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WITH ALL

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Alive in the risen Christ we know that the good news of Easter is too wonderful to be confined to one weekend. So, in the church we begin our celebration on Easter Eve, April 3 and carry the joy through not one, not three, but seven full weeks of Easter.

The return to being present with each other in our bodies is cause enough to celebrate. The last days of March (Palm Sunday Weekend) and the first days of April (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day) we will hold in-person, in-building services in our Worship Center. We know that we are all in different stages in the journey to emerge from this pandemic. Therefore, there will also be an outdoor Easter Day Service at 11 am in the Chapel in the Pines (weather permitting). A complete listing of service times, scriptures, and themes is on the next page. Information about our Easter Day Hospitality time is on page 6.

Having more places and ways to connect with each other and with God would have been Easter enough for me. But, God has a way a planting seeds, tending them, and bringing the shoots and buds up so they can bloom. I am seeing signs of new life all around this congregation. Outdoors, indoors, and most importantly, in you. Projects are moving forward. Difficult issues are being grappled with. Learning is taking place (see page 8 for "Growing Young" book study).

The Living Into a Culture of Mission and Action Team here at Our Lord's wants to learn from you through a survey that begins March 27 and runs through Sunday, April 11 at midnight. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Your answers will help us discern the priorities for the next few years. Prior to the pandemic we were going in many directions as a congregation. By listening to you, listening to the community around us, and listening to God, we can become clearer about our identity as a congregation. As we do so, it will become easier to make decisions about what we will or will not do. So, we would very much appreciate your participation in this survey (see page 5).

As we move into the season of Easter, we can rest assured that the Holy Spirit is at work. God has planted us in Maryville and desires for us to bloom. So, let us go through Holy Week trusting that the dark days are fertile ground for seeds of faith to germinate. The sun is about to rise, the tomb will be empty, and the risen Christ will be going ahead of us, waiting to meet us just as soon as we catch up to him.

APRIL SERVICES

Scriptures for Weekend Worship Services

In-Building Saturday Services
5 PM

In-Building Sunday Services
8 AM & 10:45 AM

April 3 & 4 **Easter Weekend**

"Again & Again, The Sun Rises"
Mark 16:1-8

April 10 & 11 **Second Weekend of Easter**

"Known By The Scars"
John 20:19-31

April 17 & 18 **Third Weekend of Easter**

"Sharing Food"
Luke 24:36b-48

April 24 & 25 **Fourth Weekend of Easter** **Earth Day**

"Dying for the Sheep"
John 10:11-18
Psalm 23

All Saturday services at 5 PM and all Sunday services at 8 AM will also be livestreamed and available to view as usual on Our Lord's YouTube channel.

Scriptures for Holy Week Worship Services

In-Building Services
(Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Sunday 8 AM will be livestreamed)

April 1 **Maundy Thursday**

"Again & Again, We Are Held Together"
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Thursday | 7 PM

April 2
Good Friday
"Again & Again, We Find Ourselves Here"
Stations of the Cross Liturgy
Friday | 7 PM

April 3
Easter Eve
"Again & Again, The Sun Rises"
Mark 16:1-8
Saturday | 5 PM

April 4
Easter Sunday
"Again & Again, The Sun Rises"
Mark 16:1-8
Traditional Service
Sunday | 8 AM
Outdoor Service - Chapel In The Pines
Sunday | 11 AM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1 | Maundy Thursday

In-Building Service 7 PM

April 2 | Good Friday

In-Building Service 7 PM

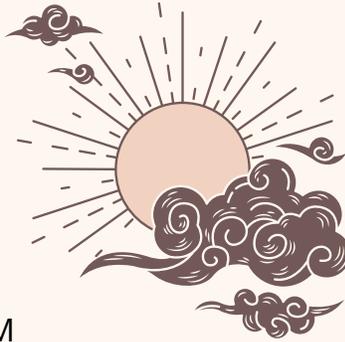
April 3 | Easter Eve

In-Building Praise Service 5 PM

April 4 | Easter Sunday

In-Building Traditional Service 8 AM

Traditional Service - Chapel In The Pines 11 AM



Our Holy Week services will be in-building.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Sunday 8 AM will also be livestreamed. You can view our COVID-19 safety guidelines on our website: https://ourlords.org/worship_visit

See page 12 for more information on how to let us know in advance that you will be attending a worship service.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Worship Center continues to be under construction during the month of April. Availability and use will be limited. Contact the church office for access.

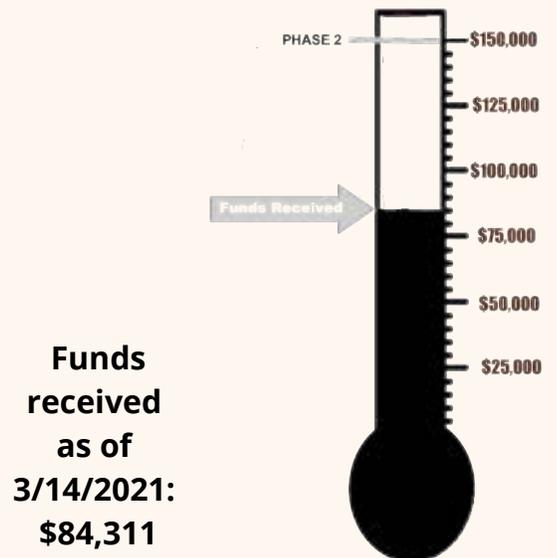
The work in the Worship Center is progressing; work may be slow at times but we are still moving forward! The Worship Center has taken on a new look and additional changes are scheduled for the near future. The work in the kitchen will begin April 12 and the vinyl flooring reinstall is scheduled to begin April 19 (the vinyl currently in place is defective).

A beautiful foundation including kitchen remodel, new flooring, and painting has been financed; purchasing updated furnishings is next on the plan. New oak furniture and soft seating for the narthex, an OLLC communication & ministry center, new furnishings for fellowship in the commons, and restroom upgrades are planned. We cannot achieve the goal and bring new life to OLLC without your financial support.

Your financial support is critical for us to move forward. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to Restoring OUR LORD'S House. Contributions can be made via check, bank transfer, or electronic giving; note Restoring Our Lord's House in the memo line.

With your support we can move forward with a new look and new vision in ministry for OLLC!

Restoring Our Lord's House



Contributions to "Restoring Our Lord's House" can be made by writing a check payable to Our Lord's (note "Restoring Our Lord's" in the memo line) arranging a withdrawal from your personal checking or savings account, or making an online contribution by going to the church website www.ourlords.org

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE CONT.

Check out some of the latest updates of Restoring Our Lord's!



Thanks to Karen Cummings-Larson for painting the nursery so beautifully!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE CONT.

New kitchen coming soon!



Thank you for your continued support and generous donations as you make it possible for us to Restore Our Lord's!

LIVING INTO A CULTURE OF MISSION & ACTION

Congregations continually navigate changing environments, expectations, and potential for ministry growth. The purpose of Living Into a Culture of Mission and Action is to guide congregations through developing a mission and vision that is current, relevant for future ministry in an evolving culture, and in partnership with God's work in the world.

Your congregational team has taken the first steps in asking for your input by developing a congregational survey. It consists of 14 questions and typically takes less than 10 minutes to complete. We ask you to take the survey so that we may hear from as many congregational participants as possible. While this survey does not encompass every single thing we do as a congregation, it does cover a wide array of ministries in which you may be involved. The link to doing the survey online is below. Paper copies are available for those who do not have online access. Please call the church office if you need a paper copy. All surveys must be submitted by Sunday, April 11 to be included in the tabulated results.

Thank you for your help in providing an accurate picture of what you value in the life of this congregation.

Access the congregational survey here between March 27th and April 11th:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurLordsMaryville>



EVENTS

RING THOSE BELLS

You are invited to bring bells to the **Easter Eve and Easter Day** worship services. There are many ways to participate in worship beyond singing. While research now shows we can sing a closing song or hymn together before we leave the indoor worship space, for most of the service we will participate in ways other than speaking or singing. So, for our Easter Services we would love to have you ring bells (as directed) during one or more songs. Everything from tiny bells to cow bells are welcome.



UCM DERBY TRIVIA NIGHT

We are excited to bring to you yet another Trivia Night! This FUNdraiser has been a great experience and we would like to invite you to join us! The Alton Area Cluster has planned a night of great Kentucky Derby fun! So grab your friends, family, and a great hat and be ready to put your brains to the test. Also, it seems we have a reigning champion...we challenge you to come and take their spot!! Do we have any competitors out there?

This event is brought to you by the Alton Area Cluster of United Congregations of Metro East. The event will be held via Zoom, so you can join us from anywhere in the country. This is a two-part registration, once you complete your ticket portion please continue to the zoom registration. Deadline for registration is Thursday, April 15th at 10pm.

Link to register (click the link if you are reading this electronically):

<https://secure.everyaction.com/BFeXCUNzqUiJHt5GweNOmQ2>

Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 Time: 7:00pm CST Location: Zoom

HUGGING STATION

Mar 27-28 & Easter Day

To the left of the main doors to the Worship Center, a hugging curtain will be set up before and after services. As you approach the station, remain masked. Pick up two plastic "sleeves" for your arms. One person goes to the grass side and the other remains on the sidewalk. Put on the "sleeves" you have picked up and then place your arms in the arm hole bags appropriate for your height. Enjoy a good hug. Then using a sanitizing wipe, wipe down the section of curtain between the arm holes including where your masked face touched the curtain. Then place the wipe and your arm "sleeves" into the wastebasket by the curtain.

EASTER HOSPITALITY TIME

On Easter Day, there will be a tent on the parking lot with coffee, donuts, and assorted pastries. Please stop by after the 8 am indoor worship service or before the 11 am outdoor service. Please maintain 6 feet of space between those who do not live in your household and yourself. This time of hospitality will be one of the ways we can safely celebrate this Easter. You can take it to go. Or, you may find a place on the lawn or parking lot to remove your mask and enjoy your treats.

COME RIDE WITH US Sunday, April 18, 2:00 pm

Pastor Kratzer and Matt Gross invite all bicycle riders to come out and join us on a ride from the Maryville YMCA to the Collinsville Culver's (and back). This is a great way to do something together while remaining safely outdoors. The rain date will be Sunday, April 25.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



TUESDAY TEA

Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday

Tuesday Tea continues. All are welcome!

[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

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB & OTHER BOOK LOVERS

It was great to get together again for our first Zoom book club on March 15th. But since we have all had our covid shots it was decided that we could resume our in person meetings. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 19th at 11:30** in the Life Center conference room. We will wear our masks and socially distance. Bringing your lunch is optional. The book chosen is THE SIXTH EXTINCTION by Elizabeth Kolbert. It speaks to the very important concern of losing many species of animals and plants.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xU1VMUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2841 6039 Passcode: 388782



SERVICE TO CONGREGATION

Men's Club



Our Lord's Mower & Trimmer Schedule April 2021

Riding Mowers

Trimmers

April 1 - 3

Chuck Pugh

Brian Hartke

April 8 - 10

Tony DiBartolo

Rod Orr

April 15 - 17

Ted Nemsky

Tom Messina

April 22 - 24

Scott Comrie

Darrell Bruhn

April 29 - May 1

Chuck Jorgenson

Steve Hoelscher

Men's Club Meeting and Breakfast is on Saturday, April 3rd at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall.

If you feel comfortable, please come out for fellowship and church work.

If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Steve Hoelscher.

April Chefs

Jim Trucano
Fred Tatjenhorst



GROWING YOUNG

Thursdays at 7 pm

Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church

This book has caught the eye of congregations all over the country, including Lutheran congregations and synods. Discussion groups have started among churchwide leadership, synod committees, clergy groups, and congregational members. As we, the people of Our Lord's, emerge from the pandemic, let's learn what we can do. Please pick up the book and join in discussion beginning **Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm**. Please read the first 3 chapters by April 15.

Books will be available for pick-up at either the Life Center or Worship Center during the first week of April. If you prefer to order your own copy in either digital or physical format, you may do so here:

<https://www.christianbook.com/growing-essential-strategies-people-discover-church/kara-powell/9781493405824/pd/88300EB?event=ESRCG>

This may turn out to be a group where our first meeting is by Zoom and subsequent meetings are in-the-flesh at the Life Center. Increased rates of vaccination and decreasing rates of community spread will determine the possibility of doing this. If conditions are right for this move, a confidential poll of participants will be taken to be sure all are comfortable with moving to in-person meetings.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83910472409?pwd=ZEpycTdNTElhZGh0RG4rUW8xT29OQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 1047 2409

Passcode: 544232

WHERE SHOULD THE CHURCH STAND TODAY?

Tuesdays at 10 am

A Discussion Opportunity

"What are the implications of trusting God today, in our context?" We know how Martin Luther answered this question, but our world is much different from his. Join us to explore this question guided by the book, *I Can Do No Other: The Church's New Here We Stand Moment* by Lutheran theologian Anna Madsen. The discussion is facilitated by Pastor Tom Kratzer (revkratzer@gmail.com), via Zoom, at 10 am on Tuesday mornings. Please feel free to join even if you missed the first sessions.

The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86177052469?pwd=S00zNmRVK25rTGRBb3o3K1BySlYzZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 7705 2469 Passcode: 958985

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you to all who picked up their Sunday School kits last month at the Church!

We will continue to accept any craft-related materials for our next session, such as cardboard, paper towel rolls, construction paper, egg cartons, pipe cleaners, paper bags, stickers, labels, tape, pens, cotton balls, styrofoam, popsicle sticks, boxes, cloth scraps, paper clips, etc. If you have questions or need to have someone pick up the materials, contact Lisa White (contact information available in the church directory) or the church office.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



EDUCATION MINISTRY CONT.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:00 am

“Journeys With Angels” by Christa von Zychlin

Church Reformer Martin Luther is quoted as saying, “If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.” In Winter 2021, the Rev. Christa von Zychlin will present the four-part study “Journeys with angels” in which we will shake those biblical branches, watch for angels and listen for God’s calls to action. In January, we discussed: Looking up - New beginnings, awe-full, awesome angels. In February, we examined: Repentance and route-changing angels. March topics included: Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort.

April will focus on feasting angels.

The Rev. Christa von Zychlin has served Lutheran churches around the world through ELCA Global partnerships. She co-pastors St. Luke Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she also loves exploring the spirituality of mountains and deserts.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89099666141?pwd=LzBxVk1EUTZ6S3BheVd3c0FkZms5QT09>

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 890 9966 6141

Passcode: 689983

BIBLE CRUNCHERS

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00 pm via Zoom

A Study of Community

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526311907?wd=NFQ5U25oTXE5M2w3dkVFbG02RctIzZ09>

Meeting ID: 895 2631 1907 Passcode: 799925



April 7 – What did Jesus do to form a close-knit community with his disciples?



April 14 – How did the apostle Paul deal with conflict in the churches he had started?



April 21 – What are the differences in community formed at Church Camps, retreats, and in congregations?



April 28 – What makes me a valuable member of community? (You matter more than you think!)

THANK YOU

We want to thank Katie Noga for her fantastic work over the past year on Our Lord's new website. Katie has worked tirelessly to ensure accurate communication, design, layout, and all other vital aspects of our online presence. Thank you, Katie, for giving so much of your time and energy to this project!



Partner Church Newsletter Article for April 2021 | March 12, 2021

How wonderful to see so much LIFE outside! It's such a joy to hear the sounds of birds singing in the morning and the frogs chirping at night, to see the beautiful sight of sprouting plants like the happy daffodil and to feel the warmth of the sun on one's face. Kids are back on the ball fields and the bike paths around town are full of cyclists, walkers, and runners. Spring certainly brings a lot of activity, and here at CFIA, we also have more activity.

First, we are assisting many people with Covid-19 vaccination registration, transportation to the vaccination site, and understanding the information regarding the three different vaccines. If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who needs help with registration, transportation, or information, we are ready for you! Just call us at 618-344-8080.

Second, we are preparing for the Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th Collinsville City-Wide Yard Sale. Our items will be here at 233 N. Seminary in downtown Collinsville. We have many donated items that will be for sale on those days from 7AM-3PM and we hope to see you shopping for treasures! If you're able to donate some of your time on one of these days, we'd love to have you join a crew of volunteers helping shoppers and straightening the yard sale items for an hour or two. Please give us a call if you can help or come by to shop and say hello.

As our world begins to open after more than a year of limited social activities, we at CFIA are looking forward to seeing more of you very soon!

FINANCIAL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of February 28, 2021

Submitted by Max Eakin 3/15/2021

Total receipts for February 2021	\$30,090	(anticipated budget amount of \$30,583)
Total disbursements for February 2021	\$34,791	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,748)
Total receipts for 2020 as of 2/28/2020	\$81,194	(anticipated budget amount of \$61,166)
Total disbursements for 2020 as of 2/28/2020	\$99,880	(anticipated budget amount of \$63,496)
Mortgage principal paid in February 2021	\$4,921	
Total mortgage paid in 2021	\$5,905	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$69,526	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$54,324	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$80,734	

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Katie Noga	Randy Steele	Lisa Bush
Harper Lilly	Leonard Stensland	Glenda Klingsick
Rachel Schoenecker	Sean Crosby	Josie Steinmann
Alison Kirk	Blake Trucano	Joann Sullivan
Elaine Nemsky	Norma Klingsick	Robert Valentine
Barbara Werne	Katelyn Foppe	Luke Huster
John Nehrt	Marcine Lemke	Margaret Oberlag
Brian Gunderson	JoAnn Hartke	Isabelle Mize
Steve Perry	Jake Scheiter	Mary Olsen
Olivia Comrie	Julie Scheiter	

ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Lance Wellener
Jeff & Terry Menz
Robert & Carol Hancock
Zachary & Madeleine
LaMar
John & Kathy Nehrt
Neil & Lisa Micnheimer
Bill & Cindy Diggs
Tim & Connie Nyland
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STEERING TEAM



 The re-formation process of our Steering Team is well underway. In the opening months of this year we have learned about the Steering Team model, ways to adapt it for our changing circumstances, budgeted and designated financial support of the Ministry Teams that do the hands on work of our congregation, and how ministry team charters make ministries stronger.

 At our March meeting we looked at possibilities for outdoor worship services from April through the summer. There will be a service in the Chapel in the Pines on Easter Day and again on April 18.

 Also starting in April will be a focus on involving and retaining teenagers and young adults. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on the book *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*. You are invited to join in a Zoom discussion of this book starting April 15.

 We continue to engage in the Dwelling In the Word process as we begin and end meetings. Listening for where God is nudging us is central to the work of supporting current ministry teams and developing new teams. Thank you for your prayers as we work hand in hand with both the Council and the Living Into a Culture of Mission and Action Team in moving joyfully into the future.

REMINDERS



PRAYER LIST

Please let Olivia know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for May's Newsletter): Thursday, April 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.

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.

CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can now sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions to the right to be added to our list.



REMIND

To sign up for updates regarding outdoor Peace in the Pines services, text **@ollcpines** to **81010**. You can also text @ollcpines to (971) 252-6886.

To sign up for updates regarding Saturday praise services, text **@ollcsat** to **81010**. You can also text @ollcsat to (971) 252-6886.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday traditional services, text **@ollcsun** to **81010**. You can also text @ollcsun to (971) 252-6886.



Our Lord's is introducing an optional way to "register" for a worship service. This is *not required*. It simply helps Pastor Kratzer, staff, and volunteers know how many attendees to expect at a particular service. This will help keep the worship experience as streamlined and safe as possible while adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines regarding building capacity. A simple 2 question survey will be sent out weekly - simply enter your name, number of expected attendees you will be bringing, and which service you plan on attending. Long term, this will save paper costs, enhance our Church attendance records, and, if you find it convenient, may be used for other types of events in the future!

ATTENDANCE

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View a sample survey here:
<https://7rba6x2fp1t.typeform.com/to/bCiCvilk>



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Harleigh Johnson
Kevin Wyvell
Brock & Barbara
Larry
Jimmy Huster
Marsha Morgan
Kenneth Bunetic
Cindy Whitcomb



PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Dean Lackey
Vicki Lottes
Rudy Kantola
Kim Payne
Dan Homes
Linda Spencer
Jim Lemke
Bill Davidson
Robin Wellener
Elaine Baden
Emily Callahan-Thompson

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:
Bob Palme
Lois Jean Weishaupt
Norma Wilson
Susie Witcher
Mandy Fortner
Mary Ringberg

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
SrA 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
Erica Webb, US Private E-3



PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Over the past few weeks, People In A Pickle has received a high number of requests for help from those in the nearby community who were financially struggling. Thanks to the generosity of those who donated to our Pickle Fund, we were able to help all those who requested assistance. We'd like to share 2 specific examples with you this month.

1. A young man requested help from Our Lord's on one of the coldest days in the year. The young man was stranded outside and needed assistance purchasing a MetroLink ticket to get to a safe place. Thanks to the Pickle Fund, we were able to purchase his train ticket and pay for his rideshare, which took him to safely to another family member's location.
2. A young woman and her two daughters sought assistance from Our Lord's very recently - they were leaving an unsafe situation and needed help lodging in the Maryville area. Thanks to the Pickle Fund, we were able to help them with hotel costs and groceries.

Because of your support, Our Lord's can be there for those in need. When people in unsafe or difficult situations think of our Church first, knowing that they can reach out without fear of judgement, we know that we are living our call to help those who are alone, afraid, and oppressed.

Thank you.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

This segment highlights the monthly actions of OLLC Church Council

Your Church Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 15. Listed below are some of the highlights of our meeting.

- Jaime Henderson was hired as our new Nursery Attendant. Jaime takes the place of Beth Giese, who held the position since 2014. Thank you to Beth and Andrea Giese for their many years of service to Our Lord's! Thank you to Jaime and her sidekick Charlotte, as well, for assuming these responsibilities.
- Following a discussion on designated versus budgeted monies, the following policy was confirmed. In most cases, budgeted money will be used for a particular area of ministry before designated money. The main reason for this is designated money can carry over into the next year if not used, while budgeted amounts do not transition into the upcoming year. An exception to this policy, however, will be allowed when money is designated for a very specific need within a ministry team. In this case, designated money supersedes the budget. For example, \$1000 donated to purchase outdoor speakers will be used specifically for that purpose. If, however, a \$1000 gift was earmarked for Technology, this money would be used only when our allotted budget for Technology is exhausted.
- The Council approved a \$100 contribution to the Empty Bowl Project sponsored by the Collinsville Woman's Club. This annual soup luncheon typically donates its profits to the Collinsville Food Pantry. Due to the ongoing pandemic, unfortunately, this year's community dining event has been cancelled. Regardless, the OLLC contribution will still help combat hunger in the greater Collinsville area.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19. Please reach out to any of the Council members (Pastor Darla Ann, Laura Schoenecker, Linda Hester, Max Eakin, Dana Callahan, or Tom Steinmann) if you have any concerns that need to be addressed.

BUILDING USE POLICY DURING THE PANDEMIC

At the present time Our Lord's is permitting groups of **25 people or fewer** 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 the office at (618) 345-5692 or lovetohaveu@ourlords.org to reserve your date and time.



social distancing
please continue
practicing throughout

LOOKING AHEAD

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances.
All events are subject to change due to COVID-19.

MAY

- Cinco de Mayo, May 5
- Mother's Day, May 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Mar 15
- Pentecost Sunday & Rite of Confirmation, May 23
- Memorial Day, May 31
- Office Closed

JUNE

- Peace In The Pines begins, Jun 10
- Newsletter Deadline, Jun 15
- Juneteenth, Jun 19
- Father's Day, Jun 20

JULY

- Independence Day, Jul 4
- Independence Day observed, Jul 5
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15



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PUZZLE

Jesus gives us life

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.



- People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)
- Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)
- Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)
- This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)
- Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)
- Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)
- Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)
- While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)
- This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)
- These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)
- These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)
- Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)

Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



						<p>1 Maundy Thursday 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM In-Building Worship Service</p>	<p>2 Good Friday - Office Closed 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 pm In-Building Worship Service</p>	<p>3 Easter Eve 7:00 AM Men's Club 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>4 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 11:00 AM Worship: Chapel of the Pines</p>	<p>5 Easter Monday - Office Closed 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Where Should The Church Stand Book Study - Zoom 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>7 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers - Zoom</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Sabbath 2:00 PM Maryville Library Book Club Meeting - LC Basement 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>10 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>		
<p>11 8:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 9:15 AM 6th-8th Conf. Class - Zoom 10:45 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p>12 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM LICMA Cohort Meeting - Zoom</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM Where Should The Church Stand Book Study - Zoom 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>14 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers - Zoom 6:30 PM LICMA OLLC Team Meeting - Zoom 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice & Recording Session - WC</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline Tax Day 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM Growing Young Book Study - Zoom</p>	<p>16 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>17 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>		
<p>18 8:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 9:15 AM 6th-8th Conf. Class - Zoom 10:00 AM High School Sunday Class - Zoom 10:45 AM Worship: Chapel In The Pines</p>	<p>19 11:00 AM Serendipity Book Club - Zoom 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Where Should The Church Stand Book Study - Zoom 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>21 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers - Zoom</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM Growing Young Book Study - Zoom</p>	<p>23 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>24 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>		
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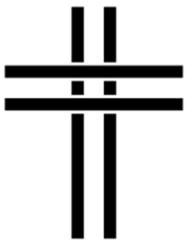
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