

# June

newsletter



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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

*"Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people." Psalm 66:5*

Summer is here! At OLLC summer marks a distinct shift in our life as a congregation. We do things differently in summer. This summer is no exception. But before our summer slowdown, we have two big events!

First, we are kicking off the summer with a celebration. On Sunday June 2 we have the privilege of honoring The Rev. Dr. John Lottes for 50 years of service to God's people in the church as he kept the vows he made at his ordination fifty years ago. The Rev. Dr. William Yancey, a dear friend and colleague of Pastor Lottes, will give both the Children's Message and the Sermon. Bishop Greg Busboom will bring Greetings from our Synod and preside at Holy Communion. I will be present to provide directions when needed and to join in the celebration. And all three of our music groups (vocal choir, handbell choir, and praise band) will offer wonderful music.

Second, early June is Vacation Bible School time. I consider VBS to be a time of enchantment when children get a chance to "walk around in" several Bible stories. The seeds planted during that week have so much potential. So, please participate in any way you are able. (See page 4 for more information.)

The half of the Church Year in which we tell the story of Jesus life from birth through resurrection is complete. Now we turn our attention to our growth as disciples in the world. As you engage in summer activities, may you see the works of God in the world.

--Pastor K

## GRADUATION INFORMATION NEEDED

If you or a relative/friend are graduating this year and wish to be acknowledged in the July newsletter, please notify the church office. Information required:

*name, date of graduation, school degree level, degree subject, (optional) future plans after graduation*



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## June 1 & 2

*2nd Weekend after Pentecost*

Saturday

2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23 – 3:6

"Witnesses to the Work of God"

Sunday

Isaiah 61:1, Psalm 82:1-5

2 Corinthians 4:5-10

John 1:1-8; 14-16

"50 Years of Pastoral Ministry"

## June 8 & 9

*3rd Weekend after Pentecost*

Genesis 3:8-15, Mark 3:20-35

"Report of Synod Assembly:

Many Gifts, One Mission"

## June 15 & 16

*4th Weekend after Pentecost*

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Mark 4:26-34

"Tiny Seeds & Big Trees"

**Father's Day**

## June 22 & 23

*5th Weekend after Pentecost*

Job 38:1-11

Mark 4:35-41

"Storms"

## June 29 & 30

*6th Weekend after Pentecost*

Lamentations 3:22-33

Mark 5:21-43

"From Death to Life"

Service of Healing

Saturdays at 5 pm & Sundays at 9 am

**2nd Sunday service at 10:45 am will  
return in September.**

Saturday & Sunday services will be livestreamed.



**Listen to services using your  
phone or tablet!**

Scan the QR code or download AudioFetch on  
Google Play or iTunes.

## CHURCH PICNIC AT WILLOUGHBY FARM!!!



**GOOD FOOD, GREAT  
FRIENDS, AND  
SUNSHINE---THERE  
IS NOTHING BETTER  
THAN A PICNIC!**

**Plans are already  
being made for  
next year!**

## CONCERT IN THE PINES

**Friday, July 26**

*featuring Olivia Cross and Cady Thomas*

7 pm – cool beverages and light deserts

7:30 pm – evening concert

Bring your lawn chairs or sit on one of our cushioned benches.

Remember, it is always considerably cooler in the pines.



## HERE COMES THE SUN!

### SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT CAMPAIGN -- JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST

During the congregational meeting on April 20 & 21, with 65 members present, the vote to engage in solar energy for OLLC was passed-- 47 yes, 9 no, 3 abstain, 6 did not cast a vote. The next step in the project involves comparing the proposals from Day & Night Solar and Straight Up Solar. Following careful review of the proposals an installer will be selected and a thorough review of the contract will follow before signing a contract. The church will then enter a personal loan agreement with a church member for the entire project cost. Tax credits and Recoverable Energy Credits are anticipated to cover nearly 70% of the solar project. The personal loan will be repaid as tax credit are received. In effort to raise the anticipated \$35,000 **not covered** by the tax credits, a three month capital campaign will be held during June, July, & August.

### "Here Comes The Sun"

Make a contribution for a panel in the OLLC Solar Energy Project  
\$1500/panel  
Help Our Lord's Go Solar!

1	4	7	10	13	16	19	22	25	28	31	34	37	40	43	46	49	52	55	58	61	64	67	70	73	76	79	82
2	5	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	32	35	38	41	44	47	50	53	56	59	62	65	68	71	74	77	80	83
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	63	66	69	72	75	78	81	

OLLC

Fed. Tax Credit

IL RECs

Prayerfully consider **increasing your giving** to help fund the solar project (*capital campaign funds are in addition to your regular giving*). Any amount you give to "Here Comes the Sun!" will help us reach our goal.

Consider contributing the cost for 1 or more solar panels (approximate cost \$1500 per panel)

A one time gift may be given or you may give each month during the campaign.

All funds received through the capital campaign that exceed funding of the solar project will be used toward *funding all/part of compensation for Member Ministry/Young Adult & Family Ministry Coordinator position, resealing WC parking lot, and resealing LC front parking lot.*

### OLLC MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

The Mission, Vision, & Values document adopted 2021 explains the beliefs, values, and purpose of Our Lord's. The contents of the document is used as a guide when developing ministries and identifying activities within the church. After three years it is time to revisit and re-imagine the OLLC Mission, Vision, & Values. Although the essence of who we are as a congregation has not changed, the congregation has evolved. Life in the church is different than it was three short years ago.

**Be a part of the discussion! Contact Pastor Darla Ann or a council member.**

**Mission:** "Called To Share Christ's Love With All"

**Vision Statement:** To be a Christ-centered place of belonging.

**Value Statements:**

Based on our belief that Jesus is Lord and Savior, we value:

- Worship that celebrates our hope through Jesus' resurrection
- Relationships that manifest God's grace
- Compassion for all
- Christian education that encourages faithful questioning and exploration
- Inclusive decision making

**Priority Areas & Action Items:**

- Nurture young children, youth, emerging adults, and young families  
*Develop an innovative, re-imagined youth ministry program; Increase interaction between young families and older members; Promote and encourage youth involvement in congregation.*
- Serve one another, our communities, the wider world, and God's creation  
*Exhibit compassion through the everyday roles and relationships of our members; Equip our members to live out our mission in their daily lives; Partner with existing community service organizations to expand serving opportunities to Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and Troy areas.*
- Engage in diverse worship rhythms that engage participants and inspire spiritual growth  
*Clearly define and communicate the style of each of our weekend worship services; Open arms to all through diverse worship opportunities; Continually improve on our musical, technological and worship skills to offer accessible and revitalizing worship services; Celebrate togetherness as a full congregation through worship and expressive music events; Emphasize practices in worship that equip participants for faithful living in daily life*
- Develop Caring and Connected Relationships  
*Gather our members and other people for dialogue; Find and take opportunities to help people share their stories, joys and concerns; Create a variety of "connect groups" for different stages of life and interest areas; Build and sustain deep relationships within the congregation*





# JUNE GIVING EMPHASIS: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## "Jerusalem Marketplace"

June 10-13

Registration now open!



Come to the Marketplace as it was in days of old... Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket of reeds; make clay pots... Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all senses as you transport back to a different time and a fresh experience—and walk with Jesus today!

Please join us at Jerusalem Marketplace from June 10th-13th, 2024. Last day to register is Friday, June 7th. VBS is open ages 3 to 10 (Pre-K to 5th)! Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors and anyone who you think may enjoy a fun week with us!

Many hours of planning go into creating this adventure for young and young-at-heart. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. For information and questions, please contact Lisa White at 618-972-6594 or Kathy Nehrt at 618-304-0473.

### Volunteers Needed for Preparing & Serving Meals

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up with the nightly meals at VBS. Date of VBS is June 10-13.

Sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.  
Contact Cindy Pugh for questions or information.

### Assistance needed in the following areas:

someone to cut wooden crosses and dreidels (to be used in the shops); shopkeepers to lead crafts in the areas of carpentry, jewelry, tie-dying, and toy making; tribal leaders (leading a group of four or more children to the various activities); music/song leaders; game leaders; storytellers; assistants to help where needed. Lastly, we will need adults to decorate, promote publicity, assist with costumes, and set up/clean up.  
*The VBS staff is grateful for any assistance and time our congregation can offer.*

### Our Lord's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Signup June 10-13, 2024

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Last School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's T-Shirt Size (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Who Can Pick Up My Child? \_\_\_\_\_

*(You can list yourself, spouse, family members, friends, or any other authorized individual to whom we can release your child to at the end of the day.)*

Please list any known allergies or medical concerns:

*If none, please put "none."*

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Does Our Lord's Lutheran Church have permission to take video footage and/or photos of your child for the purposes of publication to the congregation through the monthly newsletter and/or weekly announcements?

**Yes or No** (please circle one)

### Donations Needed

The Vacation Bible School staff needs the following items:

- Clorox wipes
- Water Wipes brand hand-wipes;
- plastic tablecloths;
- buttons;
- clothes pins;
- old pieces of jewelry;
- paper towels;
- small paper plates (white);
- washable paints (Crayola box of 6 containers);
- tie-dye kits;
- small individual packets of chips, goldfish, and cookies;
- boxes of packaged juices (preferably Kool-Aid packets);
- small bottles of water;
- scraps of wood (to cut out dreidels and crosses);
- fine sandpaper;
- artificial flowers/fruit/greenery;
- clean used rugs, bedspreads, and blankets;
- monetary donations to purchase t-shirts for tie-dying (please make checks payable to Our Lord's Lutheran Church and write VBS in the memo).

*Drop off your donation(s) at the wishing well in the back of the church.*





## OLLC Serves June 11

In effort to minimize cost, food for SOS will be purchased through a local wholesaler, therefore, rather than donating specific items, we are asking anyone interested in supporting this ministry to provide cash contributions. Donations can be given via check, cash, or through Vanco online giving, please note S.O.S. in the memo line. Assistance with preparation and serving the meal is still needed. Please contact Gail Jorgensen or the church office with questions.

### Worker Bees: Saturday, June 1

breakfast at 7:00 am, church 8:00 am.

If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.



**Mowers & trimmers are needed! Mowers & trimmers typically complete their turn in the rotation once per month. If you are able to assist with the lawn care of OLLC contact Chuck Pugh.**

## OLLC EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### FEEDING THE SOUL

**Wednesdays at 3:00 pm** Chapel of the Pines (weather permitting) or LC Conference Room

The group is currently discussing *Godbreathed* by Zack Hunt

### MORNING GLORIES - CATCH UP THURSDAYS

2nd Thursday in June, July, & August @ 10:00 am

Morning Glories will take a break for the summer but will still get together once a month to "Catch-Up".

Bring your own snacks and beverages. Location is TBD.

**Morning Glories Bible Study will resume in September.**

June 13th

### CRAFTS & LAUGHS

June Crafts & Laughs will not meet. Next meeting will be July 9. Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) with questions.

### SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

**Book Club will meet June 17th at 11:30 am**

We will discuss "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Bringing your lunch is optional. Zoom will be available on request. New members ALWAYS welcome



### TUESDAY TEA

**Tuesday Tea is on summer break.**

The next meeting will be September 10 for an end of summer tea.



### OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

**Crafters will meet June 26**

in Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm.

Please contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!

## FAIR TRADE

*Fair Trade Supporters & Friends: At Our Lord's, we have committees/teams to keep current annual events going as well as creating NEW ones. Below is a brief history of Equal Exchange, only a small part of FAIR TRADE. Please take the time to learn a bit more about FAIR TRADE and how we help. Don't forget each bag of coffee, each candy bar, each box of tea that you purchase is a valuable part of this Ministry. ---Yours in Christ, Mike*



Fairness to farmers. A closer connection between people and the farmers we all rely on. This was the essence of the vision that the three Equal Exchange founders — Jonathan Rosenthal, Michael Rozyne and Rink Dickinson — held in their minds and hearts as they stood together on a metaphorical cliff back in 1986. The three, who had met each other as managers at a New England food co-op, were part of a movement to transform the relationship between the public and food producers. At the time, however, these efforts didn't extend to farmers outside of the U.S.

The founders decided to meet once a week — and did so for three years — to discuss how best to change the way food is grown, bought, and sold around the world. At the end of this time they had a plan for a new organization called Equal Exchange that would be:

- \*A social change organization that would help farmers and their families gain more control over their economic futures.
- \*A group that would educate consumers about trade issues affecting farmers.
- \*A provider of high-quality foods that would nourish the body and the soul.
- \*A company that would be controlled by the people who did the actual work.
- \*A community of dedicated individuals who believed that honesty, respect, and mutual benefit are integral to any worthwhile endeavor.





## STL HYMN FEST



The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is partnering with a local committee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Seminex at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

LSTC celebrated the anniversary last month in Chicago, and the Hymnfest event was a vital and wonderful part of that celebration - a chance for so many folks to gather and sing together and learn more about this moment in the life of the ELCA. We are hoping to have Lutherans from all over the greater St. Louis area join us! If you'd like more information, the event page for the celebration is here: <https://lstc.edu/event/st-louis-hymn-fest/>

**St. Louis Hymnfest Event**  
**Friday, June 14, 2024, 7 pm**  
**Lutheran Church of the Atonement**  
**1285 N New Florissant Rd, Florissant, MO 63031**

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### JULY

- July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed
- July 16-20 - ELCA Youth Gathering
- July 26 - Concert in the Pines featuring Olivia Cross & Cathy Thomas Potts
- July 27 & 28 - Growing Young Sermon Series begins

**Giving Emphasis:**  
**"Back to School"**  
**School Supplies &**  
**St Andrew's Campus Ministry**

#### AUGUST

- August 25 - Confirmation Orientation & Rocket Launch

**Giving Emphasis:**  
**"African Vision of Hope"**



#### SEPTEMBER

- September 2 - Labor Day - Office Closed
- September 8 - Rally Day
- September 10 - New Member Classes begin
- September 14 - First Responders' Breakfast
- September 14/15 - God's Work, Our Hands

**Giving Emphasis:**  
**"Month of Service" with**  
**Dedication of Service Commitments**

### COLLINSVILLE FAITH IN ACTION

Collinsville Faith in Action's Hope Grows Here Gala is scheduled for Friday, July 12 at the Collinsville Gateway Convention Center. This event brings together community churches and organizations for a night of food, friends, and fun. Tickets for this fundraiser and friend-raiser are available online now by clicking the "Gala" button on our homepage at <https://fiacollinsville.org/> or by calling the CFiA office at 618-344-8080. We look forward to seeing all our community supporters and churches on July 12.

Collinsville Faith in Action (CFiA) appreciates the congregants of all our Partner Churches for their willingness to volunteer as we serve older members of our community. If you are interested in volunteering with us as a representative of your church, please contact Karen Saravia at [ksaravia@fiacollinsville.org](mailto:ksaravia@fiacollinsville.org) or give her a call at 618-344-8080, extension 106. We provide background checks, orientation, ongoing training and flexible volunteer schedules for all interests and skills.

This summer, Collinsville Faith in Action (CFiA) will be testing our assisted transportation services to two new communities. CFiA is accepting a limited number of clients from both Troy and Granite City. The CFiA model relies on community churches and organizations to send volunteers, so please help us bring in new partners in these communities. If you know residents of Troy and Granite City, please let them know about CFiA. If you have connections to Granite City or Troy churches, we'd love an introduction to their pastors. Our best advertising has always been word of mouth.

In faith and gratitude,  
Lisa C. Brennan, Executive Director



*You are invited to the*  
**Hope Grows Here Gala 2024**  
*Friday, July 12, 2024*  
*6 O'Clock in the Evening*

*Collinsville Gateway Convention Center*  
*Cocktails and Check In begins at 5:30 PM*

**Food, drinks, silent auction, friends & fun**



Use the QR code to order tickets or call our office  
618-344-8080 for assistance

-\$75 individual tickets-  
Sponsorships with tickets available  
at \$1,000, \$500, or \$250

*Collinsville Faith in Action is a 501c3 organization.*  
*Your support is tax deductible.*



Dear members of our Central/Southern Illinois Synod,

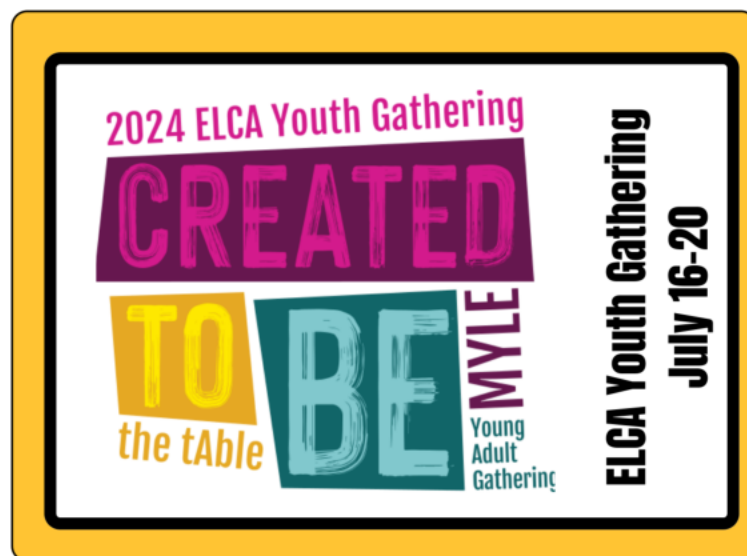
*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).*

THANK YOU to all who have participated in our synod's strategic listening and visioning process so far! We are so encouraged that 638 people completed the survey and more than 150 people participated in one of four listening sessions held across the synod. In addition, we are grateful for all those who participated through each of our six conference assemblies.

- The responses reflect the vast and diverse geographic territory that our synod covers, and we are mindful of that geographic diversity as we work to determine a set of priorities and goals that will support our entire synod.
- The responses also reflect a yearning for an intentional focus on congregational health and well-being, including leadership development across the synod that meets the realities of our time and context.
- In addition, the responses show a deep yearning for a renewed emphasis on sharing the good news of Jesus with others through both our words and our actions.

Over the coming weeks, our strategic planning team will continue to discuss both the survey and listening session responses as we identify vision, mission, and values for our next chapter in ministry together as the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Drafts of our work will be brought to the synod assembly in June as we continue to discern together. We continue to invite you to share conversation with us about this work. Feel free to contact either Bishop Greg Busboom ([greg.busboom@csis-elca.org](mailto:greg.busboom@csis-elca.org); 217-753-7915) or another member of the team.

We rejoice in the Spirit at work in our midst and thank you for your continued prayers as our work of discernment progresses.



## GET INVOLVED!

Deacon Jason Fisher, Director for Evangelical Mission, invites lay volunteers to join the ELCA Truth-Seeking and Truth-Telling work related to Indian Boarding Schools.

The ELCA is leading a coordinated effort to research Lutheran involvement in Indian boarding and day schools dating back to the 1820s. We are seeking both clergy and lay volunteers who want to be part of this initiative. All are welcome, with particular need for people with skills in research, data collection, organizing, and education. The goals are to find and gather information in order to share it with impacted Indigenous individuals, families and communities; for our church members to know our history of church-sponsored Indian boarding schools and their devastating impacts on Native communities; all as part of an ongoing truth and healing process.

We started in 2022 with 15 synods across four states. In May 2023, we expanded to 27 synods across 10 states (all of ELCA Regions 3, 5, and 6). We welcome you! Additional information and Interest Form can be found on the following webpage:

<https://elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Ministries-of-Diverse-Cultures-and-Communities/Indigenous-Ministries-and-Tribal-Relations/Indian-Boarding-Schools/Truth-Initiative>

## LIVING LUTHERAN EMAIL NEWS

*Living Lutheran* stopped printing its physical magazine last year, but you can still get news, profiles, and ministry stories at [LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org) or by subscribing to the email digests, which can be customized for your frequency and topic preferences.



## CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Don Klingsick	John Nehrt	Joyce Tatjenhorst
Dan Homes	Sonja Cheatham	Kendyll Pugh
Linda Spencer	Rod Orr	Sarah White
Brian Kassing	Dean Lackey	Dave Chaffee
Don Simonson Sr.	Tony DiBartollo	Dave Gocken
Nicole Williams	Greg Perkins	Mike Williams
Shellie Lackey	Sue Perkins	



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary & David Findley	Donna Fisher	Rose K
Diane Daubs	David Dow	Julie
Rosy Park	Burk Bruninga	Kathy
Fran Baker Black	Shelley Bruntjen	Grace
Yvonne Tritt	Wyatt Owens	Teresa
Aryan & Trinity Spurgeon	Richard Henderson	Anne
Greg Beaver	Ken Hedger	Elisha
Tammy Green	Stuart Stickel	Dianne
Barb Carver	Barbara & Joyce	Marg L.
Janet Borowitz	Beverly Boewen	Jamie
Sheryl McBride	Dave Galyon	Dean
Dale & Carole	Jamie Moravec	Jim R.
Craig Wellener	Gunnel Magnuson	Justine F.
Dave Robicheau	Jason Carle	Margaret
Bill Miles	Jan Ward	Ozzie
Megan	Margeaux Williams	Joyce
Austin Cummings	Bob Geiler	Ollie

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

### PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIED & FAMILIES THAT ARE GRIEVING

Philip Truckenbrod (father of Emily Truckenbod)  
 Patricia Buncher (request submitted by the Eakins)  
 Max Gronewold (father of Roberta Maue)  
 Billie Yeager Koch (request submitted by Carol Orr)  
 Elise Scott (cousin of Cady Thomas Potts &  
 step-granddaughter of Chuck Jorgenson)  
 Sue Jorgenson (sister of Chuck Jorgenson)

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Zach Huff	Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
John Meyer	Major James Carmichael
Zachary Neubauer	Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
Amador Ochoa	Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
Capt. Blake Crosby	Erica Webb, US Private E-3
Josh Pace	SrA Paul Kampwerth
Scott Pregel	Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Jake Randall	Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
SPC Bill Homes	Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer

## CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

### JUNE Birthdays

Becky Garrison	Brooke Trucano
Dona Racich	Deanne Holshouser
Colin Comrie	Debby Gunderson
Blake Klingsick	Georgia Cox
Dana Callahan	Andrew Kassing
Julie Preston	Hilda Scheiter
Madeline Hayes LaMar	Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer
Scott Klingsick	Margeaux Williams
Joan Shimkus-Green	Ashley Pugh Hammonds
Luka Cvijanovic	Cash Schipkowski
Keith Wyvell	Ralph Schorr
Max Eakin	Jeff Menz
Brian Kassing	Jeff Waterman

### JUNE Anniversaries

Greg & Lori Fremder
Jim & Linda Harriss
John & Vicki Lottes
Don & Glenda Klingsick
Daniel Webb & Cindy Klein-Webb
Mark & Dana Callahan
Erick Larson & Karen Cummings-Larson
Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer & Rev. Dr. Thomas Kratzer
Cynthia & Michael Haggitt
Tom & Lori Messina
Max & Linda Eakin
Ralph & Vicki Schorr
Gary & Chery Sides
Joan Shimkus-Green & Bernard Green
Keith & Connie Wyvell
Tom & Anita Steinmann

## 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. OLLC practice includes removing individuals from the prayer lists **after 8 weeks** unless an update is received.

### PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

### 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.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America -- <https://www.elca.org/>  
 Central Southern Illinois Synod -- <https://www.csis-elca.org/>





OLLC now offers multiple ways to give. Simply scan this QR code with your smart phone. The QR code takes you directly to the OLLC giving page. On the giving page you have the opportunity to identify if your contribution is for Benevolence (church expenditures) or for one of the designated funds. Of course, cash or checks are always welcomed. No matter which method you choose all donations received will help us sustain our ministries throughout the year.

**Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Our Lord's Lutheran Church!**

## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

### OLLC STAFF

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

**Cynthia Haggitt,**  
Administrative Assistant

**Cady Thomas Potts,**  
Director of Worship Music for  
Sundays & Special Services

**Olivia Cross,**  
Leader of Non-Traditional  
Worship Music

**Dr. Rhonda Comrie,**  
Organist

**Matt Gross,**  
Streaming Tech

**Benjamin Maynard,**  
Worship Tech

### CHURCH COUNCIL

**Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson,**  
President

**Dr. Emily Truckenbrod,**  
Vice President

**Jeanette Goetter,**  
Secretary

**Dr. Laura Schoenecker,**  
Treasurer

**Linda Hester,**  
Member At-Large

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

### MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

**Kathy Nehrt:** Education

**Cindy Pugh:** Fellowship

**Ed Foppe:** IT

**Carol Orr:** Service

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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Summer, a time for vacation, relaxation, and making new memories. How do you plan to spend your summer? Erick and I began the summer with an extended trip to Sweden. We visited museums, cathedrals, and cemeteries; met many family members; ate amazing food and drank more coffee & wine that one could imagine. During our trip we attended two protestant worship services. Although one service was in Swedish and the other in Norwegian, we were able to follow along. "Alleluia" and "Amen" are the same in many languages! We felt right at home despite being nearly 4,500 miles away. It was an amazing trip of new experiences and great memories.

The summer at OLLC is off to a great start as well. Sunday School has concluded, VBS preparations are in full swing, cleaning and painting is planned, and the solar project is moving forward. Bids were received from another solar company and a committee is evaluating the options -- stay tuned. During the May council meeting discussion topics included the capital campaign to fund the solar project; progress on new ministries for young adults and young families; the job description for a Coordinator of Member Ministries/Director for Youth, Young Adults, & Young Family Programming; and the upcoming review of the OLLC Mission, Vision, and Values. It going to be a busy summer at Our Lord's.

What are your summer plans? Are trips, summer camps, sporting events, or other activities on your calendar? Keep in mind some of summer's greatest pleasures can be simple and inexpensive. Consider planning a stay-at-home vacation day--play tourist and visit the Arch, take a riverfront cruise, or go for a stroll in Forest Park. Maybe your plans are no more ambitious than to take naps, read outside, sleep in a tent or float in a pool. As you plan your summer months, ask yourself what Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver does in her poem "The Summer Day": "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Yours in Christ, Karen Cummings-Larson

*If you would like to become 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 or a council member information.*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker

If you have any questions, please contact Laura at [lswanso@siue.edu](mailto:lswanso@siue.edu).

### General Benevolence Income

April 2024..... \$17,931

### General Benevolence Expenses

April 2024..... \$25,221

Cash - Unrestricted ..... \$14,854

Cash - Designated ..... \$55,375

**Total Cash ..... \$70,229**

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

### April Summary

The balance of the Monthly Emphasis Fund at the end of February 2024 was \$335.00. The following were included in the total.

- School Supplies \$135.00
- April Clean-up \$50.00
- ELCA World Hunger \$150.00

### Synod Benevolence

• General Benevolence Income in April was 17,921.33. I will submit \$1613 (9% of 17,921.33) to C/SIS for Synod Benevolence for April. Based on March and April General Benevolence Income, there is \$420.71 (1 % of 42071.33) available to allocate for Local Benevolence.

Portico for Administrative Assistant Cynthia is enrolled in Portico.



# RUNNING THE RACE



## Summer Reading Plan

Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

**1 Corinthians 9:24-26**

Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.

**Deuteronomy 31:1-8**

(focus on vs. 6)

How does it feel to know God always runs with you?

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?

**Jeremiah 10:23**

Pray that God always directs your steps.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?

**Psalms 18:32**

Memorize this verse.

**Isaiah 41:10**

Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.

**Jonah chapter 1**

(or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?

**Matthew 18:10-14**

Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.

**Matthew 24:13**

Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.

**Luke 15:11-32**

(or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?

**John 20:1-10**

Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.

**Acts 8:26-40**

Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?

**Galatians 5:7**

Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?

**2 Timothy 2:5**

Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.

**Philippians 4:13**

Write or tell someone your strengths.

**1 Timothy 4:8**

Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.

FINISH

**Revelation 22:20**

Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**2 John 8**

Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.

**2 Timothy 4:7**

Draw or make a finish line and run through it.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."

**Philippians 3:13-14**

Make a sign that reads "Press on!"

**James 1:12**

Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.

**Hebrews 10:36**

Talk about the promises God keeps to us.



We did it!

GO!

Great JOB!



# JUNE 2024 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>June Giving Emphasis: Our Lord's Vacation Bible School</b>  <p>Please join us at Jerusalem Marketplace from June 10th-13th, 2024. VBS is open ages 3 to 10!</p> <p>Volunteers and donations needed. For additional information and registration form see page</p> <p><i>Thank you for contributing to the success of "Jerusalem Marketplace"</i></p>						<b>1 2nd Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Worker Bees breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Worker Bees @ OLLC <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>2 2nd Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Festive Service Celebration 50 Years of Ordained Ministry <b>10:15 AM - Noon</b> - Celebratory Open House	<b>3</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts -WC	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>5</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - Chapel in the Pines weather permitting <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Team Meeting	<b>6 Synod Assembly Decatur, IL</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts- WC	<b>7 Synod Assembly Decatur, IL</b>  <b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!</b>	<b>8 3rd Weekend After Pentecost</b>  <b>Synod Assembly Decatur, IL</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>9 3rd Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: Traditional Service <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality  <b>Vacation Bible School June 10-13</b>	<b>10</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Serendipity Book Club <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts -WC <b>6:00 PM</b> VBS - WC	<b>11 OLLC serves S.O.S.</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> VBS - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>12</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - Chapel in the Pines weather permitting <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts <b>6:00 PM</b> VBS - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Lakeview Garden Club Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Glories <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts - WC <b>6:00 PM</b> VBS - WC	<b>14 Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>15 4th Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> La Leche League - WC <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>16 4th Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: Traditional Service <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality  <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>17 Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts -WC <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>19 Juneteenth Office Closed</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts	<b>20</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts- WC	<b>21 Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>22 5th Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>23 5th Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: Traditional Service <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality	<b>24</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts -WC	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>26</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Our Lord's Crafters - WC <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - Chapel in the Pines weather permitting <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts	<b>27</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Music Lessons, C. Thomas Potts- WC	<b>28 Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>29 6th Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>30 6th Weekend After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: Traditional Service <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality			<b>7:00 PM</b> - Giving Emphasis Team Meeting			

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**Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.  
*Psalms 66:5***



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