

MAY newsletter 2022



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"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." John 4:7

I don't know how often you have thought of your relationships as gifts from God. In January, we began looking at our stewardship of various aspects of our lives. For three months we looked inward. In April, our stewardship focus turned outward as we looked at our role as caretakers of God's good creation. Now, this month we explore the fertile ground of relationships. May is also the month in which we celebrate Mother's Day.

Before we were even born, we could hear our biological mother's voice. As a baby and toddler, most of us had a biological or adoptive mother who encouraged and comforted us as we moved through the milestones of development. Our relationship with our mothers was our first relationship and shaped our sense of whether people are trustworthy, playful, and generous. Our world soon expanded to include other's living in the household – fathers, siblings, and sometimes grandparents. Some of us had cousins we got to play with at family gatherings. And for those whose parents were active in a congregation, it didn't take long to realize there were many people interested in listening to us and watching us grow. We had been gifted with relationships.

One of the values of this congregation is "relationships that manifest God's grace." To live out that value, the Living into A Culture of Mission and Action Team identified building and sustaining deep relationships within the congregation as a goal for 2022-2024. In Matthew 12, verse 50, Jesus says, "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Our relationship with Jesus expands our family. As stewards of this gift, we are called to engage in the work of developing caring and connected relationships. So, think about one relationship you have that you would like to strengthen. It might be in your current household, your family of origin, or a friendship or congregational circle. Then, plan one action which will let that person know you care about them. God will bless your expression of love.

-Pastor Darla Ann



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MAY SERVICES



THANK YOU!



As we reflect back upon our Lenten and Easter worship experiences, we extend a heartfelt and joyous thank you to:

Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music
for Sundays and Special Services



Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Robert Valentine, Piano
Chris Short, Trumpet
Vicki Lottes, Violin

OLLC Chancel Choir
OLLC Handbell Choir
OLLC Praise Band



Guest musicians:

Daniel Ramirez, Trumpet
Paul Rueschhoff, Cello
Julia Terry
Stephanie Mossinghoff
Natalie Gould



Livestreaming and Sound:
Matt Gross, Jenna Lathrom

Easter Flowers:

Laura Schoenecker
Chuck & Cindy Pugh
Max & Linda Eakin



Easter Brunch:

Cindy Pugh
Ginger Trucano



Changes that enliven
Sunday Worship Services:

During the month of May we return the Kyrie to our Sunday worship service.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEKEND WORSHIP

April 30 & May 1

Third Sunday of Easter
"The Lamb Who Was Slain...Revelation!"
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 7 & 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
"The Water of Life...Revelation!"
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 23
John 10:22-30

May 14 & 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Day on May 15
"The New Heaven and Earth...Revelation!"
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 21 & 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter
"The New Jerusalem...Revelation!"
Revelation 21:10 and 21:22-22:5
John 14:23-29

May 28 & 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter
"The Coming Christ...Revelation!"
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Saturday Service | 5:00 PM
Sunday Service | 9:00 AM

5:00 pm & 9:00 am services will be livestreamed. Not all scriptures listed to the right will be used for Saturday services.

GETTING TO KNOW 2 NEW MEMBERS!



We recently welcomed several new members into our community of faith. We asked them to tell us a little bit about themselves!

JOAN SHIMKUS GREEN

What's your favorite comic strip?

"My favorite comic strip is Peanuts."

Favorite place on earth?

"I love the ocean."

What do you like to do when you're not working?

"I like to sew, knit, crochet for leisure activities."

Tell us a little bit about your family:

"I have two children. They are both married. I have one grandchild and she is in high school. I am married."

Favorite part of mealtime?

"Desert is always my favorite time of any meal."

BARBARA WATZ

What's your favorite comic strip?

"Mutts."

Favorite place on earth?

"Couldn't decide!"

Funniest movie ever?

"Airplanes."

What's the best gift you've ever received?

"16th birthday - pair of white ladies ice skates. I had been ice skating in used black hockey skates. And then in 1973, my nephew Randy was born on my birthday (March 30th)."

Sports fan?

"Winter Olympics and figure skating."

What do you like to do when you're not working?

"I am happily retired! No working."

Tell us a little bit about your family:

"My mom was the first in her family to go to college. I am the oldest of five - 3 brothers and my sister. All are deceased. I have some nieces & nephews in Louisiana, another bunch in northern Illinois. Lots of Watz in Sweden!"

Tell us a little about your work background:

"Registered medical technologist. Trained at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Michigan."

Favorite book?

"The Hunt For Red October (one of many)."



COOLING OUR LORD'S HOUSE

Winter is over and summer is just around the corner! Now is the time to replace the HVAC system for the rear portion of the Worship Center, including the Fellowship Hall. The furnace units are 30+ years old, and the AC units are not working properly. The Church Council has accepted a bid from Polar Aire Heating & Air, Maryville. The bid of \$33,741.09 includes installation of four 96% 2 stage high efficiency gas furnaces and four 16 seer high efficiency air conditioners. Work is scheduled to begin in May; by summer we will have a high efficiency system in place!

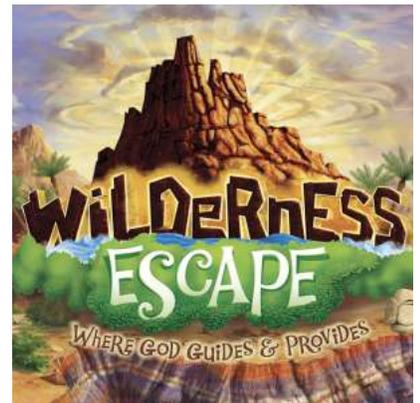
We are now in the midst of a 3-month endeavor to increase giving over and above our regular giving to support Cooling Our Lord's House. The balance from Restoring Our Lord's House, \$4540, has been applied to the Cooling campaign. We are asking that everyone prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to Cooling Our Lord's House. The campaign goal can be reached if everyone contributes. Contributions to Cooling Our Lord's House can be made by writing a check to Our Lord's noting "Cooling Our Lord's House" in the memo line, arranging an ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or making an online contribution by going to the church website. With your financial support we can achieve the campaign goal.

OUR LORD'S VBS - "WILDERNESS ESCAPE"

Our Lord's Vacation Bible School will take place on the evenings of **June 20-24** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, with a meal beforehand! We will be using "Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides & Provides." This is "an exciting journey with God's people, the Israelites, that brings God's Words to life for kids and adults!"

VBS registration will open soon on Our Lord's website. The link will be distributed to the congregation as soon as it is live.

God takes care of His people, even in the wilderness! In Group's Holy Land Adventure VBS, join the Israelites as they escape Egypt and follow God into the wilderness. To get through, you'll learn trust, faith, strength, salvation and guidance from the one true God!



CAMPERSHIP FUND

Have you made camping plans for this summer? At Camp Wartburg, children and families become immersed in God's awesome creation where the traditional pursuits of sports and academics become secondary to the values of curiosity, tolerance of others, self-discovery and learning-by-doing. Please visit <https://campwartburg.com/> to sign up, and please contact the church office at Our Lord's for more information about scholarships offered via the **John Mohl Campership Fund** for these wonderful, Christ-centered, summer camp

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opportunities!



EVENTS



BEE-UTIFULLY BLESSED LADIES BRUNCH & KITCHEN SHOWER **SUNDAY, MAY 22ND**

10:30 am. - Meet & Greet; Brunch Served at 11:00 am.
OLLC Worship Center Fellowship Hall



Ladies, young and young-at-heart, now that the dust has settled and the paint has dried, we are ready to stock our updated kitchen with new items. We thought this was a great reason to bring us back together -- to hang out with old friends, meet new friends, and celebrate our **Blessings!**

We have registered the items needed at Target and Amazon to make it super easy to buy a gift for the kitchen! In addition, gift cards to Bed, Bath & Beyond as well as cash donations will be accepted. We plan to purchase dish towels, dish cloths, and new flatware from Bed, Bath, & Beyond. The cash donations will be used to purchase four restaurant style wooden high chairs. Here are the details to access the registries.

Target - Cindy's Our Lord's Kitchen Registry: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/ollc-kitchen>

Amazon - OLLC Kitchen Shower: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/TVMOQ3ZNF5GS/guest-view>

Bee sure to have gifts delivered to your home, giftwrap and bring to the shower.

Creatively wrap your item(s) as there will be a prize given for the most creatively wrapped gift!



Registration to the brunch and tickets will be available following the worship service on May 15. We are asking everyone to pre-register so we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) or Karen Cummings-Larson (314-306-5987).



We are looking forward to seeing you on May 22nd!



WE NEED SOME HELPER BEES FOR OUR BRUNCH!

The Kitchen Queen bees are asking for the assistance of any young busy bee(s) (3 years old and older) to help with opening gifts for our updated kitchen. This will **bee** a rewarding time, because who doesn't love to open presents?! Plus, our bee helpers will receive an award that is as sweet as honey! Family members and close friends are also welcome to come and help! If you have any questions or would like to sign up a busy bee(s), please contact Lisa White (618-972-6594) or Karen Cummings-Larson (314-306-5987).



We look forward to seeing our busy bees on May 22!

MAYOR'S PRAYER DINNER **MAY 5, 2022 - 6:30 PM**

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

EVENTS CONT.

PAINT-ALONG WITH PAUL OMAN

MAY 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM



We will be finishing our Confirmation year with an exciting Easter paint-along event with Drawn to the Word Artist, Pastor Paul Oman. Paul will guide us step-by-step through a painting of one of the Easter stories. We will learn the story as we paint it, and everyone will have a painting they can take home. Make it a party! All ages and ability levels are welcome. Contact the church office to RSVP.

COLLINSVILLE SPIRIT OF SHARING (SOS)

MAY 12, 2022 - 6:30 PM



Thanks to everyone who provided food, volunteered time, and prayed for the SoS mission - the April Meal was a huge success! We served 100 patrons. We are returning to our pre-pandemic numbers. Our next opportunity to support the Collinsville Spirit of Sharing (SoS) is May 12, at St John's. We will prepare our Taco Casserole and Fiesta salad for take out. On Wednesday May 11, we will prepare the casseroles at on sight at our OLLC kitchen. The ingredients for the casseroles will needs be at the Church kitchen by 4:00 Wednesday. A sign up sheet for food and volunteers is posted in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



CONFIRMATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE QUILT

MAY 15, 2022 - 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

On May 15, 2022, we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for two of our students - Alison Kirk & Jojo Fortin. At the same worship service, we will be presenting a completed quilt to Rachel Lee. A number of OLLC volunteers have been working hard to finish each quilt square, and we are so happy to present the finished piece to Rachel. All are invited to join us in worship! This service will also be livestreamed for those who wish to watch from home.

RECOGNIZING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

MAY 21-22, 2022 - 5 PM & 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

On May 21 & 22, 2022, we will recognize our high school graduates at both worship services. All are welcome!



STORYBOOK PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that the Storybook Project will be resuming very soon. Please contact Don Baden for more details.



INTRODUCING YOUR GIVING EMPHASIS TEAM MEMBERS AND MISSION

Greetings from your new Giving Emphasis Team: Rod Orr, Gail Jorgenson, Keith and Jan Jensen, and Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer.

Historically, OLLC identified local and international organizations, crises, disasters, and ELCA ministries to be the benefactors of monthly “emphasis” donations. We have identified these missions using:

1. Historical gifting (Collinsville Faith in Action, Christmas With Our Neighbors, and ministries identified by the Synod);
2. Natural disasters (tornadoes, earthquakes, and drought); and
3. Impacts of manmade crisis (refugees, famine, and homelessness).

This method served us well in directing our generosity and will remain a significant part of our way ahead. However, as we reflect on our past and plan for our future, a more structured approach in continuous collaboration with the congregation seems appropriate. The Giving Emphasis Team has been tasked to provide a more defined structure and to be a conduit for regular communication with the congregation.

- The Team will be an advisory body to the OLLC Council and OLLC Ministry Support Team.
- The Team will suggest an annual list of monthly giving emphases for the Council's and the Ministry Support Team's consideration and approval.
- The Team will review the mission vision, values, and core strategies of the congregation and use those principles to identify complementary ministries and organizations for inclusion on the annual list.
- The Team will thoroughly research and vet ministries and organizations so as to ensure consistency with OLLC principles and values. A big factor in considering potential giving opportunities will be a desire to work with faith-based missions.
- The Team will introduce ministries and organizations approved by the Council to the congregation and will report back to the congregation on those monthly emphasis gifts and the impact of the gifting. This information loop is designed to allow for input from the congregation on the current year list and future lists.

The Team is currently in the process of identifying the special emphasis missions for the 12 months, beginning in June 2022. As we look at our past gifting, we see three trending areas of giving: support to our Lutheran family (examples include Lutheran Campus and Ministry), support for those experiencing food insecurity (examples include SoS and Souper Bowl of Caring), and support to our community (examples include school supplies and Christmas with our Neighbors). We believe these should remain areas of interest for OLLC. However, based on input from the congregation, we are considering an additional focus on social justice, starting with sharing God's love with at-risk youth. Again, the Team will research and vet all potential opportunities and will include our vision and principles in our decision-making process.

The Team is happy to share our first quarter of monthly giving emphases. June will be a new mission for OLLC - the Madison County Juvenile Justice Center. In July, we will be giving to Lutheran World Relief. In August, we will be accepting school supplies for students beginning the new school year. We look forward to sharing background information on June's mission to you in mid-May at a Saturday and Sunday service. In the months following we will share with you information on the impact of our gifting. We encourage you to reach out to any of the Team for additional information or to discuss potential future opportunities.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am

We are currently watching "The Chosen," the "first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." For more info, please visit: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

"MAKING CONNECTIONS" NEW MEMBER COURSE

Either Wed or Tues at 7 pm

This new member class is a set of three gatherings that will begin in May. The exact date will be announced soon. We meet in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall. This time of conversation and learning is truly for everyone. Meetings will last approximately an hour and a half. New members will then be welcomed into the church on June 4-5!

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

In addition to sharing highs and lows from daily life, this group will use "Faith Out Loud: Talking About What Matters Most" as a springboard for conversation and exploring scripture. We meet in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

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

May: "Across The Generations"

One act of welcome can beget another

By Sarah Carson, Ralen Robinson, Anna Madsen, Violet Little, Helen Hollingsworth, and Denise Rector.

"We will spend the month of May considering intergenerational relationships and what Scripture says about their importance. You'll be asking to consider your own story and the places God has led you. In doing so, you might also be surprised by the power of relationship and hospitality to inspire change."

CONFIRMATION

Sundays at 10:15 am

Our May Schedule (we meet in person in the Life Center conference room):

May 1 - Easter 3 - Willoughby Farms Trip (after 9 am service)

May 8 - Easter 4 - Last Day Of Sunday School (Ed Foppe)

May 11 - Paint-Along With Paul Oman - Life Center Conference Room (Wednesday, 7:00 PM)

May 15 - Rite Of Confirmation (Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer & Ed Foppe) - No Class

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

We are currently watching "The Chosen," the "first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." For more info, please visit: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

EDUCATION MINISTRY CONT.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 10:15 am

Elementary Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th grade) meets at the Life Center weekly at 10:15 am. We are currently looking for donations of individually pre-packaged snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.), construction paper, glue sticks, and other miscellaneous craft supplies. Please contact Lisa White or Kathy Nehrt for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 10:15 am

High School Sunday School meets every week in Harry's Hangout. Metro-area Lutheran churches are taking turns hosting youth-oriented events. Our next youth event is planned for **May 22**. All OLLC youth (8th grade – high school) are invited to Gethsemane Lutheran St. Louis where we will explore God's Boundless Creation from **3-5 pm**. Then on June 26, we will host metro-area Lutheran youth at OLLC.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 16 at 11:30 am** in the Life Center conference room. Bringing your lunch is optional. We will be reading "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xUjVMUT09>

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 conversation.

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

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Please call with any questions or suggestions. Kathie Brady at 618-623-9238 or Kathy Nehrt at 618-304-0473.



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

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

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center

Our final performance before our summer break will be on May 22, 2022.

OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

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

Performances: Monthly on the 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center

Our final performance before our summer break will be on May 15, 2022.



Greetings from the Council,

As I review the April meeting notes rain is scheduled in the forecast yet again. I am reminded of the saying "April showers bring May flowers." Even the most unpleasant of experiences, in this case dreary, rainy days of April, bring about very enjoyable outcomes such as the abundance of flowers in May. When I think of OLLC happenings and general business, it is the everyday routine and work of the church that will lead to new and exciting results.

Highlights from the April council meeting included:

- Three applications were received for the Director of Non-Traditional Music position; interviews will take place in the near future.
- Work on the new HVAC system will begin May 5. The capital campaign, Cooling Our Lord's House, was well-received and contributions are rolling in.
- Continued the discussion of the Mission, Vision, Values, and Core Strategies outlined during 2021.
- Membership in the Great Rivers Prescribed Burn Association was approved. In addition, we approved moving forward with a burn of the OLLC Prairie as determined by the Association.
- A Paint Along with Pastor Paul Oman for confirmands is scheduled during May; event will be opened to the congregation as well.
- Pastor reported, Allison Kirk and Jojo Fortin, will be confirmed in May.

Your Council is proud to serve and is always willing to answer your questions the best we can. Council meetings are open to all congregation members. If you are interested in attending a meeting, held the third Monday of each month via Zoom, contact the church office for access information.

Look forward to the beauty of spring and look to a new, brighter future at OLLC. Know that God is leading us toward something amazing!

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson

★ Read March's approved minutes:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z6-pRPlzs_xN05Rk91DIs27VbgZcff5t?usp=sharing

FAIR TRADE

Mother's Day is just about here. There are many beautiful gifts in the Fair Trade Shop to put a smile on her face. Come on in a look around. Most of the jewelry is already yellow tagged. There are scarves and decor items to choose from. There is also still time to check the spring catalog and website: SERRV.org) for great gifts for her before May 8th. Don't let it slip up on you!

Yours in Christ,
Mike (call/text (618)772-9260



FINANCIAL NEWS

Excerpts from TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of March as of March 31, 2022

From report to council submitted by Max Eakin 4-18-2022

	in March	for Jan, Feb, Mar combined
General Benevolence Offerings	\$18,927*	\$78,627
VIF/BOOM (mortgage reduction campaign)	\$2,510**	\$11,500
Designated Pass-Through Income	\$2,343	\$7,861
Designated Fair Trade Ministry Income	\$608	\$1,340
Restoring Our Lord's House	-	\$50
Thrivent Funds	\$883	\$883
Total:	\$25,271	\$100,261
General Budgeted Expense	\$20,850	\$71,164
Synodical Mission Support	\$2,000	\$6,000
VIF/BOOM Payment	\$3,724***	\$10,172
Designated Pass-Through Exp (Social Ministry)	\$1,654	\$5,520
Designated Fair Trade Ministry Expense	\$0	\$1,857
Total:	\$28,228****	\$94,713
Mortgage principal paid	\$3,561	\$9,679
Mortgage interest paid	\$143	\$473
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$30,523	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$55,803	
Cash - Designated	\$65,805	
Total:	\$121,608	

Balances In Selected Designated Funds As Of March 31, 2022

Our Lord's Youth	\$14,618	People in A Pickle	\$831	Restore Our	
Memorials	\$4,835	Mind the Gap	\$2,672	Lord's House	\$4,540
Camperships	\$3,750	Kitchen Team	\$1,773		
Storybook Project	\$6,270	IT designated giving	\$2,007		
Funeral Luncheons	\$42	Building and Grounds	\$3,703		
SOS Soup Kitchen	\$1,361	Choir	\$430		

*anticipated budget amount of \$23,500

**anticipated budget amount of \$3,500

***corresponds to amount donated in Feb

****anticipated budget amount of \$31,748

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Currently, masks are not required, and there are no longer any social distancing guidelines. We will continue to update building usage policies in accordance with national and local safety guidelines regarding COVID-19. For questions or to reserve building space: **(618) 345-5692** or 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 June's Newsletter): Monday, May 16, 2022.

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES - Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

PRAYER VENTURES - Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures

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

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

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

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

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



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Dora Clawges

Adam White

Kirby Orr

Claire Blind

Cindy Pugh

Alison Messina-Hancock

Ed Foppe

Andrew Grave

Adam Rimar

Aidan Truckenbrod

Devon Sallee

AJ Wieser

Becky Fremder

Jeff Scheiter

Eric Sutton

Kristen Gunderson

Alex Corrie

Kurtis Nemsky

Elizabeth Blind

Anya Cvijanovic

Cindy Diggs

Linda Eakin

Casey Eakin

Sean Micnheimer

Andrea Giese

Shellie Lackey

Peggy Pick-Sutton

Elizabeth White

Nathan Diggs



David & Lisa White

Brad & Lisa Bush

Billy & Diana Huster

Bryan & Nicole Soehnlin

Kelvin & Susan Peterson

Erick & Stacie Kirk

David & Sharon Schroeder

Jack & Karen Hammond

Julie & Jacob Preston



FAITH IN ACTION

Partner Church Newsletter Article for May 2022

April 15, 2022

1. Give STL Day is Thursday, May 5. Please consider donating to Collinsville Faith in Action by going to <https://www.givestlday.org/>.
2. Elder Connection is a group that meets once monthly for lunch and activities in and around the region. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, May 18 from 11A-1P. The program is free, but participants must register by calling 618-344-8080. Free transportation also available for Collinsville Unit 10 School District residents.
3. Do you have just an hour a month to help us? We appreciate all our Partner Churches and the volunteers they send to us, and we have volunteer positions for any interest, ability, or time you have! If you want to put your faith into action, please call Lisa at 618-344-8080 to learn more or visit our website at fiacollinsville.org. Orientation, training, and background checks available at no charge through CFIA.
4. Social Isolation has reached epidemic levels in the United States, and older people are at higher risk of social isolation resulting in both physical and emotional decline. If you or someone you love need to build or re-build a strong social network, consider joining CFIA's pilot program called Circle of Friends. This free program will begin this summer, but registration is open now. To learn more, contact Lisa at 618-344-8080.

In gratitude,
Lisa C. Brennan



WORKER BEES

MAY MOWER SCHEDULE:

	RIDING MOWERS	TRIMMERS
May 5-7	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
May 12-14	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
May 19-21	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
May 26-28	Ted Nemsky	Tom Messina

Worker Bees will meet on **Saturday, May 7th**. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Steve Hoelscher.



PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

KC Jensen
Angel Lipham
Ron Mueller
Nel Kennedy
Donald Simonson Jr.
Carol Gendron

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Kim Payne Nancy Lutz
Dan Homes Don Klingsick
Linda Spencer Robin Wellener
Jim Lemke Luke Huster
Bill Davidson Brad Bush
Dean Lackey Dora Clawges
Brian Kassing

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:

Lela Sage

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
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Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
PFC Eric Shelton
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

God of grace and peace, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Help and heal the wounded, receive the dying into your embrace, and comfort those who mourn.

Strengthen rescue and relief workers who protect and provide for others in the midst of crisis and chaos. Surround us all with your grace and bring peace to our weary world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL GIVING EMPHASIS

We learned in early April of 2022 that the Lutheran congregations in Madagascar who are a part of the C/SIS sister synod international relationships have experienced four cyclones in their country. Therefore, the annual special offering that congregations take to the synod assembly will be designated for Madagascar. Funds given by OLLC members in May will be taken to our synod assembly in one check. Please keep the people of Madagascar in your prayers as they rebuild and recover.

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

- Peace In The Pines, Jun 1
- Synod Assembly, Jun 2-4
- Pentecost, Jun 4-5
- Holy Trinity, Jun 11-12
- Flag Day, Jun 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Jun 15
- Father's Day, Jun 19
- Juneteenth, Jun 19
- VBS: "Wilderness Escape," Jun 20-24
- Peace In The Pines, Jun 29

JULY

- Independence Day, Jul 4
- Church Office Closed, July 4
- Spoudazo Performance, July 12 or 13
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15
- Peace In The Pines, Jul 20
- Monthly bike ride - date TBD
- Wedding, Jul 30

AUGUST

- Newsletter Deadline, Aug 15
- Peace In The Pines, Aug 24
- Monthly bike ride - date TBD

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 & Interim
Director of Non-Traditional Music
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for
Sundays and Special Services
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

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The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

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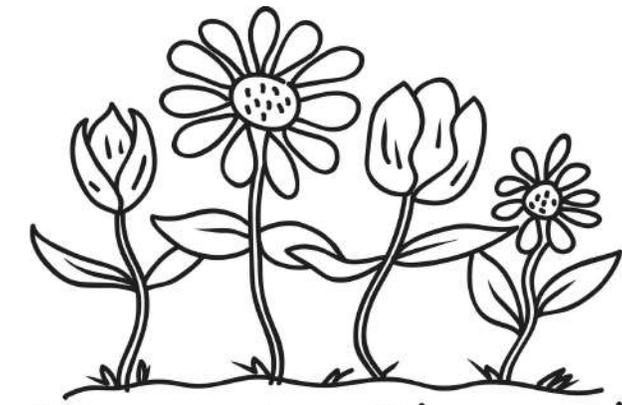
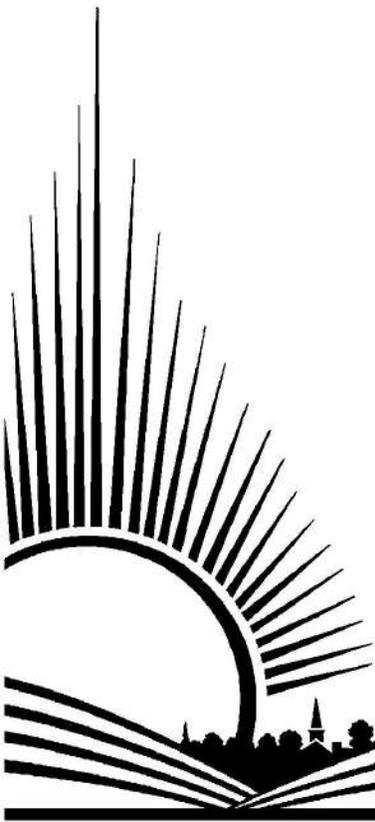
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Time to Bloom!



PUZZLE

Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

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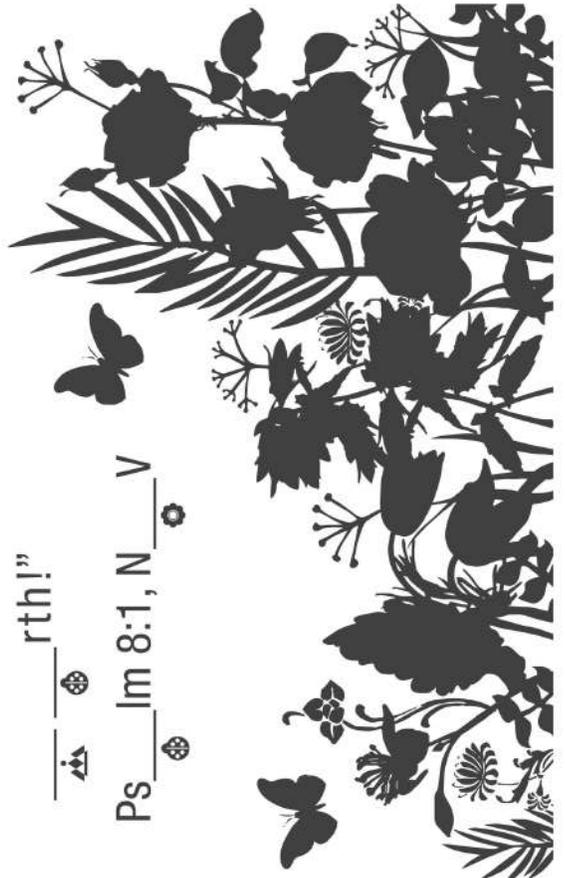
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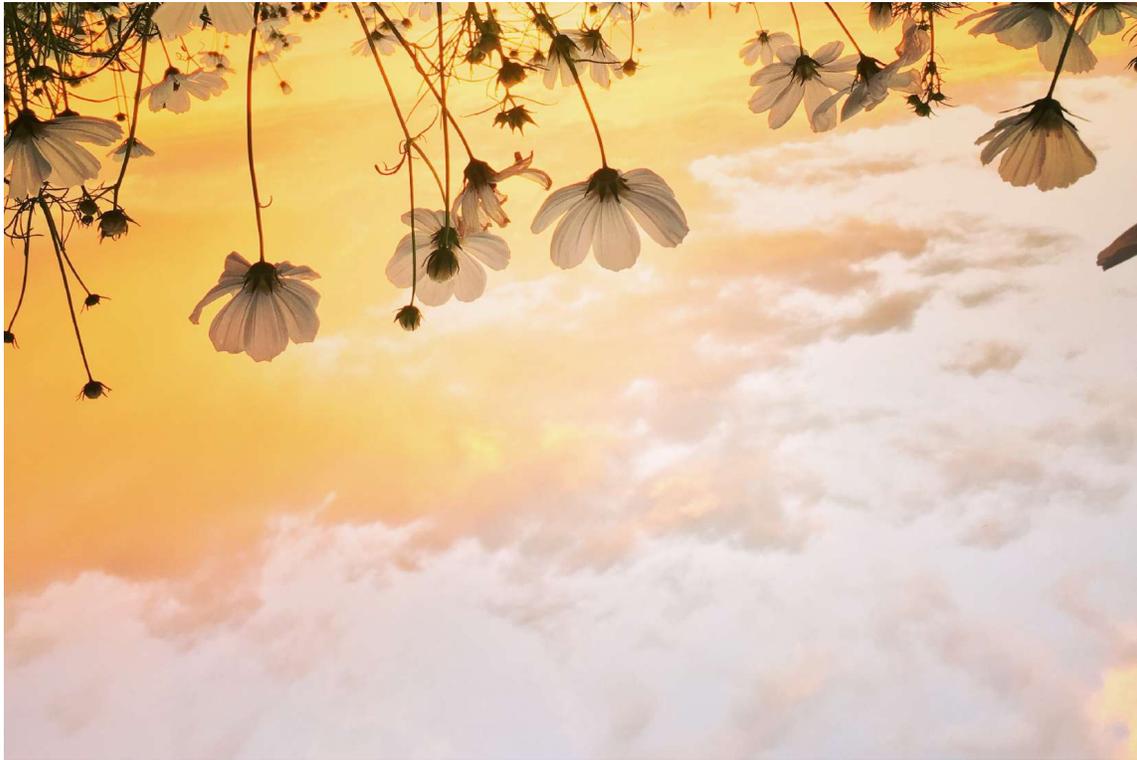
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MAY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Easter 3 First Day of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 4:00 PM Event - WC	2 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Education Summit Meeting	3 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	4 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul	5 Cinco de Mayo 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Mayor's Prayer Dinner 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	6 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 5:30 PM Event - WC	7 Easter 4 7:00 AM Men's Club 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
8 Easter 4 Mother's Day 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Confirmation Class - Willoughby Farms Trip 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School	9 12:00 PM Giving Emphasis Team Meeting - Zoom 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Meeting	10 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	11 4:00 PM SOS Prep 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting 7:00 PM Paint-Along With Paul Oman - LC	12 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM SOS - St. John's 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	14 Easter 5 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
15 Easter 5 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service - Rite Of Confirmation & Presenting Of Quilt 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	16 Newsletter Deadline 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	17 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	18 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul	19 10:00 AM People In A Pickle Meeting 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	21 Easter 6 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
22 Easter 6 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service - Recognition Of High School Graduates	23 12:00 PM Giving Emphasis Team Meeting - Zoom 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Event - WC	24 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	25 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul	26 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	27 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	28 Easter 7 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service
29 Easter 7 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Hymn Planning Meeting	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:			

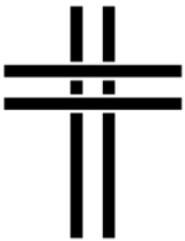




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