

Summer 2026

June, July, & August Newsletter

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A SUMMER DEVOTION

Every Summer has a Story

by Sarah Lundgren from *The Glorious Table*

As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful and bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with joy and summers filled with deep sadness and pain. The common thread is that every summer was unique and had its own tale to tell.

Just as every natural summer has a story, so does every spiritual summer. We will each walk through the spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of barrenness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us. The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year it is in the natural, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround. Fall and winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joy of the moment.

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. Oh goodness, there is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened, summer strawberry. It is like a taste of heaven on earth! Our spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also be cultivated and ripened so it can taste even sweeter than the best summer strawberry. There is one sure way to do this, and that is to remember who our spiritual gardener is and to remain in him always.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NIV)

This summer I challenge you to seize the joy of the season. Embrace the summer and all of its goodness. Start each day with a prayer of gratitude to our Father, and then go and enjoy the sunshine! Go to the pool, savor an ice cream cone, run through a sprinkler, tend to your garden—whatever brings you summer joy. See how you can incorporate the fruits of the spirit into your summer activities. Maybe share the joy and invite friends over for the afternoon. Practice patience with your children as they call your name for the millionth time. Exhibit self-control when you are offered your tenth s'more. Offer peace when there is fighting over the last slice of watermelon. Show yourself an extra dose of kindness to yourself when you slip on your bathing suit after eating those nine s'mores, knowing priceless memories are being made.

Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that you are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. Amen.



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✠ Serving the Lord ✠

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June 6 & 7

Second Weekend After Pentecost

Hosea 5:15-6—6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 13 & 14

Third Weekend After Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

June 20 & 21

Fourth Weekend After Pentecost

Father's Day

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 27 & 28

Fifth Weekend After Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 4 & 5

Sixth Weekend After Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 11 & 12

Seventh Weekend After Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8
Solomon 12:13, 16-19 (alternate)
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 18 & 19

Eighth Weekend After Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8
Solomon 12:13, 16-19 (alternate)
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 25 & 26

Ninth Weekend After Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 1 & 2

Tenth Weekend After Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 8 & 9

Eleventh Weekend After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 15 & 16

Twelfth Weekend After Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28

August 22 & 23

Thirteenth Weekend After Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 29 & 30

Fourteenth Weekend After Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Saturdays at 5 pm
Sundays at 9 am
Saturday and 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.

SCHEDULE OF GIVING EMPHASIS FOR SUMMER

Additional information will be offered in the weekly announcements.

JUNE GIVING EMPHASIS: OLLC PEOPLE IN A PICKLE



People in a Pickle is a ministry of Our Lord's which helps individuals, couples or families who find themselves in a proverbial pickle. Through the church, Carol and Rod Orr and Carol and Dave Gocken, provide assistance by meeting short term help with food, clothing, gas, stays at motels or anything else the person(s) need. This is funded through donations from church members who support the ministry through financial gifts. Those we assist are usually temporarily homeless. Though homeless, our brothers and sisters tend to be invisible to the public eye as they are not panhandling or in large groups you might see. This ministry would not be possible without your generosity.

JULY GIVING EMPHASIS: BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

July is the month OLLC helps the children of Caseyville Elementary School get a great start to the new school year. Every summer members of Our Lord's collect school supplies for the students. The teachers and staff are so grateful for our help! We will be collecting Saturday, July 4 through the end of July.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: wide ruled notebook paper, plastic 2 pocket folders (blue, red, yellow and green), three-ring binders 1"-1.5", wooden pencils, colored pencils, hand held pencil sharpeners, "Crayola" crayons - 24 count, washable markers, scissors, pink erasers, glue sticks, watercolor paint sets, boxes of facial tissue, rectangle-shaped pencil boxes



AUGUST GIVING EMPHASIS: ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS



ELCA
Fund for Leaders

ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarships serve as a major funding source to make education more affordable for new seminary students, federal chaplaincy programs, synod and congregational scholarships, and other options. The ELCA Fund for Leaders is an endowed scholarship program providing financial support for students at ELCA seminaries pursuing

rostered ministry (pastors or deacons). It offers full-tuition, TEEM, and chaplaincy scholarships to reduce student debt for those called to serve, with applications typically open from December to February.

Contributions to the Giving Emphasis can be made via ACH bank transfer, by check (please note the organization/ministry in the memo line), or by using your smartphone and following the QR code. The code takes you to the OLLC giving page, select "Monthly Giving Emphasis" to make a donation.



Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries of Our Lord's Lutheran!

THE CALL PROCESS: UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the members serving on our Call Committee: Deanne Holshouser, Committee Chair; Elaine Baden; Max Eakin; JoAnn Hartke; Erik Kirk; and Jim Lemke. We thank each of them for their willingness to serve on this important ministry in the life of our congregation.

The OLLC Ministry Site Profile has been filed with the ELCA and approved by the bishop. The Call Committee is working tirelessly to be prepared for the next steps and are awaiting candidates from the Synod for consideration. Continue to pray for the Call Committee and for patience and direction as we wait for us to move forward in the next step in the life of our church.

"At the Table"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Volunteer Needs:

We are so grateful to anyone in the congregation who can lend their time during the week of VBS! We will need assistance with setup & tear down in the fellowship hall and outdoors, kitchen help nightly for family meals and snack prep, small group leaders, games leaders, craft leaders including weaving, pottery, and basket weaving, and leaders for some activities throughout the week that show the transition from planting wheat through harvesting and baking bread!

Look for a volunteer signup sheet on the credenza in the Worship Center or use the QR code to the right.



VBS Signup QR Code

VBS DONATION NEEDS:

- Bags of Loops for weaving potholders (4)
- Bandanas – black, blue, green, yellow (1 dozen each)
- Basket weaving kits (3 kits, makes 12 each kit)
- GALAOMA 24 pc. Egyptian style jewelry coin pouch for marble bag (48 total)
- 400 pcs color mixing glass marbles, 9/16" (1)
- Assorted color marble shooters, 1", (36 total)
- Mortar & Pestle (if loaned to VBS will be returned)
- Wheat berries/grains of wheat (approx.. 20 lbs of wheat berries/unground wheat)
- Potting soil (med-large bag)

- Wheat seed (enough for 25 small pots)
- 2 boxes of gallon Ziplok bags for crafts
- Snack-sized variety chips and cookies (approx.. 100)
- Packaged juices (Kool-Aid packets) (approx. 100)
- Small bottles of water (approx.. 100)
- 4 containers of Clorox wipes
- 10 disposable plastic tablecloths
- 3 packages of paper plates (approx. 100)
- 8 rolls of paper towels
- 8 Water Wipes brand hand-wipes packages.

*Items must be delivered to OLLC by June 1.
Questions, contact Jodie Nehrt*

Thank you for contributing to the success of
"At the Table"

Our Lord's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Signup June 15-18, 2026

(Family meal at 5:00 PM, VBS at 6:00 PM)

Child's Name: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

Child's Age: _____ Child's Grade Completed in May ___PreK ___K ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4 ___5

Does your child have any allergies or special needs _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Who can pick up my child? _____

Home Church: _____

Which days will your child attend? ___Mon ___Tues ___Wed ___Thurs

May we use your child's photo in church materials? ___Yes ___No

Please complete one form per child. Return completed form(s) to the office.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations!



- **Maggie Irene DuFrenne** (granddaughter of David & Kay Chaffee) graduating from Maryville University, St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Magna Cum Laude). Maggie will be pursuing her Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy this fall.
- **Lauren Luecking** (granddaughter of Mary Meyer) graduating from Collinsville High School
- **Parker Luecking** (granddaughter of Mary Meyer) graduating from Collinsville Middle School
- **Bo Lindstrom** (grandson to Alice Azure) received his Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering May 15, 2026 from Kansas State University
- **Caroline Menz**, daughter of Terry and Jeff Menz, graduated May 15, 2026 from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Degree. She will be employed at Davis Pet Hospital in Collinsville starting June 1.

COLLEGE CONNECTION TEAMS - SUPPORTING OLLC COLLEGE STUDENTS

What is a College Connection Team: A dedicated team of church members that stay in touch with college students through emails, texts, or notes, offering encouragement and support. The team reaches out to the college student at holidays, provides encouraging notes, and may send small gifts and care packages. The intent is for the congregation to simply stay in touch and express well wishes.



By implementing these strategies, Our Lord's will connect with the congregation's college students and provide them with support and encouragement to make a difference in their academic and personal lives. The College Connection Team led by Morning Glories currently supports three OLLC college students.

If you would like to be a part of a College Connection Team, please contact the church office.

OLLC PRAISE CONCERT

JOIN US IN JULY FOR THE OLLC PRAISE CONCERT

DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLLC HOSTING WEST CENTRAL CONFERENCE SYNOD DAY - AUGUST 29

**Our Lord's Hosting
West Central Conference SYNOD DAY
Sat, Aug 29
8:30 -3:00**



FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY
2026 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly

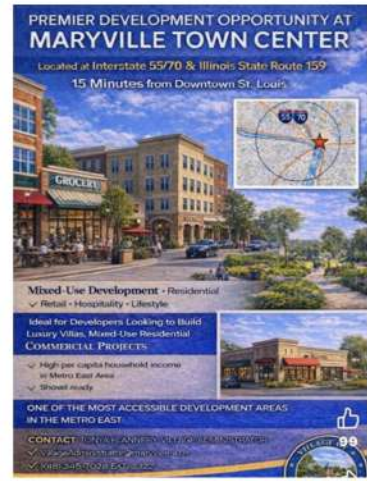
Twenty-eight churches are within the West Central Conference; however, all within the Central/Southern Illinois Synod are invited to attend the Synod Day on August 29th. Attendance could be 40-100 or more. This is a great opportunity for Our Lord's to become more known in the synod. Pastor Brian Robison will be leading worship during the conference; it will be great to have him in the building once again.

As the event approaches and planning continues, look for more information in the weekend announcements. Assistance will be needed for set up, registration, musicians, kitchen duty, and cleanup. Contact Karen Cummings-Larson to offer assistance.

Development of farmland surrounding OLLC is proposed by the Village of Maryville

March 2026 the Village of Maryville announced a major development proposal for the Maryville Town Center, a mixed-use project located along the I-55 and Illinois Route 159 corridor.

- The project aims to create a "live, work, and play" destination, including:
 - Residential Units: 340 new multi-family units and potential single-family homes.
 - Commercial Space: At least 154,000 square feet of retail and dining space.
 - Key Features: Potential for a new Village Hall and Police Department, microbreweries, a dog park, and connectivity to the Maryville YMCA and local trails.
- Project Timeline & Details
 - Development Cost: Estimated over \$168 million.
 - Initial Steps: The village has created new business and TIF districts to support the project.
 - Planning & Zoning: Final project plans are anticipated by June 2027.
 - Construction: Commercial construction is projected to begin by December 2027, with residential construction following in 2028.



The proposal is in the EARLY stages of planning. The town meeting in early May was to discuss the TIF that was proposed for the land in question. The new TIF, including the OLLC properties, allows for commercial, residential, and mixed-use development (no Industry). Recent town meetings were to discuss only the TIF. As a non-profit we do not pay property taxes so the TIF does not impact OLLC but the TIF is an asset to the development of the land surrounding the church building. The development is in the early stages and plans have not been drawn as of yet. Having the TIF in place was the first of many steps that must be navigated in the development process. The land is being developed by the Keller family and they have owned the property for decades. They are looking to create a good product within the community and encourage growth for the Village of Maryville. Once a development plan has been proposed there will be additional town meetings to discuss the proposal.



As plans are proposed and the project moves forward, the congregation will be kept informed of the progress

OLLC FAIR TRADE MINISTRY

This is just a small part of what our ministry does for people around the world.

A message from Equal Exchange....

Thank you for celebrating with us!

Wow, we're blown away by your incredible support! Our 40th anniversary sale was a huge success, far exceeding our expectations. During this year's sale, including the pre-sale (thanks, early birds!), you placed: **6,857 orders --- that's up 111% from last year!**

In coffee alone, we estimate that we sold roughly the annual harvest of: **32 family farms --- that's 2,387,506 cups of coffee!**

Additionally, we received 217 donations to the Small Farmer Fund, which means you all have brought our online contributions up to: **\$68,747**

During the Anniversary Sale, folks made purchases to enjoy in homes, businesses, and community centers across the country. We sold:

307K cups of tea, 163K servings of chocolate, 83K servings of nuts & dried fruit, 66K servings of olive oil



Thank you all for being a vital part of our mission. We truly can't do what we do without you. This energy is what keeps us able to continue working with our small farmer partners around the world and keep our co-op business going strong.



Cheers to 40 years. and here's to 40 more!

MIND THE GAP

Mind The Gap continues to support the homeless with food and the necessary supplies to help with surviving on the streets.

Our Lord's congregation is a prominent supporter of this outreach program by funding hot meals each Thursday of the year. Members and friends of the congregation personally prepare meals for 60 or more homeless persons one Thursday each month. If you would be interested in preparing a meal, please contact Carol Gocken at (618) 531-7824 or cgocken@yahoo.com.

In addition to providing food, members of our congregation have generously donated items to make living on the streets a bit easier. The following list of items are needed...some are seasonal:

Lightweight blankets
Insect repellent
Moist wipes
Deodorant
Sunglasses
Men's jeans
White crew socks
Baseball style hats

Lightweight jackets- women & men
Men's boxer style underwear- S,M,L
Tooth brushes and tooth paste
Men's short-sleeved tee shirts- S, M, L
Women's slacks or capris S,M,L
Women's athletic shoes or sturdy sandals
Motel size shampoos & conditioner

Men's athletic shoes
Women's summer tops-S,M, L
Women's underwear-S,M,L
Women's bras-S,M,L
Women's sun hats
Motel sized soap
Hand towels and wash cloths

Donated items can be placed in the "Mind The Gap" tub under the congregation' name tags. As always, thank you for your compassion and generosity.



**OLLC SERVES SOS
 JUNE 9, JULY 14, AUGUST 11**

Assistance with preparation and serving the meal will be needed each month. Signup sheets will be available in the narthex.

Donations to support OLLC S.O.S. can be given via check, cash, or note "S.O.S." in the memo line. If you have any questions contact Julie Preston or Gail Jorgenson.

**Worker Bees
 Saturday, June 6,
 July 11, & August 1**



**Breakfast 7:00 am,
 Red Apple Restaurant; Church 8:00 am**
 If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.

A dedicated group of men from Our Lord's are responsible for all the landscaping and upkeep of the church grounds. Next time you see one of these men, please take time to thank them for their contribution to OLLC.

MOWING SCHEDULE

Date	Riding Mowers	Trimmers
June 4-6	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
June 11-13	Chuck Jorgenson	Tom Messina
June 18-20	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinman
June 25-27	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
July 2-4	Chuck Jorgenson	Tom Messina
July 9-11	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinman
July 16-18	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
July 23-35	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher
July 30-Aug 1	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinman
Aug 6-8	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
Aug 13-15	Chuck Jorgenson	Tom Messina
Aug 20-22	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinman
Aug 27-29	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke

MUSIC AT OUR LORD'S

Praise BAND

REHEARSALS: Saturdays 3:30 pm
PERFORMANCES: Saturdays 5:00 pm

Contact Olivia Cross for additional information.
oecross@gmail.com



Chancel Choir & Handbell CHOIR

Chancel Choir & Bell Choir will resume rehearsals August 13!

Contact Addie Mays for additional information at
love2haveu@ourlords.org

EDUCATION AT OUR LORD'S

- **Pre-School--Kindergarten - grade 5 Sunday School & Confirmation will resume in September.**
- **Questions Bible Study will resume in September.**
- **Feeding the Soul** - Will continue to meet Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall throughout the summer.
- **Morning Glories Bible Study** - will meet only the 2nd Thursday of each month during the summer (June 11, July 9, & August 13). Morning Glories meets at 10:00 am in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall. During the summer sessions Morning Glories will continue the study of "God's Name, God's Promise."

All ladies are welcome!

Meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month will resume in September.

OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Congregation Game Afternoon

On hiatus June & July; will return August 9.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for an afternoon of meeting new friends, having fun, and great fellowship

August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 & December 13

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Crafters will meet on **June 24th, July 22nd, and August 26th at Noon** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be cutting, piecing together and sewing fabric for feminine hygiene kits and quilts. Please bring your scissors and join us! Contact Kathy Nehrt at 618.304.0473 for more information.

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet the **3rd Monday of each month during the summer (June 15, July 20, and August 17) at 11:30 am** in the LC Conference Room. The book chosen for each month will be included in the weekly announcements or contact Elaine Baden. This is a very informal group that enjoys reading and discussion, and having fun together. Would love to have you join us.

LOOKING AHEAD

JULY

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 11 - Worker Bees
- July 14 - SOS

July Giving Emphasis:
"Back to School" - School Supplies

AUGUST

- August - Confirmation Orientation (Date TBD)
- August 1 - Worker Bees
- August 9 - Congregation Game Day
- August 11 - SOS
- August 29 - OLLC Host West Central Conference Event

August Giving Emphasis:
ELCA Fund for Leaders

SEPTEMBER

- September 8 - SOS
- September 12 - First Responders Breakfast
- September 13 - Rally Day / Sunday School Resumes
- September 13 - Congregation Game Day

September Giving Emphasis:
African Vision of Hope

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 3-4 weeks** unless an update is received.

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: 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/>

June Birthdays

Becky Garrison
 Dona Racich
 Colin Comrie
 Blake Klingsick
 Dana Callahan
 Julie Preston
 Madeline LaMar
 Eric Kantola
 Scott Klingsick
 Luka Cvijanovic
 Keith Wyvell
 Max Eakin

Brian Kassing
 Brooke Trucano
 Deanne Holshouser
 Debby Gunderson
 Georgia Cox
 Hilda Scheiter
 Margeaux Williams
 Ashley Hammonds
 Cash Schipkowski
 Ralph Schorr
 Jeff Menz
 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
 Cynthia & Michael Haggitt
 Tom & Lori Messina
 Max & Linda Eakin
 Ralph & Vicki Schorr
 Gary & Chery Sides
 Keith & Connie Wyvell
 Tom & Anita Steinmann

July Birthdays

Pr. Bob Downs
 Tesla Krueger
 Randall Helms
 Connie Nyland
 Sarah White
 Ruth Ann Blotevogel
 Forrest Hancock
 Susan Perkins
 Nicole Williams
 Connie Wyvell
 Mary Ann Fritz
 Gail Jorgenson
 Sharon Bruhn
 Don Simonson
 Danny Schrader
 Evan Blind
 Leighton Morris

Elaine Baden
 Chuck Pugh
 Tom Steinmann
 Lia Kampwerth
 Tonia Bridenbaugh
 Bruce Fritz
 Brian Lotz-Manns
 John Huster
 Emerson Morris
 Don Schlonat
 Barbara Stahlheber
 Tyler Wyvell
 Maureen "Mo" Johnson
 Alice Azure
 Mara Johnson
 William Johnson
 Ezekiel Huster

July Anniversaries

Donald & Jackie Schlonat
 Scott* & Michelle Mihalich
 Jim & Terri Schickel
 Tim & Laura Schoenecker
 Michael & Loretta Williams
 Jeanette & Ronnie Goetter
 David & Caryl Kassing
 Don & Elaine Baden
 Bob Rinkel & Alice Azure

August Birthdays

Tony DiBartolo
 Kevin Giese
 Della Crosby
 Natalie Messina
 Chery Sides
 Cindy Klein-Webb
 Robin Wellener
 Mark Holshouser
 Anna Foppe
 Madison Saul
 Stacey Cvijanovic
 Randy Kampwerth
 Nona Echevarria
 Lori Messina

Adam Kirk
 Kevin Schrader
 Joanna Beauchamp
 Scott Comrie
 Brad Homes
 Jim Trucano
 Karen Cummings-Larson
 Michelle Mihalich
 Bill Diggs
 Joseph Cigliana
 Jeff Beauchamp
 Maxine Asbury
 Liam Homes
 Morgan Sallee

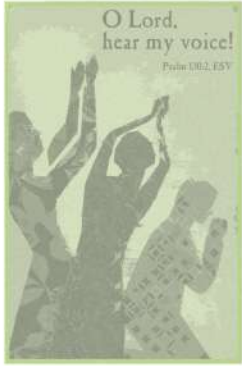
August Anniversaries

Sean & Della Crosby
 Deb & Terry Ackerman
 Dave & Carol Gocken
 Bob Schrader & Karen Tilashalski
 Chuck & Gail Jorgenson
 Dean & Shellie Lackey
 Aaron & Heather Barnett
 Scott & Rhonda Comrie
 Paul & Ann Schwartzkopf
 Ron & Ruth Ann Blotevogel
 Dom & Nona Echevarria
 Brian & JoAnn Hartke
 Jim & Shelly Trucano
 Randy & Lyn Kampwerth

PRAYER CONCERNS

Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying throughout the week so that they know and feel God's power and presence. We will usually keep names on this list for three to four weeks. Please let us know if an individual should be removed before then or if there is a change in their condition that requires ongoing prayer. Member names may be listed for much longer periods of time

CONGREGATION MEMBERS



Linda Spencer	Jackie Schlonat
Brian Kassing	Sara Davidson
Don Klingsick	Jim Trucano
Rod Orr	Ethan Baczewski
Joyce Tatjenhorst	Nona Echevarria
Dave Chaffee	Irene Vanhooser
Mike Williams	Dave Gocken
Emily Callahan	Carole Callahan
JoAnn Hartke	Gail Jorgenson
Nicole Williams	Joe Smithies
Keith Jensen	David Kassing
Kay Chaffee	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Shelley Bruntjen	Ken Kirkman
Ken Bunetic	Ebony Bolling
Bob Dunn	Ray and Robin Gagnon
Janet Borowitz	Tommy Banks
Marilyn Wolfe	William Larson
Nancy Easton	Brenda Reaves
Tate Buckhaus	Stephanie Bridenbaugh
Dan & Martha	David Hammonds
Jim & Mary Barker	Tyler Murphy
Brie Jenkins	Anthony Picarello
Pearl	Kevin Wyvell
Ted F.	Christine Bryant
Michelle Simms	Denise Newbold
Glen Roth	Wally Doss
JoAnne Johnson	Alex Yngveus
Joan Truckenbrod	Harry & Donna Schleckle
Aaron Travis	Rich & Niecy Essington
Terri Donna & Harry	Judy & Sonny Past
Schlechte	Nancy Sights
Mariella Smity	Brock Vinson
Peg Meldi	Anthony Haslit
Sandy Halama	Pastor Sharon

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
Major James Carmichael
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
SPC Bill Homes

Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
MSgt. Stephan Spencer
Zach Huff

Erica Webb, US Private E-3
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CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD



2026 Synod Assembly

"The 2026 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held June 6 via Zoom. The theme for this year's assembly is "For the Work of Ministry," based on Ephesians 4:11-12: "He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Please keep the voting members, people nominated for open positions, and our synod in your prayers. OLLC will host the West Central Conference Synod Day on August 29 (see pg. 5).

Deacon Jason's JUNE Invitation To Proclamation

Each month this summer I will be sharing resources for how we can be better listeners who are then equipped to share the good news of Jesus with others. Like any good "choose your own adventure," I want to invite all of us to pick one thing each month and simply try it out to see how God uses it to transform our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Sharei Green, who is the author of "God's Holy Darkness," will be leading three workshops in June titled "Faithful Listening/Bold Proclamation." These interactive workshops are for preachers, proclaimers, and lay and rostered leaders and will be held on June 11, 18, and 25 at 6:00 p.m. over Zoom. The workshops will be interactive and include time for small group discussion. Registration is through the QR code.



Be bold, be brave, for the Lord your God is with you as we spread the good news of Jesus together!

COLLINSVILLE FAITH IN ACTION

- Celebrating Independence through Unity: Collinsville Faith in Action's annual dinner auction is scheduled for Friday, July 17 at the Gateway Convention Center. This year you can expect live music from the Granite City Swing Band (and maybe some swing dancing!), a delicious dinner, silent auction, oral auction, 50/50 raffle, a Wine Pull, and more. A night of celebration for you provides funding for the many free services we offer seniors in our community, and we invite everyone to participate. Your participation helps seniors remain as independent as possible. Call the CFIA office at 618-344-8080 or visit our website at Faith in Action to learn how you can participate in this event.



- Ready to put your faith into action? You can meet new friends, set your own schedule, and stay connected with the community while helping older community members by volunteering with Collinsville Faith in Action. We organize volunteers from community churches, organizations, and schools to provide free services to people over the age of 60. Call Karen at 618-344-8080 to learn how you can be a "Neighbor Helping Neighbors."

OLLC STAFF

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Interim Pastor

Vacant Position
Administrative Assistant

Addie Mays
Director of Worship Music for
Sundays & Special Services
(August - May)

Olivia Cross
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Worship Music

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Livestreaming Specialist
ProPresenter Slide
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We are still in need of a Ministry Support Team member to fill the position for Service Ministries. Ministry Teams that fall under this role include the following ministries: Card Ministry, Casserole Care Ministry, Devotional Ministry, Fair Trade, First Responders Breakfast, Funeral Luncheons, Holiday Card Ministry, Kitchen Ministry, Lay Worship Leaders, Maryville Outreach Center, Mind The Gap, Office Angels, Our Lord's Crafters, People In A Pickle, Prayer Chain, SOS Soup Kitchen.

The role of the ministry support team member is to act as a liaison between the leaders of each service team and church council. The Ministry Support Team meets via Zoom on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. The service team member would be responsible for reporting to the Ministry Support Team about events being held, as well as to bring concerns and needs of the service teams to the Ministry Support Team.

Please see any church council member if you are interested.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council approved the recommendation to contract with Corporate Cleaning for the janitorial needs at Our Lord's effective July 2026. We are excited to begin this new relationship and believe you will see an improvement in the care of our worship and fellowship spaces. Thank you to Dennis Lutz and Bruce Fritz for their outstanding work soliciting proposals, evaluating the offers and making the final recommendation.

The Council has approved the Call Committee and they were installed in May. Members are Deanne Holshouser, Elaine Baden, Max Eakin, JoAnn Hartke, Erik Kirk, and Jim Lemke. They had an introductory Zoom meeting with Pastor Amy Zietlow May 13, an internal meeting on May 21 and are scheduled for another meeting May 26. They are working tirelessly to be prepared for the next steps and are awaiting candidates from the Synod for consideration. Please continue to keep them and their work in your prayers.

Council continues to look for an Administrative Assistant. Please contact a Council Member if you know of someone who would be interested in interviewing for the position. The duties and responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant are currently being performed by volunteers, with a large portion of that work being shouldered by Karen Cummings-Larson. We will therefore, not be publishing the newsletter monthly over the summer. Please watch the weekly announcements for information and upcoming events.

Your servant in Christ,

Gail Jorgenson

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary taken from report provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker
If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lswanso@siue.edu.

The following information was taken from the April 2026 Treasurer's Report

Current Benevolence Income.....\$18,048
Current Benevolence Monthly Budget.....\$26,374
Current Benevolence Monthly Year to Date..... \$114,801
Current Benevolence YTD Budget..... \$105,499
Current Benevolence Difference.....\$9,302

Current Benevolence Expenses.....\$31,822
Current Benevolence Expenses Monthly Budget.....\$37,018
Current Benevolence Expenses Year to Date.....\$84,403
Current Benevolence Expenses YTD Budget.....\$102,389
Current Benevolence Expenses Difference..... \$17,986

General Fund Balance:
\$76,620

(Used for paying budgeted expenses. The balance is affected by Current Benevolence Income & Expenses)

Monthly Emphasis Income: \$300
Collinsville FIA

Current Benevolence Income YTD is ahead of budget. This is a result of Minimum Required Distributions given as a lump sum to the church early in the year. Current Expenses are less than the budgeted amount as our current salary expenses are less than those for a full-time pastor.

The Property Insurance (\$12,709) and Worker's Compensation Insurance (\$1,021) bills were paid during April for a total of \$13,370. The amount budgeted for these expenses for 2026 was \$14,000 for the Property Insurance and \$1,200 for the Worker's Compensation Insurance.

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

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.



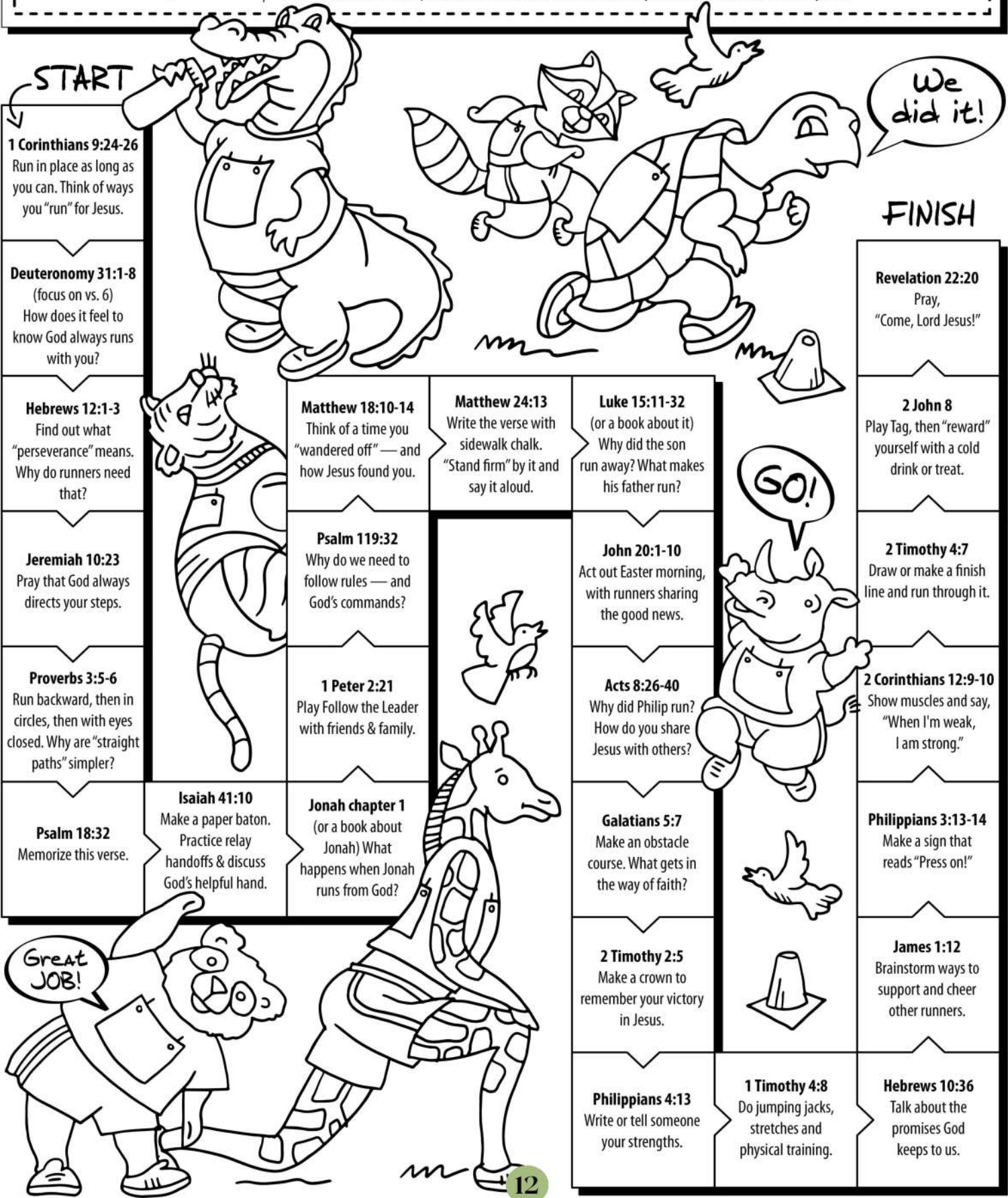
RUNNING THE RACE

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



<p>1 Corinthians 9:24-26 Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.</p>				<p>FINISH</p>		
<p>Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (focus on vs. 6) How does it feel to know God always runs with you?</p>						<p>Revelation 22:20 Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p>
<p>Hebrews 12:1-3 Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?</p>		<p>Matthew 18:10-14 Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:13 Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p>	<p>Luke 15:11-32 (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p>		<p>2 John 8 Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p>
<p>Jeremiah 10:23 Pray that God always directs your steps.</p>		<p>Psalms 119:32 Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?</p>		<p>John 20:1-10 Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p>		<p>2 Timothy 4:7 Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p>
<p>Proverbs 3:5-6 Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?</p>		<p>1 Peter 2:21 Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.</p>		<p>Acts 8:26-40 Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p>		<p>2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p>
<p>Psalms 18:32 Memorize this verse.</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:10 Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.</p>	<p>Jonah chapter 1 (or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?</p>		<p>Galatians 5:7 Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p>		<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p>
<p>Great JOB!</p>				<p>2 Timothy 2:5 Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p>		<p>James 1:12 Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p>
				<p>Philippians 4:13 Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>	<p>1 Timothy 4:8 Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>

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JUNE 2026 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Meeting- Zoom 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	3 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul	4	5	6 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly 7:00 AM Worker Bees Breakfast 8:00 AM Worker Bees at OLLC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality Hour
7 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality	8 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	9 OLLC Serves SOS 2:30 pm OLLC Hosting SOS 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	10 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club	11 10:00 AM Morning Glories	12	13 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality Hour
14 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality	15	16	17	18	19	20 10:00 AM La Leche League - WC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality Hour
OLLC VBS - June 15-18 5:00 PM Meal; 6:00 PM VBS						
	11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club- LC Conference Room 6:30 PM Church Council	7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	3:00 PM Feeding the Soul			
21  9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality	22 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	23 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	24 12:00 - 3:00 PM OLLC Crafters - FH 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul	25	26	27 Pastor Stephanie's Last Weekend at OLLC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality Hour
28 Pastor Stephanie's Last Weekend at OLLC 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality	29	30 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	June Giving Emphasis 			

JULY 2026 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
July Giving Emphasis BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES			1 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul	2	3	 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality Hour
						
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AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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**August
Giving Emphasis**



ELCA
Fund for Leaders

1
7:00 AM Worker Bees Breakfast
8:00 AM Worker Bees at OLLC
3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality Hour

2
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality

3
6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Meeting- Zoom

4
7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

5
3:00 PM Feeding the Soul

6

7

8
3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality Hour

9
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality
3:00 PM Congregational Game Day

10
6:00 PM Girl Scouts

11 **OLLC Serves SOS**
2:30 pm OLLC Hosting SOS
7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

12
3:00 PM Feeding the Soul
7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club

13
10:00 AM Morning Glories
5:00 PM Chancel Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir

14

15
10:00 AM La Leche League - WC
3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality Hour

16
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality

17 **September Newsletter Deadline**
11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club- LC Conference Room
6:30 PM Church Council

18
7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

19
3:00 PM Feeding the Soul

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5:00 PM Chancel Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir

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3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality Hour

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9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality

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6:00 PM Girl Scouts

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7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

26
11:00 AM Newsletter Assembly, LC
12:00 - 3:00 PM OLLC Crafters - FH
3:00 PM Feeding the Soul

27
5:00 PM Chancel Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir

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29
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM OLLC Hosting Synod Assembly Day
3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality Hour

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9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality

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OLLC Education Programming will begin September 13!



WEST CENTRAL CONFERENCE SYNOD DAY
Hosted by Our Lord's
August 29, 8 am - 3 pm

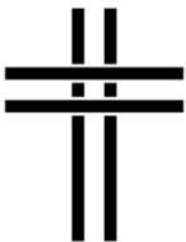
OLLC Summer Praise Concert
Chapel in the Pines, Date & Time TBD

"At the Table"
OLLC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 15th-18th, 5pm - 8pm

OLLC SUMMER EVENTS

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