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Making Jesus Known

from Pastor Steve Bond

LUTHERAN CHURCH



October 2023



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Join us on Facebook Live or in person! **Summer Worship**

9:00 a.m. only - Oct 1 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. **Starting October 8**

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Ladies Craft Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.

Installation Service for Pastor Steve October 5, 6:30 p.m.

Children's Sunday School Sunday, October 8

Church Office Closed October 9

Council Meeting Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Worship and Music Meeting October 12, 10:00 a.m.

Visitation Ministry Meeting October 16, 10:30 a.m.

Book Club Tuesday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.

Worship Services Available on the net at www.commofchrist.org

Adult Sunday School Kicks Off For Fall

We're excited to invite everyone interested to weekly study and discussion on Sunday mornings this fall, with Pastor Steve facilitating our group. On Sunday, Oct. 1, we'll have an informal conversation where we'd love to hear your thoughts, input, ideas, and topics you would like to explore this year in the Adult Class. Do you have a book of the Bible you would like to learn more about? Want to have a class on a particular topic? Just want to bring questions or feedback to Pastor Steve? Then join us on Oct. 1 in the library after the 9:00 a.m. service and add your voice to the conversation. And then beginning on Sunday, Oct. 8 (as we return to having two Sunday morning services), all are welcome every week between 9:00-9:45 for the Adult Class as we spend time in the Word.

New Midweek Bible Study Starting Oct. 12

Are you looking for a chance to grow in faith and deepen your understanding of the Bible during the week? Then we'd love you to join our weekly Thursday Bible Study series starting on October 12 at 1:00 p.m. As in previous years, we'll be offering this as a weekly chance to explore different subjects, topics, and Biblical books, and everybody is invited, whether Community of Christ members, non-members, neighbors, or friends. And for those who are interested in a weeknight evening Bible study opportunity, stay tuned for information about upcoming shorter-term series studies that will run for a span of six weeks or so at a time for folks with busy schedules and full calendars but who want to make time for deeper study in the Scriptures. Join us on Thursdays at 1:00 this fall, starting Oct. 12!

An Open Invitation to Pastor Steve's Installation Oct. 5 at 6:30 pm Community of Christ is hosting the installation service for our new pastor, Steve Bond, on the evening of Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 pm. This is a formal welcoming and beginning of Pastor Steve's ministry among us and will feature the presence and preaching of Bishop Beaudoin, and representatives of the congregation entrusting Pastor Steve with the tools and resources for the ministry of Word and Sacrament among us. This is a really special time as a congregation to gather in worship, to consider all of our vocation as God's servants making Jesus known, and to be fed at Christ's table. Please join us in person or online for the installation service on Oct. 5 here at Community of Christ!



from Pastor Steve Bond continued October 2023





"Crazy Faith Talk" Podcast

Our new Pastor Steve does a weekly podcast with two colleagues in ministry, Erica Wellner (a Methodist) and Sarah Aasheim (also Lutheran), with topics ranging from the Bible and theology to church-nerdery to pop culture to current events and everything in between. You can check out each week's latest episode through our church Facebook page or listen on your smart speaker (like Amazon Echo) by asking for it to play the podcast, "Crazy Faith Talk," or listening and/or subscribing at blogtalkradio.com/crazyfaithtalk. Currently, Pastor Steve and his colleagues are concluding a series on things we might have misremembered about the Bible, and upcoming series will look at finding God in unspoken and unexpected places, with more each week. It's always free, and it's a great way to explore ideas connected to our faith in a casual, contemporary, and conversational way. Check out "Crazy Faith Talk" anytime!



"Being Graced" Daily Devotions

One of Pastor Steve's personal spiritual practices has been writing daily devotions, Monday through Friday, as a way to spend time in the Scriptures apart from Sunday mornings. You're invited to follow along if you're interested, either by reading the links we're posting on the Community of Christ Facebook page, or at beinggraced.blogspot.com, or you can also sign up to receive these devotions right to your inbox via email by sending a message to beinggraceddevotions@gmail.com, where he'll be sending them from. Right now, Pastor Steve is concluding a series this fall looking at different dimensions of Christ-like love, based on the well-known description of love from First Corinthians 13, and future series will take us to new places and themes. But you're always welcome to read or subscribe, and they're always free!



Looking Ahead 09 24 23

Looking Ahead Weekly Preview Videos

Each week, we'll be posting new short videos in a series Pastor Steve is calling "Looking Ahead..." that will give us a sneak-preview of our focus in the Scriptures for Sunday worship. These will be available immediately through our Community of Christ Facebook page, as well as Pastor Steve's YouTube channel (you can find him at "Stephen Bond" on YouTube--you'll recognize him, we promise). These are a great way to start off your week looking ahead to our time in worship, and they could be a great tool for sharing to invite a friend or share with a neighbor. Check out Looking Ahead each week!



GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path!" (Psalm 119:105)



Spotting Jesus on Sunday Mornings

Keep your eyes open every Sunday here at Community of Christ--Jesus is among us and is just waiting to be spotted! Since we are committed to "making Jesus known" here at Community of Christ, we thought it would be a good new spiritual exercise, for both kids and adults alike, to stretch our spiritual muscles in spotting Jesus in unexpected places. So, we've got a little felt figure of a very friendly Jesus who will be waiting for your eyes (not hiding--just waiting to be found!) in a new place each week, somewhere here at Community of Christ. When you're here on Sundays, see if you can find Jesus, and maybe tell a friend or neighbor when you've spotted him--and then keep your eyes peeled for a new place next week. Maybe if together, we learn to recognize Jesus among us in surprising places around our building. along with recognizing him at the Table, in the Word, at the Font, and among the congregation, we'll be better able to recognize Jesus in the world around us every day! Open your eyes on Sundays for Jesus--he's already among us!



We will go back to TWO services starting
Sunday, October 8, 2023.
Please join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. and
Bring a Friend!!!



Families of little ones! Our Nursery is open during Worship hours.

Although this is not staffed, you are welcome to be with your children while they play as you listen to the service in the room. The nursery is the first room on the left as you walk down the hall coming from the main Entrance. Please know this is an option for you, as ALL children are welcome in God's house!!





- Choirs!! COME JOIN!!!
 Sing choir on Wednesdays
 at 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir will
 start back on Thursdays at
 7:30 p.m. COME ONE,
 COME ALL!!
- Violin Concert! On Reformation, Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. Sarah Magoun, (Eric Dickey's wife) and Eric will give a concert of varied music, including their own originals for the enjoyment of the public! Please come to our free concert and bring a friend!! **A freewill offering will be collected for a 50th Anniversary project to be announced.
 - Amanda (Reisner) **Worthington Releases** C.D.!! Amanda, our wonderful singer here at Community of Christ spent her summer in the recording studio, Stone Soup in Maumee! She is going to have a C.D. release party on Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m. She will shower us with her beautiful voice in the sanctuary at CoC! Amanda's C.D. will also be available on Spotify. Eric Dickey will be accompanying her!



A Note From the Call Committee



Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

A little more than two years ago, seven members of Community of Christ walked into a meeting at church (social distancing of course.....) to begin our journey to call our next Pastor. Little did we know at that time the days, weeks, months and years ahead would bring moments of laughter, frustration, anxiety, loneliness and solidarity. The journey of our call committee was much like the journey many of us have had through life! What became abundantly clear through this journey was the resilience of our congregation in our mission of MAKING JESUS KNOWN!

Fast forward to June 21, 2023......we had the opportunity to speak with Pastor Steve Bond! It became very clear to us Pastor Bond possessed many of the qualities we had identified were important in our next Pastor. In the next few weeks, our call committee had the opportunity to meet in person with Pastor Steve, his wife Sarah and his children Mark & Anna. The Bond family felt welcomed at Community of Christ, and it was then we saw the potential to partner with him and his family to begin our new ministry together! After a wonderful Community of Christ Camp Out & Meet and Greet with Pastor Steve and family to the overwhelming vote to issue the call from our congregation we arrived at Sunday, September 24th, Pastor Steve's first Sunday! On October 5th, he will officially be installed as our 4th Pastor at Community of Christ Lutheran Church.

The past two years have presented our congregation with many challenges. However, we faced those challenges with steadfast prayer knowing the Holy Spirit would guide us as we remained vigilant in our search for our next Pastor. Having now partnered with Pastor Steve, it's time for our congregation to begin a new journey with renewed strength. To continue to welcome visitors.....continue to impact our community....continue to help those in need.....continue many of our current ministries and explore new opportunities to share the good news of God's Grace....and continue our mission of MAKING JESUS KNOWN in the world around us!

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Steve, Sarah, Mark and Anna into our Community of Christ Family! We know our church family will support them, as we have all supported each other through this journey!

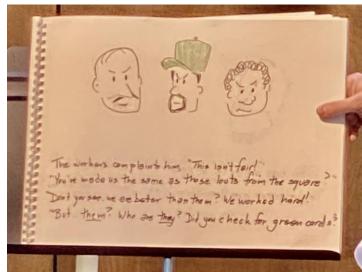
Jeff Baden, Brian Jones, Lisa Alleman, Matt Britsch, Bea Ludwig, Amanda Worthington, Cammie Abraham



















Worship Volunteer Schedule, October 2023

Worship Volunteer Schedule – October 2023

(Oct 1 single service at 9:00, Starting Oct 8, services at 8:00 and 10:00)

| Week | Oct 1 | Oct 8 | Oct 15 | Oct 22 | Oct 29 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Acolyte/Crucifer 8:00 | None | Josef Perkins | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| | Needed | | Needed | Needed | Needed |
| Acolyte/Crucifer 9:00/10:00 | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Nate Yokum | Volunteer |
| | Needed | Needed | Needed | | Needed |
| Bulletin 8:00 | None | Becky King | Volunteer | Irene Rang | Zach Weber |
| | Needed | | Needed | | |
| Bulletin 9:00/10:00 | Kari Swagler | Volunteer | Volunteer | Rick Yokum | Dean |
| | | Needed | Needed | | Nofzinger |
| Camera 9:00/10:00 | Kevin | Sarah Rockwell | Neil Raymond | Rick Yokum | Carol |
| | Swagler | | | | Wiemken |
| Communion Prep/Clean 8:00 | None | Josef Perkins | Volunteer | Becky King | Volunteer |
| | Needed | | Needed | | Needed |
| Communion Prep/Clean | Neil | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Kari Swagler |
| 9:00/10:00 | Raymond | Needed | Needed | Needed | |
| Greeter 8:00 East | None | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Linda Metcalf |
| | Needed | Needed | Needed | Needed | |
| Greeter 8:00 West | None | Irene Rang | Volunteer | Becky King | Rick Metcalf |
| | Needed | | Needed | | |
| Greeter 9:00/10:00 East | Volunteer | Dean Nofzinger | Marsha | Rob | Volunteer |
| | Needed | | Cochran | Kohntopp | Needed |
| Greeter 9:00/10:00 West | Natalie Rilling | Volunteer | Volunteer | Jill Kohntopp | Kevin |
| | | Needed | Needed | | Swagler |
| Lector 8:00 | None | Volunteer | Kathryn | Volunteer | Becky King |
| | Needed | Needed | Whitacre | Needed | |
| Lector 9:00/10:00 | Greg Aubell | Marsha Cochran | Volunteer | Nate Yokum | Volunteer |
| | | | Needed | | Needed |
| Worship Asst 8:00 | None | Volunteer | Kathryn | Volunteer | Joe Perkins |
| | Needed | Needed | Whitacre | Needed | |
| Worship Asst 9:00/10:00 | Laurie Mauro | Marlene LaChine | Don Schroeder | Kara Yokum | Volunteer |
| | | | | | Needed |

Effective 9/19/23. Changes can and do occur.

***Should you need to cancel your scheduled date, please contact another volunteer to fill your position and time slot. Also, cancel in Sign-Up Genius so the person covering you can sign up.

<u>Lectors</u>: The readings are available for preview on our website at <u>www.commofchrist.org</u> under "Worship and Bulletins" and then the appropriate bulletin date.

<u>Bulletin Assistants</u>: Arrive 15 minutes before service to pass out bulletins. Count the number of people in attendance (including worship volunteers and all in the nursery if applicable) and mark this number on the chart inside the kiosk.

<u>Door Greeters</u>: Arrive 15 minutes before service to greet members and visitors at the doors of both entrances of the church.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mauro (419) 877-5366 or Carol Wiemken (419) 261-3577. Thank you all for your time and attention to helping make our Worship Services run smoothly!



GROWING IN Friendships "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)





1:00 p.m.

- *October 17, 2023, Essex Dogs: A Novel by Dan Jones
- *November 21, 2023, Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
- *December 18, 2023, Christmas Gathering
- *January 16, 2024, The Sun Walks Down by Fiona McFarlane
- *February 20, 2024, Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes
- *March 19, 2024, The Golden Spoon by Jesse Maxwell
- *April 16, 2024, The White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear
- *May 21, 2024, Earth's the Right Place for Love: A Novel by Elizabeth Berg
- *June 18, 2024, Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Members' suggestions:

- *Michelle: TRU BIZ by Sara Novic or MOUTH TO MOUTH by Antoine Wilson
- *Joan B: HURRICANE SEASON by Lauren Denton
- *Kathryn: THE PERSON LIBRARIAN by Marie Benedict
- *Lauren Willig's: A BAND OF SISTERS: or A NOVEL TWO WARS AND A WEDDING

Marc Cameron books with the character, Arliss Cutter



Monthly Sunday School gatherings for kids of all ages are starting up this fall on the second Sunday of October and November from 9:15-9:45 a.m.--join us for song, stories, and activities in the time between services on Oct. 8 and November 12 here at Community of Christ!



ATTENTION KNITTERS & CROCHETERS!!!

The Wednesday craft group is back!! If you are a knitter or crocheter and you're looking for something to do, please join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at the church!! Over the years we've made baby and children's hats, mittens, lap robes, and prayer shawls. We are looking for new members! Please contact Dorothy Petrell at 567-742-7862 for further details. As always, bring a friend!!



Monday, October 9, 2023

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Monday, October 9, 2023





A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped with and attended Blue Jean Sunday, the 1st event in our 50th Anniversary celebration. Our kitchen crew was amazing, our musicians were inspiring, our attendance and participation were heartwarming, and the flowers and napkins were beautiful. Plus, Thank You for your school supplies and monetary donations for Salem! 17 backpacks and all supplies have been delivered! \bigcirc Pam, Kara, and the 50th Anniversary Committee











THANK YOU, TOOLBOX MINISTRY, FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A FAMILY IN NEED!!!









God's Work Our Hands

Saturday, September 16th, several gardeners (including one novice) from Community of Christ participated in this ELCA annual day of service, working at Urban Wholistics, a community gardening project at Tatum Park, a community green space in the downtown Toledo area. We worked alongside our sisters and brothers from Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania, Ohio, weeding and clearing out older plants and harvesting watermelons and tomatoes. Friendships were made with the wonderful Olivet team! In addition to harvesting, we worked towards preparing for planting the winter crops in the near future. The park covers multiple lots and is open to the public from sunrise to sunset for visiting, learning, and shopping the market. In the summer, this project teaches the community, especially youth, how to grow and harvest food and make good food choices. The youth also learn how to market and sell the harvested produce at the fruit and vegetable stand on the property. Thanks to Laurie Mauro, Cheryl Fischer, Jeanette Druschel, Lisa Alleman, Becky King, Dave & and Sarah Rockwell, and our new pastor, Pastor Steve Bond. In the group photo below, Sonia Flunder McNair, the administrator of this program, joins the group from Community of Christ. For more information about Urban Wholistics, go to

https://www.urbanwholistics.org







Exciting news from our church! We are offering you more giving options to support our church's financial needs. Council and Finance Committee (as well as the Synod) have recommended the use of a new online safe and secure tool to be able to give online electronically. The program is through Tithe.ly company used by many other churches and organizations. It has several options to be able to give as noted below:

- Your donations are recorded for your giving records, and confidential to the financial secretary.
- When you donate, you designate the fund you would like your monies to go toward e.g., building loan, general, thank-you, or other.
- -There are four methods to give:
- 1. On the church website @ https://tithe.ly/give?c=2746426
- 2. Online (through tithe.ly website, search for Community of Christ)
- By text: simply text the word <u>give</u> to get started.
 Community Of Christ Lutheran Church: (833) 985-2568
- 4. Download the app and give.

Notes:

- The app and the web link allow you to input credit/debit card information. The text method will charge through your existing cell phone bill.
- There is a fee for this service for the convenience that it offers:
 - You can choose to cover this fee in addition to your donation, OR if you don't, the fee is deducted from the donation to the church.

 This fee is a presentant trained of this type of continue.
 - This fee is a percentage typical of this type of service.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

PLEASE REMEMBER ---we also offer an <u>electronic offering</u>, (**Simply Giving**) that will withdraw your offering automatically from your bank account. THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH!



| 2023 Building Loan Fund | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Income | Expense | Diff. | | | | | |
| Aug | \$12,242 | \$12,563 | (\$321) | | | | | |
| YTD | \$91,181 | \$100,504 | (\$9,323) | | | | | |
| 2023 General Fund | | | | | | | | |
| | Income | Expense | Diff. | | | | | |
| Aug | \$26,314 | \$39,500 | (\$13,186) | | | | | |
| YTD | \$233,578 | \$237,142 | (\$3,564) | | | | | |



Praying for God's People



Blessings & Prayers

Please remember the following members who are ill, shut in, recently hospitalized, or Military:

Sue Brown, Kay & Dick Burdo, Troy B., Shirley Cofer, Susan Dental, Brittany Dewitz, Jim & Sue Enk, Larry H., Tom Jennings, Susan Meyer, Carl & Judy Mock, Dave & Nancy Myerholtz, Leah Herner-Patnode, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Deann Schiavone, Peter Schultz, Phyllis Sturgeon, Lois Wise, Mike Carroll, Jay Rasmusson

Please remember them in your daily prayers. Thank you.



Please pray for the family of Gary Urbanski and Sharon Urbanski, brother of and sister-in-law of Sharon Miller. May they continue to find peace in their hearts through all the wonderful memories made. The Lord's blessings to the family today and all the days ahead.



Prayers of the Church - For us to keep our prayer requests current and fresh in worship---we update our prayer list every two weeks. The names you provide will be included in the prayers of the congregation for two weeks. If you would like to renew your prayer request, please use the form available in the gathering area or contact the church office. Thank you. Continue to pray for one another!

We are writing to you today with a thankful heart. The past months have been challenging with Marcus's surgery followed by the discovery of cancer in my lung. Thanks be to God; this was detected early, and the prognosis looks hopeful! Your well wishes, texts, and your cards were such an encouragement to us as they reminded us of the promises of Christ. Your prayers are a precious gift, and we thank God for this community of Christ! Marcus and Heidi





To the ladies who cook the meals for those of us recuperating from surgery.

Michelle dropped of a couple of meal's
we had the ham rice, + broccoli casserole
last night. It was yourney. Joright will
have the chicken bacon ranch casserole In sue it will be very tasty. We really enjoyed the food or thankful you do go such a needed services. May God bless you all.

Due & Jim Brown



| Brian Smucker | 10/01 | Kyle Gebhart | 10/08 | Carol Heuerman | 10/19 |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Jillian Dewitz | 10/01 | Megan McKee | 10/08 | Luke Rardin | 10/19 |
| Karen Schroeder | 10/01 | Matthew Davis | 10/09 | Natalie Dewitz | 10/19 |
| Kurtis Lutz | 10/01 | Samuel Essig | 10/10 | Andrew Carman | 10/20 |
| Lydia Smucker | 10/01 | Emily Steinman | 10/11 | Mike McSurley | 10/20 |
| Vicki Keil | 10/01 | Alicia Lipinski | 10/14 | Doris Disher | 10/22 |
| Debbie Warner | 10/02 | Dawn Ray | 10/14 | James Matthews | 10/22 |
| Marie Sheets | 10/02 | Joshua Hartbarger | 10/14 | Ellen Nowak | 10/23 |
| Mary Jo Bright | 10/02 | Neil Nutter | 10/14 | CJ Moser | 10/26 |
| Amy Bartley | 10/03 | Richard Knight | 10/14 | Evonne Johnson | 10/26 |
| James Fischer | 10/03 | Sara Boehly | 10/14 | Flo Hannum | 10/29 |
| Elizabeth Brenneman | 10/04 | Douglas Ackerman | 10/15 | Pat Lutz | 10/29 |
| Keith Carpenter | 10/04 | Melanie Moser | 10/15 | Greg Brenneman | 10/30 |
| Kyle Ruhe | 10/05 | Teegan Winkelman | 10/15 | John Cedargren | 10/30 |
| Nadine Wise | 10/07 | Dean Nofzinger | 10/16 | Autumn Gebhart | 10/31 |
| Robyn Spilker | 10/07 | Brandy Outly | 10/18 | Will Malohn | 10/31 |
| | | Kraig Keil Jr. | 10/18 | | |



Maggie Meyers

10/18



Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 10 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date
October 12 @ 10:00 a.m.



Next Meeting Date
October 16 @ 10:30 a.m.



Ministry & Events



STOCKING THE FREEZER!

We will be preparing casseroles to freeze and then have them available to give to our friends in need. We will be meeting on Friday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are able to come and help us that day, we would appreciate it. "Many hands make light work!"

There will be a sign-up on the kiosk for those who wish to help. We will also have a sign-up for donations of the ingredients for the casseroles. THANKS!



Hey kids! Bring your parents and stop by our spooky booth in Downtown Waterville during the WACC Boo-to-Do event on Thursday, October 26 from 5 to 7 PM. We'll have some Halloween goodies and fun games.



Ladies' lunch will be going to Local Thyme 6719 Providence St. Whitehouse Oct 27 @ 11: 30 a.m. Please note this will be the last ladies' lunch for the year. Please sign up on the kiosk. Questions? Call Becky King @ 419-349-7319 & as always bring a friend.



Prayer Shawls - Irene Rang and Mary Moats are responsible for the prayer shawls. If you are interested in making a prayer shawl or know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Irene at 269-832-7714.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

We'll be hosting our next
Youth-Served Breakfast on Sunday,
Nov. 5 (All Saints' Sunday) in the hour
between services, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.;
join us for a great breakfast and time of
fellowship, served with the help of our
youth, and with a free-will offering to
help support ministries beyond our
doors. Stay tuned for details on future
breakfast dates in December and
beyond!

Election Day Bake Sale November 7th!



Ministry & Events



Caregivers Support Group

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The group is open to anyone providing care for a loved one. We offer encouragement, suggestions from our own experiences, and local resources. The group is designed to be an open group, available to you when you feel the need to attend. Contact Kristen Schuchmann at 419-279-7759 with questions or just stop in.



Collection 4th Sunday---"Clean & Feed!"
We continue to set aside the fourth Sunday of the month for us to share love offerings for those who have needs at Salem Lutheran Church & the Whitehouse Food Pantry!

While Salem Lutheran Church does not have a food pantry, they do welcome gifts of bar soap, other unused toiletries, toilet paper, and socks. They also welcome bulk food items such as pasta, sauce, green beans, corn, and baked beans in large cans (Gordan Foods, Costco, or Sams Club). These large quantities are used for their community dinners served weekly.

We also welcome smaller food donations for the Whitehouse Food Pantry as they continue to help support our local families. Some needs are brownie/cake mixes, frosting, noodle bags, flavored noodle pouches, rice pouches, rice-a-roni, soup, canned beans, hygiene products: toothbrush/paste, shampoo/conditioner, bar soaps, toilet paper, etc. KIDS single lunch items: fruit cups, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, individual bags of chips, microwavable lunch cups such as spaghetti-o's, ravioli, beef-a-roni, soups, etc.

The collection baskets are placed under the long table in the hall. Each is labeled for each ministry. Please place your items in the baskets accordingly. Thank you for your generous offering of support!

Prairie Meadow Update The Prairie Meadow plot has undergone significant change this summer in preparation for the planting of the native species. The herbicide has been applied (many times) and it has undergone tilling twice. This work will continue into the fall until planting occurs. The Prairie Meadow task force has met and has drafted a list of species for inclusion. Laurie Mauro is meeting with multiple parties who will donate as much local phenotype seed as possible. Hand-sowing of the seed is planned for December to January. If you have native wildflowers on your property (in gardens or wild) and are able to donate seed for inclusion in our prairie, please contact Laurie Mauro. The more sources we have the better for establishing a prairie.

Food



Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday). Hours may vary with vacations, please call ahead [⊕]

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