 Family Support	16 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 Office Closes	17 Youth Wreath Sales 9:00 La Leche League 3:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Worship: Non-Traditional; Parking lot service/concert
18 Youth Wreath Sales 9:00 Worship: Traditional, In Person; Chapel in the Pines 12:00 First Communion Instruction 1:00 IL Global Arts Acad.	19 10:30 Staff Meeting	20 3:00 Tuesday Tea; Zoom 7:00 NAR-ANON 7:00 Narcotics Anon.	21 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 3:00 Bible Crunchers; Zoom 7:00 Fall Speaker Series	22 10:00 Morning Glories 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 2:00 Amici di Martino Studenti Italiani	23 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 Office Closes	24 Youth Wreath Sales 3:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Worship: Non-Traditional; Drive IN Style
25 Reformation Sunday Youth Wreath Sales 8:00 Worship: Traditional; Online 10:45 Worship: Traditional; Online 12:00 First Communion Instruction 1:00 IL Global Arts Acad.	26 10:30 Staff Meeting	27 3:00 Tuesday Tea; Zoom 7:00 NAR-ANON 7:00 Narcotics Anon.	28 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 3:00 Bible Crunchers; Zoom	29 12:00 IL Global Arts Acad. 2:00 Amici di Martino Studenti Italiani	30 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 Office Closes	31 Reformation Day 3:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Worship: Non-Traditional; Live streamed



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