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ME, MYSELF, AND I

Looking out for number one. That's the message many in our society preach and follow. In many ways, we have become a nation of people obsessed with self-preservation and satisfaction. Just as long as I'm happy, have everything I want when I want it, then phooey on everyone else!

Remember the toilet paper shortage of 2020? We saw terrible examples of greediness and selfishness demonstrated in our grocery stores.

This attitude is completely opposite from that of the Christian, for the Bible states, "For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:21) The child of God must dedicate themselves to a life of service to God and other people. Jesus taught us to, "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you." (Matthew 5:42)

Folks, that means the last roll of toilet paper! As we co-exist in the church, this attitude is of the utmost importance. Physical and spiritual support come from raising each other up, no exceptions, no exclusions.

We all want to be pleasing to God, so the Hebrew writer said, "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:16) Instead of "Me, Myself, and I," let us make our life's ambition to be, "God, Christ, and Others."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

Thursday, May 2: Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00-3:30 pm

Sunday, May 5: Holy Communion during morning worship

Wednesday, May 8: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 12: Sunday Service of Sharing; Penny Sunday for ECH; Benevolence Offering

Sunday, May 19: Last children's Sunday School class before summer

Thursday, May 23: Newsletter articles due

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day Service at 9:30 am

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
April 10, 2024

Jared Kueckelhan called the meeting to order. Linda, Ed, and Vicki were present.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The financial reports were reviewed and approved.

The completion of and financial information for the new shed was discussed.

The agenda for the Quarterly Meeting was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

SUNDAY SERVICE OF SHARING

Mother's Day, May 12th, will be a Sunday Service of Sharing. Each of us, who are willing to participate, is asked to write a paragraph of 100 words or less about how your mother, or a female surrogate, such as a teacher, female relative, or even a female minister, inspired your faith in Jesus Christ, and promoted your Christian well-being.

Begin your paragraph with the person's name and relationship to you. You are asked to sign the paragraph. These paragraphs will be read during our worship service as an inspiration of love, joy, and faith.

Please complete your paragraph by May 5th. You may bring the paper and place it on the church office desk or email the paragraph to jkueckel@gmail.com.

Congratulations

To Dustin & Jessica Wassmann on the birth of their daughter, Henlie Adine, born April 27. Proud grandparents are Eddie & Linda Wassmann.

HEALTH FACTS
SPRING ALLERGIES

Millions of people suffer allergy symptoms this time of year. Sneezing, nasal congestion, headache, red, itchy eyes, etc., etc, are a few of the annoying symptoms that are triggered by tree and/or flower blooms.

The windy days have not helped. Very little rain has not helped allergy sufferers. But we still need to work or be outside. The pollen can get into your nose, stick to your skin and hair, and clothes.

A few things you can do to help rid of pollen on your body are: blow your nose frequently. Use an irrigation tool to wash out your nose. Wash your hair and skin before lying on your pillow and sheets.

Over-the-counter antihistamines such as Zyrtec, Allegra, and Claritin are good to take daily.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist to ensure these can be taken with your prescription medications so as to avoid adverse interactions.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTES
April 21, 2024

Council President, Jared Kueckelhan, called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's reports were presented and approved. Clarification was made about payments to Co-Mo Electric.

Marg gave a summary of the good works being done by the Women's Guild. She asked the congregation for approval for the Guild to hold a Country Store during the Ice Cream Social this month. This was approved unanimously.

A request was made for a clock in Fellowship Hall, a third shelf in the flower closet and new altar candles.

Meeting adjourned.

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APRIL STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
07	\$2,560	\$185	35
14	\$1,000	\$220 Penny Sunday: \$76.60	38
21	\$1,156	\$50	40
28	\$1,785	\$ Mission Offering: \$612	56



Our annual Memorial Service will be held in the St. Johns UCC Cemetery on Monday, May 27 at 9:30 am.

The Women's Guild will provide coffee and juice and attendees are asked to bring their favorite brunch item for the fellowship time after the service.

Thank You

To David & Ann Muntzel for their donations to the General Fund, Cemetery Fund and Board of Christian Education.

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Our monthly gathering of Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet at 1:00 pm, Thursday, May 2, in St. John's fellowship hall downstairs. We will have a snack time at 1:00, followed by pitch, Rummikube, Sequence, other games, or visiting. We provide water. You may bring a snack to share. Our time ends about 3:30, but sometimes the games go into overtime!

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
05	Julie Kueckelhan	Holly Hughes & Charles Stegner	Rev. Andy Mockridge
12	Janet Stegner	Donald & Ruth Ann Warnke	Nancy Meyer
19	Rhea Helmreich	Wayne & Rita Kanenbley	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
26	Volunteer	Jim & Sonya Farris	Lynnd Schler

MAY BIRTHDAYS	
Elizabeth Dick	03
Alexander Rapp	04
Macsen Simmons	04
Linda Claas	05
Tim Harvey	06
Brody Herman	06
Sonya Farris	11
Ted Litton	11
Cammie Cary	12
Rhea Helmreich	12
Brooklyn Swalwell	12
Ryan Rapp	15
Will Hackman	18
Tami Rold	21
Jace Hawley	22
Megan Kosnopfal	22
Sandy Williams	22
Landon Bail	23
Molly Rapp	25
Remington Simmons	25
Devin Robinson	26
Laura Grathwohl	29
Evelyn Grissum	29
Karen Harvey	30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES	
Pat & Vicki Hilden	11
Dave & Ann Muntzel	26
Ryan & Emily Rapp	28
Kim & Rosalie Searfoss	29

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Clinton Wayne Shelton	06
Brooke Elizabeth Stegner Fieth	08
Margaret Louise Stegner Scott	08
Angela R. Kueckelhan Hackman	09
Timothy Joseph Kueckelhan	13
Derrick Andrew Hundley	20
Blake Maxwell Richardson	29
Louis Albert Muntzel	30

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.
Arlene & Sonny Friedrich
Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276
Ruth Searfoss
Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276
Dorothy Vieth
Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

PRAYER CHAIN

Avery Beach, brain cancer
Amy Boyer (Andrew Inskeep's sister) cancer
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Jack Deuschle, Parkinson's disease
Jim & Sharon Elliott
John Ferguson, heart issues
Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
Ayla (Pat Friedrich's niece), recovering from surgeries
Marilyn Geiger, shoulder surgery
Iris Gerhardt
Dalton Hazlett, recovering from TBI
Jim & Sandy Helm (Stacy Friedrich's parents), health issues
Betty (Vicki's cousin), cancer
Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
Holly's brother, open heart surgery
Kim Hutchison (Julie's cousin), foot amputation
Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
Ava LeCave
Bob Painter, kidney issues
Don & Mary Neckermann
Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
Clifford Richey (Charles' friend)
Karen Schnetzler
Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
Vicki Simmons, cancer
Charles Stegner, recovering from stroke
Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident
Darin Walker, cancer
Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail Jeff Burgoyne Tony Davis
Natalie Meng Blayne Vickery James Walker

Picnic

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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SANDWICHES
SAUCES
SAUSAGE
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SPICES
STRAWBERRY JAM
TOMATOES
WINE

APPETITE
BASKET
BEVERAGES

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CAMEMBERT

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CHEESE
COFFEE

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Delete one letter from NAME ALIGNED and find someone popular.

LECTIONARY READINGS				
	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024	*Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024	*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024	*Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Trinity Sunday First Sunday after Pentecost May 26, 2024	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 113	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



In a world of shifting sands, come explore God's rock-solid truth! New Franklin Community VBS 'Breaker Rock Beach' will be held June 3-7, 8:30 - 11 a.m. at Immanuel UCC.

Accepting all children who have completed Pre-k* through 6th grade.

Join us for the music program Friday, June 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Please reach out to VBS Director Nichole Wilmsmeyer with questions at 660-888-0120.

**Pre-K includes children aged 3+ who are potty trained and are comfortable in a classroom setting without a parent present.*

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