

# September newsletter

2023

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

*But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.*

Philippians 2:22

Serve. Served. Service. Since we are focused this month on the gift of service, I decided to try to get some clarity about the meaning of service. The word can be used as a noun, a verb, or an adjective. The first definition I came across is "the action of helping or doing work for someone." In the Merriam-Webster dictionary, definition one, section 2c, lists service as a "contribution to the welfare of others." The service given by Timothy contributed to the welfare of others. And a wonderful side benefit was that as Timothy worked beside Paul their relationship grew. The people of this congregation engage in many acts of service. As we serve alongside one another, we develop relationships with other participants at Our Lord's.

This month we are focused on serving beyond the walls of OLLC. Even things that take place in our building, like the First Responder's Breakfast (page 3), are being done to encourage and celebrate those beyond our walls. So, please take a moment to turn to pages 5 & 6 in this newsletter to read about service opportunities on Sept. 9 & 10 and during the months ahead. On the weekend of September 9 & 10 we will lay our "2023-2024 Service Commitments" before the altar at all three services. They will be dedicated and blessed. On this 10th anniversary of "God's work. Our hands." weekend, may we truly rally! We can celebrate with confidence because we have a God who will use the many ways we serve to bless both those served and us.

Pastor Kratzer



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# SEPTEMBER SERVICES

## September 2 & 3 "An Order of Service"

14th Weekend after Pentecost  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 1-2, 9-21 (Message translation)  
Mathew 16:21-28

## September 9 & 10 "God's work. Our hands."

Rally Day & Day of Service  
15th Weekend after Pentecost  
Ezekiel 33:7-11, Romans 13:8-14,  
Matthew 18:15-20  
*2nd Sunday 2nd Service*

## September 16 & 17 "Forgiveness"

16th Weekend after Pentecost  
Psalm 103:8-13  
Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

## September 23 & 24 "It's Not Fair"

17th Weekend after Pentecost  
Jonah 3:10-4:11, Matthew 20:1-16

## September 30 & October 1 "Doing the Right Thing"

18th Weekend after Pentecost  
Ezekiel 18:1-4. 25-32, Matthew 21:22-32

*Not all scriptures listed will be  
used for Saturday worship.*



Saturday & Sunday hospitality will continue throughout the fall.

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

5:00 pm and 9:00 am services will usually be livestreamed.

## Installation of Bishop for Central/Southern Illinois Synod

The Rev. Dr. Greg G. Busboom will be installed as bishop on Saturday, September 23, at 11:00 am. The worship service will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 245 North Amos Avenue, Springfield, with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presiding.

A reception will be held following the service at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 West Washington Street, Springfield. To help the planning team prepare communion elements, bulletins, and seating arrangements, you are requested to RSVP by September 8.

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

## FIRST RESPONDER'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, **September 9th** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**, Our Lord's Fellowship Hall. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to the First Responders of Collinsville, Glen Carbon, Maryville, and Troy as well as the First Responders of Our Lord's (doctors, nurses, etc.). First Responders and their families are invited to attend the appreciation breakfast.

**Anyone interested in assisting with food prep, set up, and clean up, contact Cindy Pugh at 618-334-1046.**



## RALLY DAY



- 9 am Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School classes meet teachers and do service projects in classrooms
- 10:45 am 2nd Sunday late worship service
- 11:00 am Sunday school students enter worship service
  - Promotions
  - Presentations of Bibles
  - Rite of Commitment to Confirmation Program
  - Dedication of Commitments to Service in 2023-2024
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm Send off for afternoon service projects

## LUTHER: GOSPEL, LAW, AND REFORMATION

Martin Luther's understanding of the Gospel has shaped how we at OLLC interpret scripture. Whether you are refreshing your memory to reconnect to the significance of Luther or learning for the first time about the revelations from scripture that set Luther on the path of reforming the church, this course will be filled with gems to enrich your faith. The same sessions will be offered weekly at two different times starting Sunday, September 10 at 10:15 am in the Worship Center and Monday, September 11 at 10 am in the Life Center.



## 25TH ANNIVERSARY PRAISE BAND WORSHIP CONCERT

**Saturday, September 30th, 5 pm**

More of your favorite praise songs will be sung in place of the regular order of the Saturday night worship service. Select your favorite songs and send the titles to the church office. Come out to sing with the Praise Band. And join them in a special time of fellowship with remembrances and a slide show!

**(Any Praise Band pictures that you have, please send to the church office at [love2haveu@ourlords.org](mailto:love2haveu@ourlords.org))**

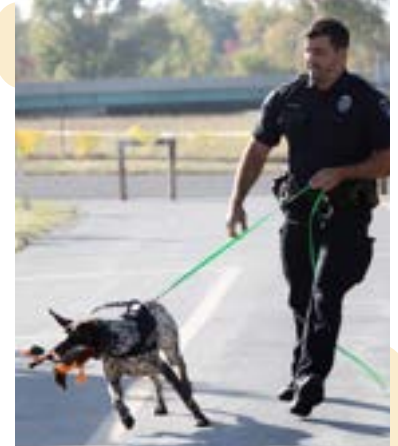
# PET EXPO -- OCTOBER 7 -- 10AM-1PM

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.  
BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY! PETS OF ALL KINDS ARE WELCOME!  
THE PET EXPO WILL TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE ON THE CHURCH  
GROUNDS RAIN OR SHINE!

**FREE  
EVENT**

- Canine Demonstrations
- Face Painting
- Teddy Bear Clinic
- Rescue Organizations
- Vendors
- Blessing Booth for Pet Blessings
- Door Prizes
- Food available for purchase



Photos by Erick Larson from the 2022 Pet Expo.

## WORKER BEES

The first weekend of September is Labor Day Weekend; therefore, the Worker Bees will next meet on Saturday, September 9. at 7:00 am at OLLC. Worker Bees will be assisting with the First Responders Breakfast as well as completing miscellaneous tasks within the church. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.

### *Mower / Trimmer Schedule*

Date:	Mower:	Trimmer:
August 31-September 2	Scott Comrie	Tom Messina
September 7-9	---	Steve Hoelscher
September 14-16	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
September 21-23	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
September 28-30	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr

If you're interested in becoming a mower or trimmer, please contact the church office!

# SEPTEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS

## A GIFT OF SERVICE

The Giving Emphasis Team continues to look at the various ways we at Our Lord's can be instruments of God's love in our community. So far this year, your generosity has enabled us to share financially, provide gifts of school supplies, and collect gifts of hygiene products. The month of **September** will afford us the opportunity of sharing our gift of time and skills.

"God's work - Our hands" Sunday is a day of service that began 10 years ago to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the ELCA. Its purpose then and now is to engage members in service to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love. Additionally, the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is to transform the anniversary of 9/11 from a day of tragedy into a day of doing good. The goal to ensure the terrorists didn't have the last word in forever defining for generations to how America would remember and observe 9/11. Today, 9/11 Day continues to engage over 30 million Americans annually in various forms of charitable service including volunteering, donations to charities, and simple good deeds.

Recognizing both "God's work - Our hands" and the National Day of Service, we have designated our September giving emphasis to be a gift of service.

### Beyond the Walls of Our Lord's

#### Service Opportunities from September 2023 – Summer 2024

(Descriptions of each event available in the handout provided at OLLC or contact the church office.)

#### Day of Service

*First Responders  
Breakfast*

*Gardening & Yard Work*

*Tying Fleece Blankets*

*Assembling Hygiene Kits*

*Making Casseroles for  
Mind the Gap*

#### One & Done Events

*Pet Expo: October 7*

*Feed My Starving Children Mobile  
Pack Event, October 14*

*Fall Yard Cleanup, November 4*

*2023 Festival of Trees Event,  
December 6*

*Christmas With Our Neighbors,  
December*

*Elmwood Project  
People in a Pickle*

#### On-Going Service

#### Opportunities

*SOS Soup Kitchen  
Maryville Outreach  
Center*

*Our Lord's Crafters*

*People in a Pickle  
Elmwood Project*

*Faith in Action  
Homework, Help &  
Hoops*

Complete the following document identifying the ways you will serve others throughout our community during 2023-2024. Return your completed document(s) to OLLC the weekend of September 9-10.

# 2023-2024 SERVICE COMMITMENT

Trusting God will provide me with the time and energy needed to do God's work, I commit to the following for the year September 2023 – July 2024:

## Day of Service

- First Responders Breakfast (Sept. 9)
- Gardening and Yard Work
- Tying Fleece Blankets
- Assembling Hygiene Kits
- Making Casseroles for Mind the Gap

## On-Going at OLLC

### SOS Soup Kitchen

- Tuesday Crew (3-6:15 pm), Oct. 10, Dec. 12
  - Thursday Crew (3-6:15), Nov. 9
- Maryville Outreach Center
- Recycling items for Grandma's Attic
  - Volunteer one day a week at Grandma's Attic

### Our Lord's Crafters

- Quilt making
  - Women's hygiene kits
  - People in A Pickle \_\_\_\_\_
  - Elmwood Project \_\_\_\_\_
- Homework, Help, and Hoops
- Tuesday
  - Thursday

*I will volunteer locally this year in one of these ways:*

- Humane Society
- Food Pantry
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*One new thing I am willing to try this year is* \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## One and Done

- Pet Expo (Oct 7) 10 am-1pm
- Set Up Team 8-10 am
- Food Team 10am-1pm
- Clean up Team 1pm-2pm
- Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event (Oct. 14)
- FIA Fall Yard Cleanup (Nov 4, 2-4pm)
- 2023 Festival of Trees Event (Dec 6)
- Christmas with Our Neighbors
- November Prep (tbd)
- Christmas Day 10 am
- Feed my Starving Children Mobile Pack Event (April 2024, tbd)

## On-going at CFIA

- Office Assistance
- Assist with transportation
- Minor Home Repairs
- Wheelchair Ramp Construction
- Social Program Leaders
- CFIA Board Membership

Upon completion, return to OLLC the weekend of September 9-10.

# EDUCATION MINISTRY

## PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Classroom 4 in the Life Center is for Pre-K & Kindergartners on Sundays at 10:15 am!

## ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We meet in Classroom 2 of the Life Center!

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

We meet weekly in the Sanctuary! Classes begin Sept. 10.

*Sundays at 10:15 am*

## HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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

*Sundays at 10:15 am*

## OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

OLY will meet later this month. Plans are being made; look for an announcement soon.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Sundays at 10:15 am*

**Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation**  
- first session September 10th.

## FEEDING THE SOUL

"Contrary to popular opinion, all religions are not alike. Their followers see the world in very different ways. Their understandings of the human condition proceed from different assumptions, leading them to propose different remedies." - Barbara Brown Taylor

This fall, Feeding the Soul will talk about finding God in the faith of others. **We begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 3:00-4:30 pm in Drost Park (weather permitting).** Please come to listen and share as we explore other faith traditions.

Thanks,  
Pastor K

## QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

*Mondays at 10:00 am*

**Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation**  
- first session September 11th.

## MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

*Meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.*

### September Bible Study - Holy places: Home

Home can be the place we lay our head and the people we call family. Home can be our community or homeland. Home is also found wherever we truly and fully belong. This month, we consider the complexity and the promise of "home" through the stories of Israel's exile, the ministry of Jesus, and the promises of Revelation.

# MUSIC AT OUR LORDS

## SUNDAY SINGERS AND RINGERS NEEDED!

Our Lord's Chancel Choir and Bell Choir resume rehearsals and performances in September, and we need **you** to help us continue to offer meaningful music in our traditional worship services. **No experience is necessary**; if you love music and would like to spend your Thursday evenings laughing, learning, and making a joyful noise, you are welcome! Please contact Cady Thomas Potts at 417-268-8777 or [cady.thomas@ourlords.org](mailto:cady.thomas@ourlords.org) for more information.



### OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

*Rehearsals resume  
September 7 at 6 pm*

### OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

*Rehearsals resume  
September 7 at 7pm*

### OLLC PRAISE BAND

**Time:** Saturdays 3:30 pm (practice)  
5:00 pm (performance)

**Location:** Worship Center

*To join, contact [lemuelsing@ourlords.org](mailto:lemuelsing@ourlords.org)*

# SOS SPIRIT OF SHARING SOUP KITCHEN

SOS served 158 taco salads in August! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped prepare, serve and assemble the meal.

**Mark your calendar!**  
**OLLC will provide meals**  
**October 10**  
**November 9**  
**December 12**





# OLLC FAIR TRADE MINISTRY

A NEW Catalog is FINALLY here. The pictures below are just a sample of the many items available through the Catalog and/or SERRV.org website. Remember, there is always a much larger selection on the Website than in the Catalog. We always do extremely well when the new catalogs first arrive. At the moment I have about \$60 towards my first order. As always, SERRV has a minimum \$250 amount on their orders, but we normally get 2 or more orders when the new items hit the warehouse. Let me know of your favorite SKU's and I will get right back to you with your OLLC discount prices.



Please don't forget to shop the Shop!  
The more I move from those four walls, the more NEW items I can bring in for you to see and purchase. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,  
Mike  
Call or Text (618)772-9260



## FAITH IN ACTION

Hello, Partner Congregations.

- Collinsville Faith in Action is hiring a full-time Manager of Volunteers. This position offers an opportunity to do meaningful work at a competitive wage with good benefits. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://fiacollinsville.org/> Interviews are being scheduled in September, so please act quickly.
- Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare runs from mid-October through mid-December. At Collinsville Faith in Action, we offer free Medicare consultations with a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor. We do not sell insurance, but rather, we work with you to review your options and assist you in signing up for the plan of your choice. Call our Answers on Aging professional, Patrick Bivens, at 618-344-8080 to schedule an appointment.
- Collinsville Faith in Action has been nominated for a C3 Award! The Unit 10 Collinsville School District, Chamber of Commerce, and City of Collinsville collaborate to present awards annually to businesses, nonprofits, and individuals in the community. Please join us on Thursday, November 9 at the Gateway

## FAITH IN ACTION cont.

Convention center to celebrate our community. Information is available at <https://www.collinsvilleil.org/community/2022-c3-community-awards>. This is a very inspiring event that you're sure to enjoy.

- Collinsville Faith in Action has been named the sole recipient of funds raised at the 2023 Festival of Trees! This annual event is organized by the Collinsville Area Community Foundation and has become a fun holiday tradition for residents of the Collinsville area. It raises funds for nonprofits that serve the community, and CFiA is honored to have been chosen this year. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, December 6 at the Gateway Convention Center. Tickets and more information are available at <https://www.festivaloftrees.info/>

In faith and gratitude.  
Lisa C. Brennan  
Executive Director



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

We will next meet on **September 18th at 11:30 am**. We will discuss *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Bringing your lunch is optional. Zoom will be available on request. New members ALWAYS welcome!



### 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

We will next meet on September 27th in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm. Please contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!

live laugh love

**CRAFTS & LAUGHS** will resume in October!

## SEPTEMBER COUNCIL BRIEFS

As I prepare the “Council Briefs” for August I think about the emphasis for the month of September – A Gift of Service. Serving others is one of the most important ways we can live out our faith. When we use our time, talents, and resources to help others, we demonstrate Christ's love and bring hope to those in need. Service is a great way to put aside our self-centeredness and notice how we are connected, even indebted, to others. When we start seeing the genuine needs of others, it deters our own sense of entitlement. None of us became the people we are alone, but by the sacrifice and investment of many others from our earliest years. Take a moment to think of the people who came into your life and influenced your faith; consider the members within our congregation and the services they provide to the church and to others.

In addition to the general business dealings of the church, the agenda of the August Council meeting included discussion of the Internal Audit Committee report. Thank you Tom Steinman, Dom Echevarria, and Mike Blotevogel for your dedication and willingness to conduct the audit of OLLC finances. The report can be found on page 12 of the September newsletter. Discussion of the open position for Administrative Assistant was on the agenda as well. Applications are being reviewed and interviews scheduled. The office is now filled with volunteer help and some tasks are being delayed for the time being. Please bear with us during the transition and be patient until we hire a new Assistant.

Serving others can be challenging. It requires sacrifice, selflessness, and a willingness to put the needs of others before our own. It may mean giving up our time or resources or stepping out of our comfort zone to help someone in need. God sends opportunities every day to positively impact lives around you. Whether serving in large or small ways, when God's love flows through you, you'll be able to unselfishly adjust your schedule or budget and not count the cost.

Where has God been calling you to serve? What obstacles, fears, or doubts are keeping you from experiencing the joy of being used by God?

Yours in Christ,  
Karen Cummings-Larson

*If you would like to discuss becoming involved in the leadership at OLLC, (serving on church council or as part of the ministry support team) please contact Pastor Darla Ann or a council member.  
If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the church office for access information.  
You may read the previous month's minutes here: [tinyurl.com/4fmv76k2](https://tinyurl.com/4fmv76k2)*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATE

The Administrative Assistant position remains open. We are accepting resumes and interviewing for the position. Our summer support staff has returned to school and will be assisting us in the office only one day per week. What does this mean for you and the OLLC congregation?

- Please be patient if some practices you are use to are modified for the time being.
- Spread the word that we are looking for a new Administrative Assistant.
- Volunteers are needed to assist in the office for the next few weeks. Expectations are limited to answering phones, taking messages, and accepting deliveries. If you are available one day each week, only once in the next few weeks, or for just a few hours, please contact the church office.
- Be patient! If messages are not returned promptly or if a call is not answered as quickly as expected, understand that everything possible is being done to keep the office running as smoothly as possible. I am asking for your prayers and your patience during this time of transition.

If you have any questions or are able to volunteer to assist in the office, please contact me.

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## Cash Assets of the Congregation (as of July 31, 2023)

### Balances in Selected Designated Funds

Building and Grounds	\$3,850
Fair Trade	\$287
Funeral Luncheons	\$2,502
IT	\$1,047
Kitchen Team	\$612
Musical Performance	(\$600)
Pet Expo	\$32
Our Lord's Youth	\$13,669
Thiel estate bequest	\$21,493
Memorial	\$8,528
Camperships	\$3,423
Mind the Gap	\$1,545
People in A Pickle	\$1,169
SOS Soup Kitchen	\$1,683
Monthly Emphasis	\$0
Disaster Relief	\$50

*Thank you for sharing your financial resources with this congregation in support of the mission we share.*



Note: payments labeled "Cooling Our Lord's," "Restoring Our Lord's," or "VIF/Boom, Mortgage, etc." will be deposited into "Building and Grounds," as the aforementioned funds are no longer active.

Cash - Unrestricted	\$10,592
Cash - Designated	<u>\$59,291</u>
<b>Total cash</b>	<b>\$69,883</b>

(Financial figures are taken from the August 2023 Treasurer Report given to the OLLC Council by Treasurer Max Eakin.)

## INTERNAL AUDIT OF OLLC FINANCES – FINAL REPORT

### Tasks Completed

- Created two summary spreadsheets running weekly/monthly totals to summarize Contribution Record Tally Sheets by categories
- Analyzed how the weekly contributions record compares to weekly deposits
- Reviewed spending limits, without membership approval, of Council President and entire Council

### Findings

- Amounts noted on tally sheets are properly recorded and indicated on treasurer reports (one discrepancy was found on the April 16 tally sheet, discrepancy described and error corrected)
- Deposits are made on a timely basis
- Spending limits without membership approval (President – 1% of budget; Council - 5% of budget) seem reasonable

### Recommendations

- Provide members quarterly statements. Individual members could then check their year-to-date contributions with their pledged amounts.
- Consider ways to make the transfer of contribution amounts from tally sheet to financial report more efficient and accurate (using a consistent software program or using paper versions of spreadsheets that better resemble the financial reports are two possibilities)

Note: We did not prepare a statement comparing expenses with budget expectations since this is done and presented to the entire Council on a monthly basis. We also did not inspect OLLC insurance policies since this research has recently been completed, resulting in money-saving changes.

Submitted on Aug. 21, 2023  
Mike Blotevogel  
Dom Echevarria  
Tom Steinmann

*We are grateful to Tom, Dom, & Mike for their willingness to serve and to conduct the audit!  
Thank you!*

# REMINDERS

**PRAYER LIST** - Please let the office 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** - Deadline (to submit articles for October's Newsletter): **Friday, September 15, 2023.**

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

**PRAYER VENTURES** - Monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: [www.elca.org/prayventures](http://www.elca.org/prayventures)

**CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEBSITE:** [www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org)

**ELCA WEBSITE:** [www.elca.org](http://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

### September Anniversaries

Chris & Kalonny Short  
Mark & Deanne Holshouser  
Darrell & Sharon Bruhn  
Boris & Stacy Cvijanovic  
Alan & Sue Kramer

Andrew & Emily (Callahan) Thompson  
Zebulon & Elaine (Nemsky) Collier  
Danny & Mona Schrader  
Billy & Becky (Fremder) Asbury

### September Birthdays

Liam Helms  
Jim Harriss  
Billy Huster  
Rod Orr  
April Vesper  
Julia Schorr  
Neil Micnheimer  
Kristin Schoenecker  
Mabel Asbury  
Bill Homes

Chuck Jorgenson  
Rev. Dr. Thomas Kratzer  
Martin Kramer  
David Schroeder  
Timothy Klingsick  
Rev. Dr. John Lottes  
Kay Chaffee  
Lyn Kampwerth  
Alan Kramer

Leslee Morris  
Katie Beauchamp  
Laura Schoenecker  
Jaime Henderson  
Jaxon Lange  
Jim Lemke  
Lucas Maue  
Sam Shemwell

Diana Gruber Huster  
Stacie Kirk  
Charlotte Henderson  
Danielle "Dani" Webb  
Erik Kirk  
Beckett Lloyd Wieser  
David Geiler  
Erica Webb

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

KC  
Ken Bunetic  
Vickie Finan  
Mary & David Findley  
Marsha Morgan  
Mariella Smith  
Mary Larson  
Isaac Simwinga  
Rosemary Nafukwe  
Carol Gendron  
Diane Daubs  
Rosy Park  
Deb  
Fran Baker-Black  
Greg Beaver

Elsie Deng  
Jeff Young  
Carter Tilashalski  
Shannon Richardson  
Tori Brachane  
Bill Orr  
Wally Doss  
Yvonne Tritt  
Jim R.  
Bob L.  
Jamie Moravec  
David Lee  
Sandra Ingram  
Ruth B.  
Aryan & Trinity Spurgeon

## CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Jim Lemke  
Dan Homes  
Kim Payne  
Linda Spencer  
Brian Kassing  
Nancy Lutz  
Don Simonson Sr.  
Nicole Williams  
Robin Wellener  
Karen Tilashalski  
John Nehrt  
Dean Lackey  
Peggy Pick-Sutton  
Sonja Cheatham

Chuck Jorgenson  
Gary Sides  
Ian Comrie  
Julie Preston



## THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

*The families of Jack Hammond, Arthur Cummings & Ron.*

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

## PRAYER FOR FIRES, FLOODS, HEAT

Holy God, we pray for the communities that lie in the paths of wildfires. May your healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Comfort those who mourn. Give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

We pray for all living things in areas suffering from excessive heat. Help engineers and utility companies to have the capacity to respond to the increased needs. Through your Holy Spirit, help people to make wise decisions about outdoor activities and the resources needed to protect themselves.

We pray for those in the southwestern United States for whom water became destructive. As flood clean-up efforts continue, grant patience and strength to residents and relief agencies.

For all these and others in need, provide what you know will bring help and hope, in Jesus' name. Amen.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## OCTOBER

- Pet Expo, Oct 7
- SOS Soup Kitchen, Oct. 10
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, Oct 16
- Newsletter Deadline, Oct 16
- First Communion classes, Oct 18, 25, and Nov 1
- Maryville Fall Festival, Oct 21
- Reformation Day, Oct 31
- Halloween, Oct 31

*Giving Emphasis:*  
*African Vision of Hope*

## NOVEMBER

- Children's Event, Nov 4
- All Saint's weekend and First Communion, Nov 4 & 5
- SOS Soup Kitchen, Nov. 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Nov. 14
- Thanksgiving, Nov 23rd
- Office closed, Nov 24  
*Giving Emphasis:*  
*"I Love to Tell the Story"*  
Weekly stories of ministries supported by 2023 emphases.

## DECEMBER

- First Weekend of Advent, Dec. 1-2
- SOS Soup Kitchen, Dec. 12
- Newsletter Deadline, Dec. 11
- Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- New Year's Eve, Dec. 31  
*Giving Emphasis:*  
*Christmas With Our Neighbors*



## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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**Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist  
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# Hands of

"Pray without ceasing."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

# PRAYER

Pray for your friends & family

Pray for the sick, dying, weak, homeless, poor, uneducated

Those who are most

Those you love the most

Those who stand tall

Pray for those in positions of leadership - The President, government leaders, principals, employers

Those who point the way

Pray for those who are an example of Christian life - The Pope, Bishops, Priests, teachers, mentors

Intentions closest to your heart

Pray for your concerns, plans, hopes & fears





# SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p><b>MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:</b></p> </div> <div style="background-color: #f9a825; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; text-align: center; width: 150px;"> <p><b>SERVICE COMMITMENTS</b></p> </div> </div>					<p><b>1</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p><b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Labor Day Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Music Planning Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Worker Bees <b>9:00 AM</b> First Responders' Breakfast <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p><b>10</b> <b>God's Work Our Hands Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: In-Building Traditional Service <b>10:15 AM</b> Confirmation <b>10:15 AM</b> Elementary Sunday School Class <b>10:15 AM</b> High School Sunday School Class <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Questions Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Class Thomas Potts</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Tuesday Tea - Zoom <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding The Soul <b>7:00 PM</b> Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>First Day of Hispanic Heritage</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Glories <b>5:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal -WC</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Month Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> La Leche League - WC <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>Faith in Action Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: In-Building Traditional Service <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Confirmation <b>10:15 AM</b> Elementary Sunday School Class <b>10:15 AM</b> High School Sunday School Class</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Questions Bible Study <b>11:30 AM</b> Serendipity Book Club - LC <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Class Thomas Potts <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Tuesday Tea - Zoom <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Music Planning Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding The Soul</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>15:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
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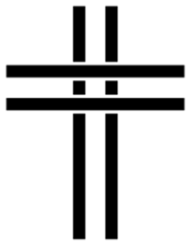
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