



# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

***Matthew 6:34 nrsvue***

**34** *"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I want to take a brief moment to look at the Connection Card we started using this year. I've told you all that changes are always ongoing processes, which means the current iteration of what you see on Sunday mornings may not always look the way it does now. I also want to sincerely thank all of you who have shared your thoughts and feedback on it. That said, understand that we are listing the corporate responses (call to worship and opening prayer) so that all attendees can see those, regardless of vision or seating.

I mentioned on January 12th, that I was not going to include an Order of the service to the congregation. I am aware this has been a shift for everyone, and I hope you know my heart well enough to know that this is not about power or control. My theological reasons for it are best explained by Jesus' statement above. We spend so much of our time and our lives preparing for what's next—worrying about dinner tonight, or upcoming events in our week, or important future dates on our calendars—that I want worship to be a time where you can lay that mindset aside and just abide in the Presence of the Living God. Know that those who have agreed to help lead worship for that Sunday will be prepared and aware of what's next. If you are not leading that week, you can just bring your full presence and awareness into the moment and worship the Lord.

If you know someone in your life who might be interested or challenged by our series, where next Sunday we'll look at how much control the government and culture should have over us as People of God, invite them to join you this Sunday. It is sure to be a challenging topic for all of us.

*Yours In Christ*  
PASTOR GLEN

# PRAYER CONCERNS



Marleen Anderson; Margo Petracek; Bev Meseey; Dianne Wallace; Patrick Akuius (Julie Puckett); Trevor & Jon Baetz (Mary Taylor); Allison Vehlewald (Margo Petracek); Debbie Simms & family (Connie Kroenung); Janice Pauken & Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Pat Delf & Alta Kopetzky (Marcia Kennon); inExcelsis Mobile Shower program for the homeless; people looking for work or starting a new job; federal civil servants; and immigrants, refugees, those who need help with resettlement and those helping with those efforts.

2025  
*Old School*  
**GOSPEL CONCERT**  
GO BACK AND GET IT  
Tickets @ ahsatinu.com

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## 2025 OLD SCHOOL GOSPEL CONCERT

*"Go Back  
and Get It"*

*February 9th at 3:00pm  
7423 Michigan Ave, MO 63111*

Celebrate the rich heritage of Black gospel music at this annual event! Join us as we honor tradition and uplift our community through song. A portion of proceeds supports the Freedom Arts & Education Center.

Learn more at [faecstl.org](http://faecstl.org)

Ticket link: Click [HERE](#)



**WUM  
CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY  
PRESENTS**

# **WILD WEDNESDAY**

**FEB. 12, 2025  
5:30 - 7:00PM**

**CELEBRATING  
BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH**

**COME JOIN US!**

We will have fun together learning,  
playing a game, singing and writing a song!

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

**600 N BOMPART AVE,  
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119**





**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

# **WINTER GATHERING**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

**9:30 AM  
GATHER &  
FELLOWSHIP  
BRUNCH (\$10)  
SERVED AT 10:00 AM**

Program, pledge service,  
and business meeting  
following brunch

**GUEST SPEAKER  
SEVERIN PELEKARA**



## ***IN EXCELSIS***

In Excelsis is a grassroots charitable organization serving unhoused individuals, families, and veterans in the greater St. Louis area.

**Ingathering: We will be collecting donations of cash, bus passes, women's underwear (large), men's boxers (medium and larger), deodorant, eco-friendly shampoo and conditioner, body wash, bath towels (regular size), and washcloths.**



# *The* **MOUNTAIN SERVICE**

For the whole month of February, in honor of Black History Month, we'll be looking at *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby, which tells "the truth about the American church's complicity in racism." We will be looking at church history in the United States as it relates to racism, injustice, and the fight for liberation.

## **SCHEDULE** *February*

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

### **Worship Service With Communion**

**Sermon Topic: The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby**

**Fellowship Hall @ 7:30pm**

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

**Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

**Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

# HOW ABOUT JOINING A VOLUNTEER-IN-MISSION WORK TEAM FORMING FOR MAY?



Midwest Mission near Springfield, IL has become our favorite place to serve others, and we are beginning to recruit another group for a work week with space for 8-9 people in the dorm.

The dates are Monday, May 26th – Friday, May 30th 2025. Some people from last year's team are eager to return, but there are plenty of spaces open to join. The lodging is very spacious and comfortable; the work shifts have morning and afternoon breaks as well as a long lunch break, and the day is over between 3:30 and 4:00 PM. We always meet plenty of friendly people and enjoy relaxing evenings with our teammates. It is definitely a break from routine and quite enriching. Talk to some of us who have participated in the past if you are thinking about this new experience. (Lettie Morse, Katie Renkins, JoAnn Claywell, Alison McCurley, Linda Guth Stangl, Ellen Hendrickson, Jan McCurley, Gordon Ballam, Joan Ballam, Roger McCurley, Dan Pike, Cindy Andrews, Sandy Reesor, or Mary Taylor).



**\*DATES: DEPART ON MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY AFTERNOON,  
MAY 26—RETURN FRI. AFTER LUNCH, MAY 30**

\*What is Midwest Mission? It is a United Methodist-affiliated disaster relief facility providing disaster relief kits, school desks, educational & medical supplies, etc., locally, nationally, and internationally.

\* What work will we do? There is something for every ability—packing kits, sewing school bags, building & refinishing school desks, repairing bicycles and sewing machines, organizing materials, unloading items, filling shipping containers, etc. (sit-down jobs are always available).

\*Where do we stay? The dormitory has multiple 2-4 person bedrooms (we use only lower bunks, 2 to a room) as well as a spacious living room/dining area and a large, well-equipped kitchen.

\*Cost: will be determined based on number of people going, but it will be minimal for dormitory lodging and supplies, plus food & gas expenses. Financial aid can be available if needed.

If you are interested in joining the team, call Jan McCurley at 314-781-3969 (h) text or call 314- 378-5504(c) or email [janis.mccurley@gmail.com](mailto:janis.mccurley@gmail.com), no later than March 1.





# From The Safety Committee

**The Safety Committee at WUM is offering a training update on how to use the AED (defibrillator) for any committee that is interested.**

**Tom Pacatte will attend committee meetings to give a 20-30 minute in-service on the use of the AED. If committee chairs are interested in the in-service, please email Tom at [tpacatte@yahoo.com](mailto:tpacatte@yahoo.com) and arrangements will be made.**

**Since we are in the middle of flu season, I'd like to remind the members of the congregation of simple steps that we all can take to keep us safe during this time of year. Flu A and B, Covid and RSV are all on the upswing and we need to do our part to protect our members.**

**First, and most important, if you have fever, cough, respiratory illness, feeling fatigue or just not feeling well, stay at home until the symptoms have passed. It's way too easy to pass these illnesses on to others. Wash your hands often and try to avoid touching your face so you don't infect yourself with something you picked up when you were out. You can also use alcohol-based hand cleaners to do this. However, these types of cleaners do not work well against the spread of Norovirus, which is a fast spreading stomach virus. This virus requires hand washing for 20 seconds with warm water and soap. If you feel the need for additional protection, wear a mask when you are out and around others. Masking is effective in preventing the spread of respiratory illnesses.**

**Let's all take a few steps to guard the health and well being of ourselves, family members and members of WUM.**

**Thanks,  
Tom Pacatte, Safety Committee**





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# TRIVIA NIGHT

RAISE MONEY TO EMPOWER OUR YOUTH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

5PM - 9PM

\$25 PER PERSON  
\$200 - TABLE OF 8

FREE DRINKS  
CASH PRIZES  
50/50 RAFFLE  
SILENT AUCTION

To join a table, please contact Linda Guth Stangl  
Email: [linda-guth-stangl@live.com](mailto:linda-guth-stangl@live.com)





# Rock and Roll Bingo

## Rock & Roll Bingo

Sunday, March 16, 2:00-4:00  
*doors open at 1:30*

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens  
8749 Watson Rd., 63119

\$25/person, \$200/table of 8

- Included: 10 rounds of BINGO, popcorn, pretzels, soft drinks, and great prizes!
- Guests welcome to bring their own table snacks. **No alcohol is allowed on the premises.**

### More Fun - Costume Contest!

Dress as your favorite music era, genre, artist or band and win a prize! (optional)

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