



**OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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This is the fifth month of this new feature in our newsletter. We hope you continue to enjoy learning a bit more about each other.

Pastor Kratzer

GETTING TO KNOW CAROL HELF

What's your favorite comic strip?

Anything with a cat in it (Get Fuzzy, Garfield, Simon's Cat, Mutts, Breaking Cat News).

If you had a warning label, what would it say?

Cranky when hot!

What's the best gift you ever received?

My parents

Tell us a little about your family.

I've been married to my wonderful and funny husband Jeff for 12 years, have three adult step children, and two cat fur babies. They've all kept me engaged in life, and I'm excited to watch as their lives unfold.

Tell us a little about your work background.

I've recently retired from a 30-year career with AT&T, primarily working in the finance department. It's taken me from Edwardsville to San Antonio and back to Troy. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my church family and catching up on TV.



**Called
to share
Christ's love
with all**

OUR LORD'S NEWS

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear People of Our Lord's Lutheran,

It has been a stormy summer. A couple of weeks ago, our county had windstorms, heavy rain and flash floods. Then Iowa was hit by a Derecho - a hurricane-like inland storm causing severe wind damage. As I write this column, I have just learned that Death Valley has had a record high temperature of 130 degrees and Northern California has experienced 10,000 lightning strikes in seventy-two hours. Asia has had record rainfall during their Monsoon season. Ethiopia has been hit by swarms of locusts which have devoured the crops. And the whole world is dealing with a coronavirus that spread around the globe in just a few months. The earth is groaning and so are we.

Nobody alive can recall experiencing anything quite like this before. Our minds don't know how to process what is happening, but our bodies feel the disruption occurring on so many levels across the world. We want to retreat, but the urgency of the moment calls us to action.

Almost two thousand years ago, the apostle Paul wrote, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains..." Listening to the earth, recognizing the pain it has endured, and praying for its redemption, and ours, is a place to start.

This September, as we enter into the worship series called "The Season of Creation," we will focus on the wonders and wounds of creation. I hope this year's series will help us to love creation and to realize caring for creation is both a personal vocation and a congregational ministry.

In addition to the weekend worship series online - and when weather permits outdoors - there will be three weeks of Wednesday evening presentations to connect us with people who will offer us insights on caring for creation. These will be evenings of learning and hope.

Please take time to read the columns on both the worship themes and scriptures and the Fall Speaker Series. Then worship weekly and give thanks for all that God has created. Cherish this world and join your brothers and sisters in Christ in discovering what God is calling you to do for its sake.

Pastor Kratzer

OLLC FALL SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 pm

September 16, 23, 30

It has long been a dream of Our Lord's Lutheran to host a speaker series. Although the pandemic means doing it differently, the planned OLLC Speaker Series will begin this fall on September 16. Galen Gritts from Lutheran Native American Ministries will be our first speaker on perspectives on creation care. Brianna Chandler (Sunrise Movement) and Virginia Woulfe Biel (The Sierra Club) will share with us later in the month. In October, our speakers will address hunger, incarceration, and immigration. Please join us for this exciting series.

All presentations will take place over Zoom. A step-by-step guide to using Zoom will be sent out in a separate email from the office.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86065196563?pwd=b0pac1crV1d1YzVVdldlaHJmMmhwdz09>

Meeting ID: 860 6519 6563

Passcode: 570162

THEMES AND SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP ONLINE AND OUTDOOR



September 3, 5 & 6

The Season of Creation – Forest

Genesis 2:4b-22; Psalm 139:13-16

Acts 17:22-28; John 3:1-17

September 10, 12 & 13

The Season of Creation – Land

Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16; Psalm 139:7-12

Romans 5:12-17; Matthew 12:38-40

September 17, 19 & 20

The Season of Creation – Wilderness

Joel 1:8-10, 17-20; Psalm 18:6-19

Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 3:13 – 4:2

September 24, 26 & 27

The Season of Creation – River

Genesis 8:20-22 and 9:12-17; Psalm 104:27-33

Revelation 22:1-5; Matthew 28:1-10

Thursday evening services will be at 6:30 pm in the Chapel in the Pines. Please see calendar for the style of service offered each week. A worship service will be available online for viewing by 5 pm each Saturday. On the Sundays of September 6 and 20 we plan a 9:00 am Traditional Service in the Chapel in the Pines. On the Saturdays of September 12 and 26 we intend to offer a Non-traditional Outdoor service. (There is a separate article on page 5 listing the outdoor services). If at any time the weather does not permit outdoor worship, the service will be cancelled.

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD



During September, we are called to consider God's creation. Each subsequent Sunday will draw our attention to the life of the forest, the wealth of our land, the importance of the wilderness, and the gift of water flowing in our rivers and streams. In response to our focus on creation, our September donations will go to *Living Waters*

for the World, an organization that believes all God's children deserve clean water. Through volunteers, the organization creates relationships with water teams, international partners, and the communities they serve. Funds are used to train, equip, and sustain partners so that those who need safe, clean water can receive it. Water – easily taken for granted in our developed, wealthy country, but often scarce for less fortunate people around the world. Read more at livingwatersfortheworld.org and pray for their work. Then, open your heart to determine how you might support their efforts to bring water to the world!

BUDDY'S WORRIED

I have two big, old dogs. Buddy is a nearly ten-year-old Rhodesian Razorback and Great Dane mix. Someone dumped him off on the highway as a little puppy and he made his way to our house. He knew where to come because he has been well taken care of and loved all these years. Max, who is Robin to Buddy's Batman, is a black lab with a touch of pit bull. He came as the result of an ad on Facebook. He was here first and likes to remind Buddy of that fact.

Last night, Buddy woke me up at 2:00 am. Something he has never done. He did not want to go out or to eat. However, he wanted my undivided attention. So, I got up and went into the living room and sat on the couch to pet him. There was no sign of pain, but he was clearly stressed.

As I sat down, he thrust his head, which is the size of a bowling ball, onto my lap. His right paw immediately went on my leg. I began to pet him. Slowly but surely, he began to relax.

I talk to the dogs as if they were people. And I talked to Buddy last night for nearly two hours. It has been a stressful six months. On top of the pandemic, my son has had several serious health episodes which caused me great concern. He is well now. But that little bit of worry is still in the back of my head. My divorce disrupted the dog's routine also. It was not acrimonious but the energy in the house changed. The typical routines of our lives have been disrupted for six months now. It clearly is not going to change anytime soon.

I sat with Buddy and petted him. I told him how glad I was that he showed up unannounced ten years ago. I told him I was worried too. Worried about everything at one time or another. My son's health, my friends in the Philippines who are in so much chaos and financial stress, the election, my work at the church and the new business I have started.

I told him I was worried about him as the aches and pains of getting older hit all three of us simultaneously. I reassured him that he was loved, and everything would be fine. Not like it was. It will never be like it was. But it will be ok. He will not be alone in his old age. Nor will he be allowed to suffer in pain.

As I talked to Buddy, Max sauntered through on his way to my bed. His comfort zone had become that sweet spot smack dab in the middle of the bed where there is little room for me without him touching me in some way. He wagged his tail as I patted his head, jumped onto the bed, and promptly fell sound asleep. Max is not a worrier. He takes each moment of each day and lives it. He and Buddy could not be more different.

Buddy fell sound asleep sitting up. His humongous head still cradled in my lap. I fell asleep sitting upright on the sofa petting him while Max snored loudly in the other room.

We all needed reassurance that it was going to be all right. Not the same. But all right. That Blessed Assurance came dressed like two dogs last night. And we all relaxed just a bit.

We have a lot of wonderful things planned for worship which you will hear about in the next newsletter. But Buddy and Max took my attention from the worry to the assurance. I hope they did the same for you.

Dr. Harvey Chiles
Director of Traditional Music



PREPARATION FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES

Music recording directed by Harvey Chiles on Sat., August 8th to build up our library of recorded music at OLLC. Vocalists included Cady Thomas, Rachael Robinson, Chris Stanfill, Olivia Cross, Miles Wadlington, Javi and Jacob Davis. Vocalists were accompanied by both Rhonda Comrie (organ & piano) and Harvey Chiles (piano).



IN-PERSON / OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Together Outdoors will be our way of holding in-person services of worship in **September**. Thursday evening services and Sunday will be in the Chapel in the Pines. For Saturday service location check your weekend update.



Thursday, September 3, 6:30pm - Traditional
Sunday, September 6, 9:00am - Traditional

Thursday, September 10, 6:30pm - Non-Traditional
Saturday, September 12, 5:00pm - Non-Traditional

Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm - Traditional
Sunday, September 20, 9:00am - Traditional

Thursday, September 24, 6:30pm - Non-Traditional
Saturday, September 26, 5:00pm - Non-Traditional

All participants are expected to maintain six feet of physical distance from anyone who does not live in their household bubble and to wear a mask. It is recommended that you bring your own lawn chairs for services held in the Chapel in the Pines.



EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

BIBLE CRUNCHERS BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday, 3:00 pm

During the month of September, this group will study violence in the Bible. New participants are always welcome to join us in exploring some of the disturbing texts that are a part of our sacred scriptures.

We will begin a new series in October on compassion. This study will be based on the book, "Saving Simon, How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion" by Jon Katz. We anticipate the study will take four to six weeks. Contact Pastor Kratzer for a copy of the book.

Join us on Zoom, Wednesdays in September and October at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 895 2631 1907 Password: 799925

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom meeting on the second and fourth Thursday during the month of September. Fall 2020: "Holy Time" by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. In this three-session Bible study, the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni invites us to remember the past, recognize the present and reimagine the future.

Session 1: Holy Time: Remembering the Past

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19, Luke 22:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Themes/Questions: What is faithful memory? How do we remember the past—good and bad? How do we embody memory in our worship through Word and Sacrament, and why is this important? How does faithful memory put us back together (re-member us) as faithful people?

PRIMARY AGES

Remote Sunday School

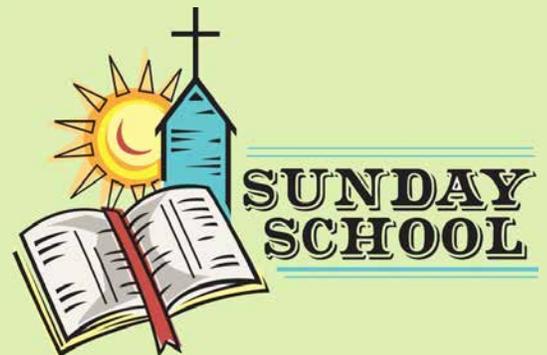
Drive-Thru Kick-off

Sunday, September 13 9:00 am – 10:00 am

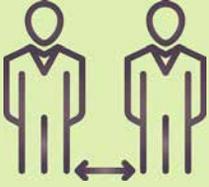
Parents of all children, age 3 through 5th Grade, are invited to bring the kids and drive-thru the parking lot of the OLLC Worship Center to pick up packets for remote Sunday School for the weeks of Autumn. Lisa White (Sunday School Superintendent) and Rhonda Comrie (Fellowship) will be preparing these.

Materials for use with Sparkhouse Sunday School weekly lessons will be in the packets. One station in the parking lot will

distribute these packets. At another station, Pastor Kratzer will lead the parents of three-year-olds in presenting a Spark Story Bible to their child. At both these stations families will stay in their cars and receive their materials via a pizza board. As you head out of the parking lot, there may even be a few Bible characters for children to see.



BUILDING USE POLICY DURING THE PANDEMIC



At the present time Our Lord's is permitting groups of 15 people or less to use our classrooms or fellowship halls for meetings. Masks and social distancing must be observed. Leaders of the groups are responsible for disinfecting all areas used during the meetings. Contact Linda at (618) 345-5692 or lovetohaveu@ourlords.org to reserve your date and time.

FELLOWSHIP

First Saturday IN – a social gathering on Zoom

FIRST SATURDAY "IN" is still on break. The first Saturday in September is the Labor Day weekend. We will resume our fellowship time on Zoom after the worship service on Saturday, October 3 at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday Tea

3:00 PM, every Tuesday

Tuesday Tea will continue throughout the Fall. There are usually seven participants in this agenda-free social time. Even if you have not been a part of it before, you are welcome!



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8yciNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Password: 511171

SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast will resume on Saturday, September 5, 6 am. If you feel comfortable please come out for fellowship and churchwork. If you plan on attending please confirm by e-mail or text to Steve Hoelscher.

SEPTEMBER MOWER/TRIMMER SCHEDULE



<u>Date</u>	<u>Mowers</u>	<u>Trimmers</u>
Sept 3-5	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
Sept 10-12	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
Sept 17-19	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
Sept 24-25	Ted Nemsky	Mike Hester

The following activities have been suspended temporarily. The church office will let you know when they will resume:

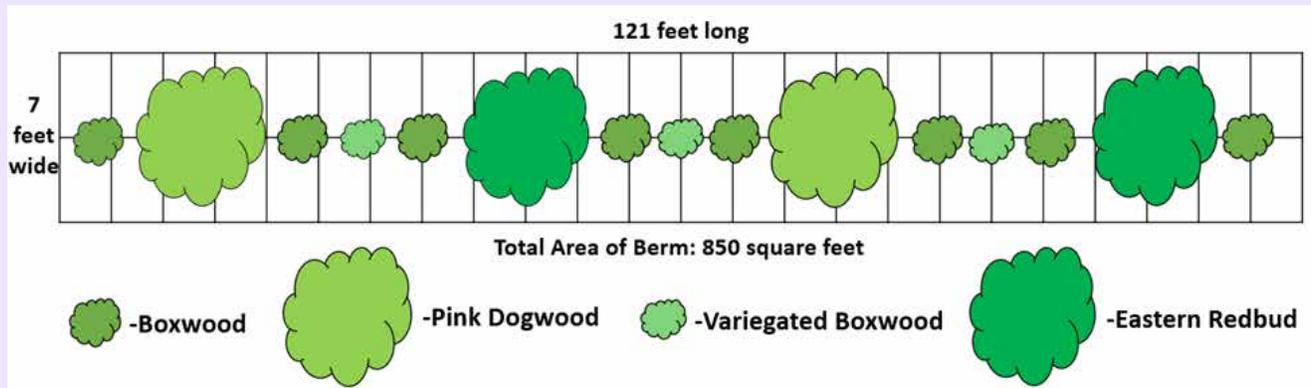
OFFICE ANGELS

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS

SOS (SPIRIT OF SHARING) SOUP KITCHEN

BERM LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Alison Kirk will be re-landscaping the berm in the Worship Center parking lot for her Scouts BSA Eagle Project. We anticipate that the project will be completed in October/November 2020. The estimated budget for the project is \$2,100. If you would like to donate to the project, please make a check out to Our Lord's Lutheran Church and write **Berm Project** in the memo line. Another donation opportunity is the chance to take home an existing plant that is going to be removed from the berm to make room for the new landscaping. A suggested donation would be \$10-\$15 per plant. If you have any questions, please email the Kirk Family at slmepk@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Our Lord's has risen to the occasion once again! The recent school supply drive received \$500.00 to buy supplies for Caseyville Elementary School. Susan Richter will be using the school's supply list to purchase what needed to the children to start the school year off right. Thank you for all your support.



MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER

GRANDMA'S ATTIC IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The Outreach Center is still closed and so is Grandma's Attic. Grandma's Attic needed to close temporarily due to patrons not observing social distancing or wearing of masks. Check their website to find out when they will re-open. The food pantry will continue serving clients by appointment with curbside pickup at least for another month.

In the meantime, the food pantry is still accepting donations, but Grandma's Attic is unable to take any more items at this time. As always, thanks for your support.

FAIR TRADE

I placed two small orders in June for needed Fair Trade restock and special orders. Bethany McGinnis of Equal Exchange emailed me saying that she had noticed the numbers we were bringing in during the COVID-19 shutdown. She asked me to submit information about how we were accomplishing this. I am proud to share my response:

Bethany & company,

Thank you for the request for information about what we are doing to stay productive and supportive with Fair Trade. When our church closed for regular services in mid-March, the Fair Trade shop also closed. I wanted to come up with an alternate plan to support artisans and small farmers.

I decided on Fair Trade doorstep drop-offs and curbside pick-up. Every Monday, I pull, sanitize and bag orders with an itemization tag. For deliveries, I leave the items on their doorstep. Customers can pay by cash, check, or charge.

There is a table set up at the front door of the church for people to write new orders, get the most current SERRV catalogs, and pick up orders by arrangement. I also post Fair Trade items and promotions to the church's Facebook page.

I call church members and friends to see if they need or want anything, I have even shipped coffee directly to a former church member in Texas and am planning to follow up with other former members who have relocated.

Our numbers have continued to be good during the shutdown. We are averaging \$118 per week for the fiscal year. My weekly orders have been great. People appreciate being able to continue to purchase our coffees, teas, nuts, etc.

We have unlocked the shop recently with good COVID-19 precautions. I'm available at the shop half a day on Mondays if people need assistance.

I hope this information can be of some help with the Fair Trade ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Mike



Bethany responded:

Hi, Michael - Thank you so much for sending the photos. Thanks also for this excellent write-up for us so we can share it with others who are looking for ideas to keep their Fair Trade programs going. Our Lord's Lutheran is a shining example of a church who goes above and beyond for farmers as well as the congregation!

Bethany McGuinness

**Thank you to everyone for our successful ministry,
Mike**

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST

We want to keep Our Lord's Prayer List as current and viable as possible.

We have many in our church family, or people we know, that need prayer. The church office "purges" the list periodically. If the person for whom you have requested prayer has improved enough to come off the prayer list or has passed away, please let the church office know. Thank you for your help.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for October's Newsletter): **Tuesday, September 15.**

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.

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

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



FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of July 31, 2020

Total receipts for July 2020	\$22,980	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,167)
Total disbursements for July 2020	\$39,403	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,500)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 7/31/2020	\$272,957	(anticipated budget amount of \$217,085)
Total disbursements for 2020 as of 7/31/2020	\$244,906	(anticipated budget amount of \$219,083)
Mortgage principal paid in July 2021	\$15,534	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2021	\$36,419	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$96,942	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$44,133	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$35,054	

Submitted by **Max Eakin** 8/17/2020

Please pay special attention to the "Remaining principle on mortgage line." One of the goals of Vision 2020 is to make substantial inroads into paying down the mortgage. The mortgage is now below \$100,000. This is cause for celebration! Many, many thanks to all who have given to VIF/BOOM!!!



Kenneth Giese
Liam Helms
Jim Harriss
Billy Huster
Rod Orr
April Vesper
Julia Schorr
Neil Micnheimer
Kristin Schoenecker
Mabel Asbury
Bill Homes
Chuck Jorgenson
Rev. Dr. Thomas Kratzer
Martin Kramer
Larry Trucano
David Schroeder
Timothy Klingsick
Lyn Kampwerth
Alan Kramer
Leslee Morris
Katie Beauchamp
Laura Schoenecker
Jaime Henderson
Jaxon Lange
Jim Lemke
Lucas Maue
Samuel Shemwell
Diana Gruber Huster
Stacie Kirk
Charlotte Henderson
Dani Webb
Erik Kirk
Beckett Wieser
David Geiler
Erica Webb



Chris & Kalonny Short
Mark & Deanne Holshouser
Darrell & Sharon Bruhn
Boris* & Stacy Cvijanovic
Alan & Sue Kramer
Andrew* & Emily (Callahan) Thompson
Zebulon* & Elaine (Nemsky) Collier
Danny & Mona Schrader
Billy & Becky (Fremder) Asbury



Please remember these members, friends of Our Lord's, and their families as they grieve their loss and share the sure promise of the resurrection:

Lucian Cojocar Family (Romanian family
Our Lord's sponsored in the early 1980's)
at his death

Joan Eads Family (Kathy Brady's sister)
at her death

Gordon Strong Family (Carole Callahan's brother)
at his death.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Joe & Denise Cigliani
Max Eakin
Kenneth Giese
Julie Gruber
Jack Hammond
Brad Homes
Dan Homes
Rudy Kantola
Kim Payne
Dona Racich
Don Schlonat
Abby Tiemann
Jean Weishaupt

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Alan Brainard (Robert Chiles' friend)
Debbie C. (Schonecker's friend)
Judy Douglass (Karen Tilashalski's aunt)
Robert Chiles Goodwin (Harvey Chile's son)
Jimmy Huster (Dora Clawges' son)
Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)
Beth Klingsick (Don & Glenda Klingsick daughter-in-law)
Billie Koch (friend of Carol Orr)
Brian
C. J. (Julie Preston's friend)
Kelly, Chris & Zane McClellan (Lori Messina's niece)
Doris Swanson (Laura Schoenecker's mother)
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Ephraim Tayag (Harvey Chiles' friend)
Marlon Ventura (Harvey Chiles' colleague)
Janne Vernersson (Erick Larson's cousin)
Laura Williams (Harvey Chiles' friend)
Sharon Whitaker (Irene VanHooser's friend)
Keith Wyvell (Caryl Kassing's son)
Kevin Wyvell (Caryl Kassing's son)
Bobby Wuebold (Joyce & Fred Tatjenhorst's nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell, Major James Carmichael, Capt. Blake Crosby, Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby, Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby, SPC Bill Homes, Charles Homes, Zach Huff, AB Lucas Maue, John Meyer, Zachary Neubauer, Amador Ochoa, Josh Pace, Scott Prengel, Jake Randall, Jack Scoles, PFC Eric Shelton, Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith, Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.), Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer



PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor; **Dr. Harvey Chiles**, Director of Traditional Music; **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist; **Beth Giese**, Nursery Attendant; **Brian Gunderson**, Director of Contemporary Music; **Chery Sides**, Organist; **Linda Spencer**, Administrative Assistant; **Toni Barz**, Newsletter Editor

Church Council

Tom Steinmann, President; **Kathy Hoelscher**, Vice President; **Jaime Henderson**, Secretary; **Dr. Max Eakin**, Treasurer; **Alan Kramer**, At Large; **Darla Ann R. Kratzer**, Pastor

Steering Team [Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service]

Ed and Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators; **Tim Nyland**, **Lyn Kampwerth**, **Erick Larson**, **Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson**, **Rhonda Comrie**, **Randy Kampwerth**

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances

OCTOBER

- Men's Club, Oct 3
- World Communion Sunday, Oct 4
- Youth Wreath Sales Begin, Oct 10
- Office Closed for Columbus Day, Oct 12
- Steering Team Mtg, Oct 12
- Newsletter Deadline, Oct 15
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Oct 17
- Church Council Mtg, Oct 19
- Reformation Day, Oct 31

NOVEMBER

- All Saint's Day, Nov 1
- First Communion for 3rd Graders & up, Nov 1
- Church Office Closed, Veterans Day (Observed), Nov 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Nov 16
- Elmwood Christmas Gift Sign-up begins, Nov 18
- Christ the King Sunday, Nov 22
- Office Closed, Thanksgiving, Nov 26
- Office Closed, Nov 27
- Advent 1, Nov 28-29

DECEMBER

- Another Silent Night Performance, Dec 11, 12, 13
- Newsletter Deadline, Dec 15
- First Day of Winter, Dec 21
- Office Angels/Christmas Potluck, Dec 22
- Christmas Eve, Dec 24 (Office closed)
- Christmas Day, Dec 25 (Office closed)
- Christmas with Our Neighbors, Dec 25
- New Year's Eve, Dec 31 (Office closed)

THANKS GO TO:

Many, many thanks go to the **Set-Up Team for "Peace in the Pines,"** our summer experiment in outdoor worship during a time of pandemic. The Team included Laura Schoenecker, who prepared communion bags and the altar each week; Tom Steinmann, Karen Tilashalski, and Rhonda Comrie, who took turns setting up entry to the Life Center for restroom use; and Laura Foppe, Ed Foppe, Steve Hoelscher, and Anna Foppe who set up our outdoor sound system each week. Because of them "Peace in the Pines" was a pleasant and safe experience for all who came out on Thursday evenings.

Lisa White and her team of helpers put together over 45 VBS Kits for families interested in doing "God in My Backyard," a three-day online Vacation Bible School. Many of these families are from outside of OLLC. Once the word got out about what we were doing, Lisa was deluged with requests from those who go to other congregations and some families who are not connected to a church at all. Thank you, Lisa, for going above and beyond to support families as they try to provide enrichment activities for their children while navigating pandemic life.

Have we said before that our **Tech Team** is amazing? It is the expertise of Matt Gross, Patrick Noga, Ed Foppe, Tim Nyland, and Randy Kampwerth that make possible livestreaming, pre-recording, on-screen visuals, and amplification for all outdoor services, both those in the Pines and those on the Parking Lot. They have given hundreds of volunteer hours in service to the worship life of this congregation. This past month they began training additional camera operators. We give thanks for their skills, dedication, and faith.

*thankful
&
grateful*



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

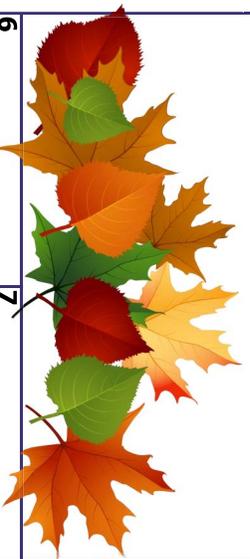


- school _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
- paper _ _ ○ _
- wisdom _ _ _ ○ _
- read _ _ _ _ ○
- play _ _ _ _ _ _
- learn ○ _ _ _ _ _
- grow _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _
- pencils _ _ _ _ _
- pray _ _ ○ _ _
- art _ _ _ _ _
- student _ _ _ _ ○ _ _
- kids _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
- apple _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:00 Tuesday Tea, Zoom 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous 7:30 Praise Band Practice	2 3:00 Bible Crunchers, Zoom	3 6:30 Worship: Traditional; Chapel in the Pines	4 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 Office Closes	5 7:00 Men's Club 3:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Worship: Non-Traditional; Live streamed
6 9:00 Worship: Traditional; In Person, Chapel In the Pines	7 Church Office Closed Labor Day	8 10:30 Staff Meeting 3:00 Tuesday Tea, Zoom	9 3:00 Bible Crunchers, Zoom	10 10:00 Morning Glories 6:30 Worship: Non-Traditional; Chapel in the Pines	11 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 Office Closes	12 3:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Worship: Non-Traditional; In Person, Outdoors
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