

June 2021

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Open spaces. There are a lot of spaces opening up in our lives as individuals and as a congregation. We have arrived at a stage in the pandemic where the virus is better understood and more people are vaccinated. That allows us to enter more fully into worship experiences as an assembly. By assembly I mean a public gathering around the reading of scripture, the proclamation of the gospel, the intercession for the needs of the church and world, the collection for ministry and mission, the thanksgiving for the body and blood of Christ, and the sending of all who have gathered to be witnesses and servants in the world. In the worship assembly, we do all of this with music weaving itself throughout the service and into our hearts and minds.

Furthermore, this month, as we are welcomed back into full participation through singing and speaking, we have arrived at the second half of the liturgical year. We have completed the six months of focusing on the incarnation of Christ. Now a space opens before us for our response of discipleship. We begin a season of learning once again how to follow Jesus. We enter this season confident that we have an Advocate who will show us the way through the months to come. That Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will once again remind us of all Jesus has taught us. That Advocate will give us power to follow our Lord. The Holy Spirit will give us courage when we are in open spaces that involve risk. The Spirit will calm us when we are in the open space of the unpredictable. The Spirit will center us when the open space before us is one in which we have no control. God can be trusted to lead us through the open spaces ahead. May you be blessed this summer by the assembly of your siblings in Christ and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Kratzer

*Called to share
Christ's love with all*

JUNE SERVICES

Schedule of Outdoor Summer Services

Saturday Outdoor Services

June 19 | 5 pm

July 17 | 5 pm

August 21 | 5 pm

September 18 | 5 pm

Sunday Outdoor Services

June 13 | 9 am

July 11 | 9 am

August 8 | 9 am

September 12 | 10:45 am

On those weekends when there is a Saturday outdoor service, there will not be an online "Traditional Contemporary" service.

In **June**, July, and August, there will not be an online Sunday Style service on the weekends when we worship outside in the Chapel in the Pines.

All Saturday services at 5 PM and all Sunday services at 8 AM (except outdoor Saturday services) will also be livestreamed and available to view as usual on Our Lord's YouTube channel.

Scriptures for Weekend Worship Services

In-Building Saturday Services

5 PM

In-Building Sunday Services

8 AM & 10:45 AM

June 5 & 6

Second Weekend after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15

Mark 3:20-35

"The Blame Game"

Two worship options:

Online: Synod Assembly Worship Service

In-Building: 5 pm and 9 am

June 12 & 13

Third Weekend after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Mark 4:26-34

"Seeds and Trees"

June 19 & 20

Fourth Weekend after Pentecost

Job 38: 1-11

Mark 4:35-41

"Trust"

Father's Day

June 26 & 27

4th Weekend after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

Mark 5:21-43

"Interruptions"

Guest Speaker - FIA Collinsville

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Bill
Davidson

My favorite comic strip? My favorite comic strip is "Calvin and Hobbs", I was like Calvin as a boy and my dog Fibber McGee was my Hobbs.

My favorite place on earth? One of my favorite places on earth was the Current and Jacks Fork rivers; it was great canoeing years ago when we were the only ones using the river. Also canoeing on the Boundary Waters, in 1953, we were out for over two weeks, canoed 105 miles and did not see another soul.

The funniest movie ever? When I first watched "The Russians are Coming" it was hilarious. We watched it later and it lacked the humor. The movie was set in a period when bomb shelters were being built and we were really concerned about the Russians.

The best gift I ever received? My Mom and Dad gave me a clarinet (a Christmas gift): replacing the old metal one that I had used since fifth grade. By the time I was in high school, I had to join the musicians union and was playing the sax and oboe. In my senior year I was playing gigs and getting as much as \$50 a gig (dances). I never had formal lessons on the sax or oboe and learned from the other students or on my own.

A little about my work background? I first worked as a paperboy, then in 1952, I hired on at a restaurant, then at a Y.M.C.A., working as a lifeguard and instructor. I also was a counselor at a summer camp. In 1955 and at seventeen years of age I hired on as a messenger at Ohio Bell Telephone Company. I transferred to Illinois Bell in 1957 and worked throughout the state on many different jobs and took an early retirement in 1991, retiring as an area manager responsible for eighteen cities in northern Illinois and about one hundred employees. In 1992, I started my own company, installing telephone systems for businesses. In 2008 I sold that company and worked two years for the new owner.

Hobbies? There are many interests that I have and I have always been a collector. Some of my collections are antique clocks, marbles, bottles, telephone insulators, Currier and Ives original prints, antique black powder rifles, muskets, revolvers and Native American Indian artifacts. I have been repairing and restoring antique clocks for over fifty years.

Favorite books? There are two books I have recently read that I would say were favorites. The novel "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens and the nonfiction book "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. I realized as I was writing this that both books are about children abandoned at an early age and achieved a wonderful life.

Family? The most important and best things in my life are my wife Sara, daughters Susan and Jane, six granddaughters and three great granddaughters, one great grandson. My wonderful wife always supported me; she gave me the children and happiness in my life. I often wonder how she put up with me.



What's the best gift you ever received? My parents gave me an automatic 45 rpm record player for Christmas. I drove my dad crazy playing "Sh- Boom" (Life Could Be a Dream) by the Crew Cuts.

Sports fan? I enjoy watching college football and basketball.

Family? I had a brother, Fred, four years older than I. We lived in Mt. Morris, IL and enjoyed a large extended family of cousins and aunts and uncles. We were able to have adventures on our own and didn't have reason to be fearful. We were called home by my dad's unique loud whistling through his teeth. I loved my hometown and how it helped me grow and experience life.

Sara
Davidson

Family cont. My parents, Allen and Dorothy Yoder, were married 68 years. Bill and I have been blessed with two daughters, Susan and Jane, six granddaughters, three great-granddaughters and one great-grandson. We have had many locations for our home because of Bill's transfers with Illinois Bell. Each place gave us interesting experiences, great friends and new insights into our lives. We will have been blessed with a marriage of 62 years, October 10, 2021.

What do you like to when you are not working? When I am not working, I like to piece quilts, read, and be with friends. I am not sure my kids ever wondered what I did all day, but our granddaughter, Laura did. When she was about ten, she asked me, "Grandma, what do you all day? It's not like you go to the pool or anything!" I tried not to laugh at her evaluation of my time.

A little about my work background? I was at home with the girls, until they were in junior high and high school. I completed my degree at Greenville College '78 with a Bachelor's in Education. I did substitute teaching and taught at a local preschool. I was employed as an Educator at Graham Correctional Center, teaching GED. I worked in the Admissions Office of Greenville College, facilitating the mass mailings for prospective students and supervising the student workers.

Favorite book? My recent favorite book is *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. The pages are filled with beautiful, gentle wisdom and simple, evocative drawings. I would highly recommend it. The author has an interesting background.

Hobbies? I like to make quilts. I especially like selecting and coordinating the fabrics by color, texture and design. Sharing with other quilters is stimulating and a pleasure. Most of my quilts are gifts to family. I also like to knit and read. I find that my everyday responsibilities can interfere with my hobbies. I try to keep a balance and not be too obsessed with household chores!

Favorite summer activity. I like tending our plantings and creating new accents with pots and baskets, the watering, not so much. I used to golf and "go to the pool".

Favorite place on earth. I really thrive on being out-of-doors, walking in the woods and enjoying new vistas, be they mountains, lakes, rivers, beaches or deserts. Our travels in the USA, Canada and the UK have blessed us with many memories of beautiful scenery and interesting people.

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? Alexa. I bought one for my Mom and she can ask her questions about the weather, etc. and ask her to play her favorite music when she is alone. I also use her when I'm cooking to time things and give me measurements.

Tell us a little about your family. I am one of 6 children. I am married with two children and have 3 grandchildren.

Tell us a little about your work background. I spent the last 20 years working as a liaison between the administration and governing board at St. Louis Community College.

Favorite book? My favorite book is called "Brentwood" by Grace Livingston Hill. It is an antique book that my mother read as a child. Mom and I read it together every year at Christmas.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. I like to take pictures when I'm traveling and love to write. I must have been a travel writer in another life! After our trip across the country, I wrote a blog with photos and turned it into a book for my grandchildren. So, I guess my second favorite book would be "Garrisons in Wonderland," by Becky Garrison!

Favorite place on earth? Crater Lake National Park

Favorite summer activity? Hanging out at the beach



Becky
Garrison



UPDATED BUILDING USE POLICIES

In accordance with local and national guidelines, Our Lord's has **updated safety guidelines** for attending worship and using the buildings.

We may now speak and sing all throughout both indoor and outdoor services. Please remain masked at all times when inside the Church. Masks are no longer required for outdoor services, and we are no longer checking temperatures and carrying out contact tracing. Those who are fully vaccinated may congregate indoors after in building services. Otherwise, we ask that you congregate outdoors after in building services. At the present time, we are permitting groups of **50 people or fewer** to use our classrooms or fellowship halls for meetings. If everyone in the group is fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required. 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.

FUNDRAISING

Hello Church Family,

My name is Zachary Noga and I am a confirmed member of our congregation and a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 8034. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project to improve the wooden benches in our outdoor Chapel in the Pines. Over 2 work days, my troop and my family and I will be disassembling the benches, power washing the bench frames and bench posts, leveling the bench posts, adding insect screens to the bottom of the bench frames, reassembling the benches, replacing the bench seats, and adding seat back supports and seat backs to the benches.

I am looking to raise approximately **\$560** for the materials for this project and would love your support. If you would like to donate to my Eagle Scout project you may make a check out to Our Lord's Lutheran Church and write "Noga Eagle project" in the memo section. Donations may be mailed to the church or placed in the offering baskets. Any money that I raise over \$560 will be re-donated to the church's remodeling fund. If you have any questions please contact me at Zachary.Noga@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support on my journey through scouting,

Zach Noga



EDUCATION MINISTRY



This year's VBS is a collaboration with St. Luke's United Methodist Church and will be held **weekly in July from 6 pm - 8:30 pm**. A survey was sent out on Tuesday, May 25, to all members of OLLC and St. Luke's so that you may let us know which night of the week works best for you and refer anyone who might wish to participate. Please submit your responses by **June 8**. We will then be in touch with official signup information for families and volunteers.

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

Proverbs 22:6

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

EDUCATION MINISTRY CONT.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

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

"Just love part 2: Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!)" Gather Bible study by Angela Khabebe



This three-session summer Bible study series is inspired, in part, by Jesus' proclamations: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36) and "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Session 1 (June), "Just Wisdom," delves into how God can open our hearts and minds to a spiritual understanding that is not bound by our human comprehension. Just as Wisdom comes to us through reverence for our awesome God. Our key verse for the first session informs us: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). Together we will consider our faithful response to Wisdom's invitation.

Morning Glories will be held in the Chapel in the Pines. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Life Center conference room.

RESURRECTED TO ETERNAL LIFE: ON DYING AND RISING

Tuesday mornings at 10 am

Please join in a thought-provoking book discussion on Tuesday mornings at 10 am starting June 15th. We will meet via zoom, although at some point we may decide to meet in person. If you are interested, please email Pastor Tom Kratzer (revkratzer@gmail.com) so you are on the email list for the Zoom link. The book we will be discussing is listed below.

Moltmann, Jurgen, Resurrected to Eternal Life: On Dying and Rising, Fortress Press, Minneapolis (2021)

"In this deeply personal and daring meditation, eminent theologian Jürgen Moltmann challenges many closely held beliefs about the experience of dying, the nature of death, and the hope of eternal life.

Moving deftly between biblical, theological, and existential domains, Moltmann argues that while we know intimately the experience of dying--both our loved ones' dying and, ultimately, our own--death itself is a mystery. Are those who have died in fact dead? If the dead are alive, how or in what respect? When the dead awaken to eternal life, who wakes? Moltmann's interrogations yield surprising and beautiful fruits. The living soul that awakens to eternal life is not a ghost in a machine, but the Lebensgestalt, the shape and story of a life, its human and divine contexts, its "whole." Drawing on themes from his oeuvre's entire arc, Resurrected to Eternal Life testifies to the inner unity of Moltmann's theology: the cross, the Spirit, the kingdom, the end, and the hope that makes the end present here and now. Seasoned readers of Moltmann will find in these pages a capstone of a lifetime of theological exploration, while those new to his complex thought will find a concise and elegant entry point into his voluminous work."

Moltmann is, arguably, the most influential theologian alive today. Christ found him while he was in a British prisoner of war camp during WWII. The book, Resurrected to Eternal Life, is short—only 77 pages—but will definitely stimulate the way you think about resurrection.

At some point later in the summer or early fall, we will begin another book discussion using the book, The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone. Plan to join us for that discussion as well.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



LATE BOOMERS

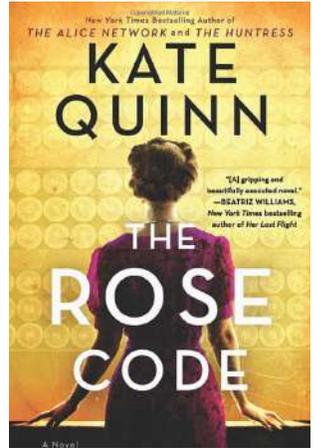


It's time to get reunited! Peaches and Herb said it best, "Reunited, and it feels so good." Calling all Boomers to reunite, with social distancing and crowd control measures in place, of course. Block your calendars for **Sunday, June 13, 1:30 PM**. Pack a picnic lunch and lawn chairs, we'll gather outside the pines for some good old fashioned socializing. Contact Lori, JoAnn, or Gail if you have questions.

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB & OTHER BOOK LOVERS

Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 21st at 11:30** in the Life Center conference room. We will wear our masks and socially distance. Bringing your lunch is optional. The book chosen is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xUVMUT09>
Meeting ID: 867 2841 6039 Passcode: 388782



TUESDAY TEA

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09>
Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



MONTHLY BIKE RIDE

We will cycle together once a month on the dates below. We look forward to some fun and safe outdoor fellowship!

Cycling Dates: June 27th (2 pm), July 18th (2 pm), August 8th (2 pm), September 19th (2 pm), October 17th (2 pm)



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Restoring Our Lord's House

Restoring Our Lord's House has officially moved from Phase 1 into Phase 2! If you have not seen the Worship Center recently, please visit the building and see the work completed thus far. Keep in mind the work is not finished but great progress has been made!

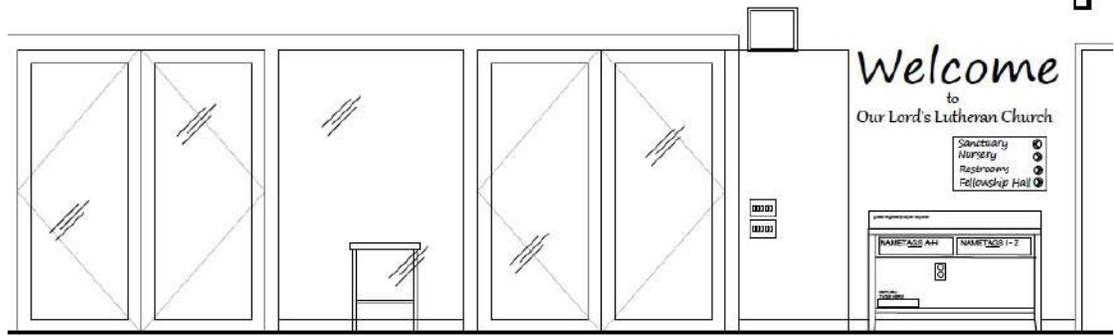
Turn to the next page for much more on Phase 2!



Funds received as of 5/18/2021: \$93,564.48



As funds are received we will be purchasing furnishings for the remodeled spaces. Priority will be given to completing the Narthex and hallway; furnishings for the Commons will follow shortly thereafter.



Narthex furniture includes casual seating including accent chairs, gliders, and side tables; cabinets for storage, and an area for children. Hallway furnishings include a collection area for OLLC ministries and table for special event use.



Furniture and fabric covering will be selected to complement flooring, paint colors, and style of the church.



It is an exciting time at Our Lord's and with your help we will continue to make progress! Please contribute to Restore Our Lord's House and help complete the new vision for OLLC!



SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2021

On Saturday, **June 5**, 2021 and Sunday, **June 6**, our congregation has four voting members attending the Synod Assembly online. They are: Laura Foppe, Ed Foppe, Deanne Holshouser (Synod council member), and Pastor Kratzer.

Interested members of the congregation are welcome to observe the online assembly on Saturday from **9:00 a.m.** to **12:00 p.m.**, the Sunday Worship Service, and the Sunday afternoon business session from **1:00 p.m.** to **3:00 p.m.**

Links will be sent from Our Lord's office via MailChimp to all members for whom we have an email address.



PEACE IN THE PINES



Peace in the Pines begins on Thursday, **June 10**. This weekday evening service will take place each week from **6:30 – 7:15 pm**. The service is designed to serve as the weekend worship service for those out of town or busy with other activities on the weekend. But, it also stands on its own as a different style of worship. This relaxed and interactive service includes Holy Communion and three pieces of music that all may sing.

FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 30, 2021

Submitted by Max Eakin 5/17/2021

Total receipts for April 2021	\$26,102	(anticipated budget amount of \$30,583)
Total disbursements for April 2021	\$48,475	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,748)
Total receipts for 2021 as of 4/30/2020	\$139,662	(anticipated budget amount of \$122,332)
Total disbursements for 2021 as of 4/30/2021	\$178,836	(anticipated budget amount of \$126,995)
Mortgage principal paid in April 2021	\$4,237	
Total mortgage paid in 2021	\$13,854	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$61,577	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$48,548	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$67,702	

OUTREACH

FAITH IN ACTION



**MAY 2021:
JUNE CELEBRATIONS**

As June approaches, we, like you, are preparing for many events and milestones. First is the renewal of your church and CFIA's collaboration, then a breakfast fundraiser, Father's Day, Flag Day, and, of course, the Collinsville's Horseradish Festival. Ah! A return to social engagement.

All Partner Churches should have received the revised Faith Promises and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) documents. They were emailed on May 6 and hard copies were sent by US Postal Service the week of May 10. Please make every effort to return the signed documents as soon as possible. Completion of these forms is your church's commitment to CFIA and ours to you as we work together to make Collinsville a great place to live.

We'd love for you to join us for a drive-through breakfast at the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, **June 13 from 9AM-12:30PM**. A full breakfast meal is provided at just \$7 per serving, and CFIA will receive most of the proceeds. Our goal is to sell 120 breakfasts, so please put it in your calendars and join us on Sunday, June 13. Thank you to K of C for organizing and hosting this event to benefit CFIA.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20. As we remember all fathers and their commitment to families, please consider honoring or memorializing your father by donating to CFIA. This can be easily done by mailing in a donation or by visiting our website <https://fiacollinsville.org/> and clicking the donate button. We will acknowledge your donations by mail and in our upcoming newsletter.

We love our volunteers! They drive clients in need of transportation, make reassurance calls to help our clients avoid social isolation, complete minor home repairs, provide support in the office and during our fundraisers, and so much more. Virtually all of our volunteers come to us through our Partner Churches. This year we presented each volunteer at CFIA with a small gift, and we also held a volunteer-only raffle. The Sandwich Shop, Red Top BBQ, Verona Coffee Shop, Farmer's Market, and Kruta's Bakery donated the many raffle prizes. We appreciate the support of these local businesses. Please consider visiting these local shops and restaurants and call us to learn more about how you can contribute some of your time and talent to CFIA.

Volunteers, clients, and shoppers had a terrific time at this year's yard sale. Collinsville had 140 registered participants in the city-wide event, and we were pleased to help find good homes for the many items donated to us. It was wonderful so many CFIA supporters came by to shop and say hello.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Becky Garrison
 Bonnie Eberle
 Dona Racich
 Colin Comrie
 Blake Klingsick
 Dana Callahan
 Julie Preston
 Madeline LaMar
 Eric Kantola
 Scott Klingsick
 Luka Cvijanovic
 Georgia Rinkel
 Keith Wyvell
 Max Eakin
 Brian Kassing

Brooke Trucano
 Deanne Holshouser
 Debby Gunderson
 Georgia Cox
 Andrew Kassing
 L. Eric Morris
 Hilda Scheiter
 Margeaux Williams
 Ashley Hammonds
 Cash Schipkowski
 Ralph Schorr
 Nancy Lutz
 Jeff Menz
 Jeff Waterman

ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Lori Fremder
 Jim & Linda Harriss
 Don & Glenda Klingsick
 Daniel Webb & Cindy Klein-Webb
 Mark & Dana Callahan
 Erick Larson & Karen Cummings-Larson
 L. Eric & Leslee Morris
 Grant & Lynn Lang
 Tom & Lori Messina
 Max & Linda Eakin
 Ralph & Vicki Schorr
 Gary & Chery Sides
 Keith & Connie Wyvell
 Tom & Anita Steinmann



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Your Church Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 17. Listed below are some of the highlights of our meeting.

- OLLC signed a three-year pledge to continue supporting Collinsville Faith in Action. CFIA provides a variety of services to people over the age of 60 and to those with disabilities. OLLC is proud to be considered a partner church with this area non-profit organization.
- Work currently being done by the Living Into a Culture of Mission and Action Team, along with insights from participants in the "Growing Young" discussion group has prompted your Council to begin researching possibilities for a Youth/Emerging Adult/Family Ministry Staff position. Our initial goal will be to create an appropriate job description.
- The Council is exploring the possibility of giving our worship services more descriptive names. If you have any ideas for our Saturday, Sunday Early, or Sunday Late services, please reach out to any of the Council members or submit your suggestions via an anonymous digital suggestion box here: <https://tinyurl.com/ollcservicenames>

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15. Please reach out to any of the Council members (Pastor Darla Ann, Laura Schoenecker, Linda Hester, Max Eakin, Dana Callahan, or Tom Steinmann) if you have any concerns that need to be addressed.

Fair Trade Coordinator

Mike Williams | vablu2@aol.com

Sunday School Superintendent

Lisa White

Newsletter Editor

Olivia Cross | love2haveu@ourlords.org

Facebook Coordinator - Katie Noga
[facebook.com/ourlordslutheranchurch](https://www.facebook.com/ourlordslutheranchurch)

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 July's Newsletter): Tuesday, June 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

The hours for Grandma's Attic are as follows:

- Tuesday through Saturday: 10:00 am – Noon
- Tuesday evening: 5:00 – 7:00

MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER

Donations can be dropped off any time the Attic is open.

The Residents Assistance Program office is open Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00. Phone interviews for assistance can also be done. Call the Outreach Center, leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned.

The Food Pantry is open Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00. Clients can also be served by appointment. Call the Outreach Center, leave your name and phone number and a time will be scheduled for curbside pickup.

Phone number - 618-345-9693

If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can now sign up for Remind.

Simply follow the instructions to the right to be added to our list.

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To sign up for updates regarding outdoor Peace in the Pines services, text **@ollcpines** to **81010**.



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



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Larry
Harleigh Johnson
Bob Meyer
Joy
KC Jensen

Pr. Tim Kennedy
Zach Zwaga
Jim Tilashalski
Joyce Bush

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Rudy Kantola
Kim Payne
Dan Homes
Linda Spencer
Jim Lemke
Bill Davidson

Vicki Lottes
Robin Wellener
Lisa White
Mike Williams
Steve Perry
Nicole Williams

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:

*Marvin Wollin
Brenda Cae Talley
Arrjae Puno
Carl Christian Capili Palpuz*

PRAYERS OF JOY & THANKSGIVING



Claire Maue graduated in December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Studies from Columbia College Chicago. She is a Logistics Specialist for Dana Rebecca Designs in Chicago.



We congratulate Aidan Truckenbrod on his graduation! He will be attending Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT (home of the Quinnipiac Polling Institute) to major in Political Science.



Now that Our Lord's new website is officially launched, Katie Noga will be stepping down from her special position as website coordinator. We thank her for all of her hard work and meticulous attention to detail. She will continue to manage Our Lord's Facebook page.

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

LIVING INTO A CULTURE OF MISSION AND ACTION REPORT

Our team has been working with the survey results and meeting regularly to develop clarity about our identity as a congregation and to review our current mission statement and values. Listening to the survey responses is an integral part of that work.

The results of the congregational survey come from a nice cross section of our congregation. This is true in terms of three different aspects: worship service usually attended, frequency of worship, and length of time as a part of Our Lord's Lutheran. Of the 104 respondents, 41 attend the Saturday service, 43 attend the Sunday services (17 early service and 26 late service) and 20 rotate among the services. In terms of frequency of worship, 55% of all respondents worship weekly, 22% worship at OLLC two to three times per month. The remaining 23% split almost equally into three groups: once per month (7%), quarterly (8%), and less than once a quarter. 9% of those responding have been connected with OLLC less than three years. 6% have been engaged here between four and six years, 11% between seven and ten years, and 13% between eleven and fourteen years. 17% of the respondents have been active for fifteen to twenty years, and 44% for over 20 years.

The response to one question indicates both a challenge and an opportunity for our congregation. On the true or false statement: "When I think about my gifts, interests, and time, I often feel like I have something to offer our congregation but don't know how to do so", 30% of those responding said that is true for them. The challenge is we need to do a much better job of clearly and frequently sharing with the congregation the pathways for sharing skills, time, talents, and other resources. The opportunity is a significant portion of our members are ready to offer their gifts, interests, and time. Such sharing will enhance our life together as we emerge from the pandemic.

When prioritizing areas of congregational life, we found that across all three groups of worship service attendees, it is very clear that you want Youth and Family Ministry to be a priority at Our Lord's Lutheran. We look forward to sharing more of the survey results with you in future columns and other forums.

SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

Men's Club



June Chefs

Darrell Bruhn
Ralph Schorr

Our Lord's Mower & Trimmer Schedule

June 2021

Riding Mowers

Trimmers

June 3-5	Scott Comrie	
June 10-12	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher
June 17-19	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
June 24-26	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast is on Saturday, June 5th 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.

LOOKING AHEAD



PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

JULY

- Independence Day, Jul 4
- Independence Day observed, office closed, Jul 5
- Outdoor Traditional Service, 9 am, Jul 11
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15
- Outdoor Praise Service, 5 pm, Jul 17
- Blessing of the College Students, 5 pm, Jul 31

AUGUST

- Blessing of the College Students, 9 am, Aug 1
- Blessing of Backpacks & School Supplies, 5 pm, Aug 7
- Outdoor Traditional Service & Blessing of Backpacks & School Supplies, 9 am, Aug 8
- Mary, Mother of Our Lord, Aug 15
- Newsletter Deadline, Aug 16
- Outdoor Praise Service, 5 pm, Aug 21

SEPTEMBER

- Labor Day, office closed, Sep 6
- God's Work. Our Hands. Sep 12
- Homecoming/Rally Day, Sep 12
- Outdoor Traditional Service, Sep 12
- First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sep 15
- Newsletter Deadline, Sep 15
- Outdoor Praise Service, Sep 18

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



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC Staff

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
Jacob Davis, Director of Non-Traditional Music
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Chery Sides, Organist
Katie Noga, Website & Facebook Coordinator
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech

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

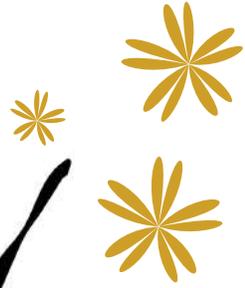
Church Council

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

Steering Team

Ed & Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators
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Rhonda Comrie (Fellowship)
Matt Blind (IT)
Harvey Chiles (Service)
Kalony Short (Worship)

JUNE

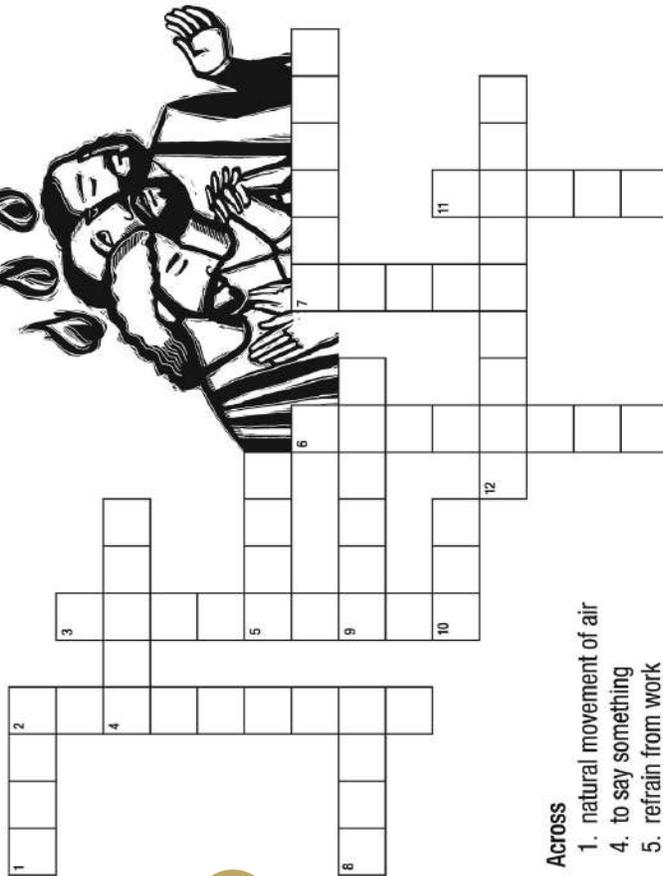


PUZZLE

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

JUNE CALENDAR

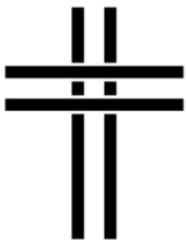
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
<p>MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:</p> 		<p>1 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>4 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>5 7:00 AM Men's Club 9:00 AM C/SIS Assembly 3:45 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>	
	<p>6 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 1:00 PM C/SIS Assembly</p>	<p>7 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Education Summit Meeting</p>	<p>8 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Peace In The Pines</p>	<p>11 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 3:00 PM Aidan T. Graduation Celebration</p>	<p>12 3:45 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
	<p>13 9:00 AM Worship: Traditional Service Chapel In The Pines 1:00 PM Bridal Shower - Fellowship Hall 1:30 PM Late Boomers</p>	<p>14 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 pm Steering Team Meeting</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Resurrected To Eternal Life Book Study 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Peace In The Pines</p>	<p>18 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>19 Juneteenth 3:45 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Outdoor Praise Service</p>
	<p>20 Father's Day 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p>21 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Resurrected To Eternal Life Book Study 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Peace In The Pines</p>	<p>25 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>26 3:45 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service - Guest Speaker - FIA Collinsville</p>
<p>27 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service - Guest Speaker - FIA Collinsville 2:00 PM Monthly Bike Ride</p>	<p>28 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM Resurrected To Eternal Life Book Study 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>30</p>				



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