



A Multi-Ethnic Family of Faith Sharing Christ's Love  
into our Community and to the World

# Salem Lutheran Ministries messenger

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



## New Beginnings

### Salem Lutheran Ministries

1800 W. Emma Ave.  
Springdale, AR 72762

Church & School  
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### Staff

Rev. Mark Krause  
*Pastor, Salem Lutheran Church and School*

Mauricio Franco  
*Pastor's Assistant (Spanish)*

Kris Busch  
*School Administrator*

Kristin Hatton  
*Outreach/Children's/ Youth Director*

Marilyn Bierwagen  
*Financial Administrator*

David White  
*Organist/Choir Director*

Darlene Diercouff  
*Administrative Assistant*

### Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 am & 10:30 am

### Sunday School

9:15 am

### Adult Bible Class

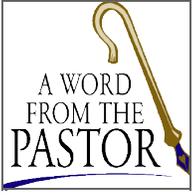
9:30 am

### Cristo Para Todos Worship Service

10:30 am



## From the Pastor...



Dear Friends in Christ,

Rose and I give thanks to God for the partnership of the Gospel that has developed over the past two years. The combined congregational meeting last Sunday between Salem and Cristo Para Todos was an affirmation of the multi-ethnic ministry that God has developed in our midst. God has placed before us an opportunity for our two congregations to work together in sharing the love of Christ into our community and to the world. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in us a greater level of passion and cooperation to use the strengths of each of our congregations, and the gifts that God has given to us as individuals, to make a greater impact for Christ in our community.

The Church, defined as all true believers in Christ is a divine institution. It is divine because God is the one through the power of the Holy Spirit creating faith in the hearts of believers through the Word of God and the sacraments. The church, defined as an earthly organization, is not divine. It is a human organization that is formed to help administer an organization that works to support the mission of the church in fulfilling the Great Commission of "making disciples of all nations." The Church and the Word of God doesn't change, it is eternal. But the church as a human organization needs to change as the culture around us changes, or the church as an organization will become stagnant and eventually die.

A number of years ago the congregation started the process to make some changes in the way it organized itself. Over the last year a team has been working to continue the development of this process. A new constitution, bylaws, and a policy governance manual was developed to support a team based ministry that is led by a Senior Pastor who is held accountable to the Board of Directors and the congregation to accomplish the strategic direction of the congregation. Last Sunday the congregation approved this continued development of this new organizational structure to allow the Board of Directors and the Mid-South District to work out some of the details over the next few months. I hope we will be able to present a final draft of these documents in May or June. A six month combined budget was also affirmed to help support our unified ministry.

Most organizations need to reinvent themselves and provide new and improved products to remain relevant to the market or they will go out of business. I believe the church as a human organization also needs to reinvent itself to remain a relevant influence to our culture. The Word of God doesn't change, but the way we present the mission of the church will need to change if we are to interact with our changing world. Do I like the changes taking place in our culture? No! I am especially concerned about the way our culture looks at the organized church. A growing number of people look at the church as an old fashioned institution that is more concerned about telling people what they need to believe and how they are to live, rather than caring for them as individuals first.

Keeping this in mind, that's one of the reasons for the name change to Salem Lutheran Ministries. As believers we appreciate what church means, but a growing number of people in our world find the word offensive. The word "ministry" presents an image that we care and have provided a number of ministries that serve our community and the world with the love of Christ. God has blessed Salem Lutheran Church as an organization for over 100 years. But our mission is not to preserve Salem Lutheran Church and all of the things we love about Salem Lutheran Church for our own appreciation. Our mission is to use our human wisdom to create an organization that will continually work to figure out ways to rally God's people gathering at 1800 W. Emma to be a blessing of God's grace among ourselves and to our community. I pray that we not look back and dwell on what we may lose, but look forward to what God is and will do to develop the ministry he has started and has promised to bless as we work together to share the love of Christ through word and deed.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Mark and Rose

# Bible Studies and Other Topics

## Adult Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study  
— meets at 9:30am.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study:

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying **Parables**.

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

**The Jr. High/High School Class** is studying **modern topics** that are relevant for youth today. Marci Wilson leads.

### Other Bible Studies:

**The Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study Group.** They meet at 9:30am. They meet in the **F. Hall**. They are studying **The Book of Romans and other topics**.

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

The **Women's Bible Study Group** meets at 9:00am, in the **Meeting Room**. Topic: **"STUCK"**.

**Our Neighbor's Faith** will meet on Sunday, February 16th. Place TBA

**Keepers of the House** will meet on February 1 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Lutheran Campus Ministry (Rockies)** meet each Wednesday evening, at 6:30pm at the Rock House in Fayetteville.

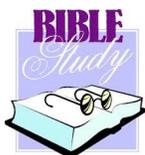
## Lutheran Campus Ministry



The Lutheran Campus Ministry will meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Rock House in Fayetteville. They begin with a meal; then have a great Bible study. All college age students are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in helping with meals, contact Lori Smith at 361-2866 or 841-7934. Thanks!

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study



They meet on Tuesdays, at 9:30am, in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the Book of Romans and other topics.

If questions, contact Bert Neely.

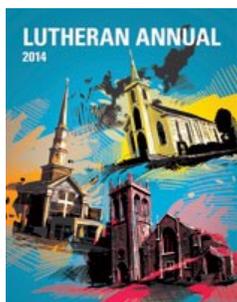
## Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



The topic is "STUCK". All women are invited to come on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am in the Meeting Room. If more information is needed,

contact Marci Wilson.

## The Lutheran Annual 2014



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commissioned ministers, statistics, and more

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If you would like to order one, call the church office by February 10.

## The Lutheran Witness

The  
**Lutheran  
Witness**

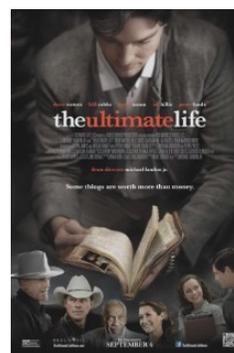
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The flagship magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, *The Lutheran Witness* is a monthly publication that offers

synodical news, features, columns, Q&A's, and more.

Cost is \$14 for 2014. Please use your LW offering envelope or leave your check or cash in an envelope and designate The Lutheran Witness. Deadline is February 10 to order.

## Twice Fed—"The Ultimate Life"



This touching story of faith and family values is the much anticipated follow-up to the heartwarming film and best-selling book *The Ultimate Gift*.

Three years after receiving life-

changing gifts from his grandfather Red, Jason Stevens finds himself in need of guidance once again. Jason's billion-dollar foundations is being challenged in a courtroom battle, which complicates his relationship with his soul mate Alexia. But just when it looks as though Jason may lose it all, he discovers his grandfather's precious journal. With everything he loves hanging in the balance, Jason embarks on an incredible journey into the past to discover what it truly means to live...THE ULTIMATE GIFT.

Plan to come on Tuesday, February 18th, at 9:30am and watch this great movie. Following the movie will be refreshments and discussion.

# Organization News

## LWML News and Notes



We extend a warm welcome to our new LWML Sister, Suzanne Ennis! We look forward to service and fellowship with her.

**Make-up Cookie Bake** will be **Saturday February 8, 2014** in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. All bakers are welcome, men and women alike. Bring your prepared cookie dough and join in the fun and fellowship of scooping/forming and baking the cookies. The cookies will be offered for sale after all worship services on Sunday, February 9, 2014. Cookies will be \$5.00/Styrofoam container. It will be a great opportunity to get Valentine goodies and support **Mites for Missions!**

Salem LWML will host the Zone Spring Rally on Saturday April 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. The theme, *Saving Grace*, is taken from Ephesians 2:8-10. Our speaker will be Becky Shaffer, founder and executive director of *Saving Grace*, a program for young women who have aged out of the foster care program. The program will also include a devotion, Bible Study and a short business meeting. Lunch will be served. An invitation is extended to **all women** interested in an inspirational Saturday. Look for more details in the March Newsletter and Sunday Bulletins.

The Mid-South District LWML Convention will be held in Fort Smith June 5-8, 2014. The theme is, "Peace Runs Through The Valley". Many outstanding sessions will be offered as well as inspirational worship times. An important part of the business to be conducted will be to choose mission projects to be funded by Mites for the next two years. If you are interested in attending this outstanding event, contact an LWML member. More details will be shared in the months to come.

The next meeting will be February 11, 2014 at 5:30 in the meeting room next to the nursery. All ladies are invited to attend.

### Looking Ahead

- Next LWML Meeting - February 11, 2014
- Cookie Bake - February 8, 2014
- Cookie Sale for Mites – February 9, 2014
- Zone Spring Rally – April 26, 2014, at Salem
- Mid-South District Convention – June 5-8, 2014, at Fort Smith, AR

### Keepers of the House



**ATTENTION!** The Keepers will meet sometime this month. Date TBA.

## Financial Report

### December 2013

#### General Fund

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ [ 215.19]       |
| Income            | <u>+ 38,218.73</u> |
|                   | 38,003.54          |
| Expenses          | <u>- 35,937.64</u> |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 2,065.90        |

#### Special Accounts

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 9,294.21       |
| Income            | <u>+ 6,151.77</u> |
|                   | 15,445.98         |
| Expenses          | <u>1,778.60</u>   |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 13,667.38      |

#### LCEF Accounts (Investments)

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 139,221.25    |
| Income            | <u>160.84</u>    |
|                   | 139,382.09       |
| Expenses          | <u>53,790.83</u> |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 85,591.26     |

### New Altar and Cross

With donations in memory of their father, Rev. Robert Jackson, Jennifer Jantz, Greg Jackson, Chris Jackson and Stephen Jackson have made it possible to have an altar and cross built for the Family Life Center.

Dedication will be announced at a later date.

### New Address and Phone Number

Pastor Tardelli, Diani and Nina's new address in Brazil.

Rev. Tardelli and Diani Voss  
 Rua Santa Clara, 307  
 Copacabana  
 Rio de Janeiro—RJ  
 22041-011

Magic Jack  
 Phone #  
 (479) 365-5312  
 (Local in NW AR)



## Salem Lutheran School News



• Welcome to Winter! It's been a very cold, snowy start to 2014! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your love, prayers and support over the past year. Our 2013 year started out once again with a renewed spirit. I am **very pleased and excited** to say our year ended in great shape and we have been blessed and able to help give back to the church and the many projects that have happened here this year physically to the buildings and grounds! I thank our good and gracious God everyday for this congregation and the love and support you show to the school ministry.

• **Thank you to all who participated in our pie sales and silent auction fundraisers this past fall.** Your contributions to these events **raised around \$10,000**, which was given to the church to help with the parking lot upgrade. We were blessed to also contribute another \$40,000 to this at the end of the year after all bills were paid! What a blessing it is to help out in this way and give back!

• We are at present time enrolling preschool and elementary children for the summer and fall sessions. If you or someone you know is looking for a loving, quality Christian school, please contact Kris Busch for enrollment forms.

• We will celebrate **National Lutheran School's Week March 2-8**. This is different than the district's week as they have now changed to the end of January. We are going to leave ours where it has been for now as is a better fit time wise for us. This is a fun-filled exciting week for the children, parents, grandparents and staff. The week will be filled with crazy clothes, crazy hats and socks, muffins and moms, donuts and dads, school spirit, and grandparents for tea, cookies and chapel! We are blessed to be a part of a long standing tradition of quality, caring Christian education.

• The Circus train is heading to town. You are cordially invited to attend the preschool circus productions on April 14th and 15th presented by the four/five year old classes. These children (and teachers) are hard at work preparing for these delightful shows. Mark your calendars now and plan to join the fun!

Chapel offerings in January went to **Hearts 4 Hannah**. Over \$100 was collected and used to purchase materials and supplies for the children at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Hannah is a former student of Salem's preschool who passed at the age of 4 from leukemia while at Children's Hospital. Hannah is forever in our hearts and we continue to honor and celebrate her short life by supporting these projects.

### SCRIP and Other Fund Raisers



The **SCRIP** program continues at Salem beyond the holidays. Please consider purchasing gift cards for all of your everyday needs. We have a small sampling each Sunday for purchase (see Kris first service or call the church anytime) but hundreds and hundreds may be

viewed and purchased on line and delivered to the school each week. Please speak with Kris Busch for more information and help in placing your order. The school receives a percentage of the card for a "painless" way of fundraising (you receive the full amount you paid for). We encourage you to check it out! Valentine's Day is just around the corner!

In Christ's love,  
Kris Busch, School Administrator

## Valentine's Dance



February 14th, 7:00 to 9:00pm, Family Life Center  
Sponsored by Cristo Para Todos!

Everyone is invited—Couples, Singles, Children—childcare will be provided  
Meal provided by Lesbia and crew

Please contact the church office if you would like to attend so they will know how much food to prepare.

Decorating will be on Thursday, Feb. 13th, 6:00pm for anyone who can come and help.

Plan on a fun evening of good food, fellowship, music and “dancing with the stars”.

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## Treasures of the Bible and Holy Lands



This is an exhibit including fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls and pages of the Gutenberg Bible, will be presented at the Holiday Inn in Springdale on Monday, February 3, as part of the Springdale Rotary Club’s weekly meeting.

The exhibit will feature items from the special collections of Azusa Pacific University and The Green Collection. Other items on display will be a nearly 4,000-year-old cuneiform tablet, a second-century biblical papyrus, pages from the Tyndale Bible (first English translation to work directly from Hebrew and Greek texts) and other bibles from the 16th century, a leaf from the Aitken Bible (the first English bible printed in the United States), a first-edition King James New Testament, the Lunar Bible (flown to the moon on Apollo 13 in 1970), and numerous other items.

The luncheon will include a presentation on the collection by Dr. Robert Duke, associate professor of Biblical studies at Azusa Pacific University. Dr. Duke also is a Distinguished Green Scholar and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. He will be introduced by Lance Manning, a doctor Otolaryngology at Ear Nose & Throat Center of the Ozarks in Springdale and a member of Springdale Rotary Club.

Along with Dr. Duke, Ken Otto, special collections librarian, will be bringing and accompanying items from Azusa Pacific University. Amy Van Dyke, Educational Programs Administrator, also will come and bring items from the Green Collection.

The doors open at 11:30am, and a luncheon and the speaker follow. The exhibit will be open from 1—2 pm. The event is open to the public, and tickets are available for \$35 each. The lunch is included in the price.

Contact Carl Johnson or the Rotary Club for more information.

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## Project Compassion

# PROJECT COMPASSION

On one Wednesday morning last month Project Compassion received 19 applications for assistance forms from families (72 individuals total). Four were for eviction notices, six for food, and nine for gasoline. Out of the 19 families 15 did not have a church home where they could go to worship our Savior. What an opportunity for Marion, Larry, Sharon and I to witness to them! After witnessing to them we tell them about how important it is to find a church home and to thank and praise our Lord for what they have. We then give them a message from Pastor Krause and some tracts. One of these tracts says, "Are you for certain that when you die you will go to heaven?" We have tracts both in English and Spanish.

In the past 35 years God has blessed us at Salem with the means to help hurting and needy families in our church and community. We are very grateful for this opportunity to continuing serving our Lord in this capacity. We ask for your continued prayers and donations of food for our pantry and monetary gifts so we can continue helping with food, gasoline, eviction notices, shut-off notices on bills and prescriptions.

*"O what can I give to the Master  
The One who from sin set me free.  
I'll give Him a lifetime of service and  
Thank Him for dying for me."*

These are just a few verses in the Bible where God tells us what we are to do to help others. If you so desire, please take time to look them up.

Matthew 25: 35-45, Matthew 22, Romans 2:20 and Deuteronomy 15:17

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Billie  
Project Compassion Coordinator

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## Rockhouse



Welcome New Rockies!

Quinten (Austin), Jason (Pennsylvania), Chris (Springfield), and Ashlee (Ft. Worth)!

# Serving Salem this Month . . .

## Altar

Altar Guild  
8:00 AM  
Kim Cooper

Altar Linens  
Leah Beth Sutton

10:30 AM  
Lisa McNeel

## Greeters

8:00 Larry and Beverly Pfaffinger

## Communion Assistants

8:00 Mike Cooper and Tom Smith

## Ushers

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

## Arise Service Helpers

Team: Gary Dandy and \_\_\_\_\_

## Flowers

|      | Stand #1     | Stand #2 | Piano |
|------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 2nd  |              |          |       |
| 9th  | D. Diercouff |          |       |
| 16th |              |          |       |
| 23rd |              |          |       |

## Scripture Readers - 8:00am

2nd Charles Jones  
9th Carl Johnson  
16th Lois Douthit  
23rd Rick Meyer

## 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.

## Flower Vases

We have some flower vases missing—2 blue large vases—that are kept in the Altar Guild Room. If you have one, please return it to the church office. Thank you.

## Thank You

Joyce Bohannon and family want to thank everyone for their visits, prayers, cards and sharing kind thoughts of Wilbert Barbian (Joyce's dad) with them. All was very much appreciated and comforting.

Condolences may be sent to:

Joyce Bohannon  
1602 Jean St.  
Springdale, AR 72762

## Condolences

We send our sympathy and prayers to Laura Herwaldt and family upon the death of her husband, Don, this past week. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 1, at 2:00pm with burial in Salem's Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to:

Laura Herwaldt  
5000 Arkanshire Cr. #313  
Springdale, AR 72764

# Salem Celebrates!

## February Birthdays

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Sarah Krisnowich | 2/5  |
| Kay Danley       | 2/6  |
| Kelly Keyes      | 2/6  |
| Dan Bierwagen    | 2/7  |
| Darrel Duncan    | 2/9  |
| Landon Hatch     | 2/11 |
| Mike Boness      | 2/11 |
| Heidi Jasinski   | 2/11 |
| Bill Jasinski    | 2/13 |
| Ainsley Fougne   | 2/16 |
| Kevin Taylor     | 2/16 |
| Abby Clark       | 2/17 |
| Wilma Smith      | 2/17 |
| Ovie Jessen      | 2/18 |
| Melissa Sipes    | 2/20 |
| Stacey Calhoun   | 2/22 |
| Willie Jasinski  | 2/23 |
| Brian Owens      | 2/24 |
| David White      | 2/25 |

## February Baptism Birthdays

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Fred Cusanneli  | 2/1  |
| Scott Grosze    | 2/1  |
| Andrew Grosze   | 2/1  |
| Garrett Grosze  | 2/1  |
| Mike Lindeman   | 2/1  |
| Derek Caquelin  | 2/5  |
| Brent Cooper    | 2/9  |
| Robbie Combs    | 2/10 |
| Lori K. Smith   | 2/11 |
| Paden Adams     | 2/13 |
| Jayci Wilson    | 2/14 |
| Levi Moore      | 2/16 |
| London Clark    | 2/17 |
| Callie Givens   | 2/18 |
| Emily Brannon   | 2/20 |
| Robyn Young     | 2/20 |
| Shirley Sletten | 2/22 |
| Brandon Gordley | 2/28 |
| Krystal Gordley | 2/28 |

## February Wedding Anniversaries

Rickey and Diane Border  
2/2/2011—3 years

Dennis and *Mary* Tresner  
2/12/93—20 years

Rocky and Ramona Norris  
2/14/81—33 years

Randy and Joyce Bohannan  
2/19/82—32 years

## Baby Shower

A baby shower for Shannon Gordley Robbins



**Sunday, March 16, 2014**

2:00 pm till 4:00 pm drop in  
shower

Salem's Fellowship Hall

Hostesses: Freda Piazza,  
Martha Atkinson, Trisha

Grayson and Andrea Gordley

All ladies are invited to attend.

Shannon and husband, Dave, will be having a  
little girl named Madeline.

She is registered at: The Baby's Room in  
Rogers, Babies R Us in Fayetteville, Target and  
Wal-Mart.

# Our Church Family

## Directory Changes

### New Members—Transfer

- P. 4 Becher, Dirk  
35975 Hwy. 295  
Hindsville, AR 72738  
Unlisted phone #  
E-Mail: dirk\_becher90@yahoo.com
- Becher, Rod & Kim  
805 Crestwood St.  
Springdale, AR 72762  
Unlisted phone #  
E-Mail: rbbecher@gmail.com

### New Address

- P. 20 Raffel, Dave & Laurie  
8520 Par Lane  
Rogers, AR 72756  
E-Mail:  
Dave—dcraffel53@gmail.com  
Laurie—laurie.raffel@tyson.com

### Corrected Phone #

- P. 25 Weidler, Peggy  
479-221-0036

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## Lutheran Laymen's League



Fishers of Men will be the theme for the 2014 Mid-South District of the Lutheran Laymen's League Conference on March 8th from 9:00am until 4:00pm at First Lutheran Church in Little Rock. With the focus on evangelism, Andrew Fitzgerald from the Lutheran Hour Ministries office in St. Louis will be the featured presenter. A complimentary lunch and special entertainment will be provided. Please check with the church office for a form to fill out if interested in going.

## 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.*

**Joshua Renken**—grandson of Rev. Gerald and Barbara Renken - Ft. Campbell, KY

**Aaron Bohannon**—at Ft. Bliss

**Joey Boness**—at home

**Trent Keyes**—son-in-law of Mike and Kim Cooper - at home

**Austin Copeland**—twin brother of Amber— at home

**Jesse Pointer**—grandson of Nancy Allor—in Afghanistan

**Byron Doughty**—husband of Kristin Hawes - at home

## Prayer List

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

Margie Puryear

Dave & Laurie Raffel

Jim & Marilyn Rathburn

Dave & Shannon Robbins

Jalee

Billie Rosamond

Wayne & Norma Rossow`

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

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## Potluck/Voter's Meeting



# FEBRUARY 2014

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p><b>EACH SUNDAY</b><br/>                     Service w/Communion 8:00<br/>                     Praise Band Practice 8:00<br/>                     Sunday School 9:15<br/>                     Bible Class 9:30<br/>                     Arise Contemporary Service w/Communion 10:30<br/>                     Cristo Para Todos Service w/Communion 10:30<br/>                     Volleyball</p> |   |   |   |   |   | 1<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Praise Band Practice 6:30  |
| <p>2<br/>                     4th Sunday after the Epiphany<br/> <b>The Presentation of Our Lord</b><br/> <b>Groundhog Day</b><br/> <b>Super Bowl Sunday</b><br/><br/>                     (Same as Each Sunday)</p>  | <p>3<br/>                     ESL 7:00</p>  | <p>4<br/>                     Bible Study 9:30<br/>                     Bells 6:30<br/>                     Soccer 7:00<br/>                     Choir 7:15</p>   | <p>5<br/>                     Fresh Start 7:00<br/>                     Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30<br/>                     Project Compassion 9:00<br/>                     Women's Bible Study 9:00<br/>                     Youth Night/Confirmation 5:30<br/>                     Rockies 6:30</p> | <p>6<br/>                     Cristo Para Todos Praise Band Practice 5:30<br/>                     Spanish Class 5:30<br/>                     Soccer<br/>                     ESL 7:00</p> | <p>7<br/>                     Soccer</p>  | <p>8<br/> <b>LWML Cookie Bake</b> 9:00<br/><br/>                     Praise Band 6:30</p>                                 |
| <p>9<br/>                     5th Sunday after the Epiphany<br/> <b>Project Compassion Sunday</b><br/> <b>LWML Cookie Sale—after each Service</b><br/>                     3rd—7th Grade Movie Night 4:00<br/>                     NO Volleyball</p>  | <p>10<br/>                     ESL 7:00</p>   | <p>11<br/>                     Bible Study 9:30<br/>                     Lunch afterwards<br/>                     LWML 5:30<br/>                     Bells 6:30<br/>                     Soccer 7:00<br/>                     Choir 7:15</p> | <p>12<br/> <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b><br/><br/>                     (Same as 5th)</p>  | <p>13<br/>                     (Same as 6th)<br/><br/>                     NO Soccer<br/><br/>                     Decorate for Valentine's Dinner/Dance 6:00</p>                           | <p>14<br/> <b>Valentine's Day</b><br/>                     NO Soccer<br/>                     Valentine's Dinner and Dance 7:00 to 9:00</p>  | <p>15<br/>                     Praise Band 6:30</p>   |
| <p>16<br/>                     6th Sunday after the Epiphany<br/><br/>                     (Same as Each Sunday)<br/><br/>                     Our Neighbor's Faith 5:00</p>  | <p>17<br/> <b>Washington's Birthday</b><br/> <b>President's Day</b><br/><br/>                     ESL 7:00</p>                                  | <p>18<br/>                     Twice Fed 9:30<br/>                     Elders Team 6:30<br/>                     Bells 6:30<br/>                     Soccer 7:00<br/>                     Choir 7:15</p>                                      | <p>19<br/>                     (Same as 5th)</p>  | <p>20<br/>                     (Same as 6th)</p>  | <p>21<br/>                     NO Soccer<br/><br/>                     7th—12th Movie Night 6:30</p>  | <p>22<br/>                     Cristo Baby Shower—F. Hall 2:00—10:00pm<br/><br/>                     Praise Band 6:30</p> |
| <p>23<br/>                     7th Sunday after the Epiphany<br/><br/>                     (Same as Each Sunday)</p>  | <p>24<br/>                     St. Matthias, Apostle<br/><br/>                     Board of Trustees 6:30<br/>                     ESL 7:00</p> | <p>25<br/>                     (Same as 4th)</p>  | <p>26<br/>                     (Same as 5th)</p>  | <p>27<br/>                     (Same as 6th)</p>  | <p>28<br/>                     "Fruitful in February" through March 2</p>   |   |

# Youth—Children—Outreach

## News from January

It's hard to believe we're already a month into 2014! This has been a month of trying to return back to normal routine after the holidays and crazy weather. We've returned to our normal Wednesday night activities including confirmation from 5:30 to 8:00pm for 3rd grade and up and ESL classes are back in session every Monday and Thursday. Finally, we took 9 of our High School youth to a retreat at Camp Lutherhoma in Tahlequah, OK.



## Journey in January



It is such a blessing to take these youth for the weekend. The theme was complicated, but had a lot of spiritual depth. The first day, they looked at the question "How are you?" and talked about how God genuinely wants us to talk with Him and answer that question. The next morning and afternoon, we talked about needs versus wants and how sometimes we get distracted by our wants. That evening we talked about how regardless of how we are doing or whether we are focusing too much on our wants, that God is always here, always cares for us, and always forgives us. One way they demonstrated this was by placing a chain-bracelet on each person's arm on the first night telling them not to take it off. Throughout the weekend, "charms" that represented sins were added to it. Then on Saturday night, they acted out the story of the thieves on the cross and then each of us went up, reflected on our own sin and that it was what put Jesus on the cross, traded places with the thief and asked Christ to "remember us" just as the thief had. As soon as we stepped away from the cross—the chain bracelets were removed and the next morning were replaced with bracelets that stated 'I'm here.' It was a powerful reminder of Christ's love for us and that He took our sins upon himself and now when God looks at us—he sees Christ rather than our sins. Therefore, we are no longer chained by our sins but have Christ in us.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Schedule

### • **Wed Night Activities**

3rd grade—High School

5:30 to 8:00-8:30

Every Wed

### • **ESL Classes**

Open to everyone

7:00-8:30pm

Every Mon & Thurs

Grammar—Sundays—9:15am

### • **Children's Min Meeting**

Feb 2nd

12:15pm

Meeting Room

### • **3rd-7th Movie Night**

Feb 9th

Approx 4:00pm

Movie TBA

### • **7th—12th Movie Night**

9-12th Grade

Feb 21st

6:30pm

Grace Unplugged

### • **Fruitful in February**

7-8th Grade

Feb 28—Mar 2

Camp Lutherhoma

Tahlequah, OK

Registrations Due Feb 16th

## Youth Retreat—Camp Lutherhoma

**Fruitful in February**—This is a weekend of fellowship, team building, and Bible Study for 12-18 year olds. The cost is \$75.00. Registrations are due Feb 16th

For questions, contact Kristin Hatton or Marci Wilson.



## Movie Nights

### 3rd-6th Grade

**Sunday, February 9th**

**\$3.00**

We will meet sometime between 3:45 and 4:15pm depending on what movie we decide to go see (MALCO Sunset does not announce until a week in advance). If there is not a good movie at the theater then we will watch one in the gym on the big screen at church.



### 7th-12th Grade

**Friday, February 21st 6:30pm**

We will be meeting in the gym to watch **Grace Unplugged** which is about a young Christian teenager who is a talented singer/songwriter who gets a big break and a chance in Hollywood where her faith is put to the test. We will have pizza, popcorn, and pop. We are asking for youth to bring \$1-\$2 to go toward the food.



## Children's Ministry Meeting

**Feb 2nd 12:15pm Meeting Room Lunch Provided**

We will be discussing events and plans for this year as well as going over the new curriculum. If you are at all interested in Children's Ministry—this would be a perfect meeting to come to in order to learn more about the ministry and how you can be involved in this exciting ministry.

### Personal Note...

I have been working on finishing my Master's in Christian Outreach Leadership for almost 2 years now. I am almost finished and should be completely finished by May possibly sooner depending on when I complete my research. The written form of my research is due between early and mid March and then I just have to wait to be called to present my research and complete an interview with the Critical Dialogue Committee. I'm asking for your prayers and support especially between now and mid-March as I try to complete my written research and other final requirements. - Kristin

### Youth Ministry Team

We really have some amazing youth in our youth group. We want to make sure we are providing the best program possible for them. We are looking to get a team together to discuss potential activities and plans for the next 6 months or so for our youth group. If you would be interested in being part of this team or have input to share regarding youth ministry: please speak with Kristin Hatton (870-421-4384).

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FEBRUARY 2014

- 2nd The Presentation of Our Lord  
Groundhog Day  
Super Bowl Sunday  
Children's Ministry Mtg.—12:15pm—Meeting Room
- 3rd Treasures of the Bible and the Holy Lands—Springdale Convention Center (Rotary) - 11:30am—Lunch and  
Presentations—Gallery open 1:00 to 2:00pm
- 8th LWML Cookie Bake—F. Hall—9:00am
- 9th Project Compassion Sunday  
LWML Cookie Sale—after each service—\$5 per container  
3rd—7th Grade Movie Night—4:00pm—Malco Theater in Springdale
- 14th Happy Valentine's Day!  
Valentine's Dinner/Dance (sponsored by Cristo Para Todos) - 7:00 to 9:00pm—FLC
- 21st 7th—12th Grade Movie Night—6:30pm—Family Life Center
- 22nd Cristo Para Todos Baby Shower—F. Hall—2:00—10:00pm
- 28th—March 2 Fruitful in February—Camp Lutherhoma, Tahlequah, OK

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