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# The Lighthouse

FAITH CHURCH OF ELMHURST  
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## Walking in God’s Story: The Spiritual Meaning of Genealogy in the Bible

‘This is the genealogy<sup>1</sup> of Jesus the Messiah<sup>1</sup> the son of David,  
the son of Abraham’ (Matthew 1:1)

Beloved Faith Community of Elmhurst,

Within the pages of the Bible, we encounter numerous genealogies—  
lists chronicling the lineage of ancestors and descendants. As I ponder these  
records, questions arise: "Why did God include these seemingly ordinary  
family trees in His Word? What profound message is He conveying through  
these ancestral lines?"

During my seminary studies, these inquiries found clarity through the  
wisdom of a respected professor. He imparted to me, "Genealogies aren't  
mere lists; they're narratives of Christians' life and faith. They encapsulate  
the journeys of God's people as they navigate through life." In each brief  
mention of lineage, we uncover the highs and lows of human existence, the  
steadfast care of God, and the unfolding drama of His salvation.

In this light, genealogies emerge as narratives of our journey—a  
testament of faith, hope, and love. They chart our daily communion with  
God as a unified family of Faith Church, gathering to worship, embracing  
one another, and laboring together for the kingdom's advancement.

In recent months, we've rejoiced in the arrival of new lives and  
grieved the departure of cherished souls. Walt Larson, a steadfast  
companion on our spiritual voyage, was called eternal home by the Lord in  
January. Likewise, Don Palmer bid us farewell in April, though his time  
among us was brief. While we may not know every detail of their life-  
stories, reflecting on their lives and faith amidst our shared pilgrimage  
assures us of their place in God's grace and the promise of eternal life in His  
presence. Their narratives intertwine with ours, woven into the sacred fabric  
of Scripture.

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Our genealogical narrative extends beyond those who have walked this earth before us; it embraces those who live now or are yet to come. Just as Abraham and David shaped the great history of God's kingdom through their faith-filled lives, our children and future generations are poised to make their mark in God's grand providence.

I extend heartfelt prayers for Elizabeth Hope, the beloved daughter of Rollin & Rachel Mayes, and for Faith Caroline, the cherished daughter of Nick and Angela Sanders-Mud, who have graced our community with their presence. They are blessed gifts bestowed upon us by God. As your pastor, I am continuously praying for all of your children as well.

My earnest wish is that our upcoming generations flourish as devoted disciples of Jesus Christ, finding spiritual inspiration in the timeless example of Joseph from the book of Genesis. May they possess a deep spiritual discernment to hear God's living voice, wholeheartedly embrace His vision, and become vessels of His abundant grace and blessings for a world longing for hope, healing, and revival.

To see these prayers come to fruition, we are willing to lead our daily lives reflecting God's glory through holiness, righteousness, and devotion. Let us journey daily with God, anchored in His Word, fulfilling our calling as His Church, leaving a legacy of faith for future generations. May we embrace this vision with hope, dedicating ourselves faithfully to God's amazing work. Let us steward the small things with diligence, knowing that our names will one day be interwoven into the genealogy of faith.

In His Service,  
Pastor Kim



## MISSION & OUTREACH

### Fifth Sunday Tith

Ten \$25 Jewel gift cards were bought from our Raise Right fundraiser for our Easter tithe to Elmhurst Walk-in Network.

June's 5th Sunday offering will be to replenish Faith Church's Immediate Relief Funds. Pastor Kim at his discretion, has these funds for those in need.

Faith Church council voted to send funds to GMC disaster relief, Kenya-Ethiopia flooding.

### Caring Network

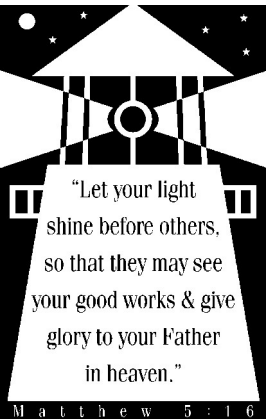
May 12th was the start of Caring Network's annual Mother's Day-Father's Day Baby Bottle Drive. This is their largest church fundraiser and is a vital way to support this critical mission. Spare change saves lives, and many learn of Caring Network's ministry through this outreach effort. Those who participate may give coins, cash, checks or use the QR code (as an alternative way to give instead of using bottles).

Mailed checks please memo Baby Bottle Drive.



### Raise Right Fundraising

When shopping, eating out, traveling please remember to check if Raise Right offers gift cards for those places. Every % rebated to Faith Church of Elmhurst adds up. It takes little time to order, I order e-cards while in line to check out or waiting for my bill. E-cards are stored in the mobile app and the card # can be used at places you buy online (Amazon, Kohls, Michael's etc.) too. Questions??? talk to Nancy Hails.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### MAY:

8 JONATHAN LEONOR  
 9 ALICE DVORAK  
 24 MONICA SOTO  
 29 ASHLEY KOUBA  
 31 ANGELA SANDERS-MUD

#### JUNE:

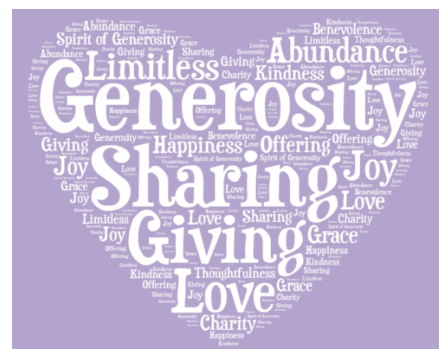
2 MAE KINGZETTE  
 AMANDA SHAFER  
 8 LATHA SANGHA  
 18 JESSIE BAXTER  
 19 WILLIAM GALARZA  
 22 ARILD EGELAND  
 26 DANIEL GRABENHOFER  
 27 ELIZA SANDERS-MUD  
 28 ANGIE SOTO



30 LEONARD & SANDY WIECH

1 JOHN & JANE AHRENS  
 5 JONATHAN & JOANNA LEONOR  
 11 WAYNE & BONNIE SMITH

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



### April 2024 Giving Statistics

Date	Weekly Income	Income to Date	Budget to Date
10-Mar	3694.92	23199.78	33065.96
17-Mar	1630.00	24829.78	36372.56
24-Mar	1100.00	25929.78	39679.15
31-Mar	805.00	26734.78	42985.75
7-Apr	3730.53	30465.31	46292.35
14-Apr	778.00	31243.31	49598.94
21-Apr	520.90	31763.31	52905.54
28-Apr	1960.00	33723.31	56212.13
5-May	2000.00	35723.31	59518.73

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### Church Library – Summer Reading

Summer is a great time to pick up a book to read from the Church Library in the Fellowship Hall. The Library is self-serve. Just sign your name on the card and file it under the author's name in the file box. There are many Christian fiction and non-fiction books to choose from. Happy Reading!



### Come for Games and Fellowship on Saturday, June, 1 @ 4 p.m.

Our next Game Night, will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at 4 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and join others in playing it. Pizza will be ordered and served at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own drinks if you like. Childcare will be provided. We are looking for individuals to help out with these events. If we have enough people to help, we can do this on a monthly basis on the first Saturday of the month.



For more information, please contact Mae Kingzette.

### Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study group concluded their Wednesday meetings on Wednesday, May 22 @ 9:30 a.m. with a potluck breakfast in the lower level of the church. The group completed their studies of "Angels" and "The Names of God" since starting in January. The group will take the summer off and resume meeting in September. All women are invited to join the group. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Jane Ahrens.



### Prayer Hugs Group

The Prayer Hugs group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in The Makery at the Elmhurst Public Library. The group is making prayer shawls, baby afghans and blankets for Phil's Friends. All women are invited to join whether you crochet, knit or want to tie blankets.

We distributed 3 prayer shawls and 3 lap afghans to Elmhurst Extended Care Center and 8 baby afghans to the Caring Network for new moms in the month of May.. If you know of an organization or ministry that could use anything we make, please contact any member of the group.

If you know someone who may be in need of a prayer shawl, the shawls will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take one to pass along. There will be a notebook there for you to sign your name, who you are giving it to (first names only are okay) and the date. We want to make these available to anyone who would like to give one of our prayer shawls away.

For any questions, please contact Jane Ahrens



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### Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, July 8, at 7 p.m., in the lower level of the church. For more information, please contact Jane Ahrens.



### Memorial Service for Don Palmer

A memorial service for Don Palmer was held at Faith Church on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Don was a beloved friend of Faith Church and attended faithfully this past year. His presence will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jeanette and his children and their families.



### Memorial Service of Walt Larson

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 for longtime church member and friend, Walt Larson. Walt was loved by all and served in many ways at Faith Church over the years. He served faithfully for a number of years on the Finance Committee. Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna and their sons and their families.



### 4 on the 4th Race

Faith Church has once again been asked to man a water station in the Elmhurst Running Club's 4 on the 4th race on Thursday, July 4, from 6:45 to 8:00 a.m. This is a great way for us to serve the community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Ahrens

### First Annual Women's Conference of the Illinois North District of the Great Lakes GMC Conference

On Saturday, May 4, eight women from Faith Church traveled to Plano Global Methodist Church for the conference entitled, "Nurturing the Garden of Your Soil." Those attending were Mae Kingzette, Sharon Artrip, Joanna Leonor, Bonnie Smith, Nancy Hails, Jane Ahrens, In Sook Kim, and Latha Sangha. It was a morning of reflection, sharing, and a hands on activity. Women from Plano and Rockford also attended. We hope this is the beginning of more connections with women from our fellow Global Methodist churches.



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### A Visit With Friends of Faith Church

Recently we were visited by former long time members, Rick and Rosie Ruelo. A selfie was taken following the worship service with members of the congregation.



### Elizabeth Hope Mayes

At 4:50 p.m. on April 16, we welcomed our daughter into the world, 8 days after her due date and nearly 10 years after we first started trying to have children. In other words, right on time.

We named her Elizabeth Hope. Elizabeth is Rachel's middle name, and I (Rollin) believe one reason God has given us a girl is to honor Rachel—to honor the faith, humility, and courage that Rachel had manifested through our journey of infertility. My prayer is that our little girl would inherit and perpetuate her mother's legacy. As a result, I wanted her name to connect her with Rachel, and we figured Elizabeth was probably a better idea than Rachel Jr.

Rachel researched the etymology of "Elizabeth." It's a transliteration of the Hebrew name meaning God's promise or God is my oath. This association sold Rachel on the

name. It captured a key theme of her own journey through our infertility. We took a while to settle on the middle name. We wanted the middle name to connect to our story as well. Eventually, we decided on "Hope." This is our hoped for child. She is a sign of hope for others. And we pray she becomes a woman of deep, joyful, and preserving hope, no matter the circumstances, just like her mother.

Elizabeth was 8lbs, 8oz at birth and the whole nursing staff commented on her big feet.

Apparently she inherited at least one thing from her daddy. After many updates and prayer requests, we are overjoyed to finally get to share this update! The first time we ever asked for prayer for a baby was October, 2016.

You have been more than our ministry partners—you have been our friends, our community, our advocates.

We have spent many years partnered with you in working to see students at Texas A&M become lifelong disciples of Jesus, for the glory of God and the good of the world.

Now, we ask for your prayer for God to help us parent Elizabeth in a way that contributes to her becoming a lifelong disciple of Jesus, for the glory of God and the good of the world.



Rachel & Rollin Mayes