



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 #3: Thriving congregations collaborate. “Thriving congregations are not interested in who gets the credit. Congregations seeking to thrive are only interested in doing God’s work. They are eager to collaborate with other congregations, ministry partners, local agencies, and anyone doing the work of God.” – Rev. Dr. Erin C. Cash, Lexington Theological Seminary



April Worship – Easter and Earth

As we move into the season following Lent and Easter, we will continue reflecting on the outcome of the resurrection accounts and join congregations across the US who celebrate Earth Sunday on April 21. This year we have the privilege of hearing from our own Cyndi Cogbill on Earth Sunday. Cyndi brings a wealth of knowledge as well as passion for care of Creation and has agreed to bring the sermon to inspire our thoughts and actions. You won’t want to miss this one!

April 7 – John 20:19-31 “Our Twin”

April 14 – Luke 24:36-48 “New Life Ahead”

April 21 – Earth Sunday – Genesis 1:26 “Care for Your Gifts”

April 28 – John 15:1-8 “Bearing Fruit”



SJCC Sponsorship for Screening of “Cured”

Documentary

Our outreach team has invested \$100 to co-sponsor a documentary being brought to Joplin by Kansas City University Medical School on April 5 and 6. The film *Cured* “illuminates a pivotal yet largely unknown chapter in the struggle for LGBTQ equality: the campaign that led the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to remove the diagnosis of homosexuality from its manual of mental illnesses.” (cureddocumentary.com)

In acknowledging our support, KCU-Joplin stated that this sponsorship “empowers our students and community to understand the process of social change and the crucial role of allies, (...) ensuring our communities have talented health care professionals who are dedicated to improving the health of all whom they serve.”

The movie will show at Bookhouse Cinema (715 E. Broadway) on Friday, April 5 at 6:30PM and on Saturday, April 6 at 2PM with Q & A following each showing. Tickets are \$1 in advance for a reserved seat or free at the door.



Severe Weather Preparedness: Our Safety Team will be conducting a severe weather drill on Sunday, April 7 following our morning worship. Your cooperation with the drill is deeply appreciated, and is helpful to the team as well as your own safety should we ever need to follow procedures. Don Smith and Susan Wolfenbarger represent SJCC in collaborative safety measures with PLC.

EVENTS/OTHER

Bench Hunger A Rep Based Fitness Competition

**Saturday, April 6th
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**Body & Soul
Transformation Gym**
1703 Falcon St Suite C
Webb City, MO 64870

Entry fees: \$50 per adult
\$25 per child 13 & under.

All proceeds go to support
the work at Crosslines Ministries

Scan QR code to register!



Objective: Perform as many Bench Press and/or Squat reps as possible with the weight from the chart below.

Men	Age	Women
% of bodyweight to lift round to the nearest 5lb		% of bodyweight to lift round to the nearest 5lb
Push-Up / BW Squat	5-13	Push-Up / BW Squat
90%	14-19	50%
100%	20-29	55%
95%	30-39	60%
90%	40-49	50%
80%	50-59	40%
70%	60-69	30%
60%	70+	30%

Trophies awarded to the highest total in the men's and women's categories

CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

THANK YOU!

**Our March donations totaled
74 pounds (95 items)!**

Crosslines day is April 25

9:45 am - 2:00 pm.

New volunteers are always welcome!

In-person Board Meeting Scheduled

The SJCC board will meet in person on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30PM (PLC) to review recommendations from the Facilities Task Force as well as the Sabbatical Committee. Non board members are welcome and encouraged to attend to be informed on the relocation or sabbatical process.

Sabbatical Fundraiser

To supplement expenses for the sabbatical, we will be offering silent auctions on Facebook and through the church office on a monthly basis.

The first items or activities will be available in May. We are still soliciting donations, and ask for a written description as well as a photo and suggested minimum bid. Activities include a murder mystery dinner, self-portrait drawing tutorial, and a ladies' tea. Items thus far include photographic prints, wood-carvings, and jewelry. Contact Daniell Sanders, Megan Bever, Ellen Broglio or Mike Fitterling if you have other activities or items to donate.

Interfaith Bake Sale/Luncheon a Success

Thanks to the tireless efforts of countless individuals, the 2024 Interfaith Bake Sale and Luncheon raised an excess of \$15,000 for Bright Futures of Joplin! A check was presented to Director Amanda Stone at the Islamic Society of Joplin's Friendship Iftar meal on March 19. Just over \$11,000 was netted through the sale, and contributions were added to reach the \$15,000 goal. Again, we thank Leanna Carrol for coordinating our congregational contributions and volunteers, and to all who attended and purchased goods.

Tulsa Race Massacre Lecture April 29, 6:30PM

Philips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK will host a lecture by Dr. Tracey Hucks, "Religion, the Black Body, and Intimate Terror in Trinidad" to commemorate the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

Registration is available at ptstulsa.edu/lectures, and online access to recorded lectures from previous years is also available. PTS is one of our Disciples of Christ seminaries and our regional partner in theological higher education.

Adult Faith Formation (SS)

for April will use curriculum from Creation Justice Ministries to highlight earth stewardship utilizing curriculum from Creation Justice Ministries. Join us weekly at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



April 21 - Noon

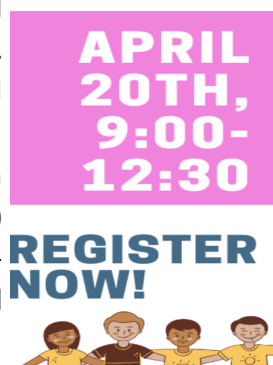


For April, if your last name begins with A-B bring main dishes; C, D-G, H-P, bring sides or salads; and Q-W bring desserts. In keeping with our Green Chalice designation we encourage everyone to bring their own dinnerware. We had 40 for Fellowship dinner in March.

Kids' Faith Adventure

Saturday, April 20 "Feathered Friends"

Our next Kids' Faith Adventure is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 to coincide with Earth Sunday. We will travel to Cyndi Cogbill's Pawpaw Patch Studio on Hwy 43 where she will teach us how to identify birds by their calls and give tips on helping our feathered friends to coexist in God's world. Bible story, crafts, snacks, and lunch will be provided as usual. Please register your children (ages Pre-K through 5th grade) on the church website and ensure that we have your annual permission form on file as well.



[HTTPS://SOUTHJOPLINDISCIPLINES.ORG](https://southjoplin-disciples.org)

Prayer Requests

Medical:
Lou Starks; Clem & Nancy Graham (Akeman)

Sympathy:
Pauline Quattlebaum (Reaves)

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; Pat Wolfenbarger; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Other:
Eboni Saba (Carrison); Peace in war-torn countries—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza; Haiti

Global Ministries Focus:
April 7 Lesotho
April 14 Puerto Rico
April 21 Lebanon/Syria
April 28 Korea



RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders
April 7: Patt Hinds
April 14: Mike Fitterling
April 21: Betsy Wheeler
April 28: Leanna Carrol

Diaconate
April 7: Communion Prep—Judy Akeman and Jessica Fletcher Fierro;
Homebound—Don Smith
April 14: Communion Prep—Carolyn Theil and Susan Wolfenbarger;
Homebound—Tom Hamm
April 21: Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Megan Bever;
Homebound—Tom Wheeler
April 28: Communion Prep—James Knutson and Sherry Crumbliss;
Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound
April 7: Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
April 14: Sandy Meadows and Don Smith
April 21: Judy Schneider and Darryl Coit
April 28: Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves

Sunday School (K thru 5)
April 7: Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze
April 14: Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows
April 21: Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp
April 28: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp

Children Worship & Wonder
April 7: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
April 14: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
April 21: TBT
April 28: No CW&W



- Birthdays**
- 1 Benjamin Delehanty
 - 4 Judy Schneider
 - 5 Lou Starks
 - 6 Pat Wolfenbarger
 - 8 Rachel Eckhardt
 - 9 Connie Abraham
 - 11 Lisa Wise
 - 15 Anita Frieze
 - 19 Becky Martino
 - 24 Cyndi Cogbill
 - 30 Jeanie Morrison

Anniversaries
None



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day	2 10:00 am Faith Formation Mtg. (SJCC Office)	3 9:30 am— Noon CWF 6:30 pm Choir	4	5 6:30 pm "Cured" (Book house)	6 2:00 pm Cured" (Bookhouse) 2:00 pm Bench Hunger (Body & Soul Transformation)
7 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon - Tornado Drill 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	8 Board Reports Due	9 6:30 pm In-Person Board Mtg.	10 6:30 pm Choir	11 10:00 am PLC/SJCC Worship Mtg.	12	13
14 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	15	16	17 6:30 pm Choir	18 8:30 am Snack Pack	19	20 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Kids Faith Adventure
21 Earth Sunday 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	22 Earth Day	23	24 6:30 pm Choir	25 9:45 am - 2:00 pm Crosslines	26	27
28 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	29 6:30 Tulsa Race Lecture (Tulsa)	30				

All activities at Peace Lutheran Church
unless specified otherwise.