



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, May 18

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship will be served following worship.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those hospitalized this week: Sandy Julifs; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Mike, Lori Dewey, Debbie Dybinski, Bev Julien, Dylan Wescott, Dianne Miller, Ken & Sharon Mager, Phyllis Jacobson, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Betty Steinke, Larry Wahler, Sandy Julifs, and Lila Edeus.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

Friendship Pads/Connect Cards/Prayer Request Papers

New green connect cards are now in the pews, where you can share all of your details. These also have a place for prayer requests. **As always,** if you would like to have Pastor include your prayer request in that Sunday's public prayers, please hand your connect card to an usher during the gathering hymn.

Let's Feed Our Children

Individually packed pasta are being collected for this year's campaign. Kid's favorite choices are: Easy Mac, Chef Boyardee style of pasta, ramen noodles and chicken noodle soup. Donations can still be brought in anytime. If you like to help in the packing of the lunches, you can sign up by following this link: <https://signup.com/go/ZmOzFhB>

Special Congregation Meeting

On Sunday, June 1, a Special Congregation Meeting will be held immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the members of the Call Committee.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES: High school seniors, promoting 8th grade students and post-high school '25 grads. Graduate Sunday is set for June 1. Please let the church office know if you/your student is graduating, being promoted, receiving a certificate, or approaching a new life milestone. We look forward to celebrating and honoring you! The church office will be contacting all grads with more details.

Geraniums

We will be purchasing geraniums again this year for Pentecost Sunday. They will then be planted outside to beautify our church. If you would like donate towards the purchase, please use a pew envelope and mark it "Geraniums". The cost of each plant is: \$7.00.

Personal Care Kits

During the month of May we will be gathering the items listed below for the **Personal Care Kits**. We will have the towels, please just shop for the other items. We have monies from Thrivent from Janice Hunter and Patty Arians to buy towels. There is a container in the back of the church to place the items. Items needed:

- 2 or 3-Bath size bars of soap (**8oz or more total**). Please KEEP in original packaging. Any brand welcome.
- 1-Adult size toothbrush .Please KEEP in original packaging or a business size envelope.
- 1-Sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs).
- 1-metal nail clipper with or without a file.

Mark your Calendar!

CommUNITY VBS will be held this year at Immanuel in Rock Falls, July 20-24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a free dinner at 5:30 p.m. Save the dates and plan to attend or volunteer for this amazing opportunity. Watch the announcements and the June newsletter for the registration QR code. We are looking of donations for empty and clean 2-liter bottles. The [registration link](#) is live for CommUNITY VBS 2025. You can use the link below to register. At this time, please send this to those who have committed to a specific area so that they can sign up before we share the link on Facebook/Newsletters. Register by **Monday, May 19.** <https://forms.gle/aEB9eK2Z8i2Z8oWz7>

Children's Offering

The children's offering for the month of May will support the United Way's Let's Feed Our Children. The free summer lunch program kicks off the first week of June. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of giving and helping to feed our local children.

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 19

CLEO will meet at T's Timeout in Sterling – 5:30 p.m.

Woodlawn Recital practice – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

Pastor Mark in the office – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BBT will be at Route 40 Café in Milledgeville – 11:30 a.m.

Woodlawn Recital – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

LWR Quilting – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, May 22 -23

Office will be closed

Next Sunday, May 25

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week's Worship Assistants

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – David Carrillo

Acolytes – Arians family

Greeters – Nancy Beck, Bev Graunke

Ushers – Gary Fields, Keith Peugh

Reader – Keith Peugh

Communion Assistant – Nancy Beck

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Altar Guild – Judy Bartel, Donna Kendall

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*