



October/November 2020

Campus Sojourner



Join us in congratulating Ashtyn Howard on her confirmation! Ashtyn will be confirmed on October 18th at 10:30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Warrensburg, MO. She completed her confirmation this summer at her home church and is an active member of the Gathering. Ashtyn is a Sophomore at Mizzou studying Biological Sciences. She also serves at the Student Ministry Liaison on the Lutheran Student Fellowship Board.



Our Congregational Meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on Sunday, November 8th @ 1:00 pm via Zoom.



Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be an **Online Only** service at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, November 25th.**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Student Lunch

Monday

9:00 am Asian Affairs Class
7:00 pm College Women's Bible Study

Tuesday

8:30 am Staff Meeting
9:00 am Asian Affairs Class

Wednesday

5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
6:00 pm MizzouRec Bible Study
7:30 pm Joining Jesus Study (Zoom Mtg)
8:30 pm The Gathering

Thursday

Craig Busseau's Day Off
7:00 am Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays (Zoom Meeting)
9:00 am Asian Affairs Class
10:00 am "Son"shine Ladies Bible Study (Zoom Meeting)
7:00 pm GIFT Joining Jesus Bible Study
7:00 pm Girls Youth Bible Study

Friday

Pastor Kent's Day Off
9:00 am Asian Affairs Class
10:00 am American English for Internationals (Zoom Meeting)

Confirmation Sunday





Pastor's Corner—“Onward!”

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

— John 13:35

On September 27th our congregation adopted a new 3-year ministry plan called: *Onward in Christ's Transforming Love*. Our *Onward* plan provides a high level view of the direction for our future. The document that was adopted is a guide that will help us prioritize ministry initiatives *and* remain faithful to our mission of “living and sharing the transforming love of Christ,” and our vision of being a “center for making disciples from all nations in this generation and he next.” While there are many important ongoing facets to our life together as a congregation, during the next three years we will be especially focused on strengthening relationships, strengthening communication, and redefining our governance structure. Along the way, we will be gathering together around God's Word and Sacrament, celebrating God's grace in our lives, encouraging one another, serving our neighbors, and praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

During the months of October and November there will be a six week worship and small group study series that is built around the theme verse of our new ministry plan. In John 13:35 Jesus says: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” How do we do our very best at loving one another? What does being a disciple of Jesus look like for me? In my everyday life? Our series, *Discipleship 1335*, will help us answer these questions. There's even a companion book and study guide that you can use to grow deeper in your understanding of discipleship. The book, by Greg Finke, is titled: *Joining Jesus—Show Me How* and is available at the church office for \$12. I'd encourage you to pick up a copy and ask a friend, or spouse, or group of friends to join you in the book study. Socially distanced meeting spaces can be reserved at church, or you can request a Zoom meeting link for your group.

As we move into the future, following our Lord Jesus Christ, I encourage all of you to participate in our mission together: Pray. Volunteer. Encourage those who serve. Invite others. Ask questions and share your ideas with our church leaders. Attend our **Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m.**

+Serving Jesus with you+

Pastor Kent

Thank You!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of Campus Lutheran for providing me with a ministry sabbatical this past summer. While my original plans to serve with Alaska Mission for Christ were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I was still able to enjoy a time of renewal. I am very blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation!

Pastor Kent



Discipleship and Family Life Ministry

Bridges

Think about what bridges do for us? The Oxford dictionary states that ‘they carry a road, path, railroad, or canal across a river, ravine, road, railroad or other obstacle’. The word obstacles can be a catch-all term for dangers – some are natural, others are created by people.

According to Wikipedia, the Arkadiko Bridge in southern Greece, was built in the 13th century BC and is still in use today. (By the way, I used to tell my students that Wikipedia was not an acceptable source of information).

I recall one day sitting in the shoe department at Macy’s. Some of us remember that we used to have one of their stores. I was particularly interested with one picture hanging on the wall. It showed an older railroad bridge spanning a low spot of ground alongside a river, that I presume would occasionally flood. Above that bridge there was another; a newer highway bridge which crosses over both the river and the railroad track.

Later, when our Macy’s was selling off everything in the building, we checked out the sales a few times, purchasing articles of clothing, small appliances, bedding ... and a \$3 picture of 2 bridges. My initial purpose for the picture was to use it as a prop for a science lesson on bridges. Boxes of drinking straws and straight pins filled two hours of class time one day when the weather was inclement. I still like the picture. Perhaps it has another meaning.

So, what does the Bible tell us about bridges? The simple answer is ... Nothing! My “New Bible Dictionary” (from 1962) indicates that no verses in the Bible actually use the word ‘bridge’. But I did not stop my quest there. A not-very-exhaustive search of the internet yielded a list of ‘37 Bible verses about bridges,’ and another list of 58. I suppose you could call this poetic license on the part of the list-makers, but the concept of a bridge is there. I have included three of the ‘concept-verses’ in this message.

- Luke 16:26 tells us, “And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.”

My most uncomfortable bridge experience was riding a train that was wider than the bridge supporting it. The bridge seemed to disappear while traversing a great chasm. Needless to say, the bridge did its job even though we could no longer see it.

- In 1 Timothy 2:5 we are told, “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

Sin is our ultimate obstacle. It messes up our relationships with other people and with the Lord Himself. We need someone to design and provide a bridge to take us from where we are to where God wants us to be. We need a structural engineer; Paul uses the word mediator, to get us to the other side of that great chasm.

- And in John 14:6, Jesus said to Thomas and the other disciples, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus is more than our engineer who designed the bridge; Jesus is the bridge Himself.

Craig Barss

Student Ministry



By Carolyn Faber

Right now certainly seems to be the strangest time to return back to school. Classes have commenced, but a good portion of them are behind a screen. The dining halls and student center that was once a meeting place for friends to get together to work and study has now been stripped to aisles of single chairs, chained to a single table. Dining room tables, living room couches and bedrooms have been transformed into the current learning space.

It's a strange time to be returning to school, but it's a natural time to be returning to a college ministry. Coming back to God's house is in many ways one of the most normal thing that remains at the time.

In a time that is very isolating, students are seeking a sense of community. In a world of chaos and uncertainty, gathering around God's word is what the students here are clinging to. Even though our Wednesday nights look different with the addition of masks and the enforcement of social distancing, it in many ways feels no different. The smiles here are the same. The support and love that students so freely give to others even feels stronger.

In the few weeks that we have been back in classes, I have watched as students face numerous struggles in their own lives- an overwhelming class load, the death of family members, being laid off, roommate troubles and sickness, but yet show up each week to worship together as a community. The endurance that the students here have is incredible.

It's a strange time to be going back to school, but it's not just a time to "get through." The changes of life right now have offered unique opportunities to serve. Recorded services have allowed our students who go home over the summer to tune in with the church every Sunday. The move of classes from in-person to online has allowed for more flexibility in time, allowing schedules to be freed up for The Gathering. The pandemic has also made everyone a little more empathetic to those enduring sickness and struggles. This is a strange year, but it is a year of growth.

This year the community offered at a campus ministry is desperately needed. I look at our present moment and current situation and see how it is preparing us for the future. No matter what the future at The Gathering looks like, I know that it is permanently being shaped by the actions of today. I am continually inspired by the work that God and the students here are doing right now, even through these strange times.



Why is Campus putting an emphasis on small groups?

Small groups are meant to be a point of connection with each other, with Jesus, and with the church. Each of our small groups will have a facilitator who will be helping with the mission and ministry of the church. According to Acts 2:42-47,

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (ESV)

The gatherings of people in the early church took place for teaching (study), fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, developing community, helping those who were in need, spreading the word of God to others, and praising our Lord. They were small groups. When the Spirit came upon the people, transformation happened. This group became one in Christ. After this event these small groups continued to meet together in the Jerusalem temple and a Missional Community group grew daily. At Campus Lutheran, we are seeking to become a congregation of small groups who function like the disciples in Acts 2.

Why call them Thirteen Thirty-Five Groups?

The Scriptures indicate that the Christian life is to be lived out and shared in community with other believers. The Apostle John writes in John 13:35,

By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. (ESV)

We chose the name Thirteen Thirty-Five to remind all of us of this very important teaching of Jesus. Within this community, we are instructed to encourage one another, serve one another, rejoice and weep with one another, correct, instruct, build up, accept and love one another. These groups in community provide a wonderful context to facilitate involvement in one another’s lives, so let’s call them Thirteen Thirty-Five Groups. As the writer to the Hebrews tells us in 10:24-25:

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

At Campus Lutheran Church, I hope and pray that our Thirteen Thirty-Five Group ministry will be one of the significant ways that we may grow as a community of believers.

DCE Craig



MISSIONARY NEWS

Dear friends in Christ,

Two years ago, our family landed in Puerto Rico for the first time. Truly God has gone before us and been with us while we have worked on this very special island. You have rejoiced with us as God blessed our work, and you have prayed to Him on our behalf in times of trouble. You have supported us throughout this journey, and for that we thank you for your sincere love in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

On August 2, 2020, Anthony received a Call from Grace Lutheran Church in Henderson, Nev., to serve as sole pastor. This is the congregation where Anthony did his vicarage in 2016-2017. They have been vacant for nearly a year following the retirement of Pastor Doug Barnett, who was Anthony's vicarage supervisor. After two weeks of praying, consulting others, much conversation and even some tears, Anthony accepted the Call to Grace on August 16.

While we are very excited to serve the saints at Grace and live closer to family, it is difficult to say goodbye to Puerto Rico and the mission field. We have been so blessed to work with amazing missionaries in the Latin America Region and to serve the saints in Puerto Rico. We have learned a lot and met people who are now near and dear to us. It was our intention to stay longer, but we believe God calls people out of foreign mission service in the same way He calls people to it. We pray that He will continue to provide workers for the harvest fields in Puerto Rico and around the world.

We are so grateful to you, our supporters, for your faithful prayers, encouraging emails, gifts, cards and financial support that made our mission service both in Peru and Puerto Rico possible. Many of you began supporting Anthony over 12 years ago or Jamie over 10 years ago when we first moved to Peru as single missionaries. You watched as we were wed and have seen our family grow by four children. We have been so humbled by your interest in and support of our work and family over these years. It has truly been a little glimpse of heaven as we've experienced the love and support of people from around the country. It seems like the more our network grows, the smaller our Lutheran world gets. How amazing it will be when we are all together rejoicing in heaven along with those who heard His Word and believed as a result of the mission work you helped facilitate in Peru and Puerto Rico!

We leave Puerto Rico trusting in God's promise that our work in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58) and that His Word does not go out empty (Isaiah 55). Good work was done these last two years as Anthony faithfully preached and taught the Gospel to both congregations on the island, new members were baptized and confirmed, we brought help and hope to those hurting following the string of earthquakes near Ponce last January, and we helped launch the work of Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (The Lutheran Hour) in Puerto Rico, among other things.

We leave the mission in the very capable hands of seven missionaries, including two pastors, one deaconess and one deaconess intern, along with the lay leaders already in place. We are grateful for the ongoing service of these excellent missionaries, because the dear people in Puerto Rico truly need the strengthening in the Word that they will bring. Please continue to support these missionaries and those serving in other parts of the world.

If you have been supporting us as your missionaries and would like to continue supporting the spread of the

Gospel around the world, please contact Julie Loehring, Together in Mission (TIM) coordinator, or Michelle Beckmann, Mission Senders coordinator, at 888- 930-4438 to discuss options for transferring your support. If you give through Mission Central, you can contact Gary Thies or the Rev. Dr. Brent Smith at 712-882-1029. Also, please join us in continuing to pray for the mission efforts in Puerto Rico.

Again, we praise God for you and the work we did together in God's kingdom in Puerto Rico, and we thank you for your ongoing prayers as we begin a new chapter of service in God's kingdom at Grace Lutheran Church in Henderson.

In Christ,

Rev. Anthony, Jamie, Eliana, Gabriella, Lucas and Joseph DiLiberto LCMS Missionaries to Puerto Rico

DORCAS GUILD



Newest Dorcas Guild member—Katherine Kadlec sewing masks.



Dorcas Guild members volunteered their time, money and materials to make masks for student and other in the church and community.

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM - DEANNA LEIMBACH

Back to School Activities



Morgan Jennings & Josh McDowell serving Ice Cream at the Ice Cream Extravaganza



Student Leaders of the Gathering



Nick Winkelman & Trenton Burns at the Church Picnic.



Socially distanced worship at the Gathering



Noah Novak, Morgan Jennings & Ashtyn Howard talking to Mizzou students in Speaker's Circle



Socially distanced speed intros at our first Gathering of the year



Congratulations 2020-2021 LSF Officers

President: **Carolyn Faber**
 Vice President: **Caroline Kelly**
 Treasurer: **Joshua McDowell**
 Secretary: **Riley Vogler**
 Student Ministry Team Liaison: **Ashtyn Howard**
 Faculty/Staff Advisor: **Laura Roth** rothle@health.missouri.edu



Some of our Gathering Students did a service event at Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home. On the morning of Saturday, September 19th, they played outdoor games with the children that live at the home.



THE GATHERING

The Gathering

The Gathering is a weekly Bible study for college aged students which focuses on equipping students with biblical truths, and providing an environment for authentic Christian relationships with peers.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 8:30-10:00pm

Audience: College Student Ministry

Location: Community Life Center

How To Connect

OrgSync - <https://orgsync.com/47114/chapter>



LSF Mizzou



gathering.com



† Elders' Prayers:

OCTOBER 17 - Caelan **MORGRET**; Curt & Paula **MORGRET**; Kelsey **MORGRET**; Blair & Katherine **MUSBACH**; Hannah & Matt **NACARATO**; Carol & Frank **NACARATO**; Curtis, Theresa & Christian **NELSON**; Noah **NOVAK**; Rusty & Vicky **OLSON**; Mary **OLSON**; Adam, Shannon, Clay & Chloe **PATTERSON**; Sharon **PEIRCE**; Carrie **PEITER**; Jay & Sarah **PELLIS**; Helen **PELOUSKY**; Cory, Kara, Gavin & Molly Claire **PENNINGTON**; Kent, Jen, Norah & Brennen **PIERCE**; Emma **PIERCE**; Wayne & Linda **PORATH**

NOVEMBER 21 - Dennis **REITH**; Tonya, Kevin, William & Kellen **REYNOLDS**; Matthew **RHODES**; Brian, Becky & Colin **ROSS**; Kate **ROSS**; Lydia & Kevin **ROSS**; Barron, Laura, Ainsley, Beckett & Graham **ROTH**; Emma **ROTH**; Pat **SALANE**; Marian **SAPP**; Phil, April, Hailey & Alivia **SARFF**; Dan & Kathy **SCHOENHERR**; Thomas, Sarah, William & Elizabeth **SENER**; Jim & Sheilah **SHARON**; Tracy & Noah **SILL**; Art & Deb **SIMMONS**; Rachel **SKRABAL**; Erik & Melissa **SLATINSKY**; Vicki **SMITH**; John & Gail **SPONAUGLE**; John **STECKER**; Barry & Kay **STEEVENS**; Ilze **STRAUMANIS**; Betty **STUENKEL**; Mary **SUITS**; Tim **SULLIVAN**; Alan, LaDonna & Luke **TELLE**; Clara **TELLE**; Jane & Everett **TERHUNE**

Happy Birthday!

October:

- 1 - Rose Ward
- 5 - Deb Simmons, Amy Zimmerschied
- 6 - Dennis Bogle,
- 7 - Allen Huggins
- 11 - Ilze Straumanis
- 12 - Rod Hartwig, Ken Brokamp
- 15 - Matt Boldt
- 16 - Abby Mirly, Andrew Yanez
- 17 - Skyler Fulmer, Melissa Slatinsky, Lorelei Brown
- 18 - Brandon Duque
- 25 - Mary Ellen Lohmann
- 26 - August Garvey

- 30 - Annaleigh Lohmann, Kristy Kruse, Kathy Schoenherr
- 31 - Samantha Hubert

November:

- 1 - Jenny Coon
- 2 - Riley Vogler, Emeri Burgher, PJ Di Biasi
- 7 - Mary Anne Wolfmeyer
- 8 - Mark Brakhane, Luke Lilienkamp
- 9 - Kara Pennington
- 11 - Marilyn Beissenherz, Miles Forney
- 12 - Teague Brown
- 13 - Joy Lilienkamp, Valerie Holley
- 14 - David Berg
- 17 - Curt Morgret
- 18 - Stephen Dupre, Bruce Hibbard,

- Heather Duque
- 19 - LaDonna Telle
- 20 - Clara Telle
- 21 - Sharon Peirce, Landon Giboney, Kaiden Haley
- 22 - Chris Lohmann
- 23 - Tyler Brown, Paul Forney, Jr.
- 26 - Tim Sullivan
- 27 - Danielle Dart, Vivian Ingram
- 28 - Tracy Sill



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October:

Geneva Bacon, Emmy Berg,
Kay Steevens, Deb Simmons, John
Brumm, Gail Horrell, Jen Pierce,
Deanna Leimbach, Curtis Nelson,
Amanda Bell, Josh McDowell,
Morgan Jennings, Ella Kruse,
Liam Coon, Brennen Pierce,
Alexander Hubert, William Senter

November:

Ken Brokamp, Kathy Schoenherr, Rod
Hartwig, Gail Sponaugle,
Jim Sharon, Kristy Kruse,
Paula Morgret, Curt Morgret,
Jonathan Boldt, Melissa Slatinsky,
Allen Huggins, Kelly George,
August Garvey, Abby Mirly,
Ainsley Roth, Beckett Roth,
Graham Roth, Samantha Hubert,
Emeri Burgher

Wedding Anniversaries



October:

Danielle & Phil Beck celebrate 1 year on October 5
Hannah & Matt Nacarato celebrate 3 years on October 7
Joel & Kelly George celebrate 5 years on October 24
Brian & Jeanine Davison celebrate 5 years on October 11
Paul & Kristina Forney celebrate 8 years on October 7
Tara & Brock Arnett celebrate 13 years on October 13
Barron & Laura Roth celebrate 14 years on October 7
Cindy & John Kadlec celebrate 24 years on October 19
Paul & Peggy Young celebrate 34 years on October 18
Jim & Sheilah Sharon celebrate 41 years on October 6
Dennis & Donna Bogle celebrate 51 years on October 10
Dave & Emmy Berg celebrate 56 years on October 10

November:

Tim & Mandi Giboney celebrate 10 years on November 6
Colin & Angela Hubert celebrate 16 years on November 27
Steve & Chris Brown celebrate 25 years on November 18
Mark & Jackie Garvey celebrate 28 years on November 7
Lindy & Valerie Holley celebrate 49 years on November 6
Richard & Hannah Ingmire celebrate 53 years on November 22
Gene & Barb Buchholz celebrate 63 years on November 9



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For more accurate and up to date activity schedule information, please check the calendar on our website www.campuslutheran.org.