

JUNE 2026

LOVE GOD, LOVE LOUISBURG, SERVE THE WORLD

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CELEBRATION
SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

One Service at 10:00 AM
to celebrate with children.

Sunday evening—VBS Celebration Pool Party!!

Everyone is invited!
We will eat at 7:00 PM,
Swim at 8:00 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	5th Sunday offering to benefit Food Pantry ECA 5th Sunday Gathering Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konection 11:00 am	1 VBS Decorating (call Kami at 816-916-5264) 12:00pm - 5:00pm Crafter's Corner - FLC 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 7:00pm AA Meeting	2 VBS Decorating Continues (as needed - call Kami at 816-916-5264) 9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 10:00am - 11:00am Short-term Women's Bible Study with Jordan Smith 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm - 7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	3 VBS Decorating Continues (as needed - call Kami at 816-916-5264) 9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 10:00am - 11:00am Short-term Women's Bible Study with Jordan Smith 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm - 7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	4 VBS Decorating Continues (as needed - call Kami at 816-916-5264) 9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 10:00am - 11:00am Short-term Women's Bible Study with Jordan Smith 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm - 7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	5 AB Women's Ministry Conference - FBC Topeka 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel	6 AB Women's Ministry Conference - FBC Topeka Men's Breakfast on Summer Break 8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's
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JESSE'S JOURNAL

What would you refuse to do for yourself, but gladly do for your child?

That question probably doesn't take long to answer.
You already know.

You've done it at the end of long days, when you were tired enough to quit, but somebody still needed you. You've done it when it cost more than you planned and took energy you weren't sure you had left.

But when it was for them, you found a way.

That's what love does. It changes what feels worth it.

And that's why Vacation Bible School is more than another week on the church calendar.

For some child, it may be the week something gets planted.

Years from now, as they walk through something hard and not even know why, an old VBS song comes back to mind. They may not remember who taught it or what the room looked like, but they're still carrying a little piece of truth from a week most people thought was ordinary.

That's why VBS matters.

Not everyone will teach or be there every day, but everyone can have a part.

You can serve, invite someone, encourage someone who's serving, and pray.

Pray before VBS starts, while it's happening, AND AFTER IT'S OVER.

Because sometimes the work God starts in a child's heart keeps unfolding long after the decorations come down — in that child, in their home, in their friends, and maybe in generations we'll never see.

So this June, let's make room for VBS.

Not because we need one more thing to do.

But because what feels small right now may not be small at all.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

Fire up the grill! Break out the lawn chairs!

Summer is here!

FINALLY! Time to slow down, take a breath, and relax!

Bring on the BBQs, family reunions and lazy nights under the stars!

But what if all this relaxing makes us too busy... for what really matters?

Plants don't take the summer off. You might even call it their "grow" time!

But their growth doesn't just happen.

It takes sunshine. Water. Care.

Without the proper attention, leaves begin to wilt, blossoms fade...

...and soon there's no fresh tomato for your hamburger

...no flowers dancing in the breeze.

Our spirits are no different. They need care, too.

Our spirits cannot grow without the Living Water, the Bread of Life, and the light of the SON — no matter what season it is.

So, enjoy this summer: play outside, take that trip, lay in the sun...

But don't put your faith in the lawn chair.

Instead, use the "loose" schedule to tighten your grip on what matters most.

Grow. Serve. Invite. Rest... all with purpose.

Make this summer count.

One of this summer's "On Purpose" Opportunities!



**Join us at the Louisburg July 4TH FREEDOM FEST!
FBC will sponsor a game booth... come play with us!**

**We need folks to run the game and
folks to answer questions about AWANA!**

See Pastor Kami for more details!





AWANA: The AWANA clubs finished their year with the annual awards ceremony on May 14. Cheering and celebration filled the sanctuary as the clubbers were presented with certificates and medallions recognizing them for their excellent efforts throughout the year. The celebration continued with a cookie and cake reception, ending this successful AWANA year on a "sweet" note.

VBS: VBS 2026 is ready to burst on the scene! We will be welcoming explorers to Rainforest Falls June 8-12 from 8:45-12:15. Keep us in your prayers! We pray for safety, good health for all involved, good weather, and - most of all - lives changed and hearts turned to Jesus!

KIDS KONNECTION is currently studying the Lord's Prayer. Jesus gave us this beautiful prayer as a blueprint for us to remember how awesome our God is, the goodness of His plan, and our ever-present need for Him in our lives. Each young person is being encouraged to better understand and memorize the important prayer.

YOUTH GROUP: The youth are continuing to meet throughout the summer. Our group is growing with new middle school students and friends who are being invited! We give God the praise for our newfound friendships and His hand on our group!



Amanda & Jon Good
ABC Global servants in Italy

This past Sunday we experienced a beautiful reminder that the church truly reaches around the world. Our church family in Florence is made up of people from many different countries and cultures. About half come from Italy, and the other half from different parts of Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Central, North and South America. When we gather for worship, we are reminded that the gospel brings together people from every background into one family in Christ.

Recently one of our regular attenders hosted a fundraising event for vulnerable children in her home country of Togo. Moments like this remind us that mission does not move in one direction. It is a multidirectional circle that goes around the world. From Florence we are able to stand alongside brothers and sisters in Africa, helping them serve children with compassion and the hope of Jesus. At the same time, their faith and witness strengthen the church here in Italy.

The apostle Paul encourages churches to be part of this circle of mission when he writes in 2 Corinthians 8:14, "At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need..." We are grateful to be part of this great mission circle. Thank you for partnering with us. Your prayers and support allow us to continue connecting believers across cultures and continents as we share the hope of Christ together.

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in person
ATTENDANCE

	8:15am	11:00am
May 3	50	68
May 10	74	82
May 17	59	71
May 24	56	54

SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

June 17—Deadline for July calendar changes & Newsletter submissions



Attending a **CPR class** equips you with the critical skills needed to respond to cardiac emergencies. Immediate bystander intervention can double or even triple a victim's survival rate by keeping oxygenated blood flowing to the brain.

On the invitation of the Board of Christian Education, Linn County Police Sargent Klayton Parscale facilitated a training class on CPR as well as use of AED. Our church nursery workers, as well as several more folks in the church are now trained in case of emergency.

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Once again, this year our community was blessed to celebrate **National Day of Prayer** on the first Thursday of May. A good crowd gathered at the Louisburg Middle School auditorium to pray for our nation and its leaders.



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Baccalaureate

LHS seniors and the community were blessed with an inspirational message at **BACCALAUREATE** on May 13. Three Salt & Light Scholarships were awarded by the Louisburg Ministerial Alliance. We appreciate having such an opportunity to hold a religious service on public school grounds.

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Church life also includes being family during the **tough times**. *"Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it has the potential for being the most therapeutic, as well ... grief is not a bad thing—for grief is the cost of having loved. If we had not cared, we would not grieve."* We would like to extend sympathies and prayers to:

**The Family of John Robert Clark**  
 John Robert Clark was born on February 27, 1946. John proudly served our country in the United States Army, as well as Army Reserve and Navy Reserve. John and Jeanette Williams were united in marriage on June 16, 1984. John joined our church in 2009. He served on the Deacon board and was always available when there was a need. He especially enjoyed his time as greeter at the front door on Sunday mornings. John passed into the arms of Jesus on May 16, 2026. He was 80 years old.

**The Family of Valentyna Semenova**  
 Valentyna Semenova, mother of Lidiia Kasych and Natalia Valihun passed into the arms of Jesus on May 25, 2026 – just a week after her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. She didn't spend a lot of years in the U.S. and though there may have been a language barrier, there was always a smile on her face and the love of Jesus radiating off her. She was missed after her return to Ukraine.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Board & Committee Meetings

### BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Sunday, June 7 - 12:15 PM - Deaconesses  
NO Deacon or BOCE due to VBS
- Tuesday, June 9 - 7:00 PM - Trustees meeting
- Tuesday, June 16 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee
- Tuesday, June 23 - 6:30 PM - Building Committee



Join our Holiday Choir



### Holiday Choir—Practices Wednesdays - 7PM – June 10-July 1

If you would like to be part of the Holiday Choir performing a patriotic selection on Sunday, July 5, come sing with us. All voices welcome.

Jesse Smith joined our staff on June 24, 2018—eight years ago. Be sure to let him know how much we love and appreciate him.

thank you  
**PASTOR**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - 3:00 PM—FLC



All women of the church are invited to a "sprinkle shower" for Abby Prettyman and her expected baby girl. - This sprinkle is just to show that we care. They don't need a lot - just the basics will do: diapers, wet wipes, lotion, onesies, sleep sacks, books, toys, a girlie outfit or two. Please join us in celebrating Baby Sister Prettyman.



Read the book -The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson  
Join the discussion

- \*Night Owls Café - Monday, June 29, 5:30 PM RSVP with Debbie Apple for location
- \*Bookworm Café - Tuesday, June 30, 12PM Youth Room



June 3 Aurora Prettyman  
 June 7 Patty Nelson  
 Kaitlyn Vest  
 Susan Rhodes  
 June 11 Tristan Busch  
 Tami Hacker  
 June 15 Nathan Haefele  
 June 17 Rex McCormick  
 June 20 Abby Prettyman  
 Lisa Bunce  
 June 23 Ariel Haefele  
 June 25 Igor Kasych  
 June 27 Darvin Schildknecht

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.



*Emily & Bobby Bovaird - June 4*  
*Carol & Terry Hale - June 8*  
*Kendra & Brian Gray - June 10*  
*Teri & Clay Henningsen - June 11*  
*Julie & Randy Bear - June 12*  
*Glenna & Joe Keefhaver - June 18*  
*Kiff & Brad Sarver - June 22*  
*Jean & John Gough - June 25*  
*Margaret & David Cottrell - June 28*  
*Jordan & Jesse Smith - June 28*



 **Remembering**  
*An Anniversary This Month*

*Marilyn & Dale Malaise married on June 1, 1957.*  
*Marilyn passed on January 15, 2019.*  
*They shared over 61 years together.*

*Donna & Darvin Schildknecht married on June 3, 1960.*  
*Donna passed on February 7, 2019.*  
*They shared over 58 years together.*

*Mary & Walter Herrstrom married on June 11, 1961.*  
*Walt passed on June 29, 2018.*  
*They shared over 57 years together.*

*Rosemary & Jack Golden married on June 16, 1961.*  
*Jack passed on July 14, 2001.*  
*They shared over 40 years together.*

*Jeanette & John Clark married on June 16, 1984.*  
*John passed on May 16, 2026.*  
*They shared nearly 42 years together*

*Lois & Don Caswell married on June 23, 1962.*  
*Don passed on August 10, 2016.*  
*They shared over 54 years together.*

*Betty & Ray Bendorf married on June 24, 1975.*  
*Ray passed on March 24, 2009.*  
*They shared over 33 years together.*

*Nancy & Merle Schmidt married on June 25, 1988.*  
*Merle passed on April 9, 2024.*  
*They shared almost 36 years together.*

*Remembering...*

