July/August 2026

Campus Sojourner

Our Student Ministry Team Invites Everyone to the

ICE CREAM PARTY!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:00-8:00 PM

AT CAMPUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Back to school days are here, and what better way to celebrate the return on our students, scholars and international friends than with our own fun-packed *ice cream party!* Stop by for ice cream, and lots of friendly fellowship.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of Christ, join together monthly for fellowship, service and study. Contact Pastor Lanning for details: james.lanning@campuslutheran.org

BACKPACK BLESSING

It's back-to-school time! **On Sunday, August 23rd**, there will be a special blessing of all school-aged children and their backpacks during each of the worship services.

So, bring your backpack. During each service, children will come forward for a special message and blessing.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday
8:30 am First Service
9:45 am Education Hour
11:00 am Second Service

Monday
2:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm QuarterLife
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday
10:00 am Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Friends in Faith

Wednesday
10:00 am Sonshine Ladies Bible Study
3:00 pm Monthly Mid-Week Communion Service (2nd Wednesday)
5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
8:00 pm Online Prayer Group

Thursday
7:00 am Early Thursday Morning Bible Study:2nd & 4th Thursdays (In-person & Zoom Meeting)

Friday
Pastor Kent's Day Off
10:00 am American English for You

LAURA GIBSON'S CONSECRATION

Living and Sharing the Transforming Love of Christ

Pastor's Corner

Looking Ahead: A New Season of Grace and Growth

A new school year always brings fresh energy to Campus Lutheran Church.

As students return to Columbia and new faces arrive on campus, God once again gives us opportunities to welcome people into a community centered on Christ. Every August reminds us that He continues to gather people with unique stories, gifts, and questions—and invites us to walk alongside them in faith.

We're especially excited to welcome several new members to our ministry staff this fall. Laura Gibson joins us as Director of Christian Education Intern. Brennen Pierce and Emma Roeglin will serve as Student Workers, helping build relationships with our college students. We're also delighted to officially welcome Hannah Nacarato as our new Choir Director, leading us in worship through music.

Our ministry year begins with one of our favorite traditions: the congregation-wide **Ice Cream Party** on **Saturday, August 22, at 6:00 p.m.** It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome new and returning students, reconnect with friends, and extend the hospitality that has long defined our congregation.

On September 20th, we'll begin a new five week worship series, *Household of Faith*, exploring how Christ forms us into His family and strengthens us to live together as His people.

As we begin this new ministry year, we do so with confidence in God's promise: *"I will gather still others"* (Isaiah 56:8). We pray that every person who walks through our doors will experience not only a warm welcome, but the gracious welcome of Christ Himself.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Your prayers, encouragement, and faithful service help make Campus Lutheran Church a place where people are connected to Jesus and equipped to worship God and serve others in His love.

We're excited to see what God has in store for this new year together.

Serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Kent

Pastor Kent Pierce

New Fall Worship Series

HOUSEHOLD of FAITH

Beginning **September 20**, join us for **Household of Faith**, a five-week worship series exploring how Christ builds our homes, families, and relationships through His Word, grace, and forgiveness. Whether you're a student, parent, single, or empty nester, discover what it means to live as part of God's household.

To deepen the experience, **free small group study resources** will be available for download at campuslutheran.org/smallgroups. We encourage our existing small groups to journey through the series together, and we hope many new groups will take this opportunity to form. There's a place for everyone around God's Word.

Junior Confirmation Enrollment

2026-27 School Year

Our 2026–27 Jr. Confirmation instruction year begins August 30 at 4:00 p.m. Parents and students will attend the first session together. Jr. Confirmation is a three-year program for students in grades 6–8. New and returning students are asked to register by clicking the link below and completing the registration form. Students who do not already have a copy of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017 Edition) may purchase one from the church for $16.

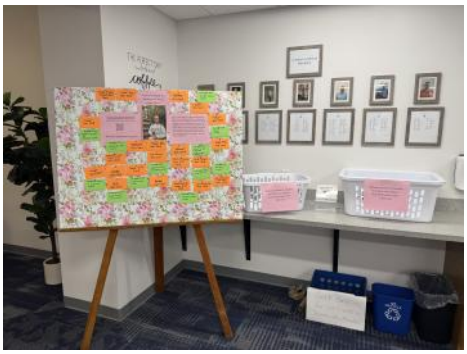
campuslutheran.org/confirmation

WELCOME LAURA GIBSON—DCE INTERN

Hello! My name is Laura Gibson, and I have been placed here at Campus Lutheran to serve as the Developer of Family Life Ministry DCE Intern. I graduated from Concordia Irvine with my degree in Theological Studies: Christian Leadership within the Director of Christian Education Program. During my time at CUI, I served at 5 different congregations between fieldwork and summer internships in California and the State of Washington. In my free time, I love exploring nature, going line dancing, playing my guitar, and crocheting. I am so excited to be here and begin learning all about Campus and all about the people who call this congregation home. Please feel free to stop by and see me in the office Monday – Wednesday, or Friday during office hours!

I want to also say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who helped set up my apartment – especially to Sarah Pellis and Deb Linneman for organizing the whole thing. The gift cards and goodies were and are greatly appreciated. I truly felt welcomed into my new community and family here at Campus. An additional thank you to those who assisted with the Potluck on Sunday, July 12th. It was absolutely amazing and another small thing that made me feel so welcome. My parents greatly appreciated everything as well, and they feel much better about leaving me here in Columbia, Missouri as they know there are people here who will love and support me.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items and gift cards for Laura's Welcome Shower. Your participation was fantastic and so appreciated. Laura and her parents were surprised upon arrival at her new apartment with your generous donations to help get her started here Columbia. ~ Sarah & Deb



A NEW OPPORTUNITY…

Dear Campus Lutheran Family,

I am writing today to share a new opportunity that has come my way.

I have been accepted into the Executive Coaching and Consulting (EXCC) program at the Townsend Institute for Leadership and Counseling at Concordia University Irvine. This program is unlike most others in the country. While coaching and leadership degrees are becoming more common, very few are built on a foundation that intentionally integrates Christian faith, emotional and relational healing, and evidence-based coaching practices. The Townsend Institute stands in a unique space, forming leaders not only in what they do, but in who they are.

At the heart of the program is a commitment to transformation. Rooted in biblical principles and aligned with the highest standards of the coaching profession (including the International Coaching Federation), the EXCC program equips students to walk alongside others in growth, healing, and purpose. It is not simply about gaining skills, but about being formed into a person who can carry responsibility for others' lives with integrity, humility, and spiritual maturity.

The faculty reflect this same depth and calling. Led by Dr. John Townsend, a Christian psychologist and leader known for his work in character development and relational health, the program brings together practitioners who are actively engaged in ministry, leadership, and the care of others. Their influence extends globally, yet their focus remains deeply personal—helping people grow into the fullness of who God created them to be.
I sense a clear invitation from God to step into this training, not only for my own growth, but for the sake of those I will be called to serve. Whether in ministry, leadership development, or walking alongside individuals in seasons of challenge and transition, I desire to be better equipped to bring truth, grace, and transformation into people's lives.

As I take this step of faith, I am seeking partners who feel led to support this journey. This includes both prayer and financial support, as the cost of the program is significant. I do not see this as a solo endeavor, but as a shared investment in the work God will do through this training in the lives of others. I believe this program will give me a path to serve Campus Lutheran in a very different way. I will have new skills to work on church projects and goals. I will be able to work with church leadership to assist CLC in reaching specific benchmarks on our strategic plans by providing specific processes and frameworks to attain those goals.

If you feel led to partner with me, I would be deeply grateful. I would also welcome the opportunity to share more about what I am learning and how it can serve our broader community.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and discernment.

With gratitude in Christ,

Sarah Pellis

Support Sarah financially by providing tuition assistance through the Campus Lutheran Benevolence Fund.

THRIVENT CAUSE KITS

WANT TO SAVE A LIFE?
Or help a child succeed in school? Sometimes the smallest things have the biggest impacts!

Thrivent is offering its members an exciting service opportunity, which will make that big impact around the world. They'll send each member one free "Cause Kit" which will contain the makings for either 3 personal water filters or 3 small solar-powered light packs. The kits come with all the parts to be assembled (pretty easy), complete step-by-step instructions, and a return mailing label.

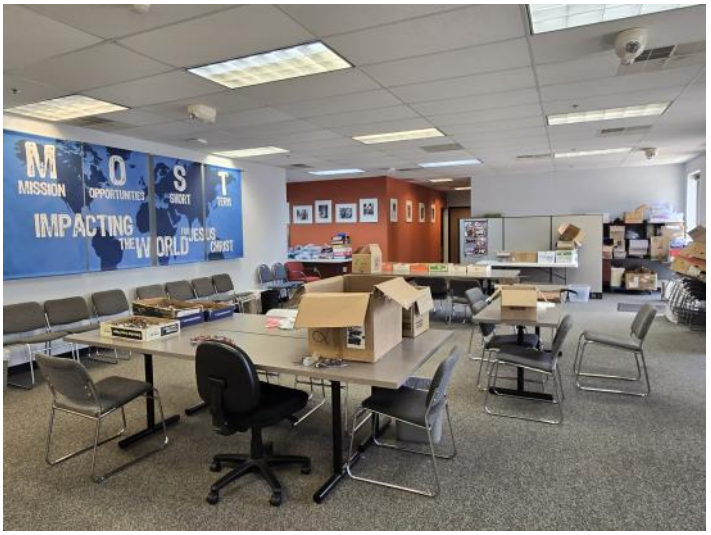
Do you have a Thrivent policy or investment of any kind? If so, we'd like to ask you to order your kit, bring it (unassembled and complete in its box as it arrives) to church, and then in the fall we'll have a big Assembly Party to put them together and get them mailed back. Our LWML/Dorcas Group is interested in partnering with the students to do this, and more info will come soon.

To get your "Cause Kit", call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and tell them you'd like to order either the water filter or Solar Buddy light kit. Give them your Thrivent ID number (found on your policy, or call your Thrivent rep to ask for it) and your kit will arrive in about a week. Please keep everything (especially the return label) in the original box and bring it to church for the later Assembly Party. Thanks for sharing the precious gifts of light and clean water with our brothers and sisters around the world!

MOST Ministries

In 2017 a team of Campus members went to Belize to do Eyeglass Clinics with MOST Ministries. There were plans to do another mission trip in 2020 but as we all remember everything like that was cancelled and Campus had not scheduled another mission trip of this kind. There were four boxes of eyeglasses from MOST in storage at Campus. The boxes of glasses were returned to the home office in Ann Arbor, Michigan in July of this year. The MOST staff were so excited and grateful to get the eyeglasses since they were ready for a team to take and a team was leaving later that week that needed certain strengths of glasses. The need was met by what we returned to them! We also delivered two boxes of eyeglasses our church had collected over the past year. Collecting eyeglasses at Campus is an ongoing project. MOST will accept any eyeglasses and sunglasses and soft eyeglass cases. While at the office we were given a tour of their facility and how they process the eyeglasses. It was fun to see a picture of our team from 2017 included on a poster in their office. We also helped sort two boxes of eyeglasses - the first step before the glasses go on to be washed, checked for strength, labeled, packaged and then stored until they go out with a mission team. Thank you for continuing to donate your eyeglasses and sunglasses. The collection box is in the south egress.

Lugine and Ron Hein



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry team hosted a summer social event on June 24 which was a fun time for fellowship, appetizers and mocktails. Thanks to many who took time out of their busy summer schedules to join us! Other women groups at church attended dinner and a play at Maplewood Barn Community Theatre in June while others have been to Branson to attend David at the Sight & Sound Theater. There are many opportunities to enjoy time together and we look forward to hosting a fall event on Wednesday, October 14 in the Community Life Center. Mark your calendars and look for more details to come soon!

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS - SARAH PELLIS

Circle of Friends continues to meet monthly at CLC. Over the last year, we have 3 new people who now join us on a regular basis. We are averaging 10-12 folks per month at our gatherings I am planning a Volunteer Appreciation lunch in October. CLC has been hosting Circle of Friends for almost 20 years. If you have ever volunteered in any capacity, please reach out to me so that I am sure to include you on our guest list. Thank you to the congregation for the continued support of Circle of Friends, our Lutheran Blind Ministry—Sarah Pellis

NEWS AND NOTES—Announcements of Interest

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival on October 24th!

The planning has begun for our 6th annual Fall Festival & Dinner! We'll again enjoy an evening German Bratwurst meal with all the fixings, following an all-day craft bazaar. This year's funds have been designated for Columbia Women's Ministry, a local volunteer agency that provides free peer counseling, Christian guidance, and a listening ear to women in need of spiritual, mental, and emotional healing. You can help this event succeed by preparing and donating handcrafted items for the sale, volunteering your time and talents at the bazaar and in the kitchen, and attending on October 24th. Please join the fun!

DORCAS GUILD BINGO NIGHT

Come join us **Friday September 25th at 6:30 pm** for a fun filled evening of fellowship and BINGO! Dorcas Guild will be providing all the supplies, you just need to bring your BINGO voice! Hope to see you there.

While the Sonshine Ladies Bible Study group took the summer off, Peggy Young taught some of the ladies how to play Mahjong.

Working on the speaker.

International Ministry - Beth Greimann

Sergio Olmos and Beth Greimann attended the international Student Ministry Conference in Ann Arbor Michigan over the last weekend of May. This 3 day event was hosted by University Lutheran Chapel which has a very similar ministry as Campus Lutheran. ULC renovated their old basement and put in a coffee house called The Common Ground.

Sergio found a great group before the conference even started and they immediately started getting each other's contact information.

Sergio was Plenary speaker on the topic of helping International Students when they experience trauma. He did a great job! Beth had a breakout session on building friendships and a plenary session on Saturday on using Gateway Opportunities as Pathways to ministry.

We were treated to a HotPot dinner with an international Student from the local ministry sharing their food culture.

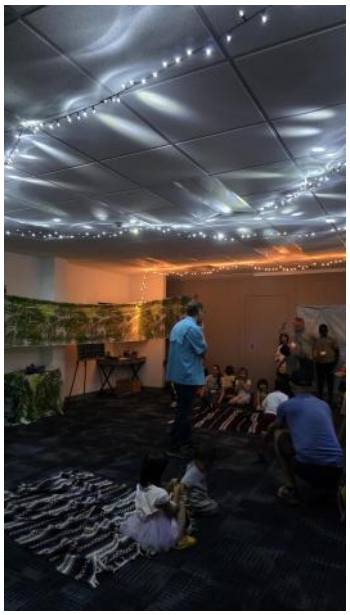
Pentecost

International friends from Mexico, Brazil, and Kenya helped bring the Pentecost text to life at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO. Presenting the text of Acts Chapter 2 as a dramatic reading with a narrator, Peter and group reading. Then speaking verses 38 and 39 in their own language giving the congregation a better appreciation of what the first Pentecost might have been like to hear so many languages spoken and telling so many from all over the world about Jesus.

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

45 adult volunteers + 45 children + 12 teen volunteers = A successful VBS! Exploring Rainforest Falls and learning about God's Nature was a weekend of fun and excitement!

Our new T-Shirts were designed by Annaleigh Lohman and are a great way to promote our faith and shared ministry with Good Shepherd, Centralia. 10 member kids brought 10 friends and 22 international friends joined in making it a time to learn and share our faith!



RAINFOREST FALLS

Be in my life

in my life

Alaska Mission Team Commissioning

Alaska Mission Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY MORNINGS AND MORE

Elders' Prayers:

July 18: Connor & Heidi **KRIETE**; Ella **KRUSE**; Mark & Kristy **KRUSE**; John & Darlene **KRUSE**; Morgan **KRUSE**; Bayliee & Ryan **KULESA**; Kaitlyn **LAURENTIUS**; Roberta **LEE**; Deanna **LEIMBACH**; Jeff, Laura, Lilly & Rose **LENTZ**; Pat **LIEURANCE**; Luke **LILIENKAMP**; Paul & Joy **LILIENKAMP**; Lynn **LIMBACK**; Dale & Deb **LINNEMAN**; Shirley **LITTELL**; Sam & Kate **LOHMAN**; Chris, Mary Ellen, Annaleigh & Lydia **LOHMANN**

August 15: David **MANZ**; Katherine & Rian **MARKES**; Pamela **MATHEWS**; Zane **MCADAMS**; Zachary, Allison & Graham **MCADAMS**; Troy & April **MCADAMS**; Robert **MEYER**; Margie **MITCHELL**; Linda & Lance **MOAT**; Noah **MOAT**; Tom **MOE**; Corey **MOENTMANN**; David **MOENTMANN**; Eva **MOENTMANN**; Greg **MORGAN**; Curt & Paula **MORGRET**; Bethany, Robert & Amelia **MOSELEY**; Seth **MUEHLER**; Dani **MYERS**

Happy Birthday!

July:

1 - Nina Nygren
2 - Keith Kenter, Reagan Schultz, Elvis Mutiso
3 - Bethany Moseley
4 - Kerry Hoffman
5 - Noah Sill
6 - Curtis Nelson
7 - Jordan Pruis
8 - Darlene Bachmann
10 - Sandra Brumm, Eric Kincanon
11 - Yvonne Warner, Rosa Koch, Tim Giboney
12 - Lilly Lentz, Joel Pruis, John Brumm, Ashley Schultz, April Sarff, Christian Nelson
13 - Jim George
14 - Ryann Bartels
16 - Paul Young
17 - Madison Schultz
22 - Amanda Bell
27 - Gina Pruis
28 - Levi Vaughn, Everett Terhune
30 - Linda Heermann
31 - Mark Kruse

August:

3 - Sergio Olmos
6 - Greg Morgan
8 - Maxwell Bartels, Kent Pierce
11 - Chris Vaughn, Laurie Wallace, Emilia Trickey
12 - Jeanine Davison
13 - Abner Brito
17 - Carrie Peiter
18 - Brandon Duque
20 - Madison Constance, Erik Slatinsky
24 - Lance Moat, Heidi Kriete
25 - Kellen Reynolds
26 - Scott Wallace
29 - Helen Pelousky
30 - Landon Burgher, Tom Moe

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July:

Jane Terhune, Everett Terhune, Darlene Bachmann, Ruth Kincanon, Audrey Harned, Linda Duffen, Kerry Hoffman, Iris Zachary, Kate Lohman, Dayna Baldwin, Sam Koenig, Karen Nowicki, Noah Sill, Abraham Zachary, William Reynolds, Adam Woodall, Colton McCloud, Bayliee Kulesa

August:

Eric Kincanon, Sandra Brumm, John Stecker, Mark Kruse, Joel Pruis, Chris Vaughn, Karen Huggins, Vicki Smith, Bethany Moseley, Blake Trickey, Emily Zimmerschied, Amy Zimmerschied, Logan Huggins, Levi Vaughn, Xavier Brown, Vivian Brown

Wedding Anniversaries

July:

Michael & Christa Nebel celebrate 6 years on July 18
Chris & Mary Ellen Lohmann celebrate 14 years on July 14
Caleb & Katie Brown celebrate 20 years on July 1
Mark & Kristy Kruse celebrate 24 years on July 21
Rob & Chris Vaughn celebrate 31 years on July 29
Rosa & Del Koch celebrate 42 years on July 21
Ron & Lugine Hein celebrate 48 years on July 8
Ev & Joy Adam celebrate 64 years on July 14

August:

Noah & Elizabeth Novak celebrate 1 year on August 9
Jacob & Heather Vaughn celebrate 5 years on August 28
Blake & Emilia Trickey celebrate 5 years on August 7
Jay & Sarah Pellis celebrate 13 years on August 31
Kent & Jen Pierce celebrate 32 years on August 6
John & Darlene Kruse celebrate 36 years on August 25
Tim & Linda Duffen celebrate 38 years on August 20
John & Julie Zimmerschied celebrate 39 years on August 8
Scott & Laurie Wallace celebrate 40 years on August 19
Linda & Lance Moat celebrate 40 years on August 2
Dale & Deb Linneman celebrate 41 years on August 3
John & Gail Sponaugle celebrate 50 years on August 21
Art & Deb Simmons celebrate 55 years on August 14
Kerry & Linda Hoffman celebrate 56 years on August 15
Barry & Kay Steevens celebrate 59 years on August 12
Wayne & Linda Porath celebrate 62 years on August 29

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