



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.

Standing Against Gun Violence

SJCC has received an invitation to a prayer service addressing gun violence at St. Philips Episcopal Church on **Saturday, June 3 at 11AM**. The service is open to all individuals who share concerns about gun violence and seek peaceful resolutions.

Additionally, SJCC will be joining Peace Lutheran Church in lament against gun violence on **Sunday, June 4**. We are invited to **wear orange** to worship that day. Both congregations will include special prayers of lament as well as opportunity to add signatures to letters calling for resolutions to gun violence, and information on ways to support gun violence prevention.

Wear Orange Day was born out of a tragic shooting in Chicago. On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya’s friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange Day is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

Let us be agents of change, working towards a safer and more compassionate world.

WEAR  ORANGE



June is National Pride Month commemorating the birth of the gay rights movement following the Stonewall Riots of June 1969. Locally, JoMoPride does not celebrate its festival until September (Sept. 8-10 this year) to make allowance for people to visit other city celebrations, but there are plenty of other avenues of observing Pride. After focusing on Gun Violence Awareness on June 4 in partnership with Peace Lutheran Church, I will be sharing excerpts from Austin Hartke’s book, *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*

as well as *Colors of Hope: A Devotional Journal from LGBTQ+ Christians* during the remaining three Sundays in worship. My intent will be to focus on transformative ways that members of the LGBTQI+ community have heard the scriptures speaking to them, and their courageous journey to live authentically with faith in Christ in spite of resistance and judgment from many Christians.

We will be looking especially at the following scriptures:

June 11 Genesis 1:26-27 “Imago Dei”

June 18 Genesis 32:24-31 “Names Matter”

June 25 Matthew 19:11-12 “Room Aplenty”

I look forward to worshipping with you and celebrating all the ways we embody love at SJCC.

Pastor Colleen

EVENTS/OTHER

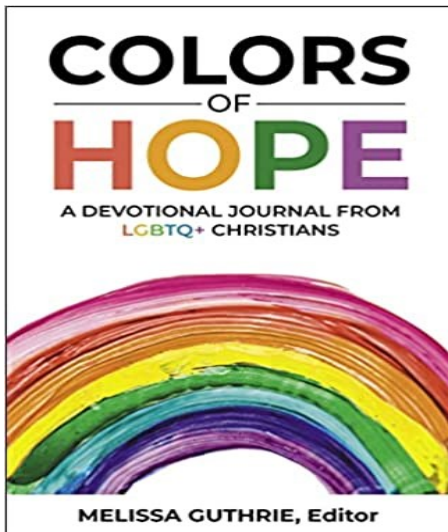
Attention Ladies:

We are honored to have Rev. Jennifer Long, Associate Regional Minister for Disciples Women (Mid-America) attending our next meeting on June 7 for the installation of our officers. We hope to have good attendance for her visit, and invite all who are interested and able to come and welcome Rev. Long. We will also be collecting our Blessing Box offering for the year so please bring that with you if you have been saving your "blessings." The meeting begins at 9:30 AM at Peace Lutheran Church.



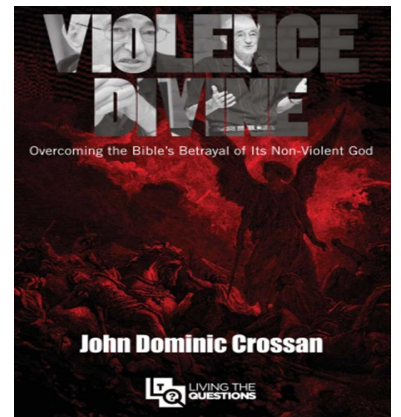
Adult Faith Formation:

Since June is National Pride Month, join James Knudtson and Pastor Colleen for a transformative experience embracing the journey of faither and LGBTQIA life expression utilizing the book *Colors of Hope: A Journal for LGBTQ+ Christians*. This will take place online on Monday evenings at 7PM starting June 5. No need to order a book; free copies of the book are available for participants. For register, send Pastor Colleen an email.



Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation

The video series featuring John Dominic Crossan, "Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God" continues on Sundays in June. Join us in Fellowship Hall at Peace Lutheran at 9:30AM weekly for scholarly lessons and lively discussion!



Reminder to Board Members:

We are meeting in person on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm
Peace Lutheran Church



We still need volunteers to bring in around 3 dozen of the tasty little treats to share at PLC each Sunday morning. A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Center table along side the name tags. Thank you!

Children's Bell Choir



We are excited to announce that Children's Bell Choir will resume on the second Sunday in June. They will be practicing in the sanctuary before worship at 10:15 am.



Fellowship Dinner for June is on the 18th, officially Father's Day. So an INDOOR picnic is in order. Please bring food appropriate for picnics, including sandwiches, salads, drinks and desserts. This will truly be a potluck meal to enjoy! Like any picnic bring your own dishes and utensils.

June 15 Third Thursday 5:30-8:30PM "You Belong"

Downtown Joplin Alliance's Third Thursday event the month of June will feature the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion theme. Enjoy food and craft vendors, performers, and information in support of growing interest in promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in the Joplin area.



RTF Update

Our efforts to clear up the church property title are ongoing; a legal notice has been placed in the Carl Junction newspaper and must run through June. Once that period passes, we anticipate at least another 30 days to complete the legal proceedings to convert the title into the name of South Joplin Christian Church so that we can then transfer the title to the new owner and complete the purchase. Your patience is appreciated!



Beginning, May 31st, Bonnie will be out of the office for a few weeks recovering from surgery. While she is out, there may be times that you will be unable to reach someone at the office. So please call ahead if you do not have a key to the office and need access.

Also, Darlene Coit will be unavailable for our local outreach assistance requests for a couple weeks.

Both ladies hope to be back by June 20th.

New Holiday for SJCC Staff

Last November our board approved the addition of two paid holidays for SJCC staff: Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth. Both holidays have historical significance to the African-American community, and our board considered it a show of solidarity and support to follow the nation in its recognition of these dates.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and is celebrated on the third Saturday in June. According to Wikipedia, "the holiday is considered the "longest-running African-American holiday" and has been called "America's second Independence Day". Therefore the church office will be closed on Monday, June 19 in observance of this federal holiday.

CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

We did not meet our goal last month so please help us reach our June goal of:

75 cans of tomatoes or tomato paste.

Please bring your donations to PLC and put them on the cart by the welcome table by June 18.

Remember Crosslines provides pet food when it is available to them.

SJCC Workday: **June 22, 9:45am-2pm**

Prayer Requests

Medical:
Anania Brown; Darlene Coit; Norm & Idamary Hines (Akeman); Bonnie Powers; Leroy Smith; Johelen Umphenour; Pat Wolfenbarger

Sympathy:
Carol Mooney (Coit); Mary Ellen Prater

Military:
Christian Blackwell; Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; Gary Wald

Ongoing:
Connie Abraham; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kattie Blankenship; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Gloria Brady (Abraham); Ellen Broglio; Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Betty Coan; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Timicia Curtis; Wes Davenport; Lois Demaree; Bailee Evans; Kalon Fitterling; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Mary Gilmore; Alyxis Hefty; Patt Hinds; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; Betty Kemp; James Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Betty McKelvey; 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; Raquel Sapien; Judy Schneider; Brady, Baylee and Calvin Shafer; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Tova Wallace -Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Other:
SJCC Relocation

Global Ministries Focus:
June 4: Indonesia
June 11: Republic of Congo
June 18: Egypt

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

June 4: Leanna Carrol
June 11: Jim Cullumber
June 18: Mike Fitterling
June 25: Darlene Coit

Diaconate

June 4: Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Judy Akeman
Homebound—Don Smith
June 11: Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Les Davenport
Homebound—Joe Prater
June 18: Communion Prep—Karen Kemp and Susan Wolfenbarger
Homebound—Tom Hamm
June 25: Communion Prep—Patt Hinds and Taylor Reaves
Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

June 4 Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit
June 11: Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
June 18: Judy Schneider and Don Smith
June 25: Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves

Sunday School (K thru 5)

June 4: Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows
June 11 Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze
June 18: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
June 25: Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp

Children Worship & Wonder

June 4: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
June 11: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
June 18: Laney Reaves and Leanna Carrol
June 25: No CW&W



Birthdays

3	Dennis Peterson-Sloan	23	Taylor Reaves
9	Raquel Sapien	24	Dawn Cullumber
14	James Knudtson	25	Sue Sterrett
20	JoHelen Umphenour	26	Bonnie Powers
21	Karen Kemp		

Anniversaries

1	Megan Bever & Will Delehanty
5	Tom & Carolyn Fortson
8	Charles & Karen Kemp
14	Justin & Sarah Coyne
19	Carolyn Theil & JoHelen Umphenour
27	Buddy & Leanna Carroll



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 pm Book Discussion (Zoom)	2	3 11:00 am Prayer Service—Focus on Gun Violence (St. Philip's)
4 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	5 7:00 pm <i>Colors of Hope</i> (Zoom)	6 6:00 pm Worship Team Mtg.	7 9:30 am—Noon—CWF—Special Speaker—Rev. Jennifer Long 7:00 pm Choir	8 5:30 pm Elders' Retreat—SJCC Office	9	10
11 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:15 am Children's Bell Choir Practice 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	12 Board Reports Due 7:00 pm <i>Colors of Hope</i> (Zoom)	13 6:30 pm In-Person Board Mtg	14 7:00 pm Choir	15 5:30-8:30 pm "You Belong" Joplin EDI—Third Thursday (Downtown Joplin)	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	19 Juneteenth Office Closed 7:00 pm <i>Colors of Hope</i> (Zoom)	20	21 7:00 pm Choir	22 9:45 am—2:00 pm Crosslines	23	24
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All activities at Peace Lutheran Church
unless specified otherwise.