

The Voice of Billingsville

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WOW! It is August again and YES, we will be preparing and collecting shoebox gifts again this year! Girls and boys around the world need JOY AND JESUS! Here are some descriptions of what a shoebox is: JESUS, SALVATION, MINISTRY, GIVING, WITNESSING, SHARING, LOVE, ETERNAL LIFE, GIFTS, OPPORTUNITIES, DISCIPLESHIP, MISSION, THE GOSPEL, AND MUCH JOY! That is a lot to fill one box!

If you wish to start gathering items, there are shoeboxes available in the west hallway on the bench. We have been blessed this year, because Donald and Ruth Ann Warnke have donated hundreds of combs and toothbrushes. THANK YOU, DONALD AND RUTH ANN! So please do NOT buy combs or toothbrushes for your boxes. We are very thankful for this nice donation! I will have the combs and toothbrushes beside the shoeboxes in the hall, so please get what you will need.

This is a good time to purchase school items as they are on sale in stores now. Dollar Tree store is a good place to find small toys. There will be a long list (inside the box) of items that can be put into the boxes, so take a minute to read through that before you start your purchases. You may have some of these items (in excellent condition) that you can use for your boxes. If you have questions, please contact me. Many thanks for all the boxes and postage funds that all of you have faithfully contributed in the past.

May God richly bless you for your kindness and generosity! Marg Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, August 2:** Men's Breakfast at the Hometown Café in Syracuse at 8:00 am; anyone wanting to carpool should meet at the church by 7:30 am
- Sunday, August 6:** Holy Communion during morning worship
- Wednesday, August 9:** Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, August 13:** Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering
- Sunday, August 20:** Sunday School Kickoff Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30 am
- Thursday, August 24:** Newsletter articles due
- Sunday, August 27:** Regular Sunday School Classes resume at 9:30 am

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES July 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Jared Kueckelhan. Present: Ed, Linda and Vicki.

The council discussed and looked at the shed behind the parsonage, as we had concerns from neighbors regarding shingles in the yard. Upon walking around the shed, it was discovered that the back side of the building is bulging out and the roof is caving in and building is not safe. We have a CD and Bond that is coming due, and they will be cashed out until a decision is made at the Quarterly Congregational meeting July 16, 2023.

Linda will be having the piano tuned on July 14th.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

In The Mail

Vacation Bible School 2023 was a huge success! Thank you for sending your youth to experience the glory of God through our week-long Twists-and-Turns VBS!

We were able to fellowship with 60 youth, 15 young adults and 15+ adult volunteers throughout the week. Our youth raised \$1,000 to donate to Lizzy's Walk of Faith, a local non-profit benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to work with your church members and a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who made the week possible!

I hope to see everyone together again next year! Nichole Wilmsmeyer, VBS Director

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

This is an afternoon get-together for playing cards, games, puzzles or just visiting. Please come on Thursday, August 3rd, 1 pm to 3 pm. Bring your favorite board game, (if you wish) and a snack to share. Feel free to bring a friend also. Hope to see you in our church fellowship hall on August 3, 1 pm to 3 pm. Come and have fun! See Rhea, Marg or Nancy if you have questions.

Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

HEALTH FACTS State Of Mind

Let's review our “state of mind” relating to the risk of making mistakes and/or injury to oneself. Rushing, frustration, fatigue, and complacency are four states that can cause mistakes or injuries. Recognize these states as “triggers.”

You might miss the last step on the stairs and fall because “I wasn't thinking,” “I wasn't watching,” or “I was in a hurry.”

Sometimes tasks require repetitive strain on your back, hands, knees, and other joints. Even sitting for a long time will stiffen joints. Stretch your muscles and joints before doing repetitive work; take regular breaks; think of tools to ease strain on your muscles.

Sometimes we need to step back, look at what we do “without thinking”; take a minute and think about it. Improve the task by adjusting our awareness and above all, improve our state of mind for this task.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

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JULY STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
02	\$3105	\$25	36
09	\$1287	\$75 Penny Sun: \$	33
16	\$1151	\$25	45
23	\$626	\$25	36
30	\$1463	\$0	35

Thank You

To Barry and Tammy Gruebbel for their donation to the Cemetery Fund.

To Doris Oitzman for her donation to the Newsletter.

BEST CHOICE LABEL REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to clip, save and turn-in your Best Choice UPC labels. The C&R Grocery Store in Boonville is the main place nearby to get Best Choice products. We have collected 600 labels so far and we need 1000 to earn \$60 for the Sunday School projects. Last year they helped with the shoebox postage funds. You can give the labels to Marg or put them in the box by the west door. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this.

Also, thanks to Chrysanne Casteel of Blue Springs who gave me a nice bundle recently.

Marg Scott

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
06	Vicki Hilden	Jim & Sonya Farris	Rev. Dale Parson
Communion Prep: Linda Burnett Communion Cleanup: Marg Scott			
13	Rhea Helmreich	Janet & Kenneth Stegner	Rev. Dale Parson
20	Melissa Hundley	Rhea Helmreich & Abigail Pannell	Kurt Grathwohl
27	Vicki Hilden	Marg Scott & Rhea Helmreich	Russ Bradshaw

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alyssa Grissum	01
Leola Schler	04
Debbie See	06
Braxten Inskip	08
Buster Kueckelhan	08
Tyson Robinson	08
John Baker	09
Jason Helmreich	09
Scott Grissum	11
Ed Wassmann	15
Hattie Baker	17
Deanamarie Naylor	19
Ann Muntzel	21
Keith Bail	26
Morgan Hawley	27
Samie Gerhardt	28
Gerald Dick	29
Rita Kanenbley	29

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Wilbert & Nancy Meyer	03
Chris & Morgan Hawley	04
Ed & Linda Wassmann	07
Ted & Billie Litton	26
Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes	28

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Karen Marie Bail Harvey	07
Trevor Jay Thurman	19
Kenneth Edward Stegner	26

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Ruth Searfoss

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Karen Tempfel

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Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

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PRAYER CHAIN

Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Dalton Hazlett, recovering from serious ATV accident
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 D.J. Muse, cancer
 Don & Mary Neckermann
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Charles Stegner, tumor
 Family of Cat Swalwell
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
 Darrin Walker, cancer
 Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Jeff Burgoyne	Tony Davis
Natalie Meng	Blayne Vickery	James Walker

Country Music Artists

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

Blake Shelton
Brad Paisley
Carrie Underwood
Charley Pride
Dolly Parton
Faith Hill
Garth Brooks
George Strait
Glen Campbell



Hank Williams	Neil Young
John Denver	Patsy Cline
Johnny Cash	Randy Travis
Keith Urban	Reba McEntire
Kenny Rogers	Roy Rogers
Kris Kristofferson	Shania Twain
LeAnn Rimes	The Everly Brothers
Loretta Lynn	Tim McGraw
Merle Haggard	Willie Nelson

LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 2023	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

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