

Salem Lutheran Ministries

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AUGUST 2015



Salem Lutheran Ministries

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Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15 am

Adult Bible Classes

9:30 am

Cristo Para Todos Worship Service
10:30 am

July Happenings

Vacation Bible School



LUMA—Kansas City



LWML Convention—Des Moines, IA



From Pastor Krause...



Dear Friends in Christ,

Like it or not, we live in a world that is constantly changing. Maybe it is because I am getting older, but it seems to me that my life is changing at a much more rapid pace. Even though I might not like all the changes that are affecting my life, I know that most change is beyond my control to do anything about it. I could whine and complain about the changes I don't like, but this will not help me to deal with the changes. I know we should see change as a reality of life and look to God for wisdom and direction to meet the challenges that change brings into our lives. But this is not always easy.

This past year has brought about a major change in the health of my parents. A little over a year ago my parents were living independently and still enjoying the summers at their lake home in northern Minnesota. Today my mother is under hospice care with Alzheimer's and other health issues which has forced them to get outside help. It hurts me most to see my father, struggling with his own health issues, watching the love of his life slowing drifting away as she loses her memory and grows weaker. In the midst of this change I find joy in knowing that my parent's journey will soon be over. In fact, my father has asked me to pray that God would take them home soon. This is a change that Christ has promised through His death and resurrection which gives us hope in all circumstances.

After living in an apartment for a number of years, God has blessed us with a change of address. Sometimes I find it hard to believe that we actually have a home. But this change of residence didn't come without some stress and anxiety. It is amazing how many decisions needed to be made. Even with the best of planning it didn't eliminate the need to make changes along the way, including the need to change the mortgage company near the completion of the project. Now that the house is complete, all the changes which caused added stress are all worth it as we enjoy our new home. I am so glad that we made the changes.

A year and a half ago we changed the name of our congregation to Salem Lutheran Ministries. With the name change Cristo Para Todos, our Spanish ministry, partnered with us to form a ministry with a new structure that works to administer all of the ministries that God has given to us under one Board of Directors. We are still working with changes that will make this structure more efficient. Now that we have been blessed with Pastor Martin I hope to continue the process of developing a team-based ministry led by the staff that God has given to us. I believe this new structure will help us meet the ministry challenges that come with a changing world.

I'm not sure what changes are in our future as a congregation. But I can hold on to the promise that God made to Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

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Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Studies begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying 1 Peter and soon will go into 2 Peter. Led by Pastor Krause.

The **Young Adults** meet in the Music Room. They continue the study of Revelation. Led by Kristin Hatton.

Children's Sunday School Classes begin at 9:15am.

The **Men's Bible Study** meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 in the Meeting Room. They are studying **The Book of Matthew**. Led by Pastor Krause.

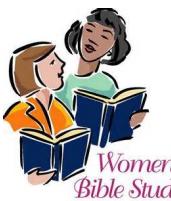
The morning **Women's Bible Study Group** begins a new study: "Becoming a Woman of Influence" on September 2. They meet at 9:00 am on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room down the 4's hallway.

Our Neighbor's Faith will meet this month on the 16th at 5:00pm. Place: home of Dan and Marilyn Bierwagen.

Rockies (Campus Ministry) resumes on August 26, 6:30pm, at the Rockhouse in Fayetteville.

Bible Studies and Other Topics

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



The Wednesday morning women's Bible study will begin a new study on Wed September 2: "Becoming a Woman of Influence" by Carol Kent. This 9-week

study will encourage you to become a mentor like Jesus and leave a lasting influence when you realize you have God-given power to influence others. We will be exploring principles of discipleship and how you can become a valued mentor who leaves an eternal mark. All are welcome to join us in the meeting room down the 4's hallway at 9 am on Wednesday mornings. For questions, or more information, contact Marci Wilson or Lori Smith.

Young Adults Bible Study



The study of The Book of Revelation continues. Led by Kristin Hatton. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Music Room. Contact Kristin if questions.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING NEWS:

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER

If you are between the ages of 19 and 25 consider being a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, 2016. It is an opportunity to serve; playing a major role in making the Gathering a success and being a role model for the teens participating in the Gathering. Salem has had the privilege of having 2 young adults serve as a YAV at previous Gatherings; Jayci Wilson and Michael Atkinson. For more information and to apply go to: WWW.CONFERENCEBUILDERS.COM/LCMS2016/YAV

Registration for serving as a YAV ends December 31. For questions contact Marci Wilson.

REGISTRATION

Just a reminder for any high school youth who are interested in attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering: Registration forms will be available mid-August with all being turned in by the first of October. For any information or questions about the Gathering contact Marci Wilson.

Stewardship Corner



God has blessed us with a growing ministry. Let's give thanks to God for the resources that God has given to us through your generosity which makes it possible for us to keep moving forward. During the month of July we received \$36,313.83 in income. That is about \$6,000 more than we would have received for an average month, truly fantastic for the month of July. This is a good start to meet our obligations to the district and to the seminary. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider how each of us could contribute depending on how God has blessed you to meet this financial challenge.

The Apostle Paul reminds us of the importance of giving through his letter to the Christians in Corinth: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Other News

LWML NEWS AND NOTES FOR AUGUST 2015

 At our July meeting, Freda Piazza reported on the LWML National Convention she attended in June. Highlights were the inspiring worship services, challenging speakers, and fellowship with LWML members from all over the United States. A **\$2 million goal** was set for **Mites**, to fund this biennium's **Mission Projects**. Specific projects can be viewed at www.lwml.org.

The woman's outing September 12 to Terra Studios has been postponed. Further plans will be discussed at the August 11 meeting.

In keeping with the LWML Motto, "**Serve the Lord with Gladness**", members prepared & served the meal and snacks at VBS and at the July 22, 2016 Youth Night.

Collection of **items for World Relief** continues. In August we are requesting **adult size tooth brushes in original packaging**. We will continue to collect **hand towels and wash cloths in a dark color** as well as **nail clippers with file attached**. Thank you to all who are participating in this worthy project. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Looking Ahead:

The next meeting August 11, 2015 at 5:30
Mid-South District Retreat – September 25-27, 2015
LWML Sunday – October 4, 2015
Fall Zone Rally – October 10, 2015 at Harrison, AR

LWML Salad Supper



Financial Report—June 2015

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,119.38
Income	+ 85,346.35
	91,465.73
Expenses	- 85,047.15
Ending Balance	\$ 6,418.58

Special Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$ 30,594.19
Income	+ 7,552.37
	38,146.56
Expenses	- 25,687.07
Ending Balance	\$ 12,459.49

LCEF Accounts (Investments)

Beginning Balance	\$ 43,788.60
Income	+ 130.70
	43,919.30
Expenses	- 1,400.00
Ending Balance	\$ 42,519.30

Mortgage Principle Balance

Mortgage Principle Balance	\$ 352,849.85
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Cristo Para Todos Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,751.39
Income	0.00
	2,751.39
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,271.39

LCEF Loan Principal Balance

LCEF Loan Principal Balance	\$ 52,700.23
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Potluck and Congregational Meeting



On Sunday, August 2, we will be having our annual congregational meeting following a pot luck dinner at noon in the Family Life Center. We hope everyone will plan to attend. You are asked to bring a main dish plus a salad, vegetable or dessert. Table service and drinks will be provided. It will be a time to look back at the past year to give thanks to God for His many blessings. It will also be a time to look forward to the coming year as a new ministry plan will be presented along with the budget needed to support the plan. Please keep this meeting in your prayers.

Project Compassion

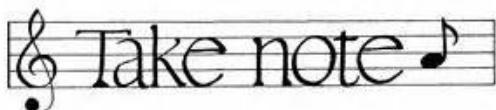
**PROJECT
COMPASSION** In just three mornings in July Project Compassion was able to assist 54 people in our congregations and community. Thanks to all of you who support us with food and monetary gifts. We had to close the doors on the 22nd, though, because of illness.

It was just reported that one out of four children in NW Arkansas go without food, etc. That is heartbreaking. Most of these parents do not have a church home, so what a responsibility we have to witness to them about their Savior! Many single parents are struggling with the other parent—who is in prison or just left them without monetary support, etc. Some are even homeless. We pray for and with these parents.

We thank and praise God for using us here at Salem to love our neighbor as ourselves.

In His Service,
Billie, Marion, Larry and Sharon

From the Balcony



When you attend 8:00 Church this month, you will probably notice the choir is not singing. They are on a well-deserved vacation this month. We will return in September.

Our choir is a group of people (high school age and up) who love music and like to sing. We provide music for the 8:00 service each week September through July. We are always looking for new people and you are more than welcome to join us. Our regular practice is Tuesday nights from 7:15 to 8:30. We also meet early on Sunday mornings at 7:30.

We always start off the year with a potluck supper which will be on Saturday, August 29th at 6:30. This is a joint potluck with St. Thomas Episcopal and is held in their parish hall. The church is located at 2898 South 48th here in Springdale. We also have done a Christmas Cantata the last couple of years with the St. Thomas choir and sing together on Easter as well.

Practice will begin Tuesday, September 1st at 7:15 in the balcony. I invite any who would be interested to come and try us out!

If you have any questions, call me (David White) or my wife (LaDonna White) at 770-6359.

I'm looking forward to this year.

Blessings,

David

More VBS Pictures...



Wednesday Night Youth Meals – A New Plan!!

Starting late in August, we will have a regular team to prepare the evening meals for our Wednesday Night Youth!! The “Three Chicks” (Ruth Burnett, Marilyn Bierwagen, and Barb Smith) will do the cooking and serving for most Wednesdays each month. Supper will be served to the kids and leaders at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To give us “Chicks” a monthly break, the LWML has agreed to take the second Wednesday of each month as they did last year, and we greatly appreciate their participation!! (We will break again during the Advent and Lenten seasons for our traditional congregational meals before Wednesday worship services).

But we “Chicks” can use any assistance you can provide! Although the Church has agreed to a budget to help with main dishes, we would appreciate contributions of side dishes, condiments, desserts, paper products or monetary gifts to help cover some of these costs. We plan to have a sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the office each Sunday to list the menu for the week and the items we could use. Just sign up so we know what to expect! Please have the items to the church by the Tuesday evening before the meal.

“Hands-on” help is also always appreciated – the more the merrier!! Even if you cannot get here for the 5:30 p.m. start time, we can certainly use the clean-up help! We expect to be finished no later than 7:15 pm each evening.

ONE MORE THING !!! In order to help our young people begin to understand and practice Good Stewardship, we are asking that each child bring \$1.00 each week to help pay for their meal. (*No child will ever be turned away if they are unable to pay.*) We will also be asking the kids to bring a canned or boxed food product to contribute to our Project Compassion Food Pantry several times a month as an on-going mission project. We are confident that these ideas will help teach them good habits of responsibility and charity during their time with us!

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Bierwagen or Ruth Burnett through the church office. We thank everyone in our wonderful SLM Family for your continued support of this growing and vital ministry to our youth and our community!!

“The Three Chicks”

More VBS pictures...



Serving Salem this Month . . .

Altar

Altar Guild

8:00

Nelva House

10:30

Lisa McNeel—August 2, 9, 23, 30

Star Iglesias—August 16

Altar Linens

Leah Beth Sutton

Greeters

8:00 Bob and Suzanne Ennis

Communion Assistants

8:00 August 2—Dan Bierwagen, Tom Smith
Rest of month—Zac Smith, Tom Smith

Arise Service Helper

Team: Gary Dandy

Ushers

8:00 Scott Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Bill Brandt,
Brian Owens, Paige Busch

Flowers

Stand #1	Stand #2	Piano
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2nd

9th Hoff

16th

23rd

30th

Flowers



A sign up poster for flowers is located on the bulletin board in the lobby area. Flowers may be ordered from a local florist, made by Julie Hoff, or you may make your own. Contact the church office the Thursday before your Sunday and let Darlene know what your flowers are for.

Also, for best results, please bring bouquets of live flowers before the 8:00 am service on Sunday.

Scripture Readers - 8:00am

Cristo Para Todos Update

Your Spanish-Speaking Family of Faith!

This summer our congregation enjoyed many activities together with Salem: Father's Day cookout, Yard Sale, Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City, VBS, and VBS Celebration Sunday. Our family of faith also celebrated a wedding, several baptisms, and a quinceañera (15th birthday celebration for a Hispanic female).

Cristo Para Todos has developed a great partnership with the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences department. They offered diabetes prevention classes in June and provided a free health screening in July. Through these activities, our congregation is practicing the care of our bodies as God's temples and instruments.

Upcoming Activities:



Small Group Bible Studies: We are preparing to launch several small group Bible studies in September. Pastor Brandon is currently training facilitators to help lead these small groups.



Blessing of Backpacks: We are preparing to return to school with a special blessing of our students and their backpacks on August 16. All students are encouraged to wear their backpacks to worship this day!

Health Screening

Moving Day

VBS 2015



Nora Brennon Quinceañera



Salem Lutheran School News



Before this month is complete, the 2015-2016 school year will be underway. The faculty and staff are busy preparing for the new school year and are excited to get off to a new start. By the time you read this, we will have had conferences with nearly 80 families, whom we will be serving in our preschool 3/4 & 4/5 year old classrooms. Most of our staff remains with us for this coming year. Linda Gordley, Vicki Littrell, Melody Rush and Kara Phillips will be teaching in our 3/4 year old classrooms. Kathy Teters, Rhonda Collins, Tracy Burnett and Mary Kongmany will be teaching in our 4/5 year old classrooms. Our wonderful Ruth Burnett will be filling our tummies with delicious food from the kitchen and our extended day staff includes Miranda Harrison, Carley Knipe, Alina Anima, and Olivia Fredricksen. We are still in need of a 4 year old staff person for afternoons. They must be 18 years old or older. Hours are 2:30-5:30pm Monday -Friday.

As the school year unfolds we ask for your continued prayers on this part of the church ministry outreach and always look forward to having opportunities for you to volunteer and share in the joy of these little ones.



SCRIP Program

Would you like to help Salem Lutheran School financially without giving any money? As an on-going fund raiser for Salem Lutheran School, we continue to sell SCRIP cards on Sunday mornings. We offer \$25 and \$100 Wal-Mart cards and many other "over-the-counter" cards as well as provide a process to order other SCRIP cards to be delivered on the following Sunday. When you buy a SCRIP card, it is worth the exact amount you paid for it, but in addition the school gets a small percentage. It is a great way to support our school painlessly. There are hundreds of companies that participate in this program. You can find out which ones do by visiting the website, www.shopwithscrip.com and clicking on *SHOP*. You can also register to be a user on this website as well and then would be able to order SCRIP online (You would need to get a code number from me to get started). With plenty of consistent users of SCRIP in our congregation, Salem Lutheran School would indeed be blessed.

*Buy
Scrip*
Support our School!

In Christ's love,
Kris Busch, School Administrator

VBS pictures...



Salem Celebrates!

August Birthdays

Ron Drittler	8/1
Erma Jessen	8/2
Richard Olson	8/2
Dana Simmons	8/3
Cristian Heredia	8/6
Bonnie Brandt	8/7
Laura Herwaldt	8/9
Caleb Young	8/10
Mila Young	8/10
Larry House	8/11
Will Calhoun	8/12
Lillie Combs	8/14
Dirk Becher	8/14
Deanne Harris	8/15
David Franco	8/15
Robbie Combs	8/17
Chris Adams	8/18
Jill Fischaber	8/18
Lee Sletten	8/19
Derek Caquelin	8/24
Cade Erickson	8/24
Christian Roque	8/25
Jane Marshall	8/27
Carolyn Halbert	8/28
Ian Lindeman	8/31
Phyllis Tresner	8/31

August Baptism Birthdays

Doris Grayson	8/1
Carolyn Halbert	8/1
Laura Krisnowich	8/2
Rod Becher	8/3
Debbie Garrison	8/5
Shane Sutton	8/6
Roger Joseph	8/7
Ron Drittler	8/10
Nelva House	8/10
Leah Beth Sutton	8/10
Katie Platt	8/11
Tracy Burnett	8/12
A.J. Burnett	8/12
Daniel Burnett	8/12
Sammy Burnett	8/12
Christian Iglesias	8/12
Avis Duncan	8/12
Billie Rosamond	8/12
Charlie Sutton	8/12
Bonnie Brandt	8/17
Paige Busch	8/21
Richard Olson	8/30

August Wedding Anniversaries

Ken and Mary Sue Kruse	8/2/2012—3 years
Darrel and Avis Duncan	8/3/1976—39 years
Dave and Shannon Robbins	8/3/2013—2 years
Russell and Mary Ann Wood	8/3/1982—33 years
John and Monica Stewart	8/4/2007—8 years
Jim and Martha Atkinson	8/5/1988—27 years
Rod and Kim Becher	8/5/1984—31 years
Richard and Mary Meyer	8/8/1959—56 years
Donald and Vicki Plowman	8/11/1990—25 years
Tim and Toni Hinrichs	8/12/1989—26 years
Jeff and Shelly Bladdick	8/13/1988—27 years
Ken and Jewel Wiese	8/17/2010—5 years
Harley and Julie Tetzlaff	8/20/1977—38 years
Rev. Thomas and Jackie Zehnder	8/20/1960—55 years
Bill and Bonnie Brandt	8/21/1960—55 years
Richard and Destiny Brown	8/21/1999—16 years
Maria Fernanda Zuniga & Juan Torres	8/21/2012—3 years
Rev. Kenneth and Darlene Lampe	8/29/1970—45 years

Our Church Family

Directory Changes

Teacher Change

Page 2 Andrea Gordley
Change to Mary Kongmany

Address Change

Page 17 Martin, Rev. Brandon & Joy
Joshua, Abigail, Selah
2802 Glen St.
Springdale, AR 72762
Same phone #'s & E-mails

Page 22 Sipes, Mike & Melissa
Blake, Landon Hatch
Levi Sipes
16089 S. Hwy. 265
West Fork, AR 72774
Same phone # and E-mail

New Members by Transfer

Page 15 Kuburich, Ted & Jan
Evan, Caroline
1719 Granada Dr.
Springdale, AR 72762
Phone #'s same

Page 24 Valdez, Jeff & Kim
Avery
4204 SW Cornerstone Rd.
Bentonville, AR 72712
1-513-967-6771
E-Mail: klvaldez@hotmail.com

Armed Services List

The following members, friends, and family members continue to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas. We, as their church family, want to continue to uphold them and their families in prayer. As we pray for peace, please also remember all the service men and women serving throughout the world.

Aaron Bohannan—at Ft. Hood

Jesse Pointer—grandson of Nancy Allor—in Afghanistan

Trent Keyes—son-in-law of Mike and Kim Cooper—in Afghanistan

Paul Ostrowski—brother of Diane Border—at the Pentagon

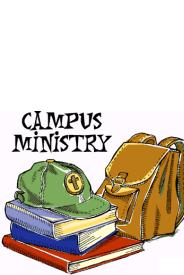
Prayer List

Each month, the Men's Bible Study prays for six Salem families/friends. The families chosen for August are:

Jim & Bea Estes
Makenna Evans
(granddaughter of Bob & Barbara Smith)
Richard & Susan Faulk
David & Jill Fischaber
Brayden Flores
(son of *Tamara Gonzalez & David Flores*)
Jim & Kelly Fougne
Allister, Ainsley

Please join the Men's Bible Study Group in saying prayers for these families this month.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Traditional Service w/ Communion 8:00 Praise Band Practice 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Classes 9:30 Arise Contemporary Service w/Communion 10:30 Cristo Para Todos Service w/Communion 10:30 Volleyball 6:00						
2 10th Sunday after Pentecost (Same as Each Sunday) Congregational Potluck 12:00 Voter's Meeting 1:00	3 Soccer 6:00 Dance Group 7:00	4 Soccer 6:00	5 Last Day of Pre-School Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Meal 5:30 Youth Night 5:30	6 Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00	7 Pre-School Open House 12:30—2:00 Set up for Quinceañera—Time TBA NO Soccer	1 Keepers of the House 8:00 Bd. of Directors 9:00 Praise Band Practice 6:00
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost Project Compassion Sunday (Same as Each Sunday) Events Planning Team 12:00 Rockhouse Ministry Meeting 1:00	10 Salem Pre-School Begins Fall Session Soccer 6:00 Dance Group 7:00	11 LWML 5:30 Soccer 6:00	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:15	13 Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00	14 Soccer	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord Praise Band Practice 6:00
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Same as Each Sunday)	17 Bartholomew, Apostle Soccer 6:00 Dance Group 7:00	18 Soccer 6:00	19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Youth Back to School Kick-Off 5:30-7:00 Parent Orientation/ Mentor Training	20 Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00	21 Soccer	22 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist Praise Band Practice 6:00
Our Neighbor's Faith 5:00						
23 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Same as Each Sunday) High School Pool Party 4:00—7:00	24 Soccer 6:00 Dance Group 7:00	25 Newsletter Deadline Soccer 6:00	26 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Youth Night Fellowship 5:30—8:00 Rockies 6:30	27 (Same as the 20th)	28 Soccer	29 Praise Band Practice 6:00 Choir Potluck at St. Thomas Episcopal Church 6:30
30 14th Sunday after Pentecost Jr. High Pool Party 4:00—7:00	31 Soccer 6:00 Dance 7:00					

Youth—Children—Outreach

News from June & July

In June we mainly focused on our regular Sunday and Wednesday activities and on the yard sale. Outside of the rain at the end of the yard sale, it was a very successful event. We greatly appreciate everyone who came out to support this event through sorting, pricing, and, of course, purchasing items! We made enough to support the Kansas City Trip!

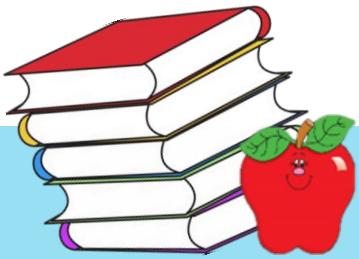
July was much busier and included both the Kansas City Service Trip & Vacation Bible School. The 11 youth we took on the trip did incredibly well serving at the Vacation Bible School, the Thrift Store, and helping out at LUMA. Our focus for the week was “It’s not about me, it’s about HIM.” They did a great job trying to emulate that. It was great to see Pastor Jorge Groh & Olga and they send greetings and love to everyone! See pictures from trip on this page.



VBS

This year's VBS focused on learning about how, even in challenges, God has the power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love us forever. It was a great week with amazing volunteers, interactive storytelling, hands on application in the imagination station, great snacks and games, and fun music that all taught kids about the Bible! Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated supplies, food items or decorations!





PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

New Developments for Youth & Confirmation!

The youth team has worked incredibly hard assessing our youth program and brainstorming and planning changes for the future, and we are now very excited to announce some new changes to our youth & confirmation ministry. This fall our High School ministry will begin meeting on Sunday Evenings in a home-based setting. Three weeks out of a month they will meet for Bible Study and fellowship and the fourth they will meet for worship and then either a service project or a fellowship activity. Those that are interested will then serve as mentors to the younger youth and kids on Wednesdays. Wednesdays will then be focused on 3rd grade through Jr. High. However, Junior High will have their own Bible Class and fellowship time separate from the other groups in order to better disciple them. 3rd grade through confirmation will meet during the same time period (but still separately) and there will be some exciting changes to our confirmation program. The confirmation class will now start with a 20 minute lecture to the whole group, but then the students will be split into small groups for discussion, application, and deeper understanding. We will have mentors that will work with the small groups to facilitate this small group time. We're very excited to have 12 mentors that will be joining us in ministry this fall. Another addition will be a sports & activity coordinator for our Wednesday nights. We are very excited to launch this new ministry and discipleship plan and believe it will greatly benefit the youth of our church and community. We greatly appreciate your continued support and prayers as we implement these changes.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, August 19th

5:30-7:00pm

Family Dinner & Orientation Night

Wednesday, August 26th

5:30-8:00pm

Team Building & Fellowship Night

School Supply Drive

We began a School Supply Drive with our Vacation Bible School this year and would like to now invite the congregation to participate as well. These school supplies will benefit local schools, specifically Elmdale Elementary. There are bins in the Family Life Center and next to the Church Office. Lists may be picked up next to the bins or from Darlene. The lists will also be included as inserts in the bulletins. If you have any questions, please see Kristin Hatton.



Pool Parties!!

High School

Sunday, August 23rd

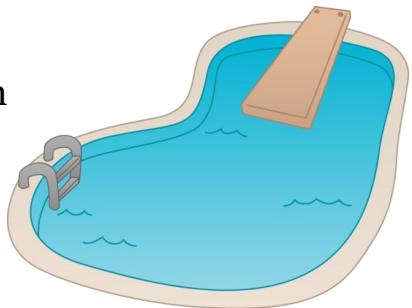
4:00—7:00pm

Jr. High

Sunday, August 30th

4:00—7:00pm

Two generous congregation members have agreed to let the youth of our church cool off from the heat in their pools! We will have one pool party for High School to kick off their new Sunday Evening Ministry. The second will be for our Junior High group. Cool off from these hot summer days and join us!





Church & School
479-751-9500

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479-750-2028



AUGUST HAPPENINGS

- 2nd Congregational Potluck—Noon—FLC
Voter's Meeting to follow
- 5th Last Day of Pre-School
Meal—5:30pm—FLC
Youth Night—5:30pm—FLC/F. Hall
- 7th Pre-School Open House—12:30—2:00
Set up for Quinceañera—Time TBA—FLC
- 8th Quinceañera—Church/FLC—3:00—10:0pm
- 9th Events Planning Team—12:00—Meeting Room by Nursery
Rockhouse Ministry Meeting—1:00pm—Place TBA
- 10th Fall Session of Pre-School Begins
- 19th Youth Back to School Kick-Off—F. Hall/FLC—5:30—7:00
Mentor/Training Orientation afterwards
- 23rd—High School Pool Party—4:00—7:00—Place TBA
- 25th September Newsletter Deadline
- 26th Youth Night Fellowship—5:30—8:00—F. Hall/FLC
- 29th Choir Potluck at St. Thomas Episcopal Church—6:30pm
- 30th Jr. High Pool Party—4:00—7:00—home of Bill and Jill Simmons