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A Sonnet for Easter Dawn

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognize the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

This year, the first week of April is the week we as a church gather to remember the story of our Lord's Last Supper, passion and death. A love that "weeps and grieves" may stir within us. The sonnet above, which is based on the Easter story as told in John 20:1-16, provides a slender thread to carry those who weep to that moment when our grieving turns to joy and our night turns to day. May both your tears and your shouts of "Alleluia" be blessed by the one from whom all blessings flow.

Pastor Kratzer

Guite, Malcolm, *Sounding the Seasons*, "Sonnet XV," Canterbury Press Norwich, London, 2012 p 44. Used by permission.



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APRIL SERVICES

SCRIPTURES FOR

April 1 & 2

Palm Sunday
"Setting The Stage"
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

April 6

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm
The Last Supper Tableau with
Mediterranean Dinner
Exodus 12:1-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

April 7

Good Friday 6:30 pm
"Behold The Life-Giving Cross"
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
John 18:1 - 19:42

April 8

Easter Vigil
(streamlined version)
"Fire, Word, and Water"
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 28:1-10

WEEKEND WORSHIP

April 9

8:00 am and 10:45 am
Easter Day Festival Worship Services
"Earthquake"
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Acts 10
Matthew 28:1-10
*Easter Breakfast is between services
beginning at 9:00 am*

April 15 & 16

Easter 2
"Who's Missing?"
Psalm 16
John 20:19-31

April 22 & 23

Easter 3
"Hearts That Burn Within Us"
Psalm 116:1-4
Luke 24:13-35

April 29 & 30

Easter 4 - Good Shepherd Sunday
"The Gate Into Abundant Life"
Psalm 23
John 10:1-10

Seasonal Worship Changes for Sunday:

Return of Alleluia's
No Kyrie
Hymn of Praise returns
Sunday Services use Musical Setting 3

Saturday Service | 5:00 PM
Sunday Service | 9:00 AM

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

EASTER BREAKFAST

Our Lord's Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 9, 2023
9 am - 10:30 am
Worship Center Fellowship Hall

The breakfast will be provided but pastries would be welcome. Please let the church office know if you plan on attending the breakfast so that we can get a head count ahead of time. This will assist with food preparations.

Menu:

- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage Patties
- Biscuits with sausage gravy
- Mixed fruit
- Orange juice, apple juice, milk, coffee, tea, and friendly conversations!



Easter Sunday morning at Our Lord's is going to be full of life and welcoming to everyone! Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to celebrate Easter with you. Contact Ginger Trucano at 618-973-4805 or Cindy Pugh at 618-334-1046 if you would like to assist or have any questions.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

NATE, MAUREEN, WILLIAM, & MARA JOHNSON

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours (Nate):

Pinball (we used to play in a league and still enjoy playing with family), trap shooting (we shoot with friends), and model rockets (we shoot off rockets with extended family).

Favorite summer activity (Nate):

Beach with family, kayaking with family, camping with family!

What's the best gift you've ever received (Maureen)?

Books - especially if someone read it and thought I would like it too.

Tell us a little about your family (Maureen):

I have known Nate since 2000. We married in 2012 and bought our first home in 2015. We have awesome 4 year old twins. My dad lives in Collinsville and Nate's parents live in Mulberry Grove.

Tell us a little about your work background (Maureen):

I'm a Project Manager & Systems Analyst who shifted into data analytics at nonprofits but am back in IT as a director for a startup.

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why (Maureen)?

Virtual reality + AI/ML.





MAYOR'S PRAYER DINNER

The annual Mayor's Prayer Dinner will take place on **Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 pm**. Please join in this time of prayer, music, recognition of **Maryville Outreach Center** volunteers, and delicious food. Tickets are required, since this dinner is being catered by Uncle Linny's. There is no charge for the ticket, but you are welcome to give money to support the work of the Maryville Outreach Center at the dinner. A Free-will Offering will be gathered. You may pick up a ticket at the church office or from Pastor Kratzer. (If for any reason your plans change, return your ticket so we have an accurate count.)

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE



A celebratory "burning of the mortgage" will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2023! The celebration begins with Festival Worship at 9 am. It continues with a program including remarks from former pastors, Council Presidents, and Treasurers. Then a celebratory potluck meal will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRING FLING, SPRING CLEAN!

It is a time for cleaning at OLLC! The 2022 remodel of the Worship Center is complete but cleaning and routine maintenance are necessary. In addition, time and efforts must be extended to cleaning and maintaining the Life Center. OLLC contracts a cleaning crew for routine cleaning of both facilities (emptying trash, cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming, mopping as needed) however, deep cleaning is not included within the contract.

We are blessed to have beautiful facilities but we cannot ignore building upkeep. To share in the work involved, we are asking congregation members to contribute a few hours of their time to assist with cleaning tasks. In order to share the workload, please 'adopt' a room or space and complete a "spring cleaning" of the space. Adopt a room as an individual, partner with a church friend, sign up as a family, or identify a group/committee to clean. If you cannot take on an entire space but feel you can assist with one or two tasks within a space, let us know and we will include your help within one of the spaces.

Two weekends are being identified to clean the faculties. **May 6 & 13** (lunch will be provided both days). You can work during a time that is convenient for you or you can help on the 6th or 13th. We are asking that the spring cleaning of OLLC is completed by May 13.

Sign up for your space and pick up a cleaning checklist from Olivia. As you clean your self-identified space make a list of repairs needed and pass the repair information to Olivia. In the months ahead, arrangements will be made to complete the repairs. Once you have completed your cleaning, please notify Olivia so the space can be removed from the list. Spaces to be cleaned in the Worship Center include: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Men's Restroom & Women's Restroom, Nursery, Conference Room, Fair Trade, Commons, Narthex & Hallway, Sacristy, and Sanctuary. Life Center spaces include: Entry, Main Office Area, Box Room, Sunday School Room 1, Sunday School Room 2, Upstairs Restrooms (2 spaces), Conference Room, Upstairs Kitchen & hallway.

Questions about Spring Fling, Spring Clean! should be directed to Karen Cummings-Larson 314-306-5987.

FAIR TRADE MINISTRY



Does your Easter basket look like this?
EMPTY!!?



Visit The Shop for Fair Trade, SERRV, Equal Exchange, chocolate bars, chocolate eggs, decor & gifts



If nothing grabs you, I still have time to create and place another order before Easter. There are many more items to choose from in the catalog and website, but get me your SKU numbers ASAP.

P.S. Spring has sprung! Check out all the NEW items for spring while you're at it.

Yours in Christ, Mike (618)772-9260 talk/text

MIND THE GAP

During the spring and summer months, many of us will be traveling for family occasions and vacations. If you stay in a hotel and don't use the soaps or shampoos in the mini bottles, please save them for Mind the Gap. We use them in hygiene kits and the small bottles are space savers for the homeless living out of a backpack.

HOMEWORK HELP & HOOPS (HHH) SUMMER CAMP

St. John Church, in partnership with The Collinsville Food Pantry, Collinsville Township, and the S.O.S. Soup Kitchen will again be hosting a free summer lunch program for children 4 years to 18 years of age. This will be the 10th year of the summer program. We averaged 54 children and 14 adults per day last summer. The program is on Monday-Thursday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and will begin on Monday, June 5 and run through Thursday, July 27.

Along with a free hot lunch, the children receive a variety of activities including cooking & nutrition, arts & crafts, P.E., music, science, reading, and math. The Collinsville Food Pantry provides Tote Me Home bags to all the children who qualify for free and/or reduced lunch because of food insecurity at home. Many children do not look forward to summer vacation from school because they do not receive the free breakfast and lunch provided when school is in session. This year we need help with VOLUNTEERS to:

- Assist the cook in the kitchen one or more days a week from 10:30-1:00.
- Encourage and listen to students read on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Lesson plan and teach in the Preschool Classroom.
- TEACH THE KIDS A HOBBY OR LIFE SKILL THAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT! Could include Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama, sign language, knitting, chess, juggling, CPR, fishing, etc. We will work to accommodate your schedule.

As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child and you are a part of the village. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer to help at HHH Summer Camp, please contact Dana at 618-344-2526. It takes about 100 volunteers to staff this huge outreach ministry!

BECOME AN HHH SPONSOR!

Collinsville Unit #10 School District has over 65% of students who are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program. For these kids, food insecurity is a reality and they do not look forward to summer break like most kids do. Through the St. John HHH Summer Camp program, we have been able to provide a free lunch for children 4 to 18 years old. It is operated solely on donations! In addition to the free lunches, children participate in activities to help them keep their skills sharp over the summer.

The same Tote Me Home program from the school year continues to provide of a free kid-friendly bag of food for over the weekend for those who qualify.

Our biggest concern again this summer is inflation. We expect that more parents may take advantage of HHH Summer Camp to help with the increasing prices of food. Here is how you can help! Become an HHH Sponsor! You will be recognized for your support on our HHH Facebook page and your name will be printed on our HHH T-Shirts.

- Bronze - Donate up to \$99
- Silver - Donate \$100-\$249
- Gold - Donate \$250 or more

Checks should be made out to St. John Church – HHH. You may drop off or mail your check to St. John Church, Attention Dana, 307 West Clay St., Collinsville, IL 62234.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or Dana at 618-344-2526.

homework help & hoops



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

"Welcome to Jerusalem Marketplace" Our Lord's Vacation Bible School

June 5-9, 2023

5:00 PM Family Meal

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM VBS Activities

We're planning a fun experience for kids from Preschool through 5th Grade. Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/213074758684163>
Volunteers are needed for our fun activities, one day or more. Please contact Lisa White for more information.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

We meet weekly in the Life Center basement! This spring, we are studying the pattern of Lutheran Worship and Biblical Geography.

Sundays at 10:15 am

PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL NOW OPEN!

Classroom 4 in the Life Center is open for Pre-K (and Kindergarteners) on Sundays at 10:15 am!

OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

We will next meet on April 22 for the **Feed My Starving Children Service Event** from 9 am - 11 am at LeClaire Christian Church in Edwardsville (see page 13).

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

High School Sunday School meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room.

Sundays at 10:15 am

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We meet in Classroom 2 at the Life Center for crafts and fun Bible-oriented activities!

Sundays at 10:15 am



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am

We meet in the Life Center Conference Room! The topic of the course is "How Jesus Became God." This course looks at the transformation of Jesus from Jewish preacher to Lord God within its historical context.

WHAT KIND OF GOD? A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Led by The Rev. Dr. Tom Kratzer. The book of Exodus tells the story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, God's covenant with God's people, and God's abiding presence with the people of God. But it is not just a story about deliverance, covenant, and presence. It is a story that reveals the nature and character of God. It is, outside of the revelation of God in Jesus the Christ, the most important revelation of God's character and is fundamental for understanding the rest of the Bible. No textbook is required. Bring a Bible (NRSV, NRSVue, or CEB preferred).

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays at 4:30 pm

We meet in either the Worship Center Fellowship Hall, or, weather permitting, Drost Park, Shelter 5. We are studying the miracles of Jesus.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

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

The Ten Commandments by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Join us for a four-session study of the 10 commandments. ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using Luther's Small and Large Catechism and more!

(April 2023) Session four: Guardrails for love of God and neighbor (Commandments 7,8,9 & 10)

In this fourth and final session, we will consider sayings from Proverbs and other biblical wisdom related to minding our tongues, integrity in the marketplace, and practical ways to serve our neighbors.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

We meet in the Worship Center Conference Room! The topic of the course is "The Dead Sea Scrolls." This course looks at the 930 individual documents recovered from the caves of Qumran in 1947.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES



OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

To join, contact lemuelsing@ourlords.org

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

Performances: Monthly on 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

OLLC PRAISE BAND

Time: Saturdays 3:30 pm (practice)

5:00 pm (performance)

Location: Worship Center



OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

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

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

We will next meet on **April 17** at 11:30 am. We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Bringing your lunch is optional. The meeting will also be available on Zoom for those who might find that more convenient.



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 (we will not meet on April 4 or April 11)

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

We will next meet on **April 26** in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm.

Please contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!



CRAFTS & LAUGHS

The second Tuesday of each month we will meet to create a craft and share in the fun of being together. Engage in 'make and takes' anyone can do! Experience crafting for the entire family--young or nearly young, ladies or men! Next session will be **April 11, 6:30 p.m.** All Craft & Laugh events are \$10/craft per evening. Crafting begins at 6:30-? Bring your own drink and a snack to share if you desire. RSVP & pre-pay by the Sunday prior to each craft night. Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) or Karen Larson (314-306-5987) if you plan to attend the March event.

APRIL COUNCIL BRIEFS

As spring starts to surface and the trees begin to bloom, we see the new and wonderous things God is doing. Let us embrace all the "new" God has in store for us in the months ahead. New opportunities and the finances of the church were discussed during the March Council meeting. Meeting highlights include:

- All current and future funds identified for VIF, Cooling/Restore, mortgage reduction, or similar will be added to the Building & Grounds fund.
- Despite a few unexpected expenses and a power bill that seems to increase each month, the financial balance of the church continues to be favorable.
- Updates to the employee/volunteer handbook were discussed and adopted. The updates were initiated by the change in carrier for workman's compensation.
- The food pantries of Caseyville, Collinsville, Troy, and Hamel will receive funds from the first quarter local benevolence giving.

It is difficult to let go of old things even when they hold us back. I encourage you to look at springtime as a reminder of how beautiful change can truly be. As flowers begin to grow, trees blossom once again and fresh grass rises up from the ground I ask that God renews in us the strength to let go of the past and move forward with a feeling of hope, to look at the "new" in all that surrounds us as we travel our faith journey.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson

If you would like to discuss becoming involved in the leadership at OLLC, (serving on church council or as part of the ministry support team) please contact Pastor Darla Ann or a council member. If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the church office for access information. You may read the previous month's minutes here: tinyurl.com/4fmv76k2

APRIL GIVING EMPHASIS

Camping Ministries with a Good Shepherd Sunday emphasis on Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

As summer quickly draws near, this month, we are emphasizing funding that is available to send the children of our congregation to a Lutheran Church Camp, specifically Camp Wartburg. Camp experiences provide important lifelong learning, growth, healing, and comfort for individuals of all ages and a diversity of needs. There are church camps, grief camps, burn camps, music camps, camps for kids who are diabetic, and camps for kids with a variety of disabilities, just to name a few. OLLC strongly encourages taking children to church-centered camps. We also give thanks for those who support camps beyond the church camp network.

Our Lord's Lutheran has a Campership Fund that allows families to receive scholarships for Camp Wartburg in 2023. Funds not used by families of OLLC by the end of August will be sent as a lump sum to Camp Wartburg to use to further camping ministry. Please contact the church office to apply for funds from the John Mohl Campership Fund. John Mohl was a member of this congregation from July 28, 1992 till his death on June 19, 2011. John served as President, Confirmation Teacher, Spiritual Gifts Team Member, and Praise Band member at Our Lord's, and also gave countless hours to enhance the ministry of the camp. After his death, funds were given to provide camperships for youth from this congregation.

You can check out the opportunities for youth in grades 1-12 in the 2023 Camp Wartburg Summer Overnight Brochure: <https://campwartburg.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2023-Camp-Wartburg-Summer-Overnight-Brochure-sm.pdf>. Camp Wartburg is a retreat center and summer camp facility that invites youth, adults, and families of all backgrounds to encounter God's creation through activities devoted to the body, mind, and spirit. It is an appealing, low-key, and safe place—a welcoming natural setting for new and unique adventures and moments of prayerful reflection. Camp Wartburg is a ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois. You can find more information about Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois at <https://lcfs.org/about/who-we-are/>.

Our Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) encourage spiritual growth by providing an encounter with scripture, experience and care of the environment, staff witness, and opportunities for worship, re-creation, and relationship development through intentional Christian community. LOM is a network of 119 outdoor ministry sites. With the guidance of a group called Sacred Playgrounds, our Lutheran camps have been surveying parents and learning more about the effectiveness of summer camp. Among the impacts observed after children return from camp are children being nicer or more pleasant to family members (43%), engaging their parents in conversation about God/faith (37%), and being more helpful around the house (35%). These are just a few positive impacts of camping ministry.

Below you will find links to a variety of camps with a proven history of safe, impactful summer experiences.

- Faith Bible Camp (near Peoria, IL) - faithbiblecamp.com
- Lake Springfield Christian Assembly (Chatham, IL) - lscacamp.org
- Land o' Lincoln Camp Cedarbrook (Dixon, IL) - lolcampcedarbrook.org
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center Summer Camp (Oregon, IL) - lomc.org
- Bond Christian Service Camp (Mulberry Grove, IL) - bondcamp.com
- Annie's Hope Camp Courage (Dittmer, MO) - annieshope.org
- Illinois Fire Safety Alliance's Camp I Am Me (Ingleside, IL) - ifsa.org

Another Lutheran agency casting a wide umbrella is Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. It is one of the largest statewide social service providers. It began in 1867 and now serves 42,000 people annually. At the end of April, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we will learn more about this vital organization and collect a special offering for their ministries. The program we at OLLC are most familiar with is The Storybook Project. If you'd like to learn more, go to <https://www.lssi.org/>

FINANCIAL NEWS

In the month of February, the total income received by OLLC was **\$34,286**.

Total expenses for the month of February were \$24,803.

The balance in the General Fund on February 28 is \$48,480.

Cash Assets of the Congregation

Cash - Unrestricted	\$48,480
Cash - Designated	\$55,266
	\$103,746

Balances in Selected Designated Funds*

Building and Grounds	\$4,204
Fair Trade	\$432
Funeral Luncheons	\$1,520
IT	\$1,047
Kitchen Team	\$839
Musical Performance	\$50
Our Lord's Youth	\$13,239
Harry Thiel estate bequest	\$17,493
Memorial	\$4,724
Camperships	\$3,775
Mind the Gap	\$2,067
People in A Pickle	\$1,230
SOS Soup Kitchen	\$1,726
Disaster Relief - Turkey/Syria	\$763

Please note: payments labeled "Cooling Our Lord's," "Restoring Our Lord's," or "VIF/Boom, Mortgage, etc." will be deposited into "Building and Grounds," as the aforementioned funds are no longer active (remodeling has been completed and the mortgage has been paid off!).

(financial figures are taken from a report given to the OLLC Council by Treasurer Max Eakin)

**Please note: order of listing has changed to correspond to Church Windows formatting.*

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Masks are currently optional on our Lord's campus. We will, however, continue to provide extra surgical and KN95 masks for those who may need one. Singing and verbal responses are welcome along with socializing before and after worship. We thank everyone for understanding the safety needs and preferences of all those in our midst. For questions or to reserve building space: **(618) 345-5692** or love2haveu@ourlords.org



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): Friday, April 14, 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 at: www.elca.org/prayerventures

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

ELCA WEBSITE: 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



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

Robin & Lance Wellener
Jeff & Terry Menz
Robert & Carol Hancock
Zachary & Madeline LaMar
John & Kathy Nehrt
Neil & Lisa Micnheimer
Bill & Cindy Diggs
Tim & Connie Nyland
Ed & Laura Foppe
Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst



FAITH IN ACTION

CFiA Monthly Updates for Partner Churches

1. If you're ready to put your faith into action, Collinsville Faith in Action is the place to do it. We are powered by volunteers from local churches and serve Maryville, Caseyville, and Collinsville with our free services. Our volunteers set their own schedule and are offered a variety of ways to assist people ages 60 and older. If you or a group from your church are ready to put your faith into action, please contact us at 618-344-8080. We also invite you to join CFiA volunteers for a Quarterly Coffee on **Thursday, May 4** to learn more and meet like-minded people who want to help others.
2. **Saturday, April 15** is Collinsville Faith in Action's Spring Yard Cleanup. If you would like a team of volunteers to rake and clean up your yard, please call our office to sign up for this free service that is open to all who live within the Collinsville Unit 10 School District. Volunteers are always welcome to join in the community-wide effort. Please call 618-344-8080.
3. Please save the date of **Friday, July 14, 2023**, for the return of Faith in Action's Auction Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the Collinsville Gateway Convention Center. Plan to join us as we celebrate 25 years of service to the community, honor our founders, leaders, and volunteers, and enjoy a fun and inspiring evening.

May your Easter season be filled with light and love,

Lisa C. Brennan,
Executive Director

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK EVENT

This service project of Our Lord's Youth brings together our High School Youth Group with our Confirmation Class to hand-pack meals. These MannaPack meals are specifically designed to assist in preventing and reversing undernutrition. The impressive history of Feed My Starving children can be found at <https://www.fmssc.org/about-us/history-of-feed-my-starving-children>. For many years the Foppe family and our Confirmation Classes have traveled across the river to volunteer at FMSC Mobile Pack Events. This spring, on April 22, the event is right in our own backyard. We will meet at LeClaire Christian Church from 9 am to 11 am on the 22nd. We invite the congregation to pray for our youth and all the volunteers as they use their hands to do God's work.

WORKER BEES

Worker Bees will next meet on **Saturday, April 1**. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.



Mower/Trimmer Schedule

Date:

Mar 30-Apr 1
Apr 6-8
Apr 13-15
Apr 20-22
Apr 27-29

Mower:

Chuck Pugh
Tony DiBartolo
Scott Comrie
Chuck Jorgenson
Jim Spencer

Trimmer:

Brian Hartke
Rod Orr
Tom Messina
Steve Hoelscher
Tom Steinmann



PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

KC Jensen	Mary Cambron
Angel Lipham	Dawn Cavins
Jodi	Joni Joseph Owens
Ken Bunetic	Isaac Simwinga
Vickie Finan	Rosemary Nafukwe
Mary & David Finley	Rod & Sharon Summer
Jolie Boeger	Pat Patterson
Sarah Mastic	Yvonne Tritt
Marsha Morgan	Phil Davis
Linda Vitt	Carol Gendron
Mariella Smith	David Dow
Debbie June Thompson	Jim
Mary Larson	Jan Berkbigler
Marilyn Wolfe	Brenda Grigg

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Kim Payne	Kathy Hoelscher
Dan Homes	Barbara Watz
Linda Spencer	Carole Callahan
Bill Davidson	Robin Wellener
Brian Kassing	Marcine Lemke
Nancy Lutz	Jack Hammond
Don Simonson Sr.	Julie Preston
Nicole Williams	Bonnie Boushard
Steve Hoelscher	Karen Tilashalski

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

We pray for all who have lost loved ones and homes in the wake of the deadly tornado that struck Mississippi and Alabama on March 24.

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
Zach Huff
SrA Paul Kampwerth
SrA Lucas Maue
John Meyer
Zachary Neubauer
Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the three new families that joined Our Lord's on March 26, 2023!



Nathan, Maureen, William, & Mara Johnson come to us from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Maureen will be assisting with VBS this summer. Welcome, Johnsons!



Andrew, Jodie, Henry, & Lila Nehrt come to us from Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville. Andrew is the son of John & Kathy Nehrt. Welcome, Andrew, Jodie, Henry, and Lila!



Jim & Terri Schickel come to us from Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline, IL. They were an integral part of the volunteer team that organized the February Spaghetti Dinner and Concert! Welcome, Schickels!

Keep an eye on the "Getting To Know You" section of the newsletter over the next few months for more fun information about our new members!

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

- First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, May 1
- Mayor's Prayer Dinner, May 4
- Cinco de Mayo, May 5
- Mother's Day, May 14
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, May 14
- Newsletter Deadline, May 15
- Ascension Of Our Lord, May 18
- Pentecost Sunday, May 28
- Memorial Day, May 29 (Church Office Closed)

Giving Emphasis: VBS

JUNE

- First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Jun 1
- Synod Assembly, Jun 1-3
- Holy Trinity Sunday, Jun 4
- Vacation Bible School, Jun 5-9
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, Jun 11
- Flag Day, Jun 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Jun 15
- Father's Day, Jun 17
- Juneteenth, Jun 18

Giving Emphasis: Faith In Action

JULY

- Independence Day, Jul 4 (Church Office Closed)
- Monthly 10:45 AM Service, Jul 9
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15

Giving Emphasis: School Supplies

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services
Lemuel Smith, Director of Non-Traditional Worship Music
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson, President
Dr. Emily Truckenbrod, Vice President
Dr. Laura Schoenecker, Secretary
Dr. Max Eakin, Treasurer
Linda Hester, At Large
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Vacant Ministry Support Team Coordinators
Kathy Nehrt (Education)
Vacant (Fellowship)
Ed Foppe (IT)
Carol Orr (Service)
Rhonda Comrie (Worship)

THANK
YOU

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Mike Williams
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Sunday School & VBS
Lisa White & Kathy Nehrt

Newsletter

Olivia Cross
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Facebook

Olivia Cross (*interim*)

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.

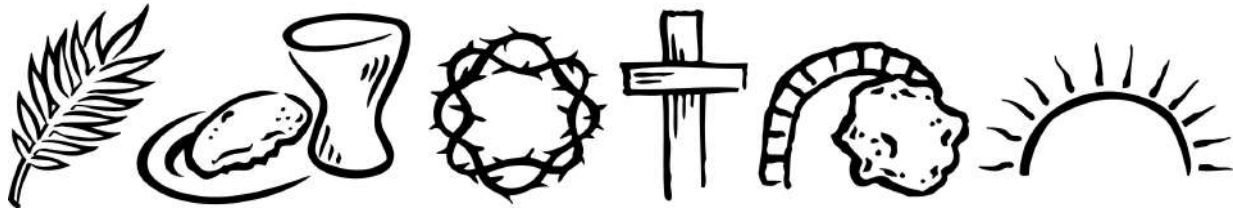


What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

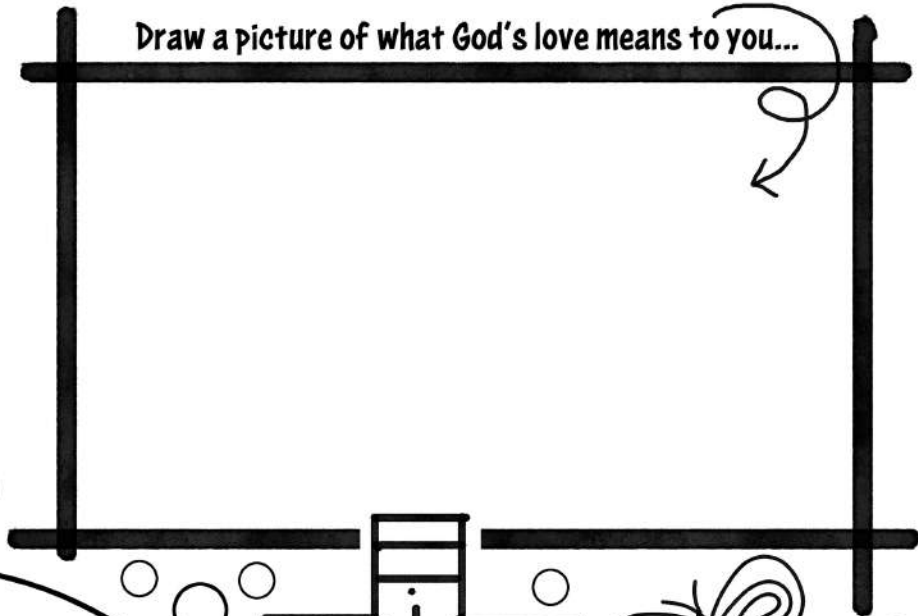
What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.



ALL ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

Draw a picture of what God's love means to you...



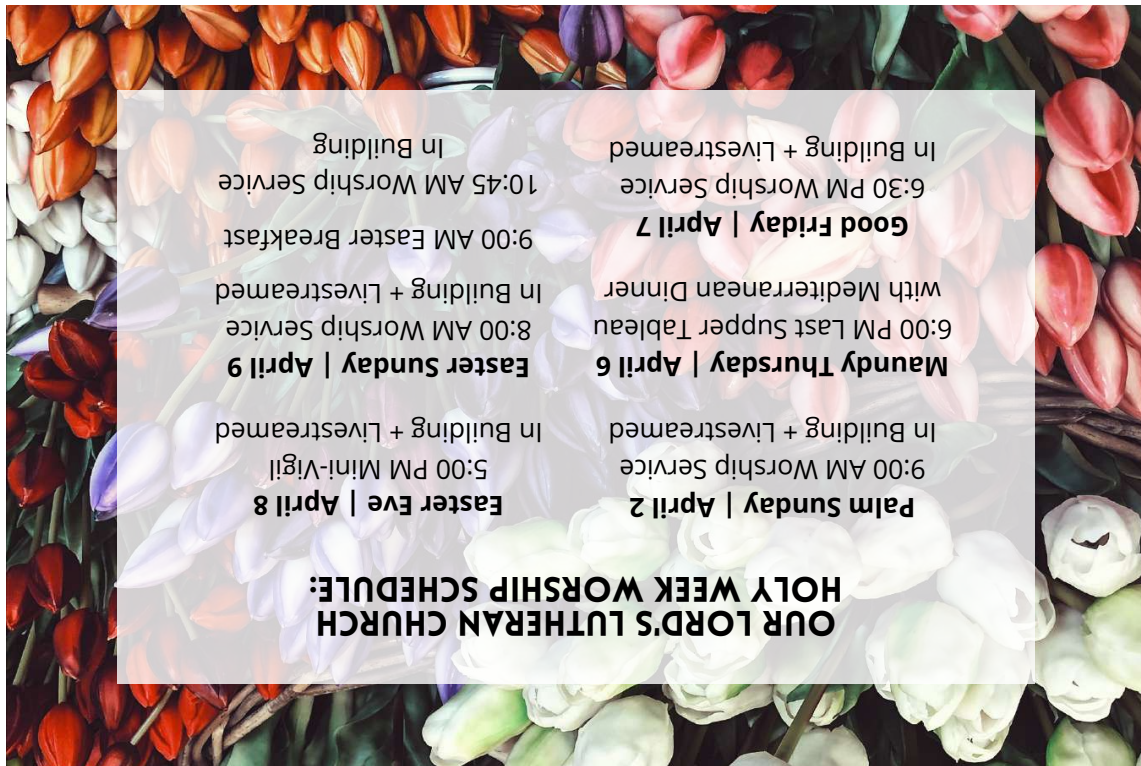
What's your favorite Bible verse about God's love...

JESUS LOVES ME

God's love is...

APRIL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:</p> 					<p>1 7:00 AM Worker Bees 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>	
<p>2 Palm Sunday 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>3 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>4 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>5 4:30 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>6 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Last Supper Tableau with Mediterranean Dinner - WC Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7 Good Friday 6:30 PM Worship: In-Building Service</p>	<p>8 Easter Eve 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service - Mini-Vigil</p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 9:00 AM Easter Brunch 10:45 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p>10 Easter Monday Church Office Closed 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>11 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Crafts & Laughs - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>12 4:30 PM Feeding The Soul 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Meeting 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC</p>	<p>13 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 Newsletter Deadline Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM La Leche League Meeting - WC 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>16 Easter 2 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>17 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>18 Tax Day 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>19 11:00 AM Traditional Music Planning Meeting 4:30 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM MOC Committee Meeting - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Feed My Starving Children Service Event (Edwardsville, IL) 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>23 Easter 3 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>24 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting - LC & Zoom</p>	<p>25 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>26 12:00 PM Our Lord's Crafters - WC 4:30 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>27 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>29 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>30 Good Shepherd Sunday 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>						



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