

Salem Lutheran Ministries messenger



SEPTEMBER 2015



Salem Lutheran Ministries

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Kristin Hatton
Youth, Children, and Outreach Director

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Financial Administrator

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Organist/Choir Director

Darlene Diercouff
Administrative Assistant

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

August School Activities

Open House



First Days of School



New Beginnings/Happenings in September

Scholastic Book Fair



Square Dance Lessons



Twice Fed Movie



Festival of Nations

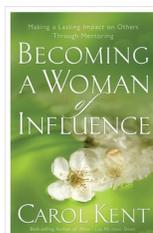


Retreats/Conferences



*Serve the Lord
With Gladness*

New Bible Studies



From Pastor Krause...



Dear Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, September 6th, I will be starting a new 7 week message series called “Why Creation?” For the first time in the history of the world we live in a secular society that has replaced God as the creator and preserver of the world with an evolutionary theory which basically says the universe and all life is just an accident without any ultimate meaning or purpose for its existence. As a result, people now believe they determine their own destinies and have the right to choose their own personal understanding of life’s meaning and even a morality that fits their chosen lifestyle. As a result, with God moved out of the picture as the Creator, many in our society have lost their moral compass to the point where life itself has lost its sanctity. Abortion is seen as a right, shootings are on a rise, and suicide seems to be much more common.

As Christians, it is important for us to know that God has created the world and He continues to preserve the world in which we live according to His divine purpose. What is that purpose? All creation is to give glory and praise to God. Especially as human beings, the crown of God’s creation, we have been given life to give glory and praise to God. Psalm 100 reminds us that we are to “Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” Knowing this should give us a totally different perspective on life. We believe life is sacred because God has given it to us as a gift. But we also know that it doesn’t stop there. We know God continues to shepherd us, to take care of us, through His tender mercy and grace until that time when He takes us out of the world to live with Him in eternity.

The first words of the Bible reveal to us that “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” God doesn’t have to prove this to us. He just presents this fact as a reality for us to believe. There is no need to correlate God’s story of creation with modern scientific reason. What God reveals doesn’t need to be proven by scientific experimentation. What God reveals is to be believed by faith. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that “faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” (Hebrews 11:1-3) Creation becomes an article of faith.

It is my prayer, through the study of God’s creation story, that we will be strengthened in faith knowing that life is a precious gift from God with a distinct purpose to give glory to God. We are not an accident. God has given us life according to His divine plan. Remember what the Psalmist said: “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.” Psalm 139:13-14)

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 **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 20th at 6:00pm at the home of Mike and Kim Cooper.

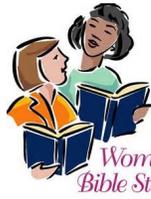
Rockies (Campus Ministry) meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the Rockhouse in Fayetteville.

Twice Fed will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, to watch the movie "Do You Believe?" at 9:30am in the FLC.

Tuesday Morning Bible study resumes on September 8th with the study of John.

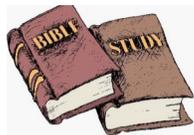
Bible Studies and Other Topics

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.

Rockhouse (Campus Ministry)



College students are back and the Rockhouse Campus Ministry is in full swing. Students meet each Wednesday evening at the Rockhouse on the U of A campus. They begin at 6:30 with a meal, Bible Study, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing new and returning college students.

On Wednesday, September 9th, there will be a "Welcome and Welcome Back" cookout provided by the Elders of Salem. This would be a great time to visit the Rockhouse and get acquainted with the students.

If you or your group would like to help provide a meal or if you have any questions, contact Bert or Regina Neely at

512-618-9209 or Lori Smith at 479-841-7934.

Sunday Morning Bible Study



A new study begins on 2 Peter. Plan to come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am on Sunday mornings for Bible study and fellowship.

Twice Fed "Do You Believe?"



A dozen different souls—all moving in different directions, all longing for something *more*. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ ... even if they don't believe it. Yet.

When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate.

This stirring new film from the creators of **God's Not Dead** is in theaters now. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: **DO YOU BELIEVE?**

Plan to come watch this movie on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 9:30am in the Family Life Center. If questions, contact Tom Brown.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



This resumes on the 8th with the study of the 4th Gospel of John. Plan to come at 9:30am to the Fellowship Hall and join in.

Other News

LWML NEWS AND NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015



“SHAME ON YOU!” Recognizing and neutralizing the toxicity of shame was the focus of the Bible Study at the last meeting.

In summary:

God’s divine design was that **all creation** would live in perfect harmony. Adam and Eve brought **sin** into the world by disobeying God. They immediately knew **shame** and tried to cover their nakedness. God’s **perfect creation** was now destroyed. Now enters **guilt**. It was noted that guilt deals with our behaviors and **shame** deals with one’s perception of their value. “Guilt is about what I have done and shame is about who I am.” We can seek to **change our wrong behavior** but it is a different challenge to **change how we feel about our value. THE SOLUTION!!!** Accepting by faith Jesus’ righteous life and innocent death as our substitute! Revelation 21:5 tells us **He will make everything new.** His perfect creation will be restored. Some references for further study: Genesis 1 & 2, Romans 8:22, Romans 3:7, Genesis 3:8-19, Romans 4:5, Romans 5:1, Philippians 3:9.

LWML Sunday will be October 4, 2015. The Theme, **“Seek First the Kingdom of God”**, is based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33. LWML members will serve as greeters, ushers, and scripture readers. The Large Mite Box will be available if you would like to contribute. An ongoing effort is the gathering of Mites that fund the mission projects of LWML. The **2015-2017 Biennium Mission Goal is \$2,000,000.** Go to www.lwml.org/mission-grants, to view the projects that will be funded.

This year the **Zone Fall Rally** will be held October 10, 2015 at Harrison, AR. In addition to Worship, Bible Study and the conducting of Zone business, the Fellowship with friends from around the Zone is a highlight of the day.

World Relief Health Kits will be assembled at the October 13th LWML meeting. There is still a need for:

- Hand towels and washcloths of a dark color
- Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Nail clippers with file attached

If you would like to contribute to the health kits you may bring your donations to church and put them in the purple tub beside the office door.

In keeping with our motto, “Serve the Lord with Gladness”, we will serve the meal at Youth Night each second Wednesday.

All women are invited to our next meeting, **September 8, 2015.** We meet in the room next to the nursery at 5:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Next meeting – September 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- LWML Sunday – October 4, 2015
- Zone Fall Rally – October 10, 2015, Harrison, AR
- Assembly of Health Kits – October 13, 2015 at LWML meeting

Financial Report—July 2015

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,418.58
Income	+ 79,783.98
	85,903.36
Expenses	- 87,593.41
Ending Balance	\$ [1,690.05]

Special Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$ 12,459.49
Income	+ 29,654.58
	42,114.07
Expenses	- 3,900.50
Ending Balance	\$ 38,213.57

LCEF Accounts (Investments)

Beginning Balance	\$ 42,519.30
Income	+ 7.15
	42,526.45
Expenses	- 1,400.00
Ending Balance	\$ 41,126.45

Mortgage Principle Balance \$ 351,524.58

Cristo Para Todos Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,751.39
Income	600.00
	3,351.39
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,351.39

LCEF Loan Principal Balance \$ 51,510.03

WELLS FARGO

Endowment & Balance \$ 110,000.46

Care-Van



FYI—On Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 Salem will host the Lutheran World Relief Care-Van for our Circuit churches. Be watching for more information to come concerning this.

Festival of Nations



Sunday, September 20, 2015

12:00 Noon to 2:00pm in the Family Life Center

Everyone is invited to join us for this wonderful time of great food and fellowship.

Preceding this will be a bilingual service in the Church at 10:30am.

Saturday, September 19th, around 9:00am—set up for anyone who can come to help with tables and chairs, decorate, make drinks, etc. Just let Jill Simmons or Darlene Diercouff know. Lots of help will be needed to set up and clean up.

Many countries will be represented such as: Guatemala, Columbia, Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Peru, Poland, Marshall Islands, Germany, Honduras and the U.S.A. just to name a few. If you would like to represent a country not listed, please let Pastor Brandon or Darlene know.

The USA table will serve the following: hot dogs and chips for the kids (and adults), pulled chicken with barbeque sauce and hot sauce on the side (for those who want it), baked beans and cole slaw. Drinks will be water with lemon and lime slices, coffee, and canned drinks. We will also have a pie table for dessert.

The meals will be buffet style with going through the line and visiting each country. We want everyone to get a taste of each country if they so desire. We will be asking for donations of buns, lemons and limes, canned drinks, pies, etc. Check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Pastor Martin will also have a strong bilingual Gospel message sometime during the festivities.

Following lunch, we will have a program that includes dancing from three groups: Mexican Folk Dancing (Herencia de México), square dancing, and Colombian cumbia. Orlando Cabrera will coordinate the dancing from Colombia. We will encourage people to dress in native costume.

If questions, contact the church office, Jill Simmons, Pastor Krause or Pastor Martin.

Project Compassion



First of all, we want to thank all of you for your continued prayers, donations of food and monetary gifts for Project Compassion.

In August we were blessed to help 39 people in our congregation and community. We did have to close on the 19th and 26th, though, because of illness.

Things are changing for us—since 1982 Project Compassion has had its own bank account but now we will be going through the church alone to assist needy people. You can still make out checks to Project Compassion, though, to help those in need. We will still open on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30am to help with food, prescriptions, eviction notices, shut-off notices and gasoline. Please continue to keep Project Compassion in your prayers that His will be done. If questions, contact the church office.

In His Service,
Billie, Marion, Larry and Sharon

Stewardship Corner



Last year we were introduced to the Donovan family through a stewardship video series called "Living Generously." Through a five week sermon series and Bible study we were reminded and challenged that we are to live a life of generosity through the giving of our "first and finest" gifts, rather than our left-overs. Christ gave us His best and we are challenged to give our best as a response to God's most amazing love for us.

In late October we will be returning to the Donovan family with a series called "Loving Generously." This new five week series will help us expand our church's understanding of generosity to include relationships. Based on the many verses commanding us to live "one to another" lives, this series will challenge our congregation to see the invisible people around us and to realize their relational resources. We hope this series will give us increased participation and volunteerism as we work together to build God's kingdom in our midst.

Serving Salem this Month . . .

Altar

Altar Guild

8:00

Kim Cooper

Altar Linens

Susan Faulk

10:30

Sept. 6—Iván and Star Iglesias
13th, 20th, 27th—_____

Greeters

8:00 Larry and Beverly Pfaffinger

Communion Assistants

8:00 Dan Bierwagen and Bill Brandt

Ushers

8:00 Mike Cooper, Zac Smith, Tom Smith,
Mike Wilson, Bob Smith

Arise Service Helper

Team: Jason Hatton

Flowers

Stand #1

Stand #2

Piano

6th Charles Jones
13th
20th
27th

6th Col. William Myers
13th Lois Douthit
20th Laurie Raffel
27th Rick Meyer

Scripture Readers - 8:00am

Flowers

SEPTEMBER
Aster



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.

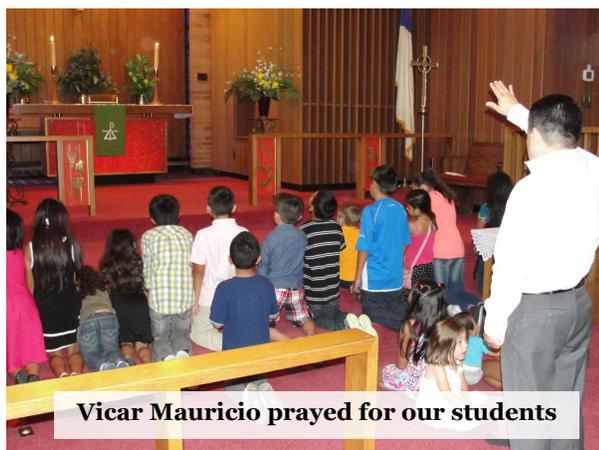
Rockhouse (Campus Ministry)



Welcome, John Barber, from Missouri, and Isa Makhmudov, from Chechnya!

Cristo Para Todos Update

Your Spanish-Speaking Family of Faith!



Vicar Mauricio prayed for our students



Pastor Brandon baptized his son



Video to Celebrate 7th Anniversary:

This video highlights the past year of ministry at Cristo Para Todos. Enjoy it!

<https://animoto.com/play/6HbP9GPbnrcSaEMzxcdfjg>

Upcoming Activities:

Small Group Bible Studies: This month we are initiating four small group Bible studies on the Gospel of Luke. Pastor Brandon is co-leading these small groups with five members of our spiritual leadership team. As a congregation, we are also reading through the gospel in our daily devotions.



Center at noon.

Festival of Nations: Cristo Para Todos will have NINE nations represented at the Festival of Nations September 20! We invite you to join us and celebrate our multiethnic family of faith. It begins with a Bilingual Worship Service at 10:30 in the sanctuary and continues with food, music, and dance in the Family Life

Men's Ministry: Mauricio officially began his vicarage and will be renewing the Men's Ministry of Cristo Para Todos. He will also provide leadership for Salem's Men's Ministry as well, and explore ways to bring the two groups together.

Salem Lutheran School News



The 2015-2016 school year is now under way here at Salem Lutheran School. We started on August 10 with 75 students enrolled in preschool and 8 classrooms. We welcome Mary Kongmany back as a four year old teacher taking the place of Andrea Gordley. Mary has worked her in the past as a teacher and we are excited she has returned to us. We still have some openings in our 3 & 4 year old classrooms so if you know of someone who is looking for a quality program, please have them contact the school office.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to not only educate these children academically but more importantly to be able to bring Jesus Christ and the Word of God into their lives daily. I ask that you pray for the staff, children and families daily.

As always the safety of our students and staff is at the forefront of our day. We know many activities overlap during the week days and school and church must work together in sharing the facilities. School staff is required to stop all individuals and ask them who they are and what they are in the building for. It is for safety that we ask these questions and ask for your patience and understanding in our doing so. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, continued support and prayers to the ministry we are sharing here.

Preparations for the school auction are already under way. Please be thinking of items you could donate or places of business you would be willing to call on for donations. Your help is very important to the success of the auction.

Our semi-annual Scholastic book fair will be arriving soon. New books may be purchased during the week. You may also see Kris Busch immediately after first service on Sunday morning. The book fair will be open Sept. 8th- 14th. These make wonderful birthday and Christmas gifts! Plan now to stop by and check out all the wonderful books!



Support our School!

You can also help the school financially without giving any money. This can be done through the **SCRIP** program. As an ongoing fundraiser for the school, we continue to sell **SCRIP** cards on Sunday mornings as well as ordering cards each Monday. We offer \$25 and \$100 Wal-Mart cards "over-the-counter" as well as a few other fast food eating establishments, clothing and home improvement stores. 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 the school painlessly. There are hundreds of companies that participate in the program. You can find out which ones do by visiting the website, www.shopwithscrip.com and clicking on *SHOP*. You can register to be a user on this website as well and then you would be able to order **SCRIP** online (you would need to get a code number from me to get started). I would be more than happy to help you with this. Be watching in the Sunday morning bulletin inserts as well. I will list some of the possibilities each week as well as what we have available that day. With plenty of consistent users of **SCRIP** in our congregation, Salem Lutheran School would indeed be blessed. If you have any questions please give me a call at the church.

God's blessings to all,
Kris Busch, School Administrator



Pre-School Fun

Salem Celebrates!

September Birthdays

Lori Smith	9/1
Susan Faulk	9/2
Iris Livingston	9/2
Nathan Plowman	9/2
Bob Smith	9/2
Natalie Heredia	9/3
Daniel Burnett	9/4
Mary Ann Wood	9/4
Lisa Pfitzinger	9/6
Brenda Navarrete	9/6
Abigail Martin	9/7
Julie Tetzlaff	9/7
Irma Moran	9/7
Virginia Detmer	9/8
Kristin (Hawes)	9/8
Nathan Keeling	9/8
Darlene Lampe	9/8
Sarah Black	9/8
Sarah Pfitzinger	9/10
Hannah Black	9/11
Kris Busch	9/11
Nikki Lossner	9/14
Shelly Bladdick	9/15
Tyler Garrison	9/15
Harley Tetzlaff	9/15
Barbie Schatz	9/17
Craig Thompson	9/18
Andrew Grosze	9/19
Garrett Grosze	9/19
Larry Pfaffinger	9/19
Andrea Gordley	9/20
Elaine McKinney	9/20
Linda Phillips	9/21
Oscar Sanchez	9/21
Cassie Blackwell	9/22
Elke Goode	9/22
Caiti (Tresner)	9/22
Dawn Gage	9/27
Gary Dandy	9/28
Carl Johnson	9/28
Rochelle (Hawes)	9/30
Tom Smith	9/30

September Baptism Birthdays

Odie Tresner	9/2
Marilyn Winters	9/6
King Dixon	9/8
Kristin (Hawes)	9/11
Jacob Grayson	9/12
Deanne Harris	9/12
Blake Hatch	9/12
Chris Adams	9/17
Mary Ann Adams	9/17
Mila Young	9/17

Caleb Young	9/17
Denise Canada	9/19
Hannah Black	9/23
Sarah Black	9/23
Allister Fougnie	9/25
Phyllis Tresner	9/25
Shelly Bladdick	9/26
Barbie Schatz	9/26
Kathleen Smith	9/26

September Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Tansy Lindeman	9/1/1979—36 years
John & Helen Prinos	9/1/1951—64 years
Jeff & Kim Valdez	9/6/1997—18 years
Marty & Tracy Burnett	9/8/1990—25 years
Rev. Mark & Rose Krause	9/8/1979—36 years
James & Anna Drittler	9/12/1992—23 years
Paige & Kris Busch	9/20/1980—35 years

Our Church Family

Directory Changes

At last...a new directory will be published soon, I promise...but for now...

Additions/New Addresses

- Page 11 Gisler, Wayne & Suzanne
126 Rhodes Ave., Apt. 125
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-2063
E-Mail: w. gisler@yahoo.com
- Page 12 Grayson, Heath & Trisha
Jacob
31 Rivercliff Rd.
Rogers, AR 72756
Same phone #'s & E-Mail
- Page 18 Martin, Rev. Brandon & Joy
Joshua, Abigail, Selah, Daniel
2802 Glen St.
Springdale, AR 72762
Same phone #'s & E-Mails
- Page 25 Sletten, Lee & Shirley
3050 Birch
Springdale, AR 72762
Same phone #'s & E-Mails
- Page 34 Heath Grayson
Heath's Lawn Care
31 Rivercliff Rd.
Rogers, AR 72756
Same #

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 Bohannon—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 September are:

Mauricio & Gladis Franco
David

Dawn & Mike Gage

Jimmy & Debbie Garrison

Seth Conlon, Tyler Garrison

Pat George

Leonard & Clara Gillespie

Jean, Malinda, Zabdiel

Wayne & Suzanne Gisler

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

Baptism



We rejoice with Rev. Brandon and Joy Martin as their son, Daniel John Martin, was baptized at the 10:30 Cristo Para Todos Service on August 23rd. Daniel was born on August 13th. Congratulations and God's many blessings.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Each Sunday</p> <p>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</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Soccer 6:00 Choir 7:15</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Chapel 8:30 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Project Compassion 9:00 Youth Night 5:30 Rockies 6:30</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Soccer</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>Church Office and School Closed</p> <p>NO evening activities</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 LWML 5:30 Soccer 6:00 Choir 7:15</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>(Same as 2nd) Rockies "Welcome" Cookout 6:30</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00 ESL 7:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>Soccer</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>Keepers of the House 8:00 Bd. of Director's Mtg. 9:00 Children's Min. Workday 9:00 Special Circuit Pastor's Mtg. 10:00 Square Dance Lessons 10:00 to Noon Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Scholastic Book Fair Project Compassion Sunday Sunday School Kick-Off (Same as Each Sunday) Events Planning Team 12:00</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Holy Cross Day Rosh Hashanah Scholastic Book Fair ends at 10:00 am Soccer 6:00 Dance Group 7:00 ESL 7:00</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study—lunch afterwards 9:00 Soccer 6:00 Elder's Team 6:30 Choir 7:15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>(Same as 2nd)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Citizenship Day (observed) (Same as 10th)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO Soccer</p> <p>Set up tables and chairs for Festival of Nations—Time TBA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Continued set up for Festival of Nations 9:00 Square Dance Lessons 10 to Noon NO Praise Band Practice</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Same as Each Sunday)</p> <p>Bilingual Service—Church 10:30 Festival of Nations Noon—2:00pm Our Neighbor's Faith 6:00</p>	<p>21</p> <p>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Same as 14th)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Twice Fed 9:30 Soccer 6:30 Choir 7:15</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fall Begins Yom Kippur (Same as 2nd)</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>(Same as 10th)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LWML Mid-South District Retreat</p> <p>Soccer</p>	<p>26</p> <p>LWML Mid-South District Retreat Youth Worker's Conference Fiesta—Jones Center 9:00am—1:00pm Square Dance Lessons 10:00 to Noon Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost LWML Mid-South District Retreat Youth Worker's Conf. (Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fall Pastor's Conference (Same as 14th)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>St. Michael and All Angels Fall Pastor's Conference (Same as 15th)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Fall Pastor's Conference (Same as 2nd)</p>			

Youth—Children—Outreach

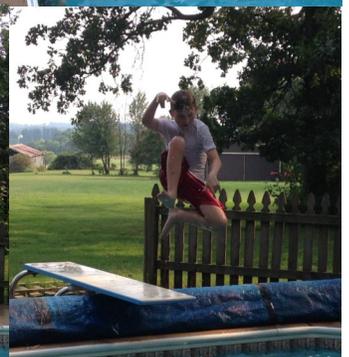
News from August

Where in the world did summer go?? I cannot believe it is already September! This August, we kicked off our new format for youth discipleship (I left that info below for this month in case you missed it last month). We used our first Wednesday to do some team building games as well as had some competitions between our new mentor groups.

To some, games might seem like a waste of time. But these games and competitions can be a great way to build community and to make youth more comfortable with one another. When barriers are broken and youth feel more comfortable, it is easier to have the deeper and more serious conversations that we hope will occur this year. They are also fun :)

We also had a pool party to kick off the school year. Thank you to Tom & Carol Brown and Bill & Jill Simmons for inviting the youth out to your pools!

See pictures of both this page:





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.

Community Event: Fiesta

**Saturday, September 26
9am to 1pm
The Jones Center**

Salem/Cristo will be participating in a community event called 'Fiesta' at the Jones Center. This event is to 'Promote Healthy Families in Northwest Arkansas' and is an event for whole families. We will be selling Tamales & Pupusas and proceeds will benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering.



ESL Classes Resume

English classes will start again on September 10th. We will start off with some kick-off activities on the 10th and then we will return to our regular schedule of Mondays & Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Anyone interested in joining classes or helping as a volunteer should see Kristin Hatton.



Children's Ministry Workday

Sat, September 12th—9am

We will be cleaning and reorganizing the children's ministry rooms and reorganizing Pastor Tardelli's old office to become a resource room for Education related ministries. This will make our resources more easily accessible to all who can use them.

Come at 9am on Sept 12th if you're interested in helping!

Sunday School Kick off & Sing and Praise

**Sunday, September 13th
9:30 to 10:25**

All families are invited to participate in our kick-off for the new Sunday School year. Students will move up into new classes, learn about plans for this year, participate in activities with their classes, & then join all together at 10:00am for a music celebration: 'Sing & Praise.' This will include some of the children's favorite songs from VBS this year.



Elmdale Mission Project

**One Wednesday a Month
Snack Collection**

One Wednesday a month for this school year we will collect snacks for Elmdale Elementary during our Wednesday Night Program. These snacks will help support children who come without food at home. We'll send a list of suggested snacks home with families the week prior to collection.

LOOKING AHEAD



NYG 2016 Registration Deadline!!

October 1st

Anyone interested in attending the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering next summer needs to have their initial registration & payment in by October 1st. Please see Marci Wilson or Kristin Hatton for details.



**Saturday, October 10th
9:30am**

It might not be 'Extreme,' but the youth room will be getting a new paint job on October 10th. We will be taking ideas for design & color through Sept 20th and then will allow youth to vote on approved designs & colors through October 7th.

**Submit ideas by Sept 20th
& Vote by October 7th**



Linkt Jr. High Retreat at Petit Jean

November 6th-8th

Grades 6-8

There will be another state wide youth retreat at Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean mountain. The November retreat will be just for Jr. High and there will be one in February for just High School. We will soon have more information on cost and registration deadline. If you are interested in attending, please see Kristin Hatton (870-421-4348) or Pastor Brandon Martin.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

October 24th - 5:30-7:00pm

Trunk or Treat at 6:45pm



There is something for everyone!

Food

Game

Bounce House!



Chili Cook-off!



Trunk or Treat!

This is a really fun event to be part of! We will need help with donations for candy and prizes (look for containers to arrive mid-September in front lobby and Family Life Center). We will also need volunteers to help with food, fun house, bounce houses, and Trunk or Treat. Watch for our sign-up sheets to be out soon!

We would really like to have more people help with Trunk or Treat this year. It is easy! Just bring your car, pop your trunk, and have candy ready to hand out! (Decorations optional). Please have your car ready by 6:30pm and please wait until all children are out of the parking lot before leaving.

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SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

September 1st	Choir Resumes—7:15pm—Choir Loft
September 7th	Labor Day—Church Office and Pre-School Closed
September 8th—14th	Scholastic Book Fair
September 8th	Bible Study Resumes—9:30am—F. Hall
September 9th	Rockhouse "Welcome" for Students Cookout—6:30pm
September 12th	Children's Ministry Workday—9:00am
September 13th	Square Dance Lessons Begin—10:00 to Noon—F. Hall
September 13th	Sunday School Kick-Off
September 13th	Project Compassion Sunday
September 13th	Events Planning Team—Noon—Meeting Room by Nursery
September 14th	Holy Cross Day
September 14th	ESL Begins—7:00pm—F. Hall
September 17th	Citizenship Day
September 20th	Bilingual Service—10:30am—Church
September 20th	Festival of Nations—Noon to 2:00pm—FLC
September 22nd	Twice Fed—9:30am—FLC
September 23rd	Fall Begins
September 25th—27th	LWML Fall Retreat
September 26th	Community Fiesta—Jones Center—9:00am to 1:00pm
September 26th—27th	Youth Worker's Conference
September 28th—30th	Fall Pastor's Conference