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Sunday Worship
Adult Bible Class
8:30 a.m.
Worship Service*
9:30 a.m.
Children’s Church
9:45 a.m.
(after Children’s Chat)
*Childcare provided

Pastor
Rev. Matthew Froeschle

Treasurer
John Swick

Youth Director
Toby Montgomery

Music
Scott Hines

Worship AV
Brandon Barta

Church Custodian
Rick Plummer

Administrative Assistant
Cherry Wishard
IT was a gorgeous, clear summer night. On the roof of the observatory where the telescopes for stargazing were set up, some colleagues and I had a heart-stopping view of the heavens, speckled with stars and planets and the millions (billions?) of galaxies that form this incredible universe we inhabit.

In the middle of Nebraska (not far from Hastings College where the pastor’s conference was being hosted), there is not much light pollution or other distractions to cloud one’s vision. For those of us gathered that night in 2012, it was an act of worship simply looking up into that vast canopy of unspeakable wonder.

“Heaven is my throne,” says God, “and the earth is my footstool.”

In light of such a dwelling, how could we ever offer God a temple or a church worthy of Him? Can any human architect design a building that competes with the wildness and wonder of space, or design a footstool as exquisite as this precious planet we call home? There are some amazing cathedrals in this world, but none have a roof so high as the one God created, or have such elaborate furnishings as what this earth provides.

That said, there IS a temple that God would choose to dwell in - and one we can provide for God. Our souls. Our hearts. Our minds.

Consider the astonishing news that God longs to dwell within US; that of all the places available to God, WE are the sanctuary God desires to renovate and live within.

So - will we offer the temple of our bodies completely to God, or are we still holding onto the keys and asking that God schedule a visit when it’s convenient?

Trust me - the temple is lonely without the company of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The heart is lonely without the fellowship of Christ’s church. It’s time to open all the doors, and say “Holy Spirit, please come and make Your home in me. Let me be Your resting place, as You are mine.” Amen!

In His grip,

Pastor Matthew
Sarah Circle will meet for lunch at 11:30 on June 11th in the meeting room at the airport. Following lunch, we will be making plans for the coming year. Anyone interested in participating is invited to attend and help with the planning.

Coke Rewards

The Coca Cola Give program will donate from 5 to 30 cents for your Coca Cola rewards codes. These Codes can be under the lids of bottles, or inside the 12-pack and cases of any Coke product. Just go to https://us.cocacola.com/give/, choose Kemmerer Village as your school, and enter your codes to help our children and support our school. Every cent counts!

Mission Project - Baby Bottle Coin Collection for Choices Pregnancy and Health - fill it with your spare change and return the bottle on Father’s Day, June 17 or contribute to the special collection taken by children at worship on Father’s Day. Thank you.

Sarah Circle Annual Used Book Sale Saturday, June 22nd 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

During July, the Mission Committee asks you to join them in collecting paper products to help the Haven Homeless Center. The requested items include paper products, (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex), new gallon or quart plastic bags, and laundry soap. A collection box will be in the narthex for these items.

Barclay Mills

Jan Cornell  
Bob Handshy
Food pantry items are still being gathered.

Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in Fellowship Hall.

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Faith Step

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1Peter 5:7 (NLT)
Submitted by a church member

Box Tops

Thank you for all the Box Tops. They are a great way of giving to the Kemmerer Village School. Keep them coming.

June
Mary-Nance Miller
Anna Marie Froeschle

June 8
Jodi Sparks

June 10
Elsie Carter

June 11
Catherine Beachy

June 12
Toby Montgomery

June 14
Harlan Heller

June 16
Frank Kingery
Bob Ramsey
David Sardella
Michael Shaffer

June 19
Rae Miller

June 20
Cassandra Shaffer

June 24
Joe Buescher

June 26
Gavin Figgins
Susan Riggert

Prayer Requests

Continued prayers for those having treatments for medical conditions:

Mavis Bagby
Jean Beaird
Kathy Beaver
Earl Bennett
Joan Dickens
Evelyn Furry
Jo & Harlan Heller
Jeremiah Parker
Betty Martin
Betty & Bob Miller
Elner Oliver
Lori Woodyard
The Barta family

For all those who are serving in Armed Forces, including:

Matt Gathmann
Kelly Martin
Hunter S. McRoberts

June 1
Dennis & Sue Gathmann
Tony & Melissa McDaniel

June 3
Barclay & Blanche Mills

June 7
Pill & Kitty Fisher

June 8
Bill & Kathy Saunders
Dick & Gayla McDaniel
Mike & Kathy Shaffer

June 14
John & Jo Swick

June 17
Harlan & Jo Heller

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Sunday, June 2
Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Worship Committee Meeting after Worship
Mission Stitchers 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4
Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5
Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 6
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's prayer group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 9
Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.
Youth 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 10
Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11
Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle 11:30 a.m. at the airport
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
CCRTA Meeting 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 13
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's prayer group 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 16
Happy Father's Day
Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18
PEO 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 20
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's prayer group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 22
Sarah Circle Book Sale
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 23
Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children’s Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24
Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25
Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men’s prayer group 10:00 a.m.
PEO 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 30
Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children’s Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Events for LOGOS and FPC Youth
June 8th- June 14th
Mission Trip to AL
June 16th-June 22nd
Camp Carew
June 26th
LOGOS Movie Night
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

VBS
The best week of the summer!
July 7th – July 10th
5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Thursday Morning Bible Study Group.
Come join us 9:00 a.m.
Real ID

It’s coming but you have time. Real ID does not go into effect until October 1, 2020. When you get your renewal notice on your current Illinois driver’s license or ID card there will be an information piece telling you just what Real ID is and who needs one. Since I had a real awakening when I asked just what documentation they wanted at the driver’s station for this item, I thought I would share the information with my friends who read the newsletter.

If you feel that you will never use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation, then you can stop reading now. If you have a valid U.S. passport, you can also stop reading. If you do not visit military bases or you do not visit secure federal facilities, then this information is not necessary.

You will need a Real ID if you do not have a valid U.S. passport or passport card AND you use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or you visit military bases; or you visit secure federal facilities.

The application process for a Real ID driver’s License or ID is a bit complicated. That’s where I ran into a roadblock (no pun intended). You must provide proof of identity. Some examples are: a US birth certificate, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with a approved I-94 form. Here comes my problem. If you present a birth certificate with a name different from your current name, then all name change documents, such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree or death certificate, will be required. You will also need to provide proof of full Social Security Number. Examples would be your SSN card, a W-2 or a pay stub with full SSN. You must provide two current residency documents with your name. Examples are a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or bank statement. You must provide proof of signature. Examples are a credit/debit card, canceled check or your current Illinois driver’s license.

After all proper papers are presented, you will receive a temporary, secure paper driver’s license/ID at the facility. TSA agents will not accept this paper document. After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent Real ID card will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

As you can see, if you are a woman who has been married more than one time, the passport option looks much easier. You will just need a certified birth certificate, passport photo, and the proper fee to obtain a passport. So good luck with your paper work. You have a year and a half to obtain a passport or a Real ID. Then again, maybe you don’t want to take a plane anywhere!

Jean Jones

Youth

Greetings from the west side of the church, the youth area! Wow, it is definitely summer around this place. The kids got out of school today, the sun is out, the pool is open and the Frigid Queen is open for business once again. Life is great! Pastor Matthew and I often discuss the different times of the year that we are busy and of course the Advent season and Easter season are by far his busiest times, however the summer is easily my busiest time of the year.

In less than two weeks, the youth, myself, the Seldomridges and Lauren Covington will be making our journey south to do mission for the people of Mobile, Alabama. There is a plethora of things to do down there. Some of the things that we do is work at various shelters, resale shops, food pantries and low-income housing complexes. One of the most important things to learn during these trips is what the kids find out about themselves. We want them to become closer to Christ by imitating Him and by giving to other people. In reality, that is what Christ actually did. He gave himself to others by healing them, by loving them and by doing great things for them. Mission work can do this for our youth and for the people that we are helping. When we help others in need, their faith and ours is strengthened. As Christians, we want to be just like Christ! 1 Peter 2:21 says “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his footsteps”. Have a fantastic June! See you in July! -Toby
An encouraging word

The Bible repeatedly “encourages” Christians to “encourage one another.” How can you tell when someone needs encouragement? The answer is easy, said Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy: if they’re breathing! He quipped, “I get a lot of encouragement, but I never got an overdose.”

Offering encouragement is an easy way to have a big impact. In fact, two esteemed Christian writers call encouragers angelic and godly. George MacDonald said, “If, instead of a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.” And G.K. Chesterton said, “If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God.”

Who in your life might need an encouraging word today?

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CONCERT IN RANTOUL - FEATURING MARK TUCKER, ORGANIST

Mark your calendars for this coming Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 PM for a celebration of Paul Wolters’ ministry in Rantoul, IL at 500 Church Street (American Lutheran Church) to hear some great music from Mark Tucker and from the Martin Luther Men’s chorus (directed by Mark). Hope you can make it!
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