

September newsletter



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**"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."
 - Martin Luther**

As the month begins, our theme on Labor Day weekend will be "Be the Best Neighbors: Loving and Shaping Your World Well." That sets the stage for the weeks of September. As we come back together after a summer of travel and activities, the focus of the month is service. On Rally Day, we serve one another within the congregation by showing up to encourage both learning and fellowship. And we will hear about an Eagle Scout Project from one of our youth who will serve this congregation through her project. The following weekend, we turn our attention outward. This year's Day of Service activity will be the First Responder's Breakfast on Saturday, September 14. The weekend services will celebrate the awesome responsibility we are given by God to be God's hands and feet in the world. Commitment Cards will be given out for engaging in service beyond the walls of Our Lord's Lutheran. Those cards are to be returned by September 28th and 29th for dedication during the worship services. Please take the time to read the articles on pages 2 and 4 for more information about ways to engage in good works.

Because we are made right with God by grace through faith (justification), our works are not what saves us. But that doesn't make them unnecessary. In the quote above, Martin Luther captures the reason the people of faith continue to do good works as we have out our call to be the priesthood of all believers. We serve because our neighbors need our service. May you experience the joy of serving others this September and always!

--Pastor Darla Ann

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 8

Kick off the school year by joining us for a day of fun games, great food, & fellowship!

9 a.m. Worship with Bible Presentation and Promotions

10:15 a.m. Classes, Hospitality, & Games for Adults

11:15 a.m. Sing-along

11:30 a.m. Lunch, Outdoor Games, & Snowy Sweets Ice Cream

Main dish & ice cream provided by OLLC.

If last name begins A-L bring a salad to share. If last name begins M-Z, bring a side dish.

Please sign up on the signup sheet in the narthex.

All Sunday School classes begin morning of the 8th



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"Called to share Christ's Love with all."

August 31 & September 1

Labor Day Weekend & 15th Weekend after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“Growing Young: Be the Best Neighbors”

September 7 & 8

Rally Day & 16th Weekend after Pentecost

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

“Acts of Compassion”

September 14 & 15

“God’s work, our hands” & 17th Weekend after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Mark 8:27-38

“Who Is Jesus to You?”

September 21 & 22

18th Weekend after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Mark 9:30-37

“How to Be Great”

September 28 & 29

19th Weekend after Pentecost

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

“Serving and Being Served”

Dedication of Service Commitments

Listen to services using your phone or tablet!

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



Saturdays at 5 pm & Sundays at 9 am
2nd Sunday at 10:45 am (beginning in October)
5:00 pm and 9:00 am services will be livestreamed.

**SEPTEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS:
A GIFT OF SERVICE**

The Giving Emphasis Team continues to look at the various way 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 to a variety of ministries, provide gifts of school supplies for Caseyville Elementary School, assist with the needs of Elwood Care Center residents and collect gifts of hygiene products for African Vision of Hope. The month of September will afford us the opportunity of sharing our gift of time and skills.

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. “God’s work, our hands” weekend is a way for us to be church together bearing witness to the love and concern God’s people have for one another. Our congregations does this work every day — loving their neighbors and improving their communities.

These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ— every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.



**Beyond the Walls of Our Lord’s
Service Opportunities
September 2024 - Summer 2025**

Day of Service

First Responders’ Breakfast

One & Done Events

Pet Expo: Spring 2025

Fall Yard Cleanup (CFiA)

Christmas With Our Neighbors

**On-Going Service
Opportunities**

S.O.S. Soup Kitchen

Maryville Outreach Center

Our Lord’s Crafters

People in a Pickle

Elmwood Project

Collinsville Faith in Action

Homework, Help & Hoops

Complete the Service Commitment on the following page identifying the ways you will service others throughout our community during 2024-2025. Return your completed document(s) to OLLC the weekend of September 28th/29th.

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 2024-August 2025:

Day of Service

First Responders’ Breakfast

One & Done Events

- Pet Expo: Spring 2025
- Fall Yard Cleanup (CFiA)
- Christmas With Our Neighbors

On-Going Service Opportunities

- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen
- Maryville Outreach Center
- Our Lord’s Crafters
- People in a Pickle
- Elmwood Project
- Collinsville Faith in Action
- Homework, Help & Hoops

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: _____

Upon completion, return your service commitment(s) to OLLC the weekend of September 28-29.

FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

Calling all First Responders within our congregation and surrounding communities. You are invited to attend the 2nd Annual First Responder’s Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, September 14, 2024; 8:00 am to 11:00 am (OLLC Fellowship Hall)

Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared by our members.

This is our way to say **THANK YOU** for all you do to help keep our community safe.

Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage patties, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, donuts, assorted pastries, assorted juices and coffee

Volunteers needed to assist with meal prep, setup, serving meals, and delivery service.

Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) if you are available to help with the First Responder’s Breakfast.



LIFE CENTER LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Alivia Kirk will be re-landscaping and repairing the landscaping around the Life Center building for her Scouts BSA Eagle Project. We expect that the project will be completed in October/November 2024. The estimated budget for the project is \$2,500. The project will include redoing the landscaping: planting new low maintenance plants, repairing weed barrier, stump removal, and repairing and adding new borders. We need donations to offset the cost of the project. If you would like check to donate to the project, please make a check out to Our Lord's Lutheran Church and write "Life Center Landscape Project" in the memo line. If you have any questions please email the Kirk Family at slmepk@yahoo.com. Thank you for all your support!

~Alivia Kirk

1. Golden Globe Arborvitae
3. Green Mountain Boxwood
4. Fire Chief Globe Arborvitae
5. Danica Arborvitae
10. Green Velvet Boxwood
11. Blue Star Juniper
12. Sea Green Juniper
13. Dwarf Alberta Spruce
15. Nest Spruce
18. Baby Blue Spruce
20. Austrian Pine 'Oregon Green'
21. Meramec Rock
22. Desert Rose Boulders and Cobble



HERE COMES THE SUN! FINAL REPORT.....

"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

IL RECs

Fed. Tax Credit

The capital campaign was organized to raise \$40,000, the funds needed beyond the anticipated credits. The federal tax credits and Recoverable Energy Credits (IRECs) are expected to cover nearly 70% of the solar project costs. The campaign has raised **\$33,500** (as of August 21). The final amount raised during the campaign will be shared next month.

There is still time for you to contribute to "Here Comes the Sun."

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

- October 8 - First Communion Classes begin
- October 14 - Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day
- October 16 - World Food Day
- October 27 & 28 - Reformation Weekend with 1st Communion
- October 31 - Halloween/Reformation Day

Giving Emphasis:
Spirit of Sharing (SOS)

NOVEMBER

- November 1 - All Saints Day
- November 2 - Children's Event: "The Communion of Saints"
- November 3 - Daylight Saving Time ends
- November 5 - Election Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 23 & 24 - Christ the King Weekend
- November 28 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 & Dec 1 - First Weekend of Advent

Giving Emphasis:
"Stories of Ministries"

DECEMBER

- December 1 - First Sunday of Advent
- December 4, 11, & 18 - Holden Evening Prayer
- December 7 - Greening the Church
- December 22 & 29 - Education Classes on break
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day - Christmas w/ Our Neighbors
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

Giving Emphasis:
Christmas with Our Neighbors

PRE-SCHOOL - Kindergarten SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 2 at 10:15 am!

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 4 at 10:15 am!

CONFIRMATION CLASS - grade 6-8 *Sundays at 10:15 am*

We welcome four new students to our class this fall. The four 6th graders join three older students who are in their second and third year in the confirmation program. Starting on September 8, we will spend five weeks learning about Martin Luther and how his life and writings have shaped the Lutheran church. We meet weekly in the Life Center Conference Room (except 2nd Sunday of month when we meet in the sanctuary).

CLASSES
for All Ages

Classes begin September 8

**HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Sundays at 10:15 am

Meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room.

OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

The September meeting of OLY is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 11:30 am in Harry's Hangout (the OLLC Youth Room). Service projects for the coming months will be decided upon by the youth at that meeting. Lunch will be provided.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY *Sundays at 10:15 am -- Conference Room (WC)*

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY *Mondays at 10:00 am -- Conference Room (LC)*

"The Historical Jesus" a 24 part lecture DVD series by Prof. Bart Ehrman

Everyone who has even the faintest knowledge of Jesus has an opinion about him, and these opinions vary widely--not only among lay people but even among historical scholars who have given their lives to the task of reconstructing what Jesus was really like, what he really said and did. This course is designed to explain why it has proved so difficult to know about the man behind the myth and to see what kinds of conclusions modern scholars have drawn about him. The course will be taught from a strictly historical perspective; no particular theological beliefs will be either affirmed or denied.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Thursday @ 10:00 am in the Commons (WC)

Fall Session: "Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians" by Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

September discussion - *Is grace real?*
We often focus on how we fall short and deserve God's judgment. What if, instead, we remember God's continual gift of grace? God invites us to lead lives of love and wholeness. What is grace, exactly? Grace does not take away the sin and suffering of this life. Yet grace offers us a way to live from love despite hardship.

FEEDING THE SOUL

Resumes Sept. 11

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm LC Conference Room

OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Crafters will meet September 25

in Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm.

Contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!

TUESDAY TEA - September 10

Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - 2nd Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to join us!

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09)

[pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09)

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



CRAFTS & LAUGHS

Next meeting will be September 12 at 12:30 pm (following Morning Glories)

Please note, due to conflicts, the September meeting day & time differs! Bring lunch/snack or something to share with others for lunch. During our time together we will assemble the First Responder's Survival Bags for the Saturday morning breakfast. Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) with questions.

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet September 16 at 11:30 am

We will discuss *"The Other Einstein"* by Marie Benedict. Bringing your lunch is optional. Zoom will be available on request. New members ALWAYS welcome!



OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“Herding Alphas”

A new OLLC ministry for families with children of the alpha generation!
(children born 2010 through 2025).

Even as the kids become teenagers, this group of parents will still be herding Alphas. All families with children of the Alpha generation are invited to attend.
Sunday, September 29, 5 pm - 7 pm (WC-FH) Potluck & play Board Games
Sunday, October 27, 12 noon at DeMange Farm in St Jacob
Saturday, November 9, 1 pm - 5 pm at Atomic Pinball Arcade in Wood River
January 19, time TBD (WC-FH) Board Games and food
For additional information contact the church office.



HERDING ALPHAS

SOS COORDINATOR NEEDED

The position will require the coordinator to:

- 1) announce the serving schedule to the church membership (monthly requirement 15-20 minutes)
- 2) solicit volunteers for meal preparation and serving (monthly - sign up sheet is placed in the Narthex and if there are not enough volunteers you need to call possible congregational members and SoS coalition volunteers) - required time varies could be up to 2-3 hours
- 3) set the menu (monthly or bi-monthly done at Coalition meeting)
- 4) obtain the supplies needed for the meal (normally shopping can be completed at Gordon Food Service and Sam's Club - required time normally runs 3 hours)
- 5) lead the preparation and serving of the meal (monthly - normally arrive early to bring in supplies and prepare the kitchen for the volunteers - then stay until completion of serving - required time between 4-6 hours).



OLLC normally serves on the second Tuesday or the second Thursday. While not every month, we do serve 8-10 times a year. There is a Coalition Member meeting every two months, which takes about an hour in the evening if you join by Zoom or 1 hour and drive time if you are physically in the meeting room. For the interim Gail will take the meetings as the new coordinator(s) get their bearings working the serving effort.

The S.O.S. mission needs your prayerful consideration to meet this vacancy in our mission outreach efforts. Please feel free to contact Gail Jorgenson or Pastor Darla Ann if you have questions regarding this request.

MUSIC AT OUR LORD'S

Chancel Choir

REHEARSALS: Thursdays from 6-7 pm
PERFORMANCES: 1-2 Sundays a month

Full rehearsal and performance schedule

Chancel and Bell Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 22, 2024!

All are welcome!

Come one, come all!
Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, youth or adult, have a lot of time to give or just a little, all you need is a love for music and a sprinkle of enthusiasm to join us in making a joyful noise at Our Lord's this fall.

MUSIC AT OUR LORD'S

For more information, contact Cady Thomas Potts!
cadythomas@ourlords.org
(417) 268-8777

Handbell CHOIR

Full rehearsal and performance schedule

REHEARSALS: Thursdays from 7-8 pm
PERFORMANCES: 1-2 Sundays a month

SERVING OUR LORD'S

REVIEW OF OLLC MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

The review process will be led by the **Identity and Action Team**. Team members include: Deb Ackerman, Dom and Nona Echevarria, Anna Foppe, and Steve Perry. We pray for the Identity and Action Team and ask God to guide these members as they continue the process of revisiting and re-imagining the Mission, Vision and Values of OLLC.



September 10



Assistance with preparation and serving the meal is still needed.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

In effort to minimize cost, food for S.O.S. 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. Contact Gail Jorgenson or the church office with questions.

Worker Bees: Saturday, September 7

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.

3RD ANNUAL PET EXPO

The Pet Expo will be moving to **Spring of 2025**.
A date during April or May will be determined soon.

If you are interested in assisting with the Pet Expo, contact the church office.

We look forward to another successful event in the spring!



CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD NEWS AND EVENTS

Adult Faith Formation

The fall Adult Faith Formation class will be "Exploring the Lutheran Confessions," led by the Rev. Chris Repp (Grace, Champaign).

What we believe about God affects how we talk about God. How we talk about God determines whether we proclaim the gospel or some other message that is not faithful to who God is and what God is up to in Jesus Christ. This realization is what set Martin Luther and his colleagues down the path of reform 500 years ago. It is the enduring legacy of the Lutheran movement and a gift to the ecumenical church. This course is a study of the Lutheran Confessions to see how these texts continue to be vitally important to the mission of the church today.

Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom on September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, and November 16 and 30. Registration is open now at [CSIS-ELCA.org/aff24fall](https://www.csis-elca.org/aff24fall). The cost is \$25 for a general course audit and \$50 for Synod-Authorized Ministry students. If cost is a hardship, please contact the synod office about a scholarship. The synod thanks Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax, for the generous donation of funds to help keep costs low.



First Friday Prayer Group

Where and how is the Spirit moving? One way to find out is to gather together regularly for what Luther calls "The Mutual Conversation and Consolation of the Saints."

You are invited into a time of prayer on Zoom from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on the first Friday of every month. We will share what the Holy Spirit has laid on our hearts and then lift up those concerns and hopes to God in prayer.

This spiritual practice allows us to see Christ and be Christ for one another as the Holy Spirit builds up our communities of faith across the Central Southern Illinois Synod. Come join us as we share our hopes and concerns with God and one another for the sake of our shared life together. Sign up at [CSIS-ELCA.org/firstfriday](https://www.csis-elca.org/firstfriday) to receive the Zoom link.

LSSI Connect

LSSI Connect, part of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), is a way to find the right help by speaking to a trained professional over the phone. We listen and do our best to understand the situation and offer the right guidance — whether that be sending our in-person crisis specialists out to meet you or your loved one, finding community services that can help, or setting up an intake appointment for one of our programs. LSSI Connect offers the following services:

- Mental health services and on-site crisis help
- Alcohol and drug treatment
- Services for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities

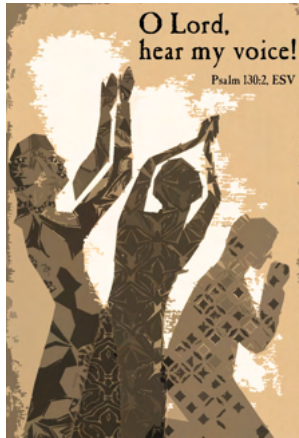
If you have concerns about your own or a loved one's mental or emotional health, substance use, or overall well-being please call LSSI Connect today at [833-610-5774](tel:833-610-5774).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying so that they know and feel God's power and presence.

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Don Klingsick	Rod Orr
Dan Homes	Joyce Tatjenhorst
Nicole Williams	Mike Williams
Greg Perkins	Emily Callahan
John Nehrt	Dave Chaffee
Linda Spencer	JoAnn Hartke
Brian Kassing	April Clark
Don Simonson Sr.	



FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jamie Moravec	Ozzie
Ken Bunetic	Joyce
Brock & Barbara Vinson	Grace
Tommy Banks	Bill Miles
Wesley Collier	Rose K.
Russell Doeblor	Lynn & Jim
Emily, Riley, Christy, & Justine	Jim R.
Carl Bruntjen	Nicci Essington
Shelley Bruntjen	Cathie Trickey
Darwin Reding	Darrell & Carole

PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIED & FAMILIES THAT ARE GRIEVING

William Schneider Family (brother-in-law of Rhonda Comrie)
 Jason Taylor Family (requested by Jan Vinson)
 Hilda Younger Family (requested by Loretta Williams)
 Red Williams Family (requested Loretta Williams)
 Jimmy Walker Family (former brother-in-law to Mike & Loretta Williams)
 Rosalie (Rosy) Park Family & Friends
 Jim Pinion and Brenda Clark and Family on the death of Brian Pinion (Jim's son) (requested by Chuck & Cindy Pugh)
 Linda Kindcaid (requested by Jan Vinson)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

September Birthdays

Liam Helms	Chuck Jorgenson	Jaime Henderson
Jim Harriss	Rev. Dr. Thomas Kratzer	Jim Lemke
Billy Huster	Martin Kramer	Diana Gruber Huster
Rod Orr	Rev. Dr. John Lottes	Stacie Kirk
April Vesper	Kay Chaffee	Charlotte Henderson
Julia Schorr	Lyn Kampwerth	Danielle "Dani" Webb
Neil Micnheimer	Alan Kramer	Erik Kirk
Kristin Schoenecker	Leslee Morris	Beckett Wieser
Mabel Asbury	Katie Beauchamp	David Geiler
Bill Homes	Laura Schoenecker	

September Anniversaries

Chris & Kalonny Short
 Mark & Dianne 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

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 when giving to OLLC, 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!

OLLC 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

Benjamin Maynard,
Worship Tech
Livestreaming Specialist
ProPresenter Slide Designer

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Cindy Pugh: Fellowship

Ed Foppe: IT

Carol Orr: Service

Dr. Rhonda Comrie: Worship
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is currently vacant*

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote,

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, **tomorrow is a new day**; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

Oftentimes it is easier to think of the past and reflect on memories but at Our Lord's, the church council and the ministry support team are doing their best to plan for **tomorrow** by discussing possibilities and implementing change. It is easy to think 'things use to be' or 'we always did it like this' but we must consider the needs of today and prepare for the future. What will church look like in 5 years? 10 year? 25 years? How to we make changes today for an unknown tomorrow?

At the August council meeting there was a focus on change:

- Plans for a Fall/Winter concert series were proposed.
- OLLC is going solar! The Solar Project is moving forward and the capital campaign is ending.
- We discussed OLLC members to consider serving as the Education Team Leader on the Ministry Support Team as well as individuals that may be willing to serve on a Nominating Team.
- In addition, we discussed staffing vacancies and changes to consider.

There was uncertainty and concern but also hopefulness leading to a brighter future.

Rarely do the plans we devise turn out exactly as we envision but In Jeremiah 29:11, God promises us that He holds the plans for our life.

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Does that mean that life will be easy? That we will never face hardship or evil? No, because the brokenness of humanity, pain, and evil will always be part of our lives. Though we might not see or comprehend how God will use our cross for good, we know we can trust Him because He is a loving Father who always keeps His promises.

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 for access information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker
If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lswanso@siue.edu.

General Benevolence Income

July 2024..... \$18,792

General Benevolence Expenses

July 2024..... \$24,250

Cash - Unrestricted \$17,245

Cash - Designated **\$80,680**

Total Cash \$97,925


During June & July:

- The balance of the Monthly Emphasis Fund at the end of July 2024 was \$955.00. The following were included in the total: Lutheran Campus Ministry (\$350) and School Supplies (\$655).
- **\$26,696** was given to "Here Comes the Sun" Solar Project Fund
- **\$4,392** was given to Synod Benevolence for June & July, a total of \$16,450 year to date.

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



SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 AM Worship: Traditional Service 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats)	2 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	3 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	4	5 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 7:00 AM Worker Bees breakfast 8:00 AM Worker Bees @ OLLC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality
8 9:00 AM Worship: Traditional Service 10:15 AM Hospitality 10:15 AM Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation 10:15 AM High School Class - Youth Room 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room 11:15 AM Sing-along 11:30 AM Lunch, games, treats	9 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room	10 OLLC serves S.O.S. 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea- Zoom 6:30 PM Membership Inquiry Class 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	11 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC	12 10:00 AM Morning Glories 12:30 PM Crafts & Laughs - WC 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	13 Pastor's Sabbath 1:00 PM Food prep & Setup for 1st Responder's Breakfast	14 Day of Service 7:00 AM First Responder's Breakfast setup 8:00 AM First Responder's Breakfast 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality
15 "God's Work, Our Hands" 9:00 AM Worship: Traditional Service 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) 10:15 AM Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation 10:15 AM High School Class - Youth Room 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room	16 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	17 6:30 PM Membership Inquiry Class 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	18 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - LC Conference Room 6:30 PM Identity & Action Team - LC Conference Room	19 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 10:00 AM La Leche League - WC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality
22 9:00 AM Worship: Traditional Service 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) 10:15 AM Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation 10:15 AM High School Class - Youth Room 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room	23 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team	24 6:30 PM Membership Inquiry Class 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	25 12:00 PM Our Lord's Crafters - WC 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - LC	26 10:00 AM Morning Glories 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28  3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality



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10:15 AM High School Class - Youth Room
10:15 AM Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room

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Pastor at Fall Theological Conference
10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room
6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC

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September Giving Emphasis

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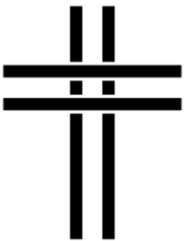
Service Commitments Dedication - September 28 & 29

- Martin Luther

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."

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