



## 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.

## 2024 Monthly Focus: Ten Traits of Thriving Congregations

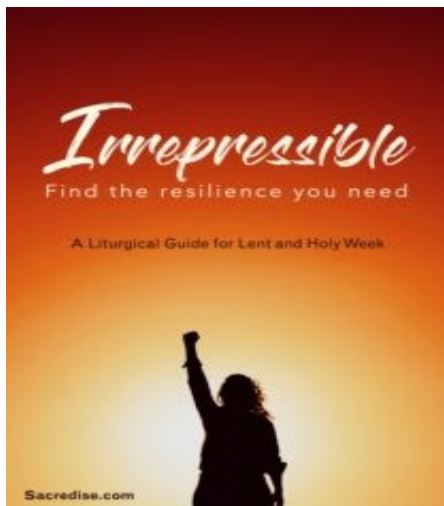
**Trait #2: Thriving congregations ask questions.** “Faith communities who are thriving are eager to ask questions. Questions draw out new and creative ideas. Thriving congregations know questions are invitations for the Spirit of God to move.” – Rev. Dr. Erin C. Cash, Lexington Theological Seminary



### March Worship

March 3	Irrepressible Grace	Luke 13:1-9
March 10	Irrepressible Love	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 17	Irrepressible Generosity	Luke 12:1-8
March 24	Palm Sunday Irrepressible Joy	Luke 19:28-40
March 29	Maundy Thursday (5:30PM) Irrepressible Light	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 31	Easter Sunday Irrepressible Life	Luke 24:1-12

(Note: Out of respect for those with allergies, we will not be requesting fresh lilies to adorn the sanctuary on Easter.  
Special thanks to Terry Plossl for silk arrangements for the chancel.)



### JOPLIN INTERFAITH COALITION



Locally-made sweets and savories from around the world!  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT BRIGHT FUTURES JOPLIN

**Saturday, March 2**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**1805 W. 32nd St., Joplin**



Reserve lunch tickets for  
homemade falafel or turkey  
sandwich and lentil or  
chicken noodle soup: \$12



In order to make this year's bake sale a great success we need (a lot of) baked goods donated, and people to come out for lunch. Then you can peruse and purchase the delicious sweet and savory items for sale. You can donate baked goods either Thursday February 29 or Friday March 1st, by bringing your delicious creations to our church office at 1910 S Wall between 10:00 am to 1:00 PM. Please list the ingredients for your donated items and have them securely wrapped. You may also bring your donated items to the Islamic Center at 1805 W 32nd St, between the hours of 8:30 - 9:30 AM on Saturday morning March 2, 2024. The Bake Sale will open at 10:00. Lunch tickets are available for purchase from Leanna Carrol and if you have questions, please call her at 417-529-2787.

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation has been exploring having a Faith Formation class at the same time as adult worship time instead of children's Sunday School at 9:30. **On Sundays when we have Worship and Wonder, the Faith Formation class would be for children in grades three through five. On Sundays when there is no Worship and Wonder, the class would be for ages three through fifth grade.** Children would remain with their parents in adult worship for the opening songs and prayers, leaving for the Faith Formation class after the choir anthem or after communion if communion is switched to precede the sermon. Because Peace Lutheran uses the room we use for Sunday School one Sunday each month, on that Sunday, children would remain in adult worship.

We have met with parents to explain that for this plan to work, we would need extra helpers/teachers. We received a positive response to this, but we would still need extra adults to volunteer probably once every two months. There are actually four needed positions: Storyteller and Greeter in Worship and Wonder, Teacher and Helper in Faith Formation. The Storyteller and Greeter positions require the most training. The material we are using for Faith Formation would be available for pre-study for the Teacher. The Helper would only need to be present without any previous preparation. Our Congregation has long been committed to ensuring our children know the Bible stories that are the foundation of our faith. If you can see your way clear to helping us fulfil that commitment in any of these positions, please speak to Karen Kemp (417-438-2384) or Darlene Coit (417-540-2750.)

## EVENTS/OTHER



### Easter Offering

We will receive The Easter Offering on March 24 and 31, which supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church

through Disciples Mission Fund. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Thank you for your generous contributions made through SJCC or our Givelify app.

### CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

**March Challenge is: Canned Tomato Products**

**Crosslines day for March 28**

**9:45 am - 2:00 pm.**

**New volunteers are always welcome!**



Do you enjoy the treats on Sunday morning at Fellowship time? Do you enjoy watching the children eagerly approaching the counter, wondering what treats await them that day? Have you shared treats lately? Treats don't have to

be fancy, or home made, just some cookies, or mini muffins, or pieces of sweet breads, or Rice Krispie treats, or something equally simple. Finger foods only, requiring only a napkin. Sign up sheet is in the narthex by the name tag table. Please share. Thanks!!

### Sabbatical Fundraiser

The Sabbatical Committee is putting together a silent auction to raise funds to supplement the anticipated expenses for our Senior Pastor's upcoming sabbatical (June 17 to September 10). Pastor Colleen will be offering a Murder Mystery Dinner at her home (Chinese food and role play for 6 guests). Do you have an event or item you would like to contribute to the auction? Please let any of our committee members know. If there are enough donations, we will have more than one silent auction. Members are Mike Fitterling, Daniell Sanders, Megan Bever, and Ellen Broglio.



David and Louis Nickols have moved! Their new address is 2315 Mississippi Ave., Joplin MO 64804.



**March 17 - Noon**

If your last name begins with:

C bring main dishes;

D-G, H-P and Q-W bring sides or salads; and

A-B bring desserts.

Although we normally have a breakfast for Easter, that will not be done this year. In keeping with our Green Chalice designation we encourage everyone to bring their own dinnerware.

Camps for the Christian Church of Mid-America have been scheduled as listed. For more information go to [www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer). SJCC provides scholarship assistance by request.

2024 Camp Dates			
<b>Faith Adventures</b> July 22- 26th - JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF Try It- July 25-26 <b>Regional Canoe Camp - TBA</b>	<b>Jo Ota</b> Try It Camp- June 7-8 CYF - July 7-13 Elem/Jr - July 15-19 Chi Rho - July 28-August 2 <b>Regional Young Adult</b> (18-24)- Eve of June 24- Morning 27th At Jo Ota	<b>North West</b> Chi Rho- June 29-July 3 CYF- July 6-11 123 Go- July 13-15 Junior - July 17-21 Combo (Junior & Chi Rho July 23-27	<b>Our Bodies Our Faith</b> July 28-August 2 at Camp MQVAL <b>Regional</b> Sons & Fathers Retreat Oct. 11-13 at Shannondale

### Won't You Be My Neighbor Day

March 20 is "Won't You Be My Neighbor Day." It was started as a way to spread love and kindness in honor of Mr. Rogers' birthday. Mr. Rogers left a legacy of helping children and their families believe "It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood. The Hopeful Neighborhood Project and partners at Missouri Extension invite you to celebrate making it a beautiful day in *your* neighborhood!

Go to <https://wontyoubemyneighbor.com> to download a sign to decorate and hang in your window (we will have copies at the church if you prefer);

- Watch the video to create your own version of the poster, or, to recreate it outside using sidewalk chalk;

Read the real-life lessons from a journalist who had a friendship with Mister Rogers;

Download a free family activity kit.

And/or:

Do something kind for a neighbor.

Make YOUR neighborhood more beautiful in any way you can.





### Prayer Requests

**Medical:**  
Brett McCreary (Cogbill); Pat Wolfenbarger

**Sympathy:**  
Betty McKelvey (Wheeler)

**Military:**  
Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; Gary Wald

**Ongoing:**  
Connie Abraham; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kattie Blankenship; Kellie Blanton (Davenport/Plossl); Dani Bowen (Meadows); Gloria Brady (Abraham); Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; 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; Betty Kemp; 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; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

**Other:**  
Peace in war-torn countries—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza

**Global Ministries Focus:**  
March 3: Egypt  
March 10: Japan  
March 17: Myanmar  
March 24: Cuba

### RESPONSIBILITIES

**Elders**  
March 3: Leanna Carrol  
March 10: Betsy Wheeler  
March 17: Ellen Broglio  
March 24: Margie Fitterling  
March 31: Jim Cullumber

**Diaconate**  
March 3: Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Carolyn Theil  
Homebound—Tom Wheeler  
March 10: Communion Prep—Jessica Fletcher-Fierro and Judy Akeman;  
Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger  
March 17: Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Susan Wolfenbarger;  
Homebound—Don Smith  
March 24: Communion Prep—Les Davenport and Terry Plossl;  
Homebound—Tom Hamm  
March 31: Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Sherry Crumbliss  
Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger

**Camera & Sound**  
March 3: Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser  
March 10: Sandy Meadows and Don Smith  
March 17: Judy Schneider and Darryl Coit  
March 24: (Palm Sunday) Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves  
March 29: (Maundy Thursday, 5:30 pm) Sandy Meadows and Ken Moser  
March 31: (Easter) Judy Schneider and Don Smith

**Sunday School (K thru 5)**  
March 3: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp  
March 10: Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze  
March 17: Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows  
March 24: Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp  
March 31: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp

**Children Worship & Wonder**  
March 3: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider  
March 10: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves  
March 17: Leanna Carrol and Alicia Ratliff  
March 24: No CW&W  
March 31: No CW&W

**Birthdays**  
2 Sandy Meadows  
7 Jessica Faucett  
13 Willa Randall  
14 Les Davenport  
20 Joe Prater  
22 Kathy Nicodemus

**Anniversaries**  
16 Tom Hamm and Colleen Carroll  
29 Kenton and Julia Foster





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Baked Goods to Church Office 10 am - 1 pm</b>	2 10:00 am — 1:00 pm Inter-faith Bake Sale and Lunch
3 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	4	5 <b>Pastor in St. Louis</b>	6 9:30 am— Noon CWF  6:30 pm Choir	7	8 2:00 pm town Hall on Aging (Sr. Ctr.)	9
10 <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Daylight Savings Begins</b> 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:15 am Children's Bells 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	11 <b>Board Reports Due</b>	12  6:30 pm Worship Team Mtg. (Umphenour/Theil Home)	13  6:30 pm Choir	14	15	16
17 <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	18 <b>Global Recycling Day</b>	19	20 <b>Won't You Be My Neighbor Day</b>  6:30 pm Choir	22	22	23
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	25	26	27  6:30 pm Choir	28 9:45 am — 2:00 pm Crosslines <b>Maundy Thursday- 5:30 pm Worship</b>	29	30
31 <b>Easter Sunday/ Trans Day of Visibility</b> 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection						

**All activities at Peace Lutheran Church**  
**unless specified otherwise.**