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To worship and serve God in love and obedience

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

TRADITIONAL AT 8:15 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
CONTEMPORARY: 8:15, 11:00, AND 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.

August 7, 2011

Pastor's Pen



God Needs You!

If we were to ask people who go to Church why they do so, we would get a wide array of responses. Whether or not we affirm these responses is not the issue. The issue is people go to Church and it is what they experience while there that is material. As a matter of fact, it is not even what they get out of Church that is most important. Real Church happens when people turn around and look back as they head to the car following worship and ask themselves what God expects from them having met Him in worship. The answer will be to get involved. God wants us to be involved in the life of the Church both for our growth and the growth of others. He also wants us to be involved in Church to enhance the worship of the rest through our presence and participation.

When we look at the early Church as recorded in the book of Acts, we see in the members a keen interest in full participation in the overall expression of the Church. So remarkable was their faith that they gave not only of themselves for God's use, but they turned their own homes into worship centers. Most, if not, all served willingly and without pay. This may sound ironic coming from a person whose very livelihood depends on financial compensation for my pastoral ministry, but I feel inspired to implore you, my brothers and sisters, to consider participating in the different ministries of our congregation. Remember that as you turn around and give your time and talents for God's use, that real spiritual growth begins to happen.

St John Lutheran Church is currently offering many ministry opportunities. We constantly look for ushers and greeters whose role is simple but important. They are the first face people see when they walk into our worship space for the first time. You could be that face. We are also looking for people to lead us in worship through the choir. God calls us to make a joyful noise to him and the choir plays a very important role in that aspect. You could be upfront, blessing our worship service through your voice. Because we live in an era where technology offers some ways to amplify our voices while preaching and singing, we need people to make that happen by manning the sound boards. Moreover, our congregation needs people to help us be good stewards of the earth God has given us to call home by removing recyclable material from our building and taking it to places where it is renewed and put back into use. Furthermore, we are in need of people to count tithes and offerings in order to keep a good record of God's money. For good witness and transparency, we always need at least two people to make this happen. Could God be calling you to make sure that the gifts of His people are given a proper accounting?

What I have shared with you is a scratch. Mike Agee, our Office Administrator, has more information that can guide you through the discerning process should you sense God calling you to help our congregation in all its volunteer ministry needs. I am also available to discuss any questions you might have about what it takes to give your time and talents back to God. Would you kindly send me an email or give me a call?

Pastor Elijah



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have an exciting line-up of classes this year to help deepen our knowledge and grow in relationship to God and one another!

COMMUNITY GROUPS on Sunday mornings: This year's community groups will again be taught by **Pastors Mark, Elijah, and Gerry.**

◆ **Pastor Mark will be teaching on the Psalms.** When Paul says in Ephesians 5 that we should "speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music to the Lord in your heart, giving thanks to God the Father at all times for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," how might that be possible? The Bible assumes that we do not know on our own how to talk to God but need some help. The Psalter, the collection of 150 Psalms in the middle of the Scriptures, teaches us how; it is where Christians have always learned to pray. Join us this Sunday School season as we spend 13 weeks studying the Psalms, learning how God wants us to pray, worship, praise, give thanks, make confession, and appeal to Him for faith, help, and salvation.

- ◆ **Pastor Elijah will teach from Paul's letter to the Philippians.** Studying this letter will help us to unlock the secret to real joy and living a fulfilled Christian life.
- ◆ **Pastor Gerry will be teaching us about spiritual theology.** This class will discuss how to read the Bible with prayer (*lectio divina*), the meaning of our worship (liturgical theology), and the different forms of spirituality in the history of the church (desert fathers, medieval, Reformers, 18th-century evangelicals, et al).

These classes will meet at the regular Sunday School hour, 9:45—10:45 a.m. beginning September 11th.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES CLASSES on Monday evenings, beginning September 12th:

- ◆ **Hebrew language**, led by **Chris Miller**, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Koine Greek**, a continuation from last year, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and led by **Pastor Elijah.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING CROSSROADS CLASSES will begin on September 14th. Our fall line up includes:

- ◆ **The Book of Revelation**, led by **Jane Martin.** Have you been reluctant to delve into the last book of the Bible – The Book of Revelation? This book is filled with symbolism and imagery that has caused even the most scholarly to shy away from its teaching. Scholarly I am not. However, I pray that you will join me as we move slowly through this most timely of Scripture writings and learn together what is to come. And, with that comes a promise of blessing—read Revelation 1:3.
- ◆ **Brave New Family, by G. K. Chesterton**, led by **Jim Forney.** In the spirit of continuing St. John's vision of living in a way that draws our neighbors to the Savior, we will offer this class on the trials and the joys of living as a Christian family. We will be discussing the "fairy-tale" that is the Christian family, as well as the problems assaulting families, using the edited writings of G.K. Chesterton in *Brave New Family*. This class will be taught by Jim Forney.

The winter/spring term will include:

- ◆ **The Book of Revelation** continues, led by **Jane Martin.**
- ◆ **The Busy Family's Guide to Spirituality: Practical Lessons for Modern Living From the Monastic Tradition** (formerly known as *The Family Cloister: Benedictine Wisdom for the Home*), by David Robinson. We will be studying ways to build up and strengthen Christian families. Say you will join us on this wild adventure! This study will be led by **Jim Forney.**
- ◆ **Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis.** Originally a series of BBC radio broadcasts, Lewis answers questions about the reality of moral law, the Christian life and the nature of God, among many others. Come join the discussion. This class will be led by **Gina Wright Hawkins.**

If you have any questions, contact **Gina Wright Hawkins** at 725-1126 or at emsmom10@aol.com.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

WHY?

WHY CHURCH? WHY CHRIST?

WHY UNITY IN THE BODY?

EPHESIANS SERMON/STUDY SERIES

Starting on September 11th, our church will be engaging in a church-wide study series on Ephesians. This means that each week our pastors will preach on one of the six chapters of Ephesians, and the congregation will form into small groups during each of those SIX WEEKS to study the theme of the sermon.

Can you imagine if the whole church met in a small group for SIX WEEKS to study and ask the Holy Spirit to come and build up this body to a higher level of worship, love, service and obedience?

Can you imagine what our church would look like if we came together in groups each week to pray for each other, for the church, for the community at large, and for a greater unity in spirit within the body of Christ?

ALL THE CHURCH IS ASKING, IS THAT YOU ATTEND ONE SESSION A WEEK FOR SIX WEEKS.

Can you imagine what our church would look like if we invited our friends and neighbors into our home to study together for six weeks? Please use this opportunity. How hard would it be to ask someone to come to your house or someone else's house for just six weeks for one study? Then, who knows what would happen to that person? Invite them and let the Holy Spirit do his work.

We are hoping to have many groups and many different days and times in which to choose. Most current small group leaders and new "hosts" will be facilitating our groups.

More details to follow. Until then, please be in prayer for this most important "Spiritual Renewal."



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR—If your last name begins with one of the following letters, please bring some food to share for the Coffee Hour. This can be anything from fruit, cheeses, low fat milk, to cookies or other finger foods.

- August 7**—Letters **Q, R**
- August 14**—Letters **S, T**
- August 21**—Letters **U, V**
- August 28**—Letters **W, X, Y, Z**

Call **Debra Phillips** if you have any questions.



CHURCH RETREAT! Save the Date for the St. John Congregational Retreat on **October 28th—30th**. It will be at the 4-H Center at beautiful Smith Mountain Lake. Our focus during this retreat is on relationships.

Joy Fuller will speak to the women (married and single) and Tad Fisher will speak to the men (married and single). We also have special topics for our youth which will be led by **Corey** and our younger youth will be led by **Lynne**. The 4-H Center has hotel-style rooms and great food. Come and enjoy some time away from your normal weekend routine! Take in the beauty of God's creation at Smith Mt. Lake. Join us for fellowship with your church family and be a part of the famous Talent Show on Saturday night, October 29th! Don't miss this great time and don't let money stand in your way of becoming a part of this retreat...we have scholarship money available. Be on the look-out for Registration forms soon! If you have questions, please contact either **Jimmy Whitaker** or **Gerry McDermott**.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The next newsletter deadline is **Monday, August 15th, at 5:00 p.m.** Submit your articles to newsletter@stjohnlutheran.org or put them in the newsletter mailbox in the office.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. If you haven't already picked up your copy, they are available in the narthex on the round table.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR FALL! Teachers, assistants, and substitutes are needed for the upcoming Fall/Spring Sunday school season. Prepare for a huge blessing as you nurture children in their faith and hear the stories of our faith "through the eyes of children." Contact **Lynne** at the church office or email her at lynne@stjohnlutheran.org. Adults and confirmed teens are encouraged to serve.



DIRECTORY CHANGE: **Carolyn & Barry Corswandt** have disconnected their land line and their new phone numbers are: Carolyn—540-330-4692 and Barry—540-330-7310.

IHN—Our next scheduled Interfaith Hospitality Network week for guests will be **August 28th—September 4th**. Look for the poster in the narthex and see where you can sign up to help those less fortunate than yourself!



NEW BABY! **Cathy and Chris Miller** welcomed a baby boy, **Peyton Emmanuel**, into their family. Keep them in your prayers as they adjust to the new member of their family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES!

- **Chelsey Hamilton**—Interdisciplinary Studies, BA from Va. Tech. She's currently working in Marketing.
- **Pete Hamilton**—Business, BA from Randolph College. Currently employed as a Graduate Assistant Basketball coach at Averett University, with a full ride to receive MBA.

Chelsey's and Pete's parents are **Carsonette and Bill Hamilton**.

WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to Jo Markham and her family upon the death of her husband, Jerry. The Markham's were members of St. John for a number of years.



A REPORT FROM NICARAGUA:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How I enjoyed being in the Roanoke area recently and having an opportunity to visit and be in worship with you! It is always good to see old friends and renew relationships. Your good wishes and warm hugs are good for my soul!

As I write, I am enjoying the company of Jessica Gregory. She is here with me for a month working on her Spanish language skills and observing first-hand the work we are involved in here in Nicaragua. She is visiting and working at Rancho Hebron and participating in the summer MMI project. What a blessing to have her here! Thanks to Bill and Karen for letting her come!

The Rancho Hebron Association has just finished an evangelistic campaign and work project in the community of El Quinal and is getting ready for another work team and VBS with the children at their home in Carazo. They are a very busy bunch!

The work of the Rancho Hebron Association involves much more than just the home for abandoned children. They are also working to help support pastors in remote communities, construct churches, hold evangelistic crusades, and offer VBS in several rural churches. I am excited about the many ways in which our relationship with Rancho Hebron might be expanded in the future. Please pray that God will open our eyes and lead us as we commit to work together.

In other news, Nicolas' (Diaz) sister died July 17th. Please hold the family up in prayers during this difficult time.

Blessings to you this day!
Jo Anne

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM. Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement Program is having another busy summer, seeing arrivals almost every week. There is a high demand for household items as families set up their new homes. The biggest needs are for dishes, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, blankets, comforters, dining tables and chairs. Do you have any of these items to spare? Please call (540) 342-7561 or go by the RRIS office at 820 Campbell Avenue, near RAM House.



OMNI NEWS: OMNI continues to feed and educate 206 children at the OMNI site in Zambia. Breaking news last month was that our water tower and tanks were destroyed by high winds, leaving the site with no access to clean water for 4 days. A new tank and tower were erected and water is once again available for our children. The first corn crop was successful and the harvest was good. The corn supplements our food program along with the eggs from the laying hen project. Thank you St. John for supplying the seed, fertilizer and the chicken coop, all generously donated by our mission efforts! Also OMNI wishes to thank St. John for the prayer support of the May mission to Zambia. 2012 medical mission is already taking applications for July!

On July 22nd, Hanging Rock Country Club was the site for the second annual Morgan Harrington Memorial Golf tournament. All proceeds benefited the Morgan Educational Wing at the OMNI site which will be the new site for three classrooms for 90 children, along with two teacher offices. Please visit the new and improved OMNI website for details: www.omnimissions.com.

Karen ReMine, RN, OMNI President

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 7th

1 Kings 19.9-18.....Psalm 85.8-13
Romans 10.5-15..... Matthew 14.22-33

August 14th

Isaiah 56.1-8..... Psalm 67
Romans 11.1-2, 29-32Matthew 15.10-28

August 21st

Isaiah 51.1-6.....Psalm 138
Romans 12.1-8.....Matthew 16.13-20

August 28th

Jeremiah 15.15-21Psalm 26.1-8
Romans 12.9-21.....Matthew 16.21-28

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

King of Kings Ministry—India

Ask and receive

Pastor Bushanam stared at the woman from across the room. He knew who she was, but never expected her to step through the doors of his church. Rajeswari's eyes darted from person to person—uncertain but hopeful.

She had suffered for years, but no doctor could diagnose her disease. She would suddenly fall ill, unable to leave her bed. In public, she would sometimes shout and cry out at random. She looked and acted a bit crazy. The children of the Chinna Beerampalli village were afraid of her. Adults shunned her.

All are welcome here, Pastor Bushanam thought, especially those in need of healing. As he crossed the room everyone became aware of her presence. They knew why she had come. She came in search of the God who heals. Hindus go to temples to look for god, and Rajeswari believed this church was the home of a powerful one.

Pastor Bushanam, from the bottom of his heart, hoped for a miracle for this tormented woman. With one mind, one voice, one Spirit, the people began to pray for God to heal her.

And He did.

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ~ Matthew 7:8

News of Rajeswari's healing has traveled quickly through the Deep Forest community of Chinna Beerampalli. More villagers want to know about this God who heals.

Pastor Bushanam's church was built by funds from American partners of Children's Relief International (CRI). As told by Ananth Gottimukkala – King of King's Project leader



Question: I heard you talk in church a few Sundays ago about Pascal's Wager. Can you explain that again in case I find a need for it in talking to friends?

Pascal was a 17th-century French mathematician and Christian physicist who said all of life is based on a wager. Making a wager is unavoidable because there is no absolute intellectual proof that there is a God or that there is not.

So the Christian is making a wager, and so is the atheist.

The atheist wagers that there is no God and lives life accordingly. If he is right, he has lost nothing. But if he is wrong, he has lost everything (eternal happiness).

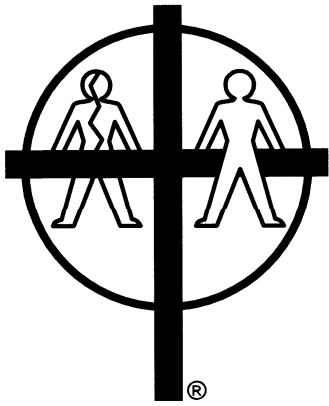
The Christian wagers that there is a God who has come to earth as Jesus and lives as Trinity today. He or she lives accordingly. If she is wrong, she has lost nothing, and in fact has a better life than the atheist because of the benefits which a Christian life brings (friends, hope, community, the satisfaction of helping others). But if the Christian is right, he or she has gained everything.

All in all, then, it makes more rational sense to wager that there is a triune God whose Son lived, died, and was raised for us.

Pastor Gerry

THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE will be here on **Friday, August 12th from 1:00—7:00 p.m.** Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex to donate blood.





**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN
GIVES ALL OF US OPPORTUNITIES...
...To Serve, To Be Served, and To Lead.**

Opportunities to Serve. A Stephen Minister is called to serve the members of our congregation and community in being a constant presence for a care receiver, bringing the awesome power of God's love, grace and healing to those who are trying to cope with any one of life's difficulties. The Stephen Minister cares and God heals. The Stephen Minister visits with the care receiver weekly, to listen, pray, support, lift up and guide the care receiver with strict confidentiality and bringing God's presence to the visit. It is God's presence that makes miracles happen. We must watch, listen and wait for God to show us His way, then follow

obediently. Stephen Ministry at St. John is successful because it is Christ-centered and builds our relationships with care receivers with trust and faith in God. You may want to reach out to someone you know who is hurting, just like our care receivers. You have the opportunity to become a Stephen Minister, just ask.

Opportunities to Be Served. All of us experience those traumas in life; we face issues of grief, illness, job concerns, personal challenges, infidelity, and broken promises. At these times, we experience personal hurt and suffering and it can easily overwhelm us. There is good news for you, for a friend or for a family member currently trying to cope with such a situation. A Stephen Minister can be a comfort, a confidant, an advocate or just a friend to extend a hand, to offer a prayer, to ask God to help. You have the opportunity to be served, ask for a Stephen Minister.

Opportunities to Lead. We have been most fortunate to have dedicated Stephen Leaders at St. John who have shaped, trained, counseled, encouraged our Stephen Ministers, and made Stephen Ministry a vibrant part of our congregation. Our leadership changes occasionally as a Stephen Leader needs to step down and as others step up. We have that situation now as **Patrice Treubert**, after long and faithful service leaves our leadership team but remains a Stephen Minister and as **Joyce Quam** and **Bruce Roth**, who have now been trained and commissioned as Stephen Leaders at St. John, join our leadership team. What a joy to have such dedicated, talented, and compassionate people to help guide the Stephen Ministry at St. John. You have the opportunity to lead, as a Stephen Leader.

Stephen Ministry Service St. John Lutheran Church	
Caring Relationships (21)	651
Supervision/Continuing Education	82
Administration	285
New Class Instruction	800
Class Preparation	83
Hospital Shut-In Visits/Communion	56
Other	306
Total through 7/31/2011	2,263
Total Hours 2010	1,350
Active Stephen Ministers/Leaders	18/4

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS to the following council members who have just rotated off council: **Roger Kronau, Tony Mardian, Kim Mackey, and Janet Thompson.**

**OUR NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS WERE
VOTED ON IN JUNE AND THEY ARE:**

- ♦ PRESIDENT: **Sam Cox**
- ♦ VICE PRESIDENT: **Jeff Phillips**
- ♦ SECRETARY: **Mary Butenschoen**
- ♦ TREASURER: **Arlene Kirtley**

ST. JOHN YOUTH MINISTRY VISION

A COMMUNITY TO BELONG AND BE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST

Our vision is to be a ***family of youth that encourages each other to passionately follow Christ with our whole lives as servant leaders in His kingdom.*** All youth from 7th to 12th grade are welcome to join us wherever you are on your spiritual journey.

ALL OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY EXPERIENCES AIM TO BE:



Christ-centered: Leading youth to worship Jesus Christ with their whole lives and grow in maturity as servants in His kingdom

Relationally connected: Equipping youth to be the Body of Christ in community with each other and mentoring relationships with caring adults

Theologically sound: Grounding youth in the Word of God and the apostolic tradition of the Church

Mission oriented: Empowering youth to follow Jesus to change their daily lives and culture around them

Adventurous and passionate: Calling youth to an adventurous journey of passionate commitment, sacrifice, risk, and difficulty

REGULAR WAYS TO GET CONNECTED:

- ◆ **Youth Community Group: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Center:** All 7th-12th grade youth meet for fellowship, dynamic teaching, and videos that equip you to be rooted in God's Word and develop a Biblical worldview.

9:45—10:00 a.m.: Fellowship

10:00—10:30 a.m.: Learning

10:30—10:45 a.m.: Discussion groups with mentors (middle school, high school, confirmation)

- ◆ **Youth Group: 6:30—8:15 p.m.:** All 7th-12th grade youth meet for fellowship and growing in Christian community. This includes a time of worship led by our youth band, dynamic learning led by the youth leadership team, and a teaching series that empowers youth to live out their faith in real life.

6:30—7:00 p.m.: Games and fellowship in Café St. John and the Gym

7:00—8:15 p.m.: Youth worship and community time

8:15 p.m.: Middle school goes home, High school group time until 9:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Confirmation Discipleship Process:** A dynamic year-long process for high school youth to examine the essence of the Christian faith and empowers them to take their place in Jesus' life-changing movement of the Church. This process is led by Corey Paxton and youth are paired up with a mentor and small group during the year. The process starts Labor Day Weekend with an overnight, includes a variety of commitments and concludes with a faith hike and celebration party with your family before Pentecost Sunday. Sign up by August 31st.

- ◆ **Youth Leadership Team:** For high school youth who have completed confirmation, we will be meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Corey and Danielle's house for deeper discipleship, planning of youth group, and youth ministry events. Fill out an application by August 31st.

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND CROSSROADS FOR KIDS

All 4th - 5th graders are invited to be a part of our Children's chapel leadership TEAM this fall. They will be trained to help lead children's chapel for the younger children and will be scheduled to serve about once a month. Our initiation meeting will be on **Sunday, September 11th, from 12:30—2:00 p.m., after the 11:00 services.** We will have a pizza lunch and TEAM training at that time. More information will be coming but please **SIGN UP NOW if you are interested. You can sign up by email or fill out the form below and leave it in my box at church.**

In Christ,

Vicki Paxton

vtpax@cox.net

Child's name, phone number, birth date (*include year*), and grade level for the fall:

Parents' names and email address:

Which service your family plans to attend this fall: _____

**** Please return this form to me by email, or leave it filled out in my box in the office. Thanks again! Vicki Paxton***



Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

ALIVE 65! COMMUNITY GROUP: Sunday mornings in rooms 211-213 from 9:45—10:45 a.m. Are you ready to join us in an exciting adventure in God's Word as we become God's secret agents and take on the mission of discovering God's Many Names. Summer Sunday School continues through August 28th.

ALIVE 65! SUNDAY EVENINGS (times noted). All newly promoted 6th and 5th graders are invited to join us for fun, games, study, and Christian community. On August 7th, we will have an evening of fellowship at Thunder Valley (\$5/person) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. No activities on August 14th and August 21st as we will join the Youth to pray for our new school year. Our "back-to-school" event will be a pool party at Spring Run Pool (\$4/person for non-members) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The pool is on Ran Lynn Rd – invite a classmate and bring one ingredient for s'mores.

FABULOUS 14 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday mornings in the Sonshine Sanctuary from 9:45—10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Sonshine Sanctuary from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Children who will be in grades 1st – 4th in the fall join together for a large group video presentation of the parables of Jesus, followed by an activity designed to help children apply their learning.

HANDS ON BIBLE: Sunday mornings from 9:45—10:45 a.m. in room 7/8 (ages 3 and 4 and rising Kindergarteners). These children will learn in an interactive, "hands on" way. In August, they will learn that God has special plans for each of us as they focus on Esther.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Sunday Mornings during the sermon. We invite children ages 5 through 4th grade to join us for an interactive "child-style" version of the sermon each week.

MOMS NURTURING MOMS: The Wednesday morning study concluded July 27th and will resume in September. The Thursday morning study is "More Than Just a Good Bible Study Girl" from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Child care is provided for children, birth through students who have just finished 5th grade.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROSSROADS: Regular children's activities begin again on Wednesday, September 14th with "Metamorphosis."

THE NURSERY has CPR/First Aid trained workers. Volunteers are always welcome. Nursery is provided for children under the age of 5 during services and under age 3 during Sunday School. A Bible story and activity are featured each week. In August, they will learn that "God Keeps Me Safe."

August BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

01	Laura Phillips Joel Smith Benjamin Tatum	16	Conner Butenschoen Samuel Andree Cindy Curbow Janice Frye Glenn Thomsen
02	Kim Mangold Laura Powell Kathy McKelvey Wyatt Forney	17	Bradley Oechslin
03	Don & Pam Smith—26 Tom & Judy Breene—37 Dick & Teresa Street—43	18	Bethany Mardian Donna Powell Jeff Moyer Erin Cox Mariam Miller
04	Aaron Clary Eric Lawrence Pam Smith Abby Hall	20	Amy Forbes
05	Mark & Ann Kidd—27 Heather French John Holmgren	21	Charlie Carney Doug & Arlene Kirtley—35
06	Barry & Carolyn Corswandt—38 David & Vicki Paxton—33	22	Brian Mangold Asta Reed Joe & Kathy McKelvey—30
07	Brian Kowalkowski Matthew Barrette Sue Strickland	23	Ezekiel Besser Jason Lachowicz Rose Hassler
08	Missy Brown Reagan Delp Jeff & Lori Moyer—18 Tom & Pat Homan—1	24	Mark Schmidt Jim & Sally Gear—37
09	Rex Frye Annette Meyer Kristian Reed	25	Dave Williamson Becki Hartman Adelaine LeGault Tom & Sandra McKay—32
10	Phil & Linda Cressman—47 Douglas & Frances Grider—3	26	Rena Graham Alan Denekas Ariel Robertson
11	Melinda Madison Glen Frank Caleb Forbes George Keller Brian Mackey Davis Fore Jim & Rhea Forney—9	27	David Turner
12	Charlie & Angel Carney—26 Kathy Kronau Chris Lindsey	28	Samuel Lindsey
13	Alma Bailey Lynn Graham Dale Hahn Randy Ratliff Gwen Jung	29	Sonja Higginbotham Olivia Fueglein Meggan Lionberger Alan McClellan
14	John Gordon James Jacks Ashley Sweet Graham Whitaker	31	Riley Hill Frank & Trudy Hudson—65
15	Ron & Edith Reese—46 Jeff Phillips Missy Allen Juliet Fueglein Lily Ratliff Emily Reed		

If you have any additions, changes or corrections to the list, please contact the church office so you will be included the next time.



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Special Youth Events to Start the Year: Join us for some fun events to connect with what God is doing in our youth group to start the year. Rising 7th graders are encouraged to attend and start getting to know other youth in our church family.

- **August 7: 7:00—8:00 p.m.:** Katie's Ice Cream Hang Out Night.
 - **August 14: 9:30 a.m.—9:30 p.m.:** Lake day at the Cressman's. Join us for a great day of fellowship and fun for all 7th/12th graders. We will be leaving after the 8:15 a.m. service and returning to St. John by 9:30 p.m. Please bring \$10 to chip in for lunch and dinner and snacks to share. Parent volunteers are needed to drive and chaperone.
 - **August 17: 7:00—10:00 p.m.:** Salem Red Sox baseball game: For 7-8th grade youth, we have a box at the game to build community before school starts. Please contact Corey by August 14th if you are interested.
 - **August 21: 7:00—8:00 p.m.:** Pop's Ice Cream Hang Out Night.
 - **August 28: 6:30—8:00 p.m.:** Epic Worship Night: We will be joining forces with Church of the Holy Spirit's youth group for a night of youth praise, prayer, and fellowship together. Join us in the Youth Center!
 - **September 4—5th:** Confirmation and Youth Leadership Overnight: To start the year, our high school youth leadership team (post confirmation youth) and new confirmation group will take a retreat from 5:00 p.m.—11:00 a.m. on Labor Day weekend to focus on our relationship with God and growing in responsibility as servant leaders in His Kingdom. Please sign up by August 31st.
- New Confirmation Process Starting:** Sign up by August 31st! For high school youth that are ready to take the risk of learning to follow Jesus, confirmation is a dynamic year-long process to examine the essence of the Christian faith and to be equipped to live as a disciple of Christ. This includes different elements and has a change of structure this year. Please see the website for details, the schedule, and a covenant.
- New Youth Leadership Team starting:** Sign up by August 31st. For youth that would like to grow in servant leadership of the youth group, we will be meeting at Corey and Danielle's house on Wednesday nights from 7:30—9:00 p.m. starting in September. The youth leadership team will continue in spiritual formation and planning weekly youth group and special events. The youth leadership application and covenant is located on the website.

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