



Disciples Care Newsletter August 2024

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WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

“Welcoming and accepting all people” – is a reminder of our Welcome Statement and genuine hospitality, in the present tense so it is always relevant. “*along*” – is an invitation to join together side by side. “*journey of faith*” – implies that arrival is a myth; we are always growing “*service*” – is a natural outcome of faith and inseparable from our commitment to discipleship.

Ten Traits of Thriving Congregations

#7 Thriving congregations are willing to take risks. “Risk-taking congregations ask the questions, “Why not?” rather than “Why?” they look for possible benefits instead of worrying about what could go wrong.”

Rev. Dr. Erin C. Cash, Lexington Theological Seminary

Spear-Its

It is August already - how time is flying by! I am so happy to be part of your church life this Summer!

I continue to be impressed by Sojourners’ accomplishments and future plans. The transition of the building continues and the strong partnership of the Life Together team with Peace Lutheran continues to grow. Fellowship dinners include not only great food, but great time together.

Several of our children graduated into Children’s Church and plans are in process to create a new sacred space for Children Worship and Wonder. We’ve had beautiful special music from adults and children during worship. Cross-lines donations continue and we are challenging ourselves as we delve into ways we can “Think Again” with our online and in-person Faith Formation group book studies.

And there are several things coming soon that will keep energized. I am excited about the upcoming Joplin Pride event September 6 - 8 and hope to see many of you there. An upcoming concert sponsored by Sojourners and Peace Lutheran on September 27th features Bobby Jo Valentine and I am hearing wonderful things. It will be a fun evening!

It is such a privilege to be among you. Your kind, welcoming, and generous spirits are indeed a reflection of Christ. Please continue prayers for Pastor Colleen, as well as the ministries of Sojourners. Pray for our faith partners at Peace Lutheran. You live your faith and the gospel message. I truly thank God every time I think of you.

Blessings~

Pastor Teresa

Sundays in August

- August 4 2 Kings 5:1-14 - “Dare Greatly”
- August 11 Luke 13:31-35 - “On Our Way”
- August 18 Matthew 11:2-11&15 - “Yoked”
- August 25 John 6:35-40 - “Practice Resurrection”

Joplin Pride Coming

September 6th, 7th, and 8th

Joplin Pride 2024 activities will start with a Parade on Main Street Friday (the 6th) at 6:30 pm, followed by downtown booths and activities on Saturday. The weekend will conclude with an afternoon of activities Sunday from noon to 7:00 pm at Landreth Park.

Everyone is invited to walk or drive with us as a group in Friday’s parade. We’ll also be assisting James Knudtson with his booth at Landreth Park on Sunday. Additional details and a sign-up sheet are coming soon, but until then, Don Smith will be happy to visit about any ideas you have or questions.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join the fun!

Sabbatical Silent Auction

There will be a silent Auction from August 5th-August 11th. The Google links will go out in the Monday, August 5th Caremail. Items to be bid on: Tom Prater Cowboy painting with frame by Tom Hamm, canvas painting by Cyndi Cogbill, handmade scarf by June Neal, and if you missed them the first time, a wood carving by Charlie Kemp, and matted photos by Susan Wheeler.

Thank you for your patience,

Daniell

EVENTS/OTHER

Life Together Task Force

We have had 3 meetings of the Life Together Task Force, made up of members from Sojourners and Peace. Here are some of the updates:

1. Installation of the new sign should be in the next couple of weeks. We will be sending out a media advisory in hopes of getting some good press regarding our relocation to 3100 N. St. Louis Ave. and our unique partnership as soon as an installation date is determined.
2. The Worship Committee has recommended bringing in the SJCC communion table and lectern from storage and Peace has agreed to re-home the set currently in the sanctuary. However, as the SJCC items are at the very back of our storage unit, it will take some time – and manpower – to get to it. There are many boxes in the unit that need to be gone through; many may contain items we won't be needing or have space for, so don't be surprised if there are items for sale, for donation or simply free for the taking.
3. Because of the Worship & Wonder graduation, there has been agreement to move the W&W to what had been the pastor's office across from the restrooms. It will be more appropriate space for the children. This move will allow us to bring the bells and accessories from the Fitterling basement and re-form our bell choir, using that space for practice and bell storage. We anticipate part of that area may become a staging area, especially at Advent as we seek to identify which SJCC decorations can be used in the church or need to be re-homed. If there is space, we also may be able to use it for a small meeting room.
4. A team from Property/Hospitality is reviewing both the Welcome Area and Kitchen for possible ideas to make changes in those spaces if warranted.
5. A revised and updated facility use policy will be discussed by the SJCC Board. This takes into some of the Peace practices that need to be respected, including their use of wine for communion. Our child protection policy, while more stringent than what Peace currently has, is deemed acceptable and simply needs to be amended for the new church property.
6. Members from both congregations are working toward promoting the September public concert at the church, and looking forward to exploring ways together to support Crossline Ministries.

Jim Cullumber, Life Together Task Force

"Think Again Book Club":

The Think Again Book Club meets on Thursdays at 7 PM via Zoom: link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84487950693?pwd=UZ7wTStw2pagWehliqXknx3mNZszP2.1>

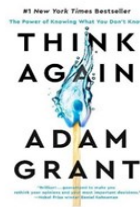
We will be discussing two chapters per week, and everyone is invited to join when they can:

August 1: Chapters 5 and 6

August 8: Chapters 7 and 8

August 15: Chapters 9 and 10

August 22: Chapter 11 and Epilogue



Rehearsals will resume in August on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

We are looking for new voices - please come join us!

Christian Women's Fellowship



CWF will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be September 4th.

Regional Assembly Registration Open

The Mid-America Regional Assembly will take place August 8-10, 2024 at [First Christian Church in St. Joseph](#), MO. Guests include: General Minister & President Rev. Terri Hord Owens, Vice-President & Chief of staff Rev. Yvonne Gilmore, Counter Stories Consulting's Rev. Dr. David Anderson Hooker, and Georgia Interim Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Joan Bell Haynes.

Registration fee is \$95, which includes three boxed lunches. Single-day registration is available for \$40. All fees increase after July 1 so register early!

Optional dinner/programs on Thursday and Friday evenings will be available for an additional \$25 each.

Discounted rooms available until July 7 at [Stony Creek Inn](#) (\$120/night) and [Marriott Fairfield Inn](#) (\$150/night).

To register, go to www.mid-america-disciples.org/regional-assembly-2024

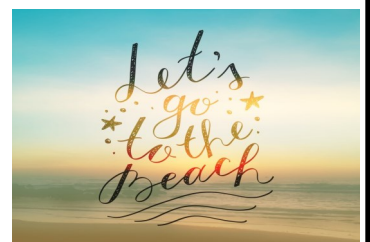


Fellowship Meal August 18 - Noon

Thirty-eight people stayed to enjoy the monthly Fellowship Picnic on Sunday July

21. Last names starting with W, A-B, main dish. Last names starting with C, D-G, H-P bring sides and salads. Last names starting with Q-V, bring desserts.

As always, in keeping with our Green Chalice designation, we encourage everyone to bring their own dinnerware.



Prayer Requests

Medical:

Betty Coan; Micah Evans (Cogbill); Jacob Goswick (Meadows); Heather Kemp; Brett McCreary (Cogbill); Peggy (Davenport); Carolyn Theil

Sympathy: Betty Kemp (Kemp); Janet Burns (Frieze)

Military:

Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; Gary Wald

Ongoing:

Connie Abraham; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kittie Blankenship; Kellie Blanton (Davenport/Plossl); Gloria Brady (Abraham); Betty Coan; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Timicia Curtis; Lois Demaree; Bailee Evans; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Alyxis Hefty; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; James Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Nancy Nauser (Fitterling); Bethany Newman; Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Nancy Righthouse; Jayne Sanders; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Michael Wallace (Randall); Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Global Ministries Focus:

August 4 Italy
August 11 Botswana
August 18 Colombia
August 25 India



**From
Phil & Lisa Wise**

Thank you to our church family for making Phil's birthday extra special with your well wishes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

August 4	Leanna Carrol
August 11	Ellen Broglio
August 18	Margie Fitterling
August 25	Jim Cullumber

Diaconate

August 4	Communion Prep—Jessica Fletcher-Fierro and Judy Akeman Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger
August 11	Communion Prep—Les Davenport and Terry Plossl; Homebound—Sherry Crumbliss
August 18	Communion Prep—Susan Wolfenbarger And Megan Bever; Homebound—Don Smith
August 25	Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Sherry Crumbliss Homebound—Tom Wheeler

Camera & Sound

August 4	Jennifer Reaves and Ken Moser
August 11	Terry Plossl and Darryl Coit
August 18	Judy Schneider and Don Smith
August 25	Sandy Meadows and Ray Reaves

Kid's Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

August 4	Abi Jones and Anita Frieze
August 11	Darlene Coit and Sandy Meadows
August 18	Children in Family Worship
August 25	Karen Kemp and James Knudtson

Children Worship & Wonder

August 4	Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
August 11	Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
August 18	Children in Family Worship
August 25	Alicia Ratliff and Leanna Carrol



Birthdays

4 Liz Millard
5 Judy Akeman
5 Colleen Carroll
7 Ben Gibson
9 Darlene Coit
10 Mark Millard
15 Alice Fletcher-Fierro
17 Patt Hinds
22 Carolyn Fortson
23 Banner Faucett
30 Mike Fitterling

Anniversaries

7 Chris Greninger and Anthony Rabuano
14 Leroy Smith and Teresa Cleaver
18 Darryl and Darlene Coit
21 David and Lois Nickols
30 Jim and Shari Cullumber

august

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	5	6	7	8 3:00 Think Again (Zoom)	9	10
11 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:20 am PLC WGS Mtg. 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	12 Board Reports Due 1:00 pm Life Together Task Force Mtg. (Lg. Classroom)	13 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Quilters 5:30 pm WW	14 6:30 pm Choir	15 3:00 Think Again (Zoom) 5:00 pm PLC Participating in 3rd Thursday	16	17
18 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:20 am PLC Council Mtg. 10:15 am Children' Bells 10:45 am Worship Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	19	20 5:30 pm WW	21 6:30 pm Choir	22 9:45 am - 2:00 pm @ Crosslines 3:00 Think Again (Zoom)	23	24 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Kids' Faith Adventure
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**All activities at Sojourners Christian Church
unless specified otherwise.**

Our new website address is: sojournerschristianchurch.org