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Serve the LORD with gladness.
Psalm 100:2

Some years ago a congregation in Ohio had buttons made with the words from Psalm 100, verse 2 on them. They served once a month at a hot meal site in downtown Canton. They wanted the guests who came for the meal to know their hosts considered serving them to be like serving the Lord. They offered their service because they were motivated by the love of God.

This month we focus on our Stewardship of Service. After a summer of going many different directions and two and a half years of a pandemic that made it hard to come together, we have the awesome privilege of being "Back Together to Share Christ's Love with All" on Sunday, September 11. That day kicks off the educational classes for the 2022-2023 year. It also is a day when we come together to use our hands to do God's work. There is a full article on the events and schedule for the day on page 3 of this newsletter. And, pages 6 and 7 take you from Monday through Sunday as the classes and other learning opportunities are listed. Even if your fall schedule is quite busy, it is worth knowing the ways this congregation is involved in nurturing members as their faith grows through learning and action.

One of the four Core Strategies of this congregation from 2022-2024 is "Serve one another, our communities, the wider world, and God's creation." The importance of an individual's service to others is recognized by all the world's religions. Service starts in the home as young people learn to love and respect each other, honor differences, and resolve conflicts. Those are significant ways family members serve one another. We serve by listening and forgiving. As we move into our neighborhoods, we see the needs of others and we try to find ways we can use our talents to lessen the suffering of others. Working together with others on service projects often has a side benefit of giving us deep satisfaction. And the good work we do spreads beyond us - rippling out into the world.

-Pastor Darla Ann



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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11

Outdoor Worship
Chapel In The Pines

September 17

Speaker from African Vision Of Hope
Prudence Munyama

OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center

Rehearsals resume September 1, 2022!

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Performances: Monthly on 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center

Rehearsals resume September 1, 2022!

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

OLLC PRAISE BAND

Time: Saturdays 3:00 pm practice,
5:00 pm performance

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact lemuelsing@ourlords.org

Sunday morning worship services will continue to enjoy the lively music of Setting 10. It is the liturgical words set to simple hymn tunes.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEKEND WORSHIP

September 3 & 4

13th Weekend after Pentecost

Guest Pastor: S. Blake Duncan

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Luke 14:25-33

September 10 & 11

14th Weekend after Pentecost

"Back Together"

Luke 15:1-10

September 17 & 18

15th Weekend after Pentecost

"Creative Stewardship"

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

Luke 16:1-13

*Saturday Guest Speaker from
African Vision of Hope*

September 24 & 25

16th Weekend after Pentecost

"Priorities"

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Saturday Service | 5:00 PM

Sunday Service | 9:00 AM

5:00 pm & 9:00 am services will be livestreamed. Not all scriptures listed above will be used for Saturday services.

SEPTEMBER 11 KICKOFF

BACK TOGETHER TO SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE WITH ALL!

Last year, we rallied together to serve others in our church and local community through a variety of service projects. This year, we come back together in education and service. The day will look like this:

- **9:00 am** - Traditional Worship in the Chapel In The Pines.
- **10:15 am** - First day back for Confirmation, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and High School Sunday School Class. And, adults will make casseroles for Mind The Gap!
- **11:30 am** - lunch (hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill from the church parking lot!)
- Afternoon - **"God's Work, Our Hands"** service projects - so far, this includes tying fleece blankets, gutter cleaning and invasive plant removal, assisting with setup/teardown of the Fair Trade booth at the annual Faith in Action mum sale, minor maintenance work at the Faith in Action office (cleaning and resealing a wheelchair ramp, hanging decorative quilts, programming thermostats), setting up shelving in the Troy Storage Unit for Grandma's Attic, and making casseroles for Mind The Gap! If you are interested in assisting with any of the above tasks, please contact the church office!

Do you need a task completed that is too big or too heavy? If so, please let Olivia Cross know so that she can pass the information along to us (love2haveu@ourlords.org or 618-345-5692)! We will complete these tasks either on September 11, or on a date that works best for you!

The yellow ELCA t-shirts (and other types of apparel) are also now available for purchase here: <https://oldlutheran.com/collections/elca>

We hope to put all of our hands together as we serve Christ and our neighbors!

SEPTEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS

Elmwood General Store

OLLC is officially launching a new project with our neighbors at Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The 85 residents are able to "purchase" items at the General Store that is open one day each month. Residents "pay" for General Store items with tickets they earn by participating in activities offered at Elmwood. We have been asked to help supply the General Store through donations collected at OLLC. The requested new or gently used items include:

- jewelry, nail polish, bath and body products, sweet snacks, sunglasses, perfume/body spray, romance books, knickknacks, afghans, small-decorative pillows, huggable stuffed animals, and magazines (sports, DIY, racing, health, farming).

A basket has been placed next to the main entrance of the church for your contributions. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Thanks for helping our neighbors!

Carol Gocken 618-531-7824

Karen Tilashalski 618-806-6373



PET EXPO

OCTOBER 8 9 AM - 12 PM

OUR LORD'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
150 WILMA DR. MARYVILLE, IL 62062

Let's come together to celebrate the importance and the blessing of pets!



Join us for a morning of fun, educational **activities**, and **demonstrations!**

This event is open to the **entire family** and pets of all kinds!*

This event will take place outside in the **church parking lot** and surrounding areas. Come rain or shine!

Featuring:

-  Canine Demonstrations
-  Pet Owner Look-Alike Contest
-  Puppy Dog Face Painting
-  Plushy Animal Clinic
-  Rescue Organizations
-  Vendors
-  Pet Remembrance Ceremony
-  Blessing Booth for Pet Blessings
-  Door Prizes



Sponsor Levels:

-  Gold: \$100
-  Silver: \$75
-  Bronze: \$50

Participants Include:

 Gold Sponsor



Demonstrator

Demonstrator



Demonstrator

*If you would like to be a sponsor or know of an organization that might be interested in sponsoring and/or participating in this event, please contact Peggy Pick at **618-444-7151** or **ppick@charter.net**. Publicity flyers are available in electronic or paper format from the church office upon request!*

Volunteer Photographer Needed

In order to have the pet owner look-alike contest, we need a photographer who is willing to take digital pictures to be submitted after the event to a panel of judges. If you are interested in filling this volunteer position, please contact the church office!



**All pets must be on leash!*

HHH – HOMEWORK, HELP, & HOOPS

St. John Church Rummage Sale – Supports Homework Help & Hoops

The fall rummage sale will be on **September 8 and 9** in Faith Hall at St. John Church, and all the proceeds go to the Homework Help & Hoops tutoring and free summer lunch program. Here are ways you can help:

- Volunteer to help set up tables on Tuesday, September 6 at 1:00 pm
- Donate your gently used household goods and clothing (no electronics or exercise equipment) to St. John Church, 307 W. Clay St., Collinsville during the following times:
 - Tuesday, September 6 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
 - Wednesday, September 7 from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm
 - Thursday, September 8 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Help sort and organize rummage (qualifies you to shop early!):
 - Tuesday, September 6 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
 - Wednesday, September 7 from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm
 - Thursday, September 8 from 9:00am to 2:00 pm
- Work the Rummage Sale (check out customers/bag purchases) on either
 - Thursday, September 8 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm or Friday, September 9 from 9:00 to noon.
- Help with Clean-Up on Friday, September 9 from noon to 1:30 pm. Needing volunteers with trucks willing to haul leftover rummage to Good Will Stores in Glen Carbon and Fairview Heights.
- Come find a new treasure for yourself at the Rummage Sale, featuring a Christmas Bazaar!

It takes many volunteers to make this outreach ministry work, and your help would certainly be appreciated (plus it is a lot of fun)! Many in the community rely on this mission for their winter wardrobes. If you have any questions, please call Dana Callahan at 618-972-3955.



Tutor/Mentors Needed

Since January 2007, St. John Church sponsors a free tutoring program for children in 1st-8th grade.

Tutoring takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. starting on September 27, 2022. Your job is to work one-on-one with a child to complete their homework; if there is time after that, you will work on the student's area(s) of need as identified by their schoolteacher. You may work on either Tuesday, or Thursday, or both days and from 1 to 3 hours. There are two opportunities to be trained: Tuesday, September 20 or Thursday, September 22, at 3:30-5:00 p.m. We supply everything that is needed to do the job! We would love to have you on staff! For more information call Dana at 618-972-3955.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am

Class resumes on **September 12th** in the Life Center Conference Room! The topic of the course is "How Jesus Became God."

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Class resumes **Wednesday, September 14**. We meet either in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall or, weather permitting, Drost Park, Shelter 5.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

Fall Study: "Jesus And Nature: Teachers Of Faith"

by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation.

September 2022, Session 1: "Trees," will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.



"SEAMLESS" BIBLE STUDY

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

Class begins September 15, location TBD. Sessions will be led by Debby Gunderson.

In 7 sessions, *Seamless* covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Whether you've grown up hearing Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible can be overwhelming. Experience the Bible as a whole as you gain clarity and confidence in your understanding of Scripture. Discover a biblical context that reshapes and brings to life stories from the Old and New Testaments. Each week is accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.



The book, *Seamless*, is available for purchase here: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/seamless-bible-study-book-with-video-access-P005838474> (20% coupon code available with sign-up) or:

<https://www.christianbook.com/seamless-bible-study-streaming-video-access/9781087769462/pd/769462?event=ESRCN|M>. Please contact the church office if you would like us to order a copy for you as part of a bulk order.

EDUCATION MINISTRY CONTINUED

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sundays at 10:15 am

Class resumes on **September 11th** at 10:15 am in the Life Center Conference Room!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

Class resumes on **September 11th** in the Worship Center Conference Room! The topic of the course is "The Dead Sea Scrolls."

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays at 10:15 am

Class resumes on **September 11th** in Classroom 2 at the Life Center!

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 10:15 am

High School Sunday School class resumes on **September 11th** in the Youth Room!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 19 at 11:30 am** in the Life Center conference room. Bringing your lunch is optional. We will be reading "Sacred Duty" by Tom Cotton. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xUjVMUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2841 6039 Passcode: 388782

TUESDAY TEA



Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us for conversation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

We will next meet on **Wednesday, September 28** in the WC Fellowship Hall from 12-3 pm. Please call with any questions or suggestions. Kathie Brady at 618-623-9238 or Kathy Nehrt at 618-304-0473.



COOLING OUR LORD'S

Thank you to all who contributed toward Cooling Our Lord's House! Over **\$28,480** has been generously donated (\$5,312 deficit). With your financial support the rear portion of the Worship Center has been cool and comfortable during the hottest days of summer and will be warm and cozy during the cold winter days ahead. Thank you again!



Thank You

COUNCIL BRIEFS

End of Summer greetings from the Council,

As the we move from summer and look forward to fall you may note the passing of time in various ways: a difference in vacation travel, clearance sales of summer merchandise, or the waning of the garden bounty. If you have children or are involved in education, your life may be regulated by the schedule of school bells, early bedtimes, homework, and such.

Summer may have ended but the council is preparing for upcoming events and discussing next year's budget.

- A day of service and special activities are planned for **September 11** as we kick-off the start of Sunday School.
- Prudence Munyama from **African Vision of Hope** will be with us during worship on September 17 to share her testimony of life growing up in Africa and the importance of AVOH on her life.
- **Praise Band History Night** is scheduled for September 17 following Saturday worship.
- Mortgage is below \$15,000 and expected to be paid in full by the end of the year! It is exciting to think of the ministries and outreach OLLC can (& will) engage in once we are **debt-free!**
- Discussing **2023 Budget** – we will be a church without a mortgage! The possibilities are endless.
- Before we head into fall, now is the time to pause and reflect over the **blessings of summer**. Recall what you have enjoyed about this season; give thanks to God for the unique gifts God has bestowed upon you.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson

Council meetings are open to all congregation members. If you are interested in attending a meeting, held the third Monday of each month via Zoom, contact the church office for access information.

You may read the previous month's minutes here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z6-pRPlzs_xN05Rk91DIs27VbgZcff5t?usp=sharing

PRAISE BAND HISTORY NIGHT



Time: Saturday, September 17, 2022 - 6:30 pm

Location: Worship Center Fellowship Hall



Join us for an evening of reminiscing and learning about the Praise Band's rich and meaningful history. Dinner will be provided beforehand and all are welcome to attend! This event will feature some very familiar faces as well as relatively new ones. Come out and experience a night of wonderful fellowship!



NARCAN TRAINING

Free NARCAN® Training

Congregation members, and their families and friends are welcome to attend a free NARCAN® Training by Zoom on Tuesday, September 20. Two times are being offered, 11 am and 4:30 pm; the training will take approximately 45-minutes. The presentation will include information about the drug overdose epidemic, local drug trends and overdose death, and what happens when someone overdoses on an opioid and how to respond. Local resources will be shared, and free NARCAN® made available. An informational flier will be emailed to the congregation. Trainings for individuals or other groups can be scheduled, and free NARCAN® is available by request. For more information and/or to request a flier email Karen Tilashalski at KLTilashalski@chestnut.org or call her work cell, 618-975-6614.



BUILDING USE POLICIES & COVID UPDATE



Good news! The COVID community level of Madison County is now at a low level. The CDC recommends that at-risk individuals mask indoors in public, and that everyone continues to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and to get tested if they have symptoms. Here at OLLC we continue following the CDC recommendations.

The following measures are in place:

- Encourage all individuals to receive the primary COVID-19 vaccination series and appropriate boosters. We also encourage you to obtain a supply of at-home tests to have on hand. You can order a number of free tests from the US government or purchase them at local pharmacies.
- Face masks are **optional** in OLLC facilities, with the expectation that we will live our Christian values as we interact with one another. There are members of our community who are vulnerable to severe COVID-19 infection, or who live with or are caring for vulnerable loved ones.

If you would like to reserve a space within the Life Center or the Worship Center, please contact Olivia. Before making a reservation please note:

- OLLC Building Use forms have been updated. All activities must be pre-approved; reservations are subject to availability on the church calendar. Olivia will assist you with scheduling and providing you with the appropriate documents requiring a signature.
- Table linens for the round tables in the Fellowship Hall are available for use. A deposit for linens is required; deposit will be returned when linens are returned cleaned and pressed.
- With updated carpet and furnishings throughout the Worship Center we are asking that you do not serve red colored beverages at your event. Stains from red dye are incredibly difficult (and sometimes impossible) to remove.
- In addition to the spacing in the Worship Center, rooms in the Life Center can be reserved as well. Upstairs is a large conference room with kitchenette nearby; in the lower level is a large kitchen and gathering space available. The kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned and well stocked with all the items you may need for your event. You are encouraged to consider using the Life Center for your future needs.

Happy September and early fall from me (Mike), Equal Exchange, SERRV, and our newest partner, **Marketplace India**. If they aren't here yet, be on the look-out for **Fall/Holiday catalogs** from SERRV and Marketplace India. As always, both companies have websites with much more available than the catalogs to offer. (SERRV.org & MARKETPLACEINDIA.com) Though the summer for the shop has been a bit slow, coffee, tea, chocolate & olive oil sales have kept us going. I am confident that the last part of the year will more productive, especially with the upcoming holidays and other occasions.

By the time you read this, we will have had another **Plant Sale/Fair Trade event** at Our Lord's. I hope to be sharing some good results with you in the coming Facebook and Bulletin Announcements. We have always done well with the extra events (i.e. Off-site, Christmas Stores, new catalogs). Please enjoy some of the pictures, as well as Artisan stories I not only will share here, but in the weekly announcement inserts of the bulletin. Olivia and I have been working diligently to share with you some of the history Fair Trade has with so many small farmers and artisans. EVERY dollar spent on Fair Trade items **helps these people** in so many ways.

-Mike Williams

Marketplace India - Our Newest Partner

Handwork of India - When you purchase and enjoy a Marketplace product, you become an integral part of an innovative program of **social change**. Successfully running their own businesses gives the artisans in India the opportunity to forge a new, better future for themselves, their families and even their communities. They are proud to offer you a collection of unique yet versatile products characterized by beautiful traditional hand-dyed fabrics and hand embroidery.



SERRV - Social Impact

For 70 years, our nonprofit has made it a priority to ensure that artisans and farmers living in poverty are treated with **respect and dignity**, and paid fairly for their work.

With your help we're connecting families and strengthening communities worldwide.

25 Countries, 7697 Artisans, 1877 Volunteers

Equal Exchange

Mission Statement - Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and **environmentally sound**, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more **equitable, democratic** and **sustainable** world. Please check out shop.equalexchange.coop for many more items also. There are many more coffees and other grocery items I have never brought in to the Shop. Check it out!



FINANCIAL NEWS

Excerpts from TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of July as of July 31, 2022

From 8-16-2022 report to council submitted by Max Eakin

	July
General Benevolence Offerings:	\$17,401*
VIF/BOOM (mortgage reduction campaign)	\$3,750**
Designated Pass-Through Income	\$1,605
Designated Fair Trade Ministry Income	\$332
Cooling Our Lord's House	\$2,200
Thrivent Funds	\$161
Facilities Use Donations	\$90

Total: \$25,539

General Budgeted Expense	\$27,678
Synodical Mission Support	\$2,000
Other Benevolence	\$428
VIF/BOOM Payment	\$4,224***
Designated Pass-Through Exp (Social Ministry)	\$776
Designated Fair Trade Ministry Expense	\$0
Cooling Our Lord's House Expense	\$0

Total: \$35,106****

Mortgage principal paid in July	\$4,147
Mortgage interest paid	\$77
Remaining principal on mortgage (<i>as of 7/31</i>)	\$16,058

*As of 8/1/2022, our mortgage is now below fifteen thousand dollars - **\$14,913!***

Cash - Unrestricted	\$29,799
Cash - Designated	\$55,322

Total: \$85,121

Balances In Selected Designated Funds As Of July 31, 2022

Our Lord's Youth	\$13,112	SOS Soup Kitchen	\$1,361
Memorials	\$3,650	People in A Pickle	\$790
Harry Thiel Estate Gift	\$17,493	Mind the Gap	\$2,373
Camperships	\$3,775	Kitchen Team	\$758
Storybook Project	\$6,213	IT designated giving	\$1,047
Funeral Luncheons	\$42	Building and Grounds	\$3,703
Elmwood Project	\$0		

*anticipated budget amount of \$23,500

**anticipated budget amount of \$3,500

***corresponds to amount donated in June

****anticipated budget amount of \$31,748

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 October's Newsletter): Thursday, September 15, 2022.

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 sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.

To sign up for updates regarding Saturday services, text **@ollcsat** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday services, text **@ollcsun** to **81010**.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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

David Schroeder

Timothy Klingsick

Rev. Dr. John Lottes

Kay Chaffee

Lyn Kampwerth

Alan Kramer

Leslee Morris

Katie Beauchamp

Laura Schoenecker

Jaime Henderson

Jaxon Lange

Jim Lemke

Lucas Maue

Sam Shemwell

Diana Huster

Stacie Kirk

Charlotte Henderson

Dani Webb

Erik Kirk

Beckett Wieser

David Geiler

Erica Webb



Birthdays



Anniversaries

Chris & KaLonny Short
Mark & Deanne Holshouser
Darrell & Sharon Bruhn
Boris & Stacy Cvijanovic
Alan & Sue Kramer

Andrew & Emily Thompson
Zebulon & Elaine Collier
Danny & Mona Schrader
Billy & Becky Asbury



FAITH IN ACTION

Activities, services, and announcements for the month of September:

Circle of Friends® is a research-based program designed to decrease social isolation and feelings of loneliness in older adults. This free program is available at Collinsville Faith in Action at no charge to participants. For more information or to register for the session beginning Tuesday, September 6, please call CFiA at 618-344-8080.

Sunday, September 11 is Grandparents Day! Stop by CFiA's annual mum sale on Main Street in Collinsville to purchase a mum and support our non-profit that serves the Collinsville, Caseyville, Maryville, and surrounding communities. We rely on support from our community, and we know you'll appreciate these beautiful hardy mums. To pre-order your mums, please call CFiA at 618-344-8080 or come by the lot next to the Collins House on Main St. in Collinsville. Sunday, September 11 after church services until 4PM.

Elder Connection luncheon is scheduled at CFiA on Wednesday, September 14 from 11A-1P. Anyone over the age of 60 and adults with disabilities are encouraged to call CFiA to reserve their spot for a delicious lunch and a chance to meet and have some fun with others. This is a free service and transportation is available. Please call CFiA to request a ride and make your lunch reservation: 618-344-8080.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid will be at CFiA on Thursday, September 22 from 10-11A answering questions about and assisting people with Advanced Directives such as simple wills, Power of Attorney, and other legal matters. The program is free and highly recommended for individuals and for concerned family members. Call CFiA for more information: 618-344-8080.

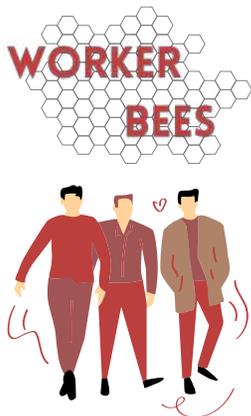
Yours in gratitude,

Lisa C. Brennan
Executive Director
lbrennan@fiacollinsville.org



WORKER BEES

SEPTEMBER MOWER SCHEDULE



	RIDING MOWERS	TRIMMERS
September 1-3	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann
September 8-10	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
September 15-17	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
September 22-24	Ted Nemsky	Tom Messina

Worker Bees will meet on **Saturday, September 10th.**

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

KC Jensen
Angel Lipham
Ron Mueller
Nel Kennedy
Jodi
Ken Bunetic
Mary & David Findley
Joey Orr

Bud Workman
Brandon Hammonds
Pastor Wayland Middendorf
& Janet Middendorf
Nancy Miner
Emma Orr
Elaine Kendall
Matthew Spencer

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Kim Payne
Dan Homes
Linda Spencer
Bill Davidson
Brian Kassing
Nancy Lutz

Don Simonson Sr
Robin Wellener
Luke Huster
Harvey Chiles
Keith Jensen
Loretta Williams

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:

Those who lost their lives in the recent floods in the Midwest, especially in Kentucky.

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
PFC Eric Shelton
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
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PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Prayer After A Flood:

Loving God, we come to you trusting in your mercy and knowing that your steadfast love endures forever.

Look with mercy on those who are harmed or displaced by flood waters. Give them your strength to meet the days ahead, your peace which passes all understanding and new hope in the resurrection.

Move in those who are able to give aid, that we may be your hands and heart on earth. Be with all who offer assistance, may your Spirit may uphold them.

As you have made water a sign of your kingdom, and of cleansing and rebirth, grant your people vision to see new life on the other side of disaster.

To you be given all honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Pastor Kay Braun, adapted)

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

- Pet Expo, Oct 8
- Columbus Day, Oct 10
- Indigenous People's Day, Oct 10
- Maryville Fall Festival, Oct 15
- Newsletter Deadline, Oct 17
- Reformation Sunday, Oct 30
- Reformation Day, Oct 31
- Halloween, Oct 31

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...

NOVEMBER

- First Day Of American Indian Heritage Month, Nov 1
- All Saint's Day, Nov 1
- All Saint's Sunday, Nov 6
- Veteran's Day, Nov 11
- Reign Of Christ Sunday (Christ The King), Nov 20
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov 24
- Native American Heritage Day, Nov 25
- Church Office Closed, Nov 25-26

DECEMBER

- Newsletter Deadline, Dec 15
- Christmas Eve, Dec 24
- Christmas Day, Dec 25
- Christmas With Our Neighbors, Dec 25
- Church Office Closed, Dec 26
- New Year's Eve, Dec 31

...and special observances.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
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Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

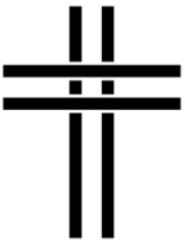
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:</p> 				<p>1 Pastor K On Vacation 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>2 Pastor K On Vacation 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>3 Pastor K On Vacation 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>4 Pastor K On Vacation 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p>5 Labor Day Pastor K On Vacation Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6 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</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>10 7:00 AM Worker Bees 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>11 "Back Together To Share Christ's Love With All" 9:00 AM Worship: Outdoor Traditional Service - Chapel In The Pines 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 11:30 AM Lunch - WCFH 12:00 PM Service Projects</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Meeting</p>	<p>13 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 Feeding The Soul 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Seamless Bible Study 10:00 AM People In A Pickle Meeting 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 6:30 PM MOC Committee Meeting - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>16 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>17 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service 6:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Praise Band History Night - WCFH</p>
<p>18 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club - LC 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>20 Pastor K - Cont. Ed. 11:00 AM NARCAN Training - Zoom 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 4:30 PM NARCAN Training - Zoom 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>21 Pastor K - Cont. Ed. 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>23 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>24 1:30 PM Wedding - WC 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>25 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>27 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 7:00 PM Member Inquiry Class - WCFH</p>	<p>28 12:00 PM Our Lord's Crafters - WCFH 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM Seamless Bible Study 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>30 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	



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