

**Praises:** After some pregnancy complications, Drew & Katie Novara welcomed a new baby boy, Leo Robert Novara on Monday, June 15th!!! Baby Leo weighed 6 pounds, 2.8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mom and baby are both doing well...Praise God!!! Congratulations to the entire Novara family!!! Renee Presley is now cancer free!!! Mary Ridgeway committed her life to Christ and was baptized in Him Wednesday, May 13th!!! Gabe Kreid and Anneke Kok were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 2nd!!! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kreid!!! Alexander and Abby (Cobin) Rogers welcomed a baby girl on April 23rd!!! Ryan Renee Rogers was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds and 2 oz. Congratulations to the Rogers family!

**New Members:** Marilyn Batteau placed her membership to ECC on June 7th!!! Rodney Walker place his membership on 5/31!!! Rick & Beverly Wisely placed their membership here May 10th!!! Cliff Davis place his membership to ECC April 19th!!! Welcome to all of you to the ECC Family!!!

**Surgery & Recovering:** Tim Davis (open heart surgery);Melissa Micheals (health issues-surgery); David Havens (surgery to repair collapsed lung); Tom Scott (hip surgery due to broken hip); Rick Wisely (knee replacement surgery 5/12); Renee Presley (surgery on 5/5); Paxton Dixon (3 year old-hip surgery on 4/15); Jeanette Thompson (knee replacement 4/6/26); Lynn Cobin (in rehab); Bobbie Starr (elbow surgery in 4/14)

**Others in Need:** Justin Walker (pneumonia); Cheryl Cobin (blood clot in lung); Danny Dunlap (heart issues); John Pruitt (friend of the Dunbar's-serious heart issues); James Taylor (stroke); Melissa Knight (health issues-having several tests); Ashely Jones; Mick Perryman (shingles and severe lung problems); Nick Mitchell (serious injuries after accident); Alan Gossett (complications from stroke); Gene Gray; Sharon Jordan (Virginia Pabst's sister-in-law-heart issues); Mary Lydia Jenkins (heart trouble); Scott Chapman (heart issues); Rita Richardson (health issues); John Proz (requiring 24 hour care) Shawun & Brenda Hamley (providing John Proz with 24 hour care-pray for strength and stamina as they provide a caring home for John); Larry White; Blake & Cori Moon (lost young son in house fire); Ashlee Murry; Clifford Whittington (Serious health issues from a recent fall); Kayla Wilson (Liver issues will need a transplant in the future); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health)

**Those With Cancer:** Brad Kirk (pancreatic cancer); Sierra Buckles (20 year old with lung cancer); Maven Cole (12 year old with bone cancer); Carlie Lane (breast cancer); Nikki Gerald (Breast Cancer); Heather Bookstaver (teacher at Du Quoin); Paula Ellis; Sara Hinde (Lung Cancer); Meghan Russell (39 years old with cervical cancer); Denny Elledge (lung cancer); Lori Kelly (Carla Bigham's- stepdaughter-Kidney cancer-surgery 10/27); Rachel Rider (pancreatic cancer); Robin Frailey (diagnosed with ovarian cancer); Donny Turner (also pray for wife, Donna); Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson's son-in-law's brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin(thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer); Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo) ;Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

**Military Service:** Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming);Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizaillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

**Those in Mourning:** Family of Kimberly Grimm; Leland Arnett; Teresa Phillips; Leroy Newton; Ellen Rath; Bill Jenkins



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## Services and Times

### Sundays

Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship

(September through May)

Meal	5:45 p.m.
Bible Study	6:30-7:30 p.m.



Vacation Bible School

July 26th-July 30th

6:00-8:30 each night

For ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Register Online at [www.elkvillechristian.com](http://www.elkvillechristian.com)

# The ECC Monthly Minute

## A Declaration of Dependence

by Cayla Reiman

The year 2026 marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This document declared that the 13 British colonies were now 13 United States and were no longer going to be ruled by King George III. Prior to the Revolution, no country had ever seceded or gained independence from Great Britain. The young America was taking on a formidable empire, and the Founding Fathers knew that, if unsuccessful, they'd likely be tried, and executed, as traitors. But, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress, they began the framework of this country we now live in by drafting the Declaration and signing it on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776. The birth of a nation.

God is mentioned in the Declaration 4 times. It points to Him being "Nature's God", "Creator", and "Supreme Judge". In the last sentence of the document, it states a clear "*firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence.*" So, the signers weren't just declaring independence from a king, but dependence on God. "*they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*"..... Our rights are not reliant on government, but on our Heavenly Father.

These past 250 have seen highs and lows. Our country isn't perfect. But it is great. Let us always remember that the strength of our nation and continued success lies in our continued reliance of God's providence and grace. A faith that spans generations, from those colonial patriots to our children and grandchildren, must be the common thread that binds us together, and makes this country what it is, and what it will be.

I love this country and I am not afraid to say that I am proud to be an American. I celebrate the freedoms we enjoy. I am thankful to the brave men and women who have fought, and died, protecting those freedoms. But I know that God gave us an even greater freedom: freedom from our sins when He sent His Son to die on a cross.

*"While the storm clouds  
gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a  
land that's free,  
Let us all be grateful for a  
land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a  
solemn prayer."*

*God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide  
her  
Thru the night with a light  
from above.  
From the mountains, to the  
prairies,  
To the oceans, white with  
foam  
God bless America, My home  
sweet home.*

*God Bless America  
by Irving Berlin*

## For More Information

- Men's Breakfast- Steve Parry will be leading the devotion
- Women's Breakfast-We will be taking a brief break for the remainder of the summer and will resume in September.
- Book Club Monday, July 13th. Our Book of the Month is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.
- Serving opportunity in the nursery! If you love babies and toddlers and are searching for a way to serve, you're invited to join our rotation of nursery volunteers. If interested, see Cayla. Those interested will have to pass a background check.
- Camp Kitchen Work Days. Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp is in need of 2 kitchen helpers to help out on July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11-3. If you'd be interested in volunteering, sign up at the bulletin board or let Cayla know.
- Families in Need Yard Sale Fundraiser July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Families in Need Organization will be selling donated items at the yard sale. There is an opportunity for individuals to hold their own yard sale at the church at the same time, for just a small fee. Options for inside and outside of the church. Proceeds from the Families in Need sale will go directly to that organization fund. Individuals holding their own yard sales will keep proceeds from their own sales. We are simply collecting a small fee to go to the organization.
- There is still time to give to the Camp Scholarship Fund. ECC pays for all of its students to attend one camp so if you'd like to participate in the scholarship fund, simply write "Camp Fund" on the memo portion of your check.
- VBS July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 each night. For kids ages 3 through incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Online registration will be available and shared in July.

# Calendar + List of Events

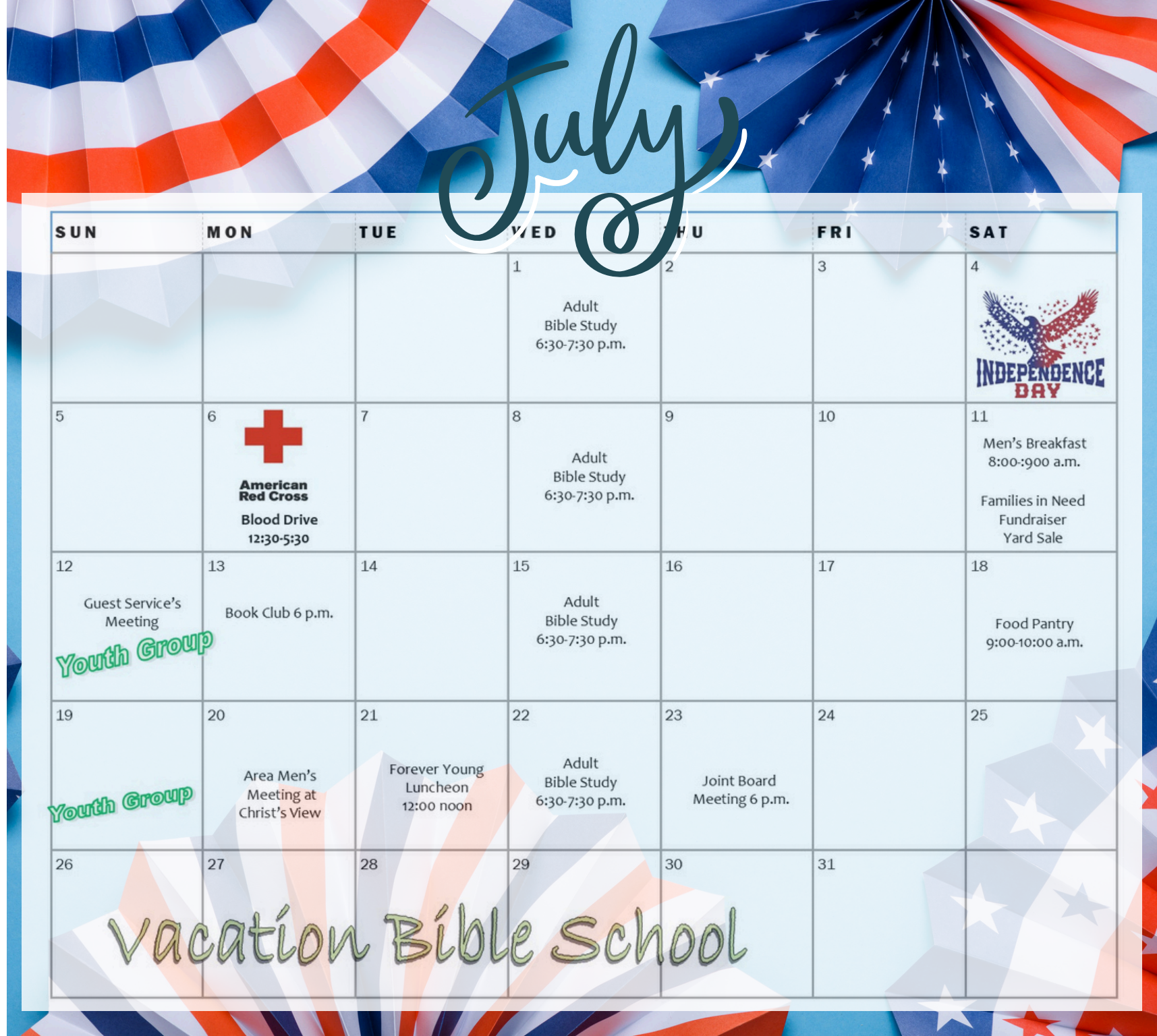
- 7/1 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 (no meal)
- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/6 Blood Drive 12:30-5:30
- 7/ 8 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 (no meal)
- 7/11 Men's Meeting and Breakfast
- 7/11 Families in Need Yard Sale
- 7/12 Guest Services Meeting
- 7/12 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 7/13 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- 7/15 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 (no meal)
- 7/18 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 7/19 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 7/20 Area Men's Meeting at Christ's View
- 7/21 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 7/23 Joint Board Meeting
- 7/26 - 7/30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

\*Planning Ahead: Ben is planning on a Youth trip to the St. Louis Zoo!

\*\*August 9<sup>th</sup>- Forever Young Ice Cream Social

## 2026 Camp Schedule

5th/6th	July 5-9	\$145
High School Camp (9th-12)	July 12-17	\$165
Jr. High Camp (6th-8th)	July 19-24	\$165
Young Adult Retreat (18-24)	September 11-12	\$60



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 American Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-5:30	7	8 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.  Families in Need Fundraiser Yard Sale
12 Guest Service's Meeting Youth Group	13 Book Club 6 p.m.	14	15 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
19 Youth Group	20 Area Men's Meeting at Christ's View	21 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon	22 Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	23 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Vacation Bible School

# Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Bastien  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Keith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Hicks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wes Monroe  
6<sup>th</sup> Ron Kreid  
6<sup>th</sup> Jen Kreid  
8<sup>th</sup> Beau Gibbs  
8<sup>th</sup> Riley Bandur  
10<sup>th</sup> Crystal Keller  
10<sup>th</sup> Landon Buser  
13<sup>th</sup> Doug Gibbs  
15<sup>th</sup> Brandon Buser  
17<sup>th</sup> Abel Tripp  
17<sup>th</sup> Charis Pitlick  
19<sup>th</sup> Carol Ritter  
22<sup>nd</sup> Peggy Harsy  
24<sup>th</sup> Joella Gossett  
25<sup>th</sup> Nathan Barwick  
25<sup>th</sup> Skylar Olmsted  
25<sup>th</sup> Carol Jorgenson  
25<sup>th</sup> Ray Pabst  
26<sup>th</sup> Corey Odom  
27<sup>th</sup> Trey Bernardini  
28<sup>th</sup> Ezra Fager  
29<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Keith  
29<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Jones  
31<sup>st</sup> Ryan Reiman  
31<sup>st</sup> Shelly Aldridge  
31<sup>st</sup> Jacob Cobin

# Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Randy & Patty Manis  
6<sup>th</sup> Henry & Marilyn Stockton  
7<sup>th</sup> Travis & Dorothy Williams  
9<sup>th</sup> John & Deanice Owens  
16<sup>th</sup> Wayne & Dianne Chamness  
20<sup>th</sup> Aaron & Christa Thompson  
26<sup>th</sup> Roger & Donna Waller  
28<sup>th</sup> Doug & Amy Gibbs

# Serving Schedule

## Communion Purchase

Beth Alongi & Faye Aken

## Communion Prep

Beth Alongi & Faye Aken

## Sunday School Milk & Juice

7/5 Vern & Necie Rees  
7/12 & 7/19 Gordon & Becky Burroughs  
7/26 Steve & Vickie Parry

## Communion Meditation

7/5 Tim Gossett  
7/12 Ben Houpt  
7/19 Kevin Asbury  
7/26 Brandon Buser

## Communion Servers

### 7/5/2026

Gary Monroe  
Ron Ritter  
Steve Parry  
Jim Williamson  
Craig Briley  
Paula Dunlap  
Jeremy Keith  
AJ Keith

### 7/12/2026

Dirk Valerius  
Christian Kistner  
Tim Gossett  
Gary Jones  
Mike Stewart  
Erin Carter  
Grace Godoyo  
Lyle Thompson

### 7/19/2026

Dale Odom  
Don Garver  
Mark Wilson  
Jordan Evans  
Larry Hickman  
Joyce Hickman  
Warren Yates  
Kathy Yates

### 7/26/2026

Aaron Thompson  
Maddax Thompson  
Kevin Asbury  
Jarrod Kreid  
Kathy Elson  
Bruce Ridgeway  
Andy Burroughs  
Tyler Burroughs

## Inside Greeters

7/5 Becky Burroughs & Marilyn Piper  
7/12 Jeanette Thompson & Bobbie Starr  
7/19 Tim & Myra Gossett  
7/26 Jason & Heather Will

## Hall Greeter

7/5 Jordan Evans & Doug Gibbs  
7/12 Mark Wilson & Dale Odom  
7/19 Aaron Thompson & Jake Gibbs  
7/26 Craig Briley & Gordon Burroughs

## Exit Greeter

7/5 Dale Odom  
7/12 Vickie Carter  
7/19 Paula Dunlap  
7/26 Dale Odom

## Nursery

7/5 Gail Ridgeway with Colton  
7/12 Jenni Porter with Paislee  
7/19 Clarissa Hill with Emah  
7/26 Ashli Clifton with Ginny Reiman

## Opening Prayer

7/5 Lyle Thompson  
7/12 Lance Weil  
7/19 Gary Pruitt  
7/26 Ben Houpt