

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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**MAY 2023**

**The First Christian Church Caller**

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Dear Church,

This month we enter the second half of the Easter Season. During this time, we continue celebrating and proclaiming the new hope and new way of life we have been offered and called to inhabit through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. What is this hope and life like? Consider the disciples before the resurrection of Jesus. Now, imagine how for them, all hope was lost at the crucifixion. But then, God raised up Jesus, bringing life where there was death. Now, consider how the hope of resurrection changed the lives of the disciples. Once timid and fearful, the disciples acted boldly in word and deed to offer the hope and new life found in Jesus to all people, even against resistance at every turn. What changed? What could have transformed them so thoroughly? The full details can be found in The Acts of the Apostles.

And so, this month I've challenged you to deeply engage with Acts. This challenge has been to read, to pray with, and watch for the weird, strange, and the things you don't understand. I've challenged you to read, because I want to engage with God's Word. I've challenged you to pray, because I want you to pray like the early church. I've challenged you to watch for the weird, so that

**You Are Invited**

**Graduation**

**Open houses**

**Elijah and Trace Eslinger**

**When:** May 20 from 3-6pm.

**Location:** Treehouse 119  
119 S. Broadway St., Louisburg

**Andrew Aye**

**When:** May 20 from 2-5pm.

**Location:** 1502 N. Broadway,  
Louisburg

**Marilea Leikam**

**When:** May 20 from 1-3:30pm.

**Location:** First Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall, Louisburg

you have fresh eyes to see the Scriptures anew and see how God works in disruption. In short, I've challenged you to allow yourself to be challenged by the Book of Acts. Through it all, I want you to experience the hope and power of resurrection that's contained within. And in that space, find the exciting life that God is calling you to live as a follower of Jesus. It is anything but boring! You just might change, like the disciples did.

*Prayer is an important part of our congregational life.*

**If you have an update for prayers and praises, please contact the church office 837-4760 or email:**

**Churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org**

**Remember our shut-in friends:**

George & Betty Reed

Winona Hornbuckle

Myrtle Lee Reed

Bill Shaffer, Bob King

Peg Irwin



**PRAYERS** - Sandy Morgan's friend, Wanda Hayne's family as she passed away; Justin's friend, Robert as he looks for a new job and he and his wife are struggling with infertility; Kevin & Karley Mowen; 3 Mowen granddaughters in track & field; Eric Aye to find an apartment; Larry & Linda Cutshaw; Ken's friend, Karen Schuler fell and broke hip; Karla Dennis' mother, Linda Jungling, has cancer; Art's friend, Mike has cancer; Krystal Ward's father is ill; the families of Deb's friends, David & Rick as they have passed away; family of Mary's sister, Ruth Anne's husband, Larry Lierz passed away; family of Jill's brother-in-law, Wade's mother passed away; Abigail hurt her foot; Gary Brown's surgery; Bill Folsom family in Paola as Gloria passed away; family of Bob King's sister-in-law, Pamela as she has cancer; Bob King; high school youth, Ralph Yarl and family; Pastor Mitsu Ishiga in Osaka, Japan has cancer; Julia's health; all the victims of shootings in our country and victims of the storms in the Midwest; our graduates, as they make important decisions for the future; boldness to proclaim the gospel; revival within our congregation; spiritual and numerical growth; Justin's dad had A-fib procedure; south central Kansas in bad draught; Christa's Aunt Patty screen for cancer; Julia's family friend, Michael Olten has health issues, Bernie seeing his heart doctor; Art Beasley; Linda Cole needs 2 surgeries; Jean Mowen's cousin's husband, Rod entering hospice;

**PRAISES** - Jill's mother is healthy; Barb's surgery went well on April 3; Justin finished a schedule for churches to go to the nursing homes; Mary thankful to see kids over the weekend and celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday; Art, Bernie & Darlene, Ronnie & Melody, thankful for family visiting on Easter Sunday; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday community gatherings; Kline's friends Blake & Kati got married April 23; Roy's friend Doug had successful stint operation; Gary Brown in recovery following surgery; George & Betty Reed thankful to be in church; Maurine's friend, Jill had cancer but lump gone;

**CONTINUING PRAYERS** - Tom & Linda Cole; Bill Shaffer; Frank's sister, Debbie; Jill Niebrugge's mother, Priscilla White; prayers for church board; Betty Reed; our Nation; our church family; Ruthie Boles; all of our missionaries, Allan Contreras; the Pronins, Barkers & McKnights; Joe Shaffer's daughter, Lesley; Pastor Justin; Residents at Vintage Park and Louisburg Health & Rehab; also all those who give care!

Welcome  
to our  
**New Members**

**What: Mexican themed  
potluck dinner**

**When: May 7  
following 10:30 worship.**

We are celebrating our newer  
members: *Susan Tate, Deb Settle,  
Ron & Melody Smith, and Georgia  
Johansen.*



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the get-well cards, birth-  
day cards, calls, and other remembranc-  
es.

I deeply appreciate your prayers and  
thoughtfulness.

.... Myrtle Lee



**Birthdays**  
May

If your birth-  
day does not  
appear on our  
list and you  
would like it  
to, please  
send your  
birth date, **on-  
ly day and  
month**, to  
Jean at the  
church office,  
or call  
837-4760.

Also, please  
let us know if  
we have made  
an  
error in  
recording  
your  
birthday.

Zoey Schwartz—1  
Janet Whitmer—1  
David Lien—2  
Jack Kline—6  
Marshall Cruce—11  
Bernie Hadsall—16  
Sharon Adams—16  
Shane Brueggen—  
24  
Karen Cook—26  
Marilea Leikam—31



**Graduation Sunday**  
**May 21**

Our class of 2023 graduates will be  
recognized for their accomplish-  
ments on **Sunday, May 21** at our  
8:30am and 10:30am worship  
gatherings.



## Tall Oaks Camp Dates

**Day Camp:** June 21st and July 8th.

Age: 5 - 8 years

**Primary Camp:** July 10th - 12th.

Age: 2nd - 3rd grade

**Junior Camp:** June 26th - 29th.

Age: 4th to 5th grade

**Chi-Rho Camp:** July 16th - 20th.

Age: Grade 6th - 7th

**8ers Camp:** July 7th - 13th.

Age: just graduated 8th grade

**CYF Camp:** SUMMER CAMP

June 20th - June 25th

Age: High school

**Grandparents Camp:** June 9-11, Age:

Grade K-6; July 14-16, Age: Grade K-3

**Adult Camp:** June 1-4

**For registration: Inquiries**

[www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration](http://www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration)

### Louisburg High School Graduation Ceremonies

May 17—Baccalaureate 7pm @

LHS Auditorium

May 20—Graduation at 10am@

LHS Gym



### 2023 Graduates

#### **Andrew Aye**

Son of Don & Steffany Aye. He will graduate May 17 from St. James Academy@ 24505 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS.

#### **Marilea Leikam**

Daughter of Scott & Jennifer Leikam

### Worship Attendance

	8:30am	10:30a.m.	online
<b>March 26</b>	8	39	16
<b>April 2</b>	—	41	21
<b>April 9</b>	—	72	14
<b>April 16</b>	12	34	13
<b>April 23</b>	8	42	14

### Financials

Beginning balance	March 17	\$59,092.61
Total Offering Expenses		\$11,584.24
Total Offering Income		\$13,721.38
Ending Balance	April 20	\$61,229.75
<b>Needed weekly</b>		<b>\$2,758.38</b>

Join us for Bingo at  
the Louisburg  
Healthcare &  
Rehab Center

1st & 3rd

Mondays at 2:30pm



Nursing Home  
Outreach  
ministry for

Vintage Park at 1:30pm and Louisburg  
Healthcare & Rehab Center at 2:15pm  
will be **May 28**

### **Elijah & Trace Eslinger**

Sons of Dean & Heather Eslinger

Elijah will attend Baker University

Trace will attend Kansas University

### **Kristoffer Aye**

Son of Don & Steffany Aye

Kristoffer will graduate from Kansas State University  
with a degree in education.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

### **Lay Leaders for 10:30am**

- May 7—John Mowen
- May 14—Julia Schwarz
- May 21—Abigail Schwartz
- May 28—Sue Raines

### **Greeters for 10:30am**

- May 7—Maurine McLellan
- May 14—Dellinger's
- May 21—John & Jean Mowen
- May 28—Sue Raines

### **Elders**

- 8:30am—Jim Ward
- 10:30am—Roy McLellan

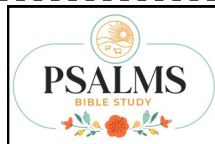
Bob & Laurie Bauer—3  
Damon & Karla Dennis—4  
Scott & Jennifer Leikam—17  
Greg & Kathy Armstrong— 20  
**Happy Anniversary to all.**



**Coffee and Prayer  
with the Pastor**  
Pastor Justin will be available  
in the narthex each Tuesday morning  
at 9:00am.



## **BIBLE STUDY**



Join us in person as we study the  
**Book of Psalms**  
on  
Thursday mornings

**Fellowship - 9:30am**  
**Study & Prayer - 10:00am**

Live streaming on Sundays @ 9:30 & 10:30am

Watch recordings of  
10:30 am worship

Subscribe and click on  
the bell for notifica-  
tions



[youtube.com/@fclouisburg8221](https://www.youtube.com/@fclouisburg8221)

Search for "FCC Louisburg"

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Our next  
newsletter will be  
published the week  
of May 28

please have items into the  
church office no later than  
Friday, May 19

The Church Board meets on the  
3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be  
Thursday May 18 — 7 pm.

### Join A Walking Group

**Walking Club**



Meets on, Monday-  
Friday at 7:30 &  
Saturday at 8:30am  
at Louisburg Lake,  
Ron Weers Park Pavilion.  
\*\*\**weather permitting.*

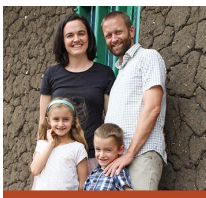
Form more information contact Jill  
Niebrugge at (913) 424-2899 or  
email: [jillwniebrugge@gmail.com](mailto:jillwniebrugge@gmail.com)

### The RED CAN Collection for May Will be going to



#### **The McKnights & Camp Scholarships**

Wes has two main responsibilities in Bunia. The  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading program at Complexe  
Scolaire Shalom. The second is as coordinator  
of the English department at Shalom University.  
Mindy works in the medical field. Subscribe to  
their newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/haRbx5>



#### **The McKnights**

Wes • Mindy • Jocelyn • Elijah

*Serving in the Democratic  
Republic of Congo*



We offer a **50% scholarship** to church mem-  
bers to make sure our kids can experience Tall  
Oaks camp and grow in their relationship with  
Christ.

Register for camp at  
[www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration](http://www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration)

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### **Pastor Justin Schwartz**

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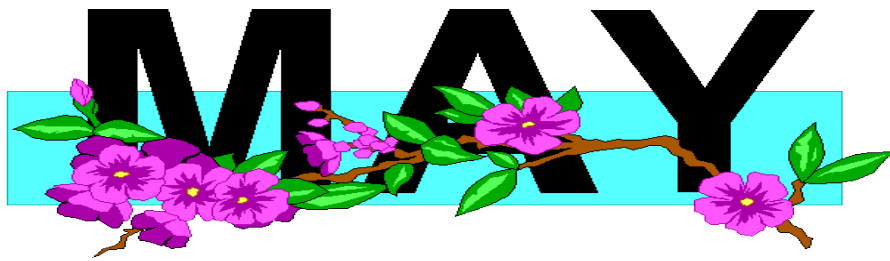
### **Distribution for the Food Pantry**

**May 18 @ 8:30am.**

**Volunteers are needed  
for distribution**

The Food Pantry is located at  
Louisburg United Methodist Church.  
Contact (913) 724-5311  
for more information.





# 2023

## First Christian Church Louisburg, KS. MONTHLY PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	2	3	4 Bible Study at church 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	5 Friendship Day	6
7 Worship 8:30am 10:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  Potluck lunch after 10:30am worship	8	9	10	11 Bible Study at church 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	12	13
14 Worship 8:30am 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am  MOTHERS DAY	15 Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	16	17 Food Pantry Distribution 8:30am  Baccalaurate 7pm LHS Auditorium	18 Bible Study at church 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study  Board Meet 7pm	19 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE IN OFFICE	20 LHS Commencement 10am @LHS GYM  Eslinger's Open House 3-6pm
21 Worship 8:30am 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am  1:30pm. Shut-in communion. Vintage Park & Care Center  Graduation Sunday	22	23	24 Last Day of School	25 Bible Study at church 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	26	27
28 Worship 8:30am 10:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  PENTECOST SUNDAY	29 MEMORIAL DAY  OFFICE CLOSED	30	31			