



OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2021

Called to share
Christ's Love
with all

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"Love, love, love. That's what it's all about."
That line from an old camp song has been running through my head as I think about the Lenten season.

We aren't quite there yet. We still have a little bit of the cycle of light to finish. (The cycle of light in the Christian year includes the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.) Jesus actions will light up quite a number of lives in the scriptures. More and more of who he is will be revealed to us. And then at his transfiguration he will be illuminated from the inside out. Why? Before we ask "why the cross?", it is good to wonder about the why of his birth, his life, his teaching.

Lent is a time to orient ourselves to the way of life Jesus taught. Lent is a chance to let Jesus take center stage in our lives. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love are the actions we are called to focus on during this season. In a world troubled by terror and war, poverty and disease, climate change and political change, we look to Jesus to find our way through the despair and into life. We look to Jesus because we know that in him God shows up. Time and time again Jesus meets us in our pain, helps us to hold on, and gently guides us toward life. Again and again Jesus comes to us in bread and wine, filling us with his love. Love, love, love. That's what it's all about.

Pastor Kratzer

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Scriptures for Worship Services

Saturdays at 5 PM & Sundays at 8 AM

All services will be online only during the month of February

February 6 & 7

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Mark 1:29-39

"Lifted Up"

February 13 & 14

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9:2-9

Guest Pastor from Lutheran Campus Ministries

February 17

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Again & Again We're Invited In"

7:00 PM

February 20 & 21

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

"Again & Again God Meets Us"

February 24

Holden Evening Prayer

"Created For Community"

(all Mid-Week Lenten offerings will go to the St. Louis Lutheran School of Theology)

6:00 PM


February 27 & 28

2nd Sunday in Lent

Psalms 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-38

"Again & Again We Are Called To Listen"



This Lent we are invited to join in a Lenten refrain again and again. Again and again we experience suffering, frustration, broken hearts. But that is not the end of the story. Again and again God shows up to comfort, encourage, and lead us into a future that only God could open for us. In addition to the Sunday worship series, a Lenten devotional booklet with reflections, poetry, and artwork will explore our Lenten refrain. It will be sent electronically a few days before Ash Wednesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY & ASHES TO GO



Ash Wednesday Schedule:

Ashes To Go **7:30 am - 8:30 am** - WC

Ashes To Go **11:30 am - 1:30 pm** - WC

Ashes To Go **4:30 pm - 6:00 pm** - WC

Ash Wednesday Service **7 pm** - Livestream

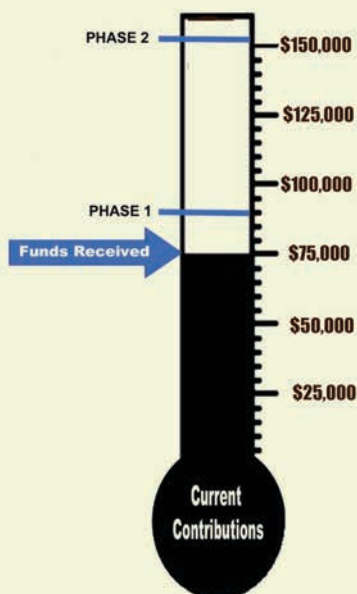
On Ash Wednesday, Christians around the world have the sign of the cross marked on their foreheads with ashes. A drive-up option where Pastor Kratzer uses a long handled cotton swab to mark your forehead will be at the times listed here. The other option is to pick up a container of ashes and self-impose them at home. This may be done during the livestreamed worship service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17, or during an at home ritual that will be described in a page sent out by the office.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Worship Center remains closed during the month of February. Availability and use will be limited. Contact the church office for access.

Funds received as of 1/20/2021:

\$74,731



Restoring Our Lord's House

Exciting things are happening at OLLC! By the time you read this newsletter the painting in the worship center will be nearly complete and the flooring will have been delivered! Vallow Flooring begins installation the beginning of February and anticipates most areas completed by the middle of the month. The kitchen cabinetry has been ordered and delivery is expected by the end of the month. If you are able to assist with overseeing workmen during the remodel, please contact Karen Cummings-Larson.

Thank you for your continued generosity - your time, talents, and financial giving! Almost all funds for Phase 1 have been raised and we are moving into Phase 2. There is more work to do and your continued financial support is still necessary before we take the next step!

Contributions to "Restoring Our Lord's House" can be made by writing a check payable to Our Lord's (note "Restoring Our Lord's" in the memo line) arranging a withdrawal from your personal checking or savings account, or making an online contribution by going to the church website www.ourlords.org

Through your generous support we can Restore Our Lord's House!

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Getting To Know Chris & Kalonny Short

Favorite place on earth? KaLonny's favorite place on earth is North Dakota - where she grew up and most of her family still lives. We only really visit in the summer now, so it's easy to forget what the winters are really like. We lived there for a little while when Garrett was a baby, and it was so cold that winter (20ish below real temperature for many days in a row) that the tires went flat on Chris's car! (Which really didn't matter because it wasn't starting anyway.) He wasn't a fan of that.

Sports fan? Chris loves all sports and is a die hard U of I fan - especially when it's basketball season. Last year's COVID shut-down and subsequent cancellation of the NCAA tournament nearly broke his heart. KaLonny usually only watches a game if North Dakota State is vying for a national title in football (which is really quite often).

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? We recently moved to Edwardsville after living in Hamel for 15 years. We think pizza delivery is pretty exciting.

Tell us a little about your family. We've been married for over 21 years and have 3 kids. Garrett is 20 and a sophomore at Northwestern University. Teagan is almost 18 and a senior at EHS. Mari is almost 15 and a freshman at MELHS. We also have a beagle named Ce-Ce.

Tell us a little about your work background. Chris has worked in the pool and spa industry for over 20 years. He can troubleshoot just about every pool problem there is and would be happy to sell you a pretty awesome hot tub. KaLonny was a preschool teacher in a previous life. After staying home with the kids for a lot of years, she worked as a teacher's aide and a school secretary before going to work as a program coordinator at SIUE.

Favorite place on earth? My home.

Getting To Know Kathie Brady

What's the best gift you've ever received? The best gift was a Grandmother clock as a surprise, delivered on Christmas Eve.

What do you like to do when you're not working? So many different things. I love anything outside. I walk or ride my bike almost every day. I do all the yardwork myself. I volunteer with Hospice, OLLC prison ministry, and the Saint Louis Zoo when possible again. I swim most days during the summer. I'd love to travel again when it's possible.

Tell us a little about your family. First would be my extended family at church. It has meant so much to me over the last 10 years. I will be so glad to be with them when we can meet in person again. My husband, Terry, went to heaven (his words two days before he died) in 2019. I'm very fortunate my daughter is only 2 miles away. My son and his family live in Atlanta so we aren't together as much as we would like. My 8 grandchildren have always been close to us and we all keep in touch often.

Favorite book? Probably "Gone with the Wind" that I read as a young girl. The OLLC book club is another favorite thing missing right now.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. I have always enjoyed sewing so quilting has filled many hours and created beautiful family gifts. In fact my daughter had a book made with pictures of them and notes about why they were made. She has also done a cookbook of favorite recipes for family members.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Getting To Know Gary & Chery Sides

What's your favorite comic strip? "Pickles" - It nails aging on the head!

Funniest movie ever? "Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation" - an oldie, but a goodie.

What's the best gift you ever received? Our children, by far.

Sports fan? Gary: No. Participating in sports is fun and healthy, but watching is boring. Chery: I would have married him for the answer above alone!

Tell us a little about your family. We have two sons, both IT professionals. John is a network administrator at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Nathan is a field tech with Tech Electronics, and their phone system expert.

Tell us a little about your work background. Gary: First career- district sales manager for Frito-Lay. Second career - facilities/maintenance director for Goodwill Industries. Chery: First career - assistant professor of philosophy at Central Missouri State University. Second career - administrative assistant to the President of Goodwill Industries.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



TUESDAY TEA

Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday

Tuesday Tea will continue throughout the winter. Even if you have not been a part of it before, you are welcome!

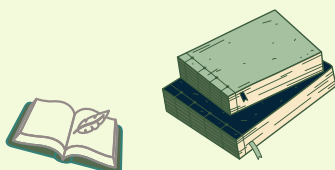
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Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB & OTHER BOOK LOVERS

I hope that all of you have found many enjoyable books to read during our time off for Covid-19. Who could have imagined in March, 2020 that we would still be fighting this virus in February, 2021? Pastor Kratzer and I have talked about trying to resume our book club in 2021. Since my technology skills are sketchy at best, Pastor Kratzer is willing to help set up a Zoom meeting. If you are interested in joining a Zoom book club, please let me know by sending me a text or by calling. My numbers are in the directory.

Happy Reading,
Elaine Baden



FUNDRAISING UPDATE & EVENTS

Ginger's Famous Spaghetti Available To Go!



This year, we will not be able to hold our beloved Spaghetti Dinner. However, we will be selling Ginger's Famous Spaghetti Sauce for \$10 / Quart!



If you would like to order, please contact Kathy Hoelscher at:

618-791-6656 or kah2003@att.net



EDUCATION MINISTRY



THE CHURCH'S NEW HERE WE STAND MOMENT -

A discussion opportunity

"Here I stand. I can do no other." Luther said these words in 1521 at the Diet (assembly) of Worms.[i]

Lutheran theologian, Anna Madsen, invites us to consider *The Church's New Here We Stand Moment* in her recent book, *I Can Do No Other*. Madsen's "book is born out of the conviction that at least two gods are currently competing for our collective trust: nationalism (and its many sub-manifestations) and quietism. Both make a case for and a claim on our allegiance, each by way of different motivations of self and institutional protection. Madsen looks at today's modern context and asks: Where will the church stand in a day that is marked by globalization, polarization, racism, bigotry, and debates about justice for humanity and for the earth itself. While the Reformation church was built on the foundation of justification by grace, Madsen calls people of faith to a new reformation that will focus on standing for justice in the world. Madsen delves into who Jesus was, and how our claim that he died and was raised establishes our faith and impacts the way we live it out. She pays attention to Luther's theology and juxtaposes it with our present context. She explores recent examples of Nazi resistance, liberation theology, black and womanist theology, and feminist theology, each of which come at social justice in their unique ways, with a common conviction that justice work is central to the Christian life. She speaks of how our faith grounding and our faith history weave together and entwine themselves into our present moment, offering both warnings and encouragement. And last, a case is made that justice, anchored in justification, is our new Reformation moment, one not inconsistent with Luther's theology, but weighted differently to address the different weighty concerns of our day. A study guide is included to encourage group conversation and action." (from the Fortress Press website)

Please join us for what should be an interesting discussion. We will meet (via Zoom) at 10 am on Tuesdays starting on February 23rd. If you would like to join the discussion but cannot meet at that time, please let Pastor Tom Kratzer know. We will see if there is another time that can accommodate all who are interested. Please email Pastor Tom (revkratzer@gmail.com) or Olivia (love2haveu@ourlords.org) if you wish to join. The book: Madsen, Anna M., *I Can Do No Other: The Church's New Here We Stand Moment*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, 2019, can be purchased from any online bookseller (Amazon, Better World Books, Barnes and Noble, etc.) If you need someone to order for you to get free shipping, let Pastor Tom or Olivia know. The reimbursement cost would be \$18.99 plus tax.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

A special thank you to those who have brought in craft supplies for the Sunday school ministry.

Please continue to save your paper towel and any other paper rolls, craft supplies, sewing supplies, along with any other items you think might aid in our preparation of crafts for virtual Sunday School packets. If you have questions or need to have someone pick up the materials, contact Lisa White (contact information available in the church directory) or the church office.



STUDY GROUPS

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

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

"Journeys With Angels" by Christa von Zychlin

Church Reformer Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant." In Winter 2021, the Rev. Christa von Zychlin will present the four-part study "Journeys with angels" in which we will shake those biblical branches, watch for angels and listen for God's calls to action.

Session topics: January: Looking up - New beginnings, awe-full, awesome angels, February: Repentance and route-changing angels, March: Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort, April: Feasting angels

The Rev. Christa von Zychlin has served Lutheran churches around the world through ELCA Global partnerships. She co-pastors St. Luke Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she also loves exploring the spirituality of mountains and deserts.



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Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 890 9966 6141

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BIBLE CRUNCHERS

Wednesdays 6:00 - 6:00 pm via Zoom

We continue our study of Mark's Gospel "Mark's Gospel from Scratch."

2/3 - Jesus The Prophet

2/10 - no class, Pastor on vacation

2/17 - no class, Ash Wednesday

2/24 - The End of Jesus' Public Ministry

Meeting ID: 895 2631 1907

Passcode: 799925

Join Zoom Meeting

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SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

Steering Team

When I first learned about Our Lord's, I was excited to discover you have a Steering Team. You are a congregation that met the changes in church and society by adopting a new way of organizing for ministry. It has been over ten years since you made that change and over time the reasons why may have been forgotten. So, starting this month you will find a bit of information about the Steering Team in each newsletter during 2021.

We will start with why. Why have a Steering Team? The primary reason is to encourage and resource the ministries of the members of the congregation. A Steering Team is a ministry development team. The turn-around time for taking an idea from its beginning in the heart and mind of a member to being an active ministry of the congregation is much shorter in congregations that use the Steering Team model effectively.
-Pastor Kratzer

Men's Club

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast is on Saturday, February 6th 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.



February Chefs:

Brian Hartke
Mike Hester



FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT As of January 11, 2021 Submitted by Max Eakin 1/11/2021

Total receipts for December 2020	\$67,672	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,167)
Total disbursements for December 2020	\$35,894	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,500)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 12/31/2020	\$492,969	(anticipated budget amount of \$372,930)
Total disbursements for 2020 as of 12/31/2020	\$417,043	(anticipated budget amount of \$376,583)
Mortgage principal paid in December 2020	\$5,772	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2020	\$55,628	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$75,431	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$23,582	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$94,523	
Grant - Designated	\$35,693	

Sometimes we don't recognize an opportunity right away. It may take some time to open ourselves to opportunity to serve one another in love, and this month, we have two opportunities for you. Let me share a client's recent story to illustrate how opportunities present themselves.

Judy is a client of Collinsville Faith in Action. An upbeat woman who describes herself as "a person of prayer" called the office recently. She wanted to express her appreciation and to let us know that we're "like a family" to her. Teaching her how to use and loaning her an iPad has opened her world. Judy has learned to use the tablet as a tool and now has her groceries delivered. She is using it for entertainment and enjoys playing games and watching videos. Her view of the world has broadened exponentially, and her gratitude to CFIA is immense.

Now Judy, a very loving and faith-based woman indeed, recognized another opportunity: a chance to work with us as a volunteer. From client to volunteer, Judy embraced an opportunity when she recognized it as such. Let this CFIA update be your opportunity to join us as we put our faith into action. We are rebuilding our volunteer base, and we invite you to be a part of the loving, family-like atmosphere at CFIA. Allow your faith to blossom and grow by putting it into action. Call us today and we will find a volunteer position that suits your skills, time, and commitment level. We offer a free orientation session, training, and PPE if your volunteer services require it. When you are open to this opportunity for volunteerism, please call us. Your community needs you, and you may be surprised to find that you need this opportunity.

A second opportunity for you is to support our work in the community by helping us commemorate our 23rd Anniversary and sharing your love with friends and neighbors on Valentine's Day. Thanks to a generous gift from A Wildflower Shop, we are offering contactless delivery of a fresh flower and personalized note to any of your friends and family living in the Collinsville Unit 10 School District area (Collinsville, Caseyville, Maryville, State Park). Contactless delivery of the flowers and notes will take place during business hours on Friday, February 12. Please order your flowers no later than Friday, January 29 by calling me, Lisa, at 618-344-8080. Our volunteer drivers will provide the Covid-safe and contactless delivery when you take the opportunity to call me with your order.

In gratitude and love,

Lisa C. Brennan

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Supporting Neighbors After Disaster *Daudi Msseemaa, ELCA regional representative for East Africa*

An earthquake, mass displacement, low-latitude tropical cyclones, COVID-19, a plague of locusts - 2020 has been a year of calamities in East Africa like no other. Among the most destructive and widespread for ELCA companions in the region was flooding. In Rundugai, Tanzania, the water came quickly. The water rose suddenly on the savanna, soaking the earthen walls of people's homes and soon washing away goats, cows, and even houses. In the hours and days after, people who lost everything needed shelter, food, and hugs. External support became essential - relieving pressure on neighbors and relatives who gave their all helping the most stricken.

Members of the local church in Rundugai went to every household in the parish to conduct an assessment and determine who most critically needed support. The local church appealed to the district church office. A week after the flood, they sent over 14,000 pounds of maize and 1,700 pounds of beans. Through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), the church funded relief in the Northern Diocese as well as five others. Roads and boats were used to reach the most distressed, who often are women, children, and people with disabilities. The church distributed food and non-food items and offered training on hygiene practices to those sheltering in schools that had been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LDR support comes alongside the dignified work that is already in place - that of neighbors helping neighbors in crisis. In our vision of accompaniment, the ELCA lives into its role as a companion when it walks alongside brothers and sisters in their moment of need, stands with them in prayer, and remains hopeful of what arises out of disaster.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ron Blotevogel	Maren Louise Noga
David Kassing	Kathy Nehrt
Lynn Kempf	Megan Waterman Kolosieke
Sean Robert Ernest Rimar	Carole Callahan
Mari Camille Short	Marian Steinmann
Greg Fremder	Chris Comrie
Lisa Dawn Micnheimer	Carli Jo Orr
Georgeann Smithies	Brooke Elizabeth Wieser
Claire Maue	Darrell Ray Bruhn
Brad Bush	Barbara Sparks
Kendyll Leigh Pugh	Joyce Tatjenhorst
Kennedi Marie Pugh	Erin Morris
Emily Truckenbrod	Samuel Huster
Sawyer William Blotevogel	Vicki Schorr
Tim Schoenecker	Bradley Bush
Fred Tatjenhorst	Kathy Hoelscher
Terry Menz	Anita Steinmann

ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Cindy Pugh
Eric Sutton & Peggy Pick-Sutton

THANK YOU!!

We thank Karen Cummings-Larson for her many hours of service editing the last two newsletters for OLLC. Thank you, Karen, for your hard work and beautiful design!

Future newsletters will be compiled by Olivia Cross. Please email all materials to: love2haveu@ourlords.org

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 March's Newsletter): Monday, February 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

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Rudy Kantola
Jean Weishaupt
Kim Payne
Dan Homes
Linda Spencer
Jim Lemke
Bill Davidson
Dean Lackey
Cindy Klein-Webb
Dave Gocken

PRAY FOR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Beth Klingsick (Don and Glenda's daughter in law)
Dennis Lukaszewski (friend of Kristin Schoenecker)
Pat Davis (friend of Carole Callahan)
Mary Jean Cashdollar (friend of Kathie Brady)
Ashley Arnold (friend of the Williams)
Cindy Whitcomb (friend of the Williams)
Doris Schoenecker (mother of Laura Schoenecker)
Bob Wilson (friend of the Lackey's)



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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Angie Nemsky (grieving her relative Vickie Vickers)
Cady Thomas (grieving her partner's grandfather Tony Potts)
Friends and Family of Pastor Harold Skillrud (retired pastor of St. John's Lutheran in Bloomington IL)
Friends and family of Donna (Caryl Kassing's aunt)
Leonard Stensland (grieving his wife Harriet)



Girls In Colombia Become Advocates For Themselves And Others

Bogata, Colombia

Learning about the rights of girls and women has inspired 11 year old Danna to become an advocate for herself and her friends. In the Bosa-Porvenir neighborhood, south of Bogata, Colombia, high rates of unemployment and low levels of education can combine to produce stressful family environments, where children may be at risk of being mistreated. The Projecting My Future Young Women in Marginalized Communities workshops aim to disrupt these cycles, training young women to speak out against and report situations of violence, and helping them improve their self-confidence and relationships with the people around them.

Danna says that learning about women's rights in these workshops helped her go from being shy to being confident on issues she cares about. She liked the subject so much that one day last year she asked her teacher's permission to speak and tell all her classmates about the importance of the rights of women and girls. Danna says she now knows how to face life more safely with her friends, neighbors, family, and schoolmates, believing all girls should know how to advocate for themselves in situations of violence or abuse.

Adapting To Support Children In Romania During COVID-19

Sibiu, Romania

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Open House Day Center in Sibiu, Romania, was among schools and day cares around the world that had to close their doors. But thanks to your support and the ingenuity of its staff, the children it serves know they're not alone. And despite the closure, Monika, a social worker and project manager, has continued to stay in touch with all of the children and families the center serves. She and other social workers have delivered fresh food and hygiene items such as hand sanitizer, disinfectants, shower gel and toothpaste to the families. The social workers have also delivered worksheets, games, toys and painting materials so the kids could keep learning and stay busy while sheltering from home.

One of these children is Stefan, 8. Stefan lives with his grandfather and mother, who both have mental illnesses. Stefan likes to read about dinosaurs, animals and other science-related topics, and is known to withdraw into a book when the children he's playing with get too loud. The social workers describe Stefan as shy and say he interacts passively with the adults there, answers questions with a single word, and is difficult to engage in conversation.

One day, Stefan called the staff of the Open House Day Center to ask when he could come back. "The amazing thing for me was when I got a call from him one day," Monika said. "He took the initiative and called me. He wanted to know when he could return to the day center. He misses playing with the children, and he misses the food."

Thanks to your generosity, children such as Stefan know that, even during this time of isolation, they're not alone.

BUILDING USE POLICY DURING THE PANDEMIC

At the present time Our Lord's is permitting groups of 10 people or fewer 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 the office at (618) 345-5692 or lovetohaveu@ourlords.org to reserve your date and time.



LOOKING AHEAD

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

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

MARCH

- Holden Evening Prayer, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24
- Daylight Saving Time, Mar 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Mar 15
- St. Patrick's Day, Mar 17
- Palm Sunday, Mar 28

APRIL

- Maundy Thursday, Apr 1
- Good Friday, Apr 2
- Holy Saturday, Apr 3
- Easter Day, Apr 4
- Office Closed, Easter Monday, Apr 5
- Newsletter Deadline, Apr 15
- Administrative Professionals Day, Apr 21
- Earth Day, Apr 22

MAY

- Cinco de Mayo, May 5
- Mother's Day, May 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Mar 15
- Pentecost Sunday & Rite of Confirmation, May 23
- Memorial Day, May 31 - Office Closed

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor; **Olivia Cross**, Administrative Assistant; **Jacob Davis**, Director of Non-Traditional Music; **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist; **Chery Sides**, Organist, **Katie Noga**, Website & Facebook Coordinator, **Matt Gross**, Streaming Tech

Church Council

Tom Steinmann, President; Vice President; **Jaimie Henderson**, Secretary; **Dr. Max Eakin**, Treasurer; At Large; **Darla Ann R. Kratzer**, Pastor

Steering Team

(Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service)
Ed & Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators; **Lyn Kampwerth**, **Rhonda Comrie**, **Matt Blind**, **Harvey Chiles**, **Kalony Short**

Apart for a Time,

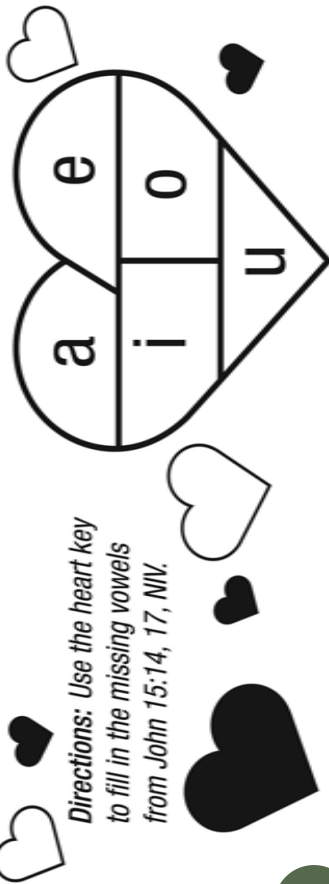


Together in Spirit

PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

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JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Education Summit Meeting</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day Presentation of Our Lord 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - LC Basement</p>	<p>3 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers - Zoom 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice & Recording Session - WC</p>	<p>4 1:00 PM Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>	<p>5 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>6 7:00 AM Men's Club 9:00 AM Steering Team Retreat - Zoom 5:00 PM Worship: Livestream Praise Service</p>
<p>7 8:00 AM Worship: Online Traditional Service 9:15 AM 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation Class - Zoom 10:00 AM High School Sunday Class - Zoom 1:00 PM Private Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>	<p>8 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Living Into A Culture of Mission and Action Meeting - Zoom</p>	<p>9 Pastor Kratzer On Vacation 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - LC Basement</p>	<p>10 Pastor Kratzer On Vacation</p>	<p>11 Pastor Kratzer On Vacation 10:00 AM Morning Glories 1:00 PM Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>	<p>12 Pastor Kratzer On Vacation</p>	<p>13 Pastor Kratzer On Vacation 5:00 PM Worship: Livestream Praise Service</p>
<p>14 Pastor On Vacation Transfiguration Sunday Valentine's Day 8:00 AM Worship: Online Traditional Service 9:15 AM 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation Class - Zoom 1:00 PM Private Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline Pastor Kratzer On Vacation 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM - Church Council</p>	<p>16 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - LC Basement</p>	<p>17 Ash Wednesday 7:30 AM Ashes To Go 11:30 AM Ashes To Go 4:30 PM Ashes To Go 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Online Service</p>	<p>18 1:00 PM Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC 6:30 PM Recovery 360 Family Support</p>	<p>19 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>20 Lent 1 5:00 PM Worship: Livestream Praise Service</p>
<p>21 Lent 1 8:00 AM Worship: Online Traditional Service 9:15 AM 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation Class - Zoom 10:00 AM High School Sunday Class - Zoom 1:00 PM Private Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>	<p>22 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Emerging From The Storm Meeting - Zoom</p>	<p>23 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - LC Basement</p>	<p>24 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers - Zoom 6:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer - Online 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice & Recording Session - WC</p>	<p>25 10:00 AM Morning Glories 1:00 PM Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>	<p>26 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>27 Lent 2 5:00 PM Worship: Livestream Praise Service</p>
<p>28 Lent 2 8:00 AM Worship: Online Traditional Service 9:15 AM 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation Class - Zoom 1:00 PM Private Music Lessons, H. Chiles - WC</p>						

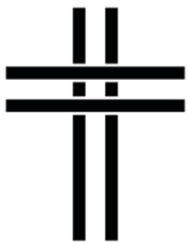
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