



Acts of Faith

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So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Ps. 90:12

In Psalm 90, Moses composed a song that tells us to number our days in order to use them wisely. It is wise to talk about your own funeral with your family—especially if you do it long before you expect to die.

When a believer dies, his/her soul immediately separates from his/her body and experiences the joy and peace of the Lord's presence as it awaits the Last Day when Jesus will raise that body, make it free of sin and perfect in every way, and reunite it with the soul. Meanwhile, the loved ones, friends, and relatives we leave behind after our death can be consoled greatly if we take the time now to establish some prior funeral arrangements in order to lessen their grief in a time when decision-making is often difficult and traumatic.

On June 5, after the service we will be handing out and discussing a booklet entitled: Celebrating the Resurrection, A Guide for Preparing a Christian Funeral. This is for you to discuss with your family. Please join us in the discussion. If you would prefer for Pastor Weber to arrange a meeting with you, please let him know.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 2 Corinthians 5:1-2

Each time I drive around the city of Kewanee, I seem to notice another vacant lot where once a house was located. A house that at one time was a loving home to a family, but over time became in disrepair, unwanted, and needed to be torn down. From a loving and strong dwelling to a pile of bricks, wood, dust, and rubble.

In the passage above, St. Paul likens our bodies to temporary houses, a tent dwelling. Once our bodies were strong and sturdy, but over time sin and death take their toll. As we age we need more maintenance and repairs. Until one day, nothing more can be done and we turn into nothing but dust.

Jesus died. He was in the grave like we will be someday. But Jesus would not stay there. Life, flesh, and breath returned, and His body was made glorious and perfect except for those scars. He kept them for Thomas and for us so that we would know that He is one in the same as the true man who died on the cross. In the Nicene Creed we confess a bodily resurrection from death and we will live one day with our Savior. Jesus will raise us from the dead, glorious and imperishable like Himself. Therefore, we live in confidence of the resurrection of the body and a life everlasting.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Worship Schedule
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service
 Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.



June's Calendar

- Jun 01 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Jun 05 Day of Pentecost with Holy communion**
- Jun 06 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Jun 09 WOF mtg. 10:00 AM
- Jun 12 Holy Trinity Sunday with Holy communion***
- Jun 13 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Jun. 14 Flag Day Observance
- Jun 16 Elders and Council Mtgs. 6:30 & 7:00 PM
- Jun 19 Second Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion**
Father's Day Observance
- Jun 20 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Jun 26 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion**
- Jun 27 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM

- June 05 Mary Hahn (Red)
- June 12 Kari Tavares (White)
- June 19 Marilyn Sturtevant (Green)
- June 26 Leah Weber (Green)

Elders List:

- Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
- Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
- Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
- Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203

USHER'S LIST

- 1st Sunday: Ted Sturtevant
- 2nd Sunday: Nick Phillips
- 3rd Sunday: Wayne Becker
- 4th Sunday: Kevin Hull
- 5th Sunday: Jim Cook

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

* Rev. Hagen will be guest preacher.

Those For Whom We Pray: Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Vanda Hallock, Wendell Hier, and John J. Hernandez.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Jim Tudder, Hudson McCook, Chris Becker, Eugene Fronk, and all military personnel and first responders.

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

Inactive Members: Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

Our World: Citizens of and those serving in Ukraine that peace may come to this land.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy



REMEMBER: Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail address, home phone, or cell phone.

Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like Pastor to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.



June 2	Kaitlyn Tudder
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June 8	Kamdyn Hicks
June 13	Jeffrey Heinrich
June 17	Kevin Hull
June 28	Glen Godke
June 29	Karen Stapel

Baptism Dates

Cari Bridgewater	6/11
Joshua Carpenter	6/19
Gary Carper	6/19
Michelle Bartman	6/29
Peggy Faber	6/12
Logan Hernandez	6/20
Katherine Talbot	6/06
Jacob Townsend	6/15



Wedding Anniversaries

Mark and Kim Tudder	June 3
Wayne and Donna Becker	June 11
Pastor and Heather Weber	June 12
Joy and Troy Butler	June 20
Robert and Linda Jacobs	June 29



Graduations: We congratulate **Makenzie Snyder**, granddaughter of Cheryl Snyder, graduated from University of Illinois on May 15th with a B.S in Agriculture. She has a job in Wyoming, IL. **Branton Robinson** has graduated from Wethersfield High School. He is the grandson of Ray and Carol Robinson. God's blessing on your futures.

When Things Go Bad— Walking with God's Servant Job

A lay Bible Seminar that takes a look at one of God's servants as he faces crises and relates them to his faith in the Lord. Presented by Rev. Henry Rowold.

June 4th 8:00-4:00pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church Springfield, IL
Free with lunch provided

Please register at oursaviors-church.org or email Newlyn Hosea at nhosea@yahoo.com with questions.

Baptism: On Sunday, the 29th of May, we welcomed into our congregation by baptism **Sophie Cervantez**, born to Eric and Katie Cervantez on 1/11/22.



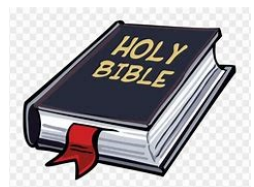
"Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 3:21

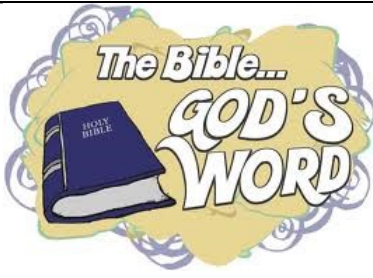
SAVE THE DATE: Faith's Women Of Faith will be hosting the LWML R.I. Zone Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 20th. They would appreciate members of the congregation supporting them by volunteering to aid in the administration and serving for the event. If you are willing to work or donate a baked good, please contact Marilyn Sturtevant or Mary Hahn. A thorough church cleaning is planned for the Saturday before and extra hands will be greatly appreciated. More details will follow.



June 14th

We are at a point in this country where most people don't care if you can back it up with the Bible. Their feelings, desires, and emotions override what Scripture says. They don't follow Christ. They follow self. Pray for them too.





The **LifeLight** Bible study group continues the study of The Bible an Overview. We are reviewing how God's inspired Word is the plan for our eternal salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Normally meetings are on Monday afternoons at 1:00 PM.

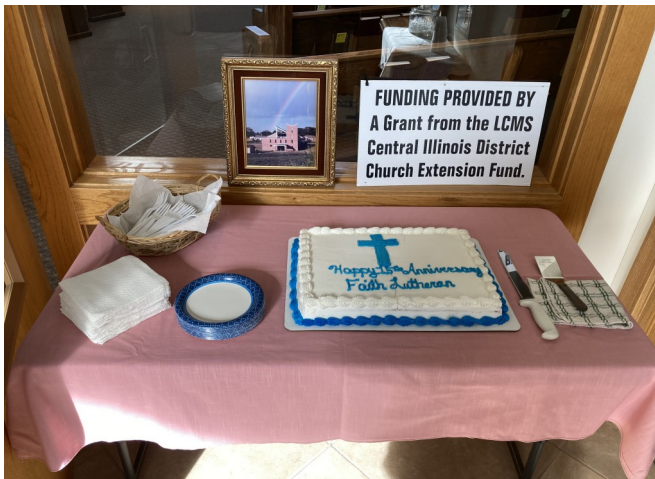
Pastor Weber will be starting a new Bible Study Sunday June 5th on Death and Christian Funeral. Members will have an opportunity to plan their funeral service to share with the church and family.

Women of Faith: The Women of Faith will meet on June 9th at 10:00 AM. Mary Hahn will be the hostess. Ladies will work on greeting cards in the morning. Bring a brown bag lunch. At 1:00 PM the program will be a presentation by Dr. Christine Lepianka, an Assistant Professor at St. Anthony College of Nursing in Rockford, IL. She will be speaking on "Human Trafficking in the U.S." We especially want to invite all of the congregation to attend and especially want the gentlemen to know that they are certainly welcome. Goodies will be served!!

This month you have the opportunity to make a difference in the protection of the unborn. A goal of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries is to expand their outreach of maternity homes for single, at-risk mothers to every Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod district, saving lives of mothers and babies. Currently in Florida, expansion is planned to the northern Illinois area. A deaconesses will provide life skills, mentor pregnant at-risk women, and most importantly, share the unconditional love and forgiveness of Jesus. Thank you for your mites and your prayers to support this Mission Grant to save the lives of the unborn.

On May 22, Faith Congregation celebrated its **15th anniversary** of the dedication of our church building. Refreshments of coffee, punch, and cake were served in the Narthex following the worship service. Members recalled memories of the construction project in 2006, and the dedication service on May 15, 2007.

Thank you to the Sturtevant's for suppling the drinks, and the Hahn's for providing the cake.



God has surly blessed us, give Him the praise and glory.



Slideshow and memorabilia were on display to view.

Council Action: General fund has \$43,178.13, the Memorial/Dedicated fund has \$13,379.10 for a total of \$56,557.23. The Church Extension Fund Balance is \$167,617.76. Council suggested Pastor Weber order Children's Bibles to give to give and encourage our younger members to hear the Word of God at home, if not at Sunday School. The cost of these books will come from the dedicated education funds. Rev. Hagen will be guest pastor on June 12th. Todd Boar has been contacted and will continue cutting the hayfield this season. Chairman Bill Croegaert has selected **July 10th** for the congregation **Voter's Meeting**. It was noted that Pastor Weber's 25th Anniversary in the ministry is June 15th.