

Dear Friends,

I'm always up for a good laugh! The cliché says that laughter is good for the soul. I wholeheartedly believe it! A good laugh does wonders for our soul, and there are times we just need to laugh and let out some pent-up energy, stress, or anxiety. Humor is one of God's good gifts to us. Because of that, this space this month is dedicated to "holy humor". Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

Church Bulletin Bloopers:

- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery next door.
- This being a Sunday in Easter, we will ask Mr. Smith to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours."

A preacher's little boy inquired, "Daddy, I notice every Sunday morning when you first come out to preach, you sit up on the platform and bow your head. What are you doing?"

The father explained, "I'm asking the Lord to give me a good sermon."

The little boy said, "So why doesn't He?"

If you *must* speed on the highway, sing these hymns loudly:

- 5 mph over the limit: "God Will Take Care of Me"
- 10 mph over: "Guide me, O Great Jehovah"
- 15 mph over: "Nearer My God to Thee"
- 20 mph over: "Nearer Still Nearer"
- 25 mph over: "This World is Not My Home"
- 30 mph over: "Lord, I'm Coming Home"
- 35 mph over: "Precious Memories"

Three families sat down to eat dinner. The hostess said to her young daughter, "Honey, would you say the blessing for us?"

"I don't know," said the youngster. "I don't know what to say."

"Just say what you've heard Mommy say," responded her mother.

"Okay," she said. "Dear God, why did I invite all these people over?"

Once there was a dishonest painter who used to water down his paint far too much. One day, as he was painting the steeple of a church building, thunderclouds gathered and rain washed all his thinned-down paint away. Then followed a booming voice out of heaven, saying, "Repaint, and thin no more."

Three churches in a local town pooled their efforts to sponsor a revival. After the revival, members from the three churches gathered to compare notes.

"Our church did very well in the revival," the first noted. "We gained four new members!"

"We did even better," said the second. "Our church gained six new members."

"We were very pleased too," said the third. "We lost our ten most troublesome members."

And then there's the one about the Christian who skipped church to go bear hunting.

As he was quietly stalking through the forest, suddenly a large, menacing bear popped out of nowhere and knocked his gun out of his hand. He gave a yelp, turned on his heels, and ran like a frightened rabbit.

He ran and ran and ran, the bear gaining on him every moment.

He looked back once to see how close the bear was, and as he did so he tripped on a tree root and tumbled down a hill. He hit the bottom with a "smack" and got up to witness the terrible sight of this immense bear about to lunge on him.

So he put his hands together and prayed, "Dear Lord, please make this bear a Christian."

The bear began to lunge, then stopped frozen in his tracks. He backed off, sat on his haunches, put his paws together and prayed, "Dear Lord, I thank you for this food I'm about to eat."

One enterprising man asked the Lord, "Lord, how long is a million years to you?"

The Lord replied, "To me, a million years is like a second."

The man asked, "Lord, how much is a million dollars to you?"

The Lord said, "To me, a million dollars is like a penny."

The man asked, "Lord, may I have a penny?"

The Lord answered, "Sure, just a second."

An old dollar bill and an even older \$20 arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

"I've had a pretty good life," the \$20 says. "I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, and even on a Caribbean cruise."

"You did have an exciting life!" the dollar says.

"Where have you been?" the \$20 asks.

"Oh, I've been to the Methodist church, the Baptist church, spent some time with the Lutherans..."

"Wait," the \$20 interrupts. "What's a church?"

The Mustard Seed

June

Ministry Team:

Pastor ~ Jarrett Wells

Office Manager ~

Maria Hymes

Pianist/Organist ~

Jill Roegge

Choral Director ~

Tim Bartholomew

Financial Secretary ~

Lynne O'Hara

Treasurer ~

Susan Treadway

Youth Director ~

Andrea Wells

Building & Grounds ~

Tonya White

Sunday Services:

Worship Service ~

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School ~

10:30 a.m.

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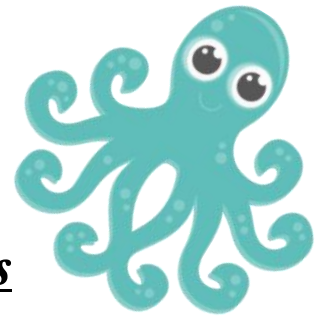
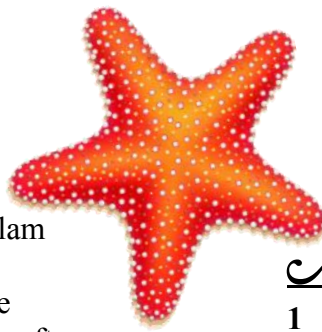
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Beardstown First UMC

Birthdays

- 1 Brian Becker
Jack DeWitt Elam
- 2 Dennis Hack
Charlie Roegge
- 4 Robert Schoolcraft
Tim Icenogle
Abby Jean Newman
- 7 Bette Jane Cowen
Melissa Scott
- 9 Georgeanne Osmer
- 10 Jill Roegge
- 11 Dick Tyson
Gracen Maltby
- 12 Karen Burgett
Kathy Schoolcraft
- 13 Linda Absher
- 14 Bob Robertson
- 15 Michael Booth
- 16 Val Bushey
Dale Lamb
Sara Pilger
- 19 Vicki Vawter
- 21 Brayden Booth
Clint Cowen
Aaron French
- 22 Ann Bell
- 23 Judy Briggs
Kathy Newman
- 24 George Absher
- 25 Jo Ann Surber
- 26 Adam Rohn
Jason Elam
Brandon Hendricker
Michelle Becker Black
- 27 Hannah Elam
- 28 Nic Ruiz
Amelia Marie Davidsmeyer
Kathy Vermillion
- 30 Yvonne Austin
Jonathon Korsmeyer
Audra Elam



Anniversaries

- 1 Joey & Brooke Luna
- 5 Michael & Heather Booth
- 10 Brad & Christine Allen
Jack & Marti Fearneyhough
- 13 Joe & Bree McClenning
- 15 Myron & Christine Hobrock
- 20 Carlos & Susan Treadway
Duane & Marilyn Hendricker
- 21 Dan & Fawn Rohn
Dick & Jeanne Tyson
- 26 Steve & Mary Looker
- 27 Mike & Sue Bonansinga
- 30 Stacey & Dianna Mayes

Liturgist

- 2 Jody Peacock
- 9 Julie Looker
- 16 Jerry Rohn
- 23 CHURCH SERVICE & PICNIC
- 30 Christy Bley

Greeters

- 2 Dick & Karen Robinson
- 9 Carlos & Susan Treadway
- 16 Carlos & Susan Treadway
- 23 CHURCH SERVICE & PICNIC
- 30 Beverly Hauschildt & Amy Sommers

Communion

- JUNE:** Virginia Thompson
- Servers:** Ron & Vicki Blakeman
Jo Ann Surber
- JULY:** Jody Cowen
- Servers:** Virginia Thomson
Chris & Brittney Taylor



Christian Love In Action

Currently C.L.I.A. is in need of: **Canned Fruit**. You can bring your donated items to the church or directly there. Hours are: Tuesdays from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thank you for donations.

Local Missions

The Local Missions met the end of in May and voted to donate \$500 to each of the following: *Vacation Bible School, WLUIJ Christian Radio & Heritage Manor—Activity Fund*. Local Missions will meet on June 2nd. Those scheduled for the meeting are: *Sally Lael, Jody Peacock, Chris & Brittney Taylor, Dan & Mitzi McClenning*.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Local Missions:** Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees:** Sunday, June 9th at 11:30 a.m.
- **Church Council:** Sunday, June 16th at 11:30 a.m.
- **Church Service & Picnic:** Sun. June 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Cass County Food Pantry

The Cass County Food Pantry is another place that helps Cass County residents in need of food. To help with their mission they are asking churches for donations in **JUNE: Rice-A-Roni, Oatmeal, Ramen Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese**.

They are always in need of: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Cereal, or Non-Perishable Food Items**. They have a walk in cooler or freezer to hold perishable items, and are able to take fresh produce items.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

If you picked up a baby bottle for the Pregnancy Resource Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang, please have your donation in it and brought back to the church by Father's Day (June 16th). Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this wonderful mission.

Branson Trip

The annual trip to Branson is in the works of being planned, however, we need to know who is interested in going. The dates will be to leave on Sunday, October 27th and return Wednesday, October 30th. Details on price and the shows are yet to come, just need to get a head count so those details can be planned. If you are interested in going or have any questions please see Lynne O'Hara.

Brown Bag Lunch

You are invited to Beardstown Main Street "Brown Bag Lunch". Every Wednesday, in June at 12:00 p.m. at Art Zeeck Park there will be family friendly music. There will be sack lunches available for purchase for \$1.50 each. This event is sponsored by West Central Bank and Heritage Health.

On The Farm

Join the Beardstown Main Street for "Family Friday On The Farm". On June 14th at Art Zeeck Park there will be a farm animal petting zoo, games and crafts from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., with a family friendly movie at 8:30. There will be food vendors, or picnics are welcome. Bring a lawn chair for the movie. This is sponsored by Cass County Health Department.

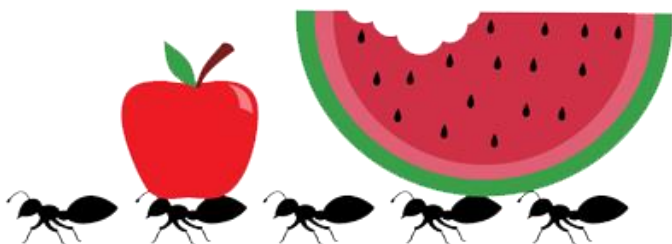
Blessing Bags

Blessing Bags is a weekend food program provided at Gard School. Students qualify, based on household income, will receive one bag on Fridays. They have non-perishable foods to feed children for Saturday & Sunday. There are meetings on Thursdays at River Port to help plan and discuss: fundraising, food items, space, location, drop-offs/pick-ups, etc. If you are interested in helping with the Blessing Bags program they are at **River Port on Thursdays: Meetings at Noon are: June 13th, 27th & July 11th. Meetings at 5:30 p.m. are: June 6th, 20th & July 18th.**

happy
FATHER'S
day

Annual Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 23rd, for our annual Church Service and Picnic in the park. It will be at the Lions' Shelter in Roy Roberts park. The service will be at 10:30 a.m. (instead of 9:00) with the cook-out / picnic following the service. We will not have Sunday School that day. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided, please bring a covered dish to share. In the event of rain we will meet at the church instead with the picnic/potluck to follow.



Meet the 2019 Graduates



Ryan McClenning

Ryan graduated from 8th grade in Beardstown, and is the son of Joe & Bree McClenning. He says in 8th grade the work was very easy, but going in to high school Ryan anticipates there will be much more work. However he is looking forward to the sports he can play and the challenges that high school will bring. In the past Ryan's favorite subject was history, and his least favorite was math. In his spare time Ryan likes to play baseball and hang out with his friends. After he graduates from high school he wants to attend college and go into the medical field.

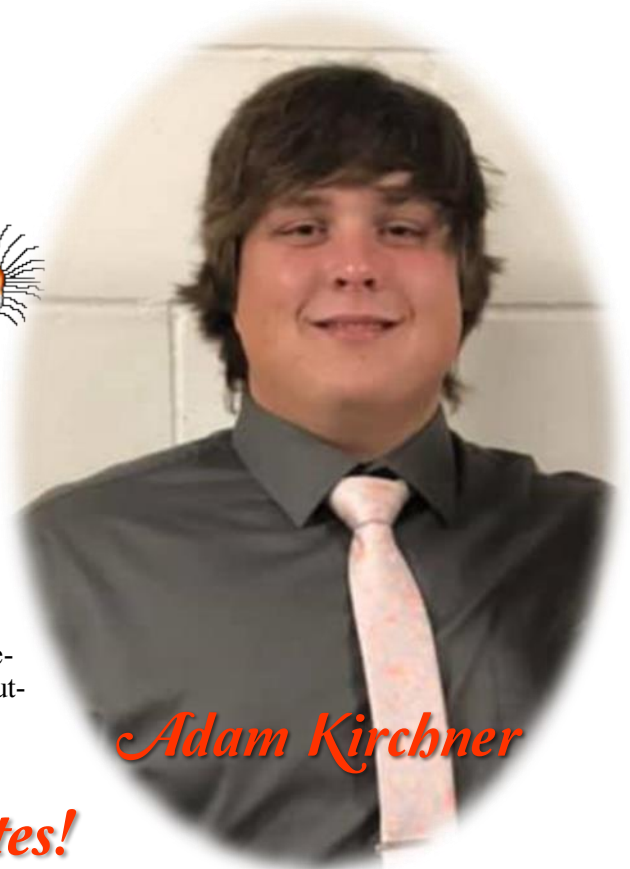


Evan Wells

Evan, the son of Pastor Jarrett and Andrea Wells, graduated from Beardstown 8th grade. Something he will miss the most in Jr. High is all the free time he had, but he is looking forward to the new opportunities he will have with sports. In school, Evan's favorite subject was History, but his least favorite was Algebra. Some of Evan's hobbies are baseball, football, wrestling, singing and playing in the band. When he graduates high school Evan wants to go to college and play baseball.



Randi Kirchner's son, Adam, graduated from Beardstown high school. This summer he is planning on working and then going to Illinois College this fall. Adam will miss his friends and high school sports, however he is looking forward to meeting new people in college. He loves the outdoors; hunting and fishing, was involved in FFA and of course enjoys sports, namely football and baseball. After college, Adam wants to be a professional outdoorsman.



Adam Kirchner

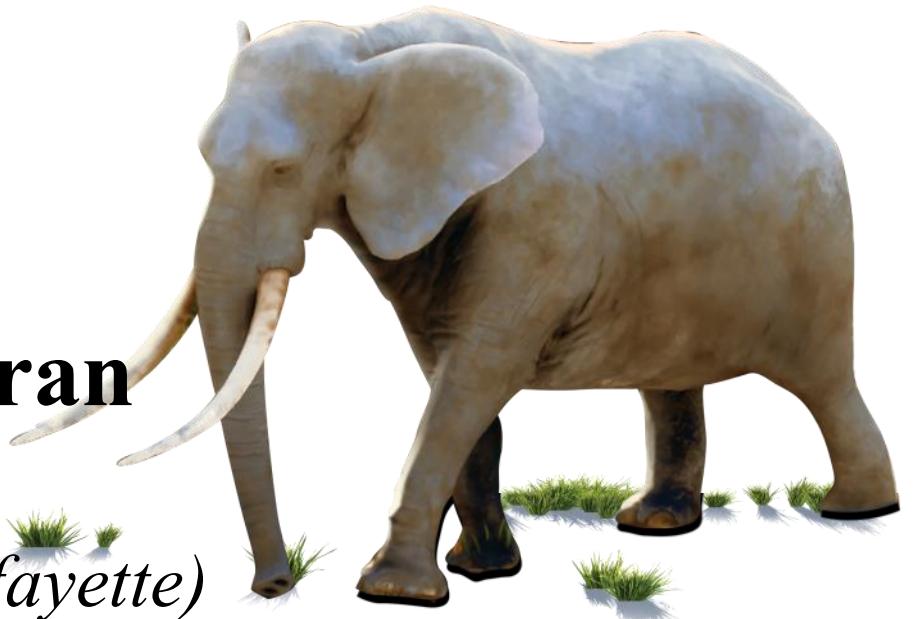
Congratulations to all of our graduates!



FUMC & 4th St. Lutheran
Churches are hosting
*Vacation Bible
School*

Mark your calendars for
July 29—August 2
After Party Saturday, August 3
5:30—8:00 p.m.
Dinner from 5:30—6:00 p.m.

Located at
**4th St. Lutheran
Church**
(Corner of 4th & Lafayette)



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Church Council Minutes

The administrative Council met on Sunday, May 19th, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. Those present were: Pastor Jarrett Wells, Ron Blakeman, Lynne O'Hara, John Chambers, Georgeanne Osmer, Julie Looker, and Brittney Taylor.

Pastor Jarrett opened with prayer. Lynne O'Hara gave the devotions with a reading "Hope for Tomorrow". Lynne O'Hara will have devotions for the next meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Trustees:

- The sump pump for the church has been repaired. The thermostat on the refrigerator has been replaced. There will not be a sprinkler system for the parsonage.

Old Business:

- Still waiting for a bid from Buskirk and Bacon for window on the 5th Street door and some near the ramp entrance. Installation of the sound system should be starting soon.

New Business:

- Options for digital giving were shown. Discussions regarding live streaming of the Sunday service was held. On a motion by Georgeanne Osmer, seconded by Ron Blakeman, action on this will be tabled until the new sound system is in place.

Disbursements from New Life Trust:

- \$2,992.00 ~ Quarterly Distribution
- \$117.50 ~ Central Illinois Service—Repair
- \$250.00 ~ Watson Pipe Organ
- **Local Missions:**

- ♦ \$500.00 ~ Heritage Activity Fund
- ♦ \$500.00 ~ Vacation Bible School
- ♦ \$500.00 ~ WLJ—Christian Radio

As all have been approved by the Trustees, on a motion by Georgeanne, they were accepted.

The next meeting is on June 16th at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Wells closed with prayers.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Treadway*

June

*That is why a man leaves his father
and mother and is united to his wife,
and they become
one flesh.
~ Genesis 2:24*

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