



# Christ Lutheran Church Connected

September 2011

*I will even make a road in the wilderness  
And rivers in the desert.  
Isaiah 43:19*



# Thoughts from Pastor Joe

By Pastor Joe Campeau

*I want to know Jesus in the storm.*

*When troubles gather like clouds that darken the horizon, and lightening streaks the sky; when the thunder rolls, and the waters begin to rise and there is no high ground left on which to stand; I need your mercy, Lord, to rain down on me like little pieces of the sky. I want to have the depth of faith to pray, not that you would take the storm away, but that I would know Jesus in the storm.*

The first thing it did was rain. I went along with the high school mission team in August to Globe, AZ. to work on a house located on the San Carlos Apache reservation. We pulled into camp Sunday night, got set up, and then listened to the orientation. The rain drops were already beginning, a welcome relief from the heat of the day. But the droplets of water became a torrent, coming down in sheets for two solid hours and turning our camp into a flash flood zone. Some of the guys got to work digging trenches in a losing effort to try and channel the water away from the tents. But that becomes problematic when there is no ground remaining that has not itself become part of a stream, or a mini-lake, or a muddy pool. It could have been miserable; it probably should have been. But without exception, adult and youth alike responded with a smile. “We’re having fun anyway” said Katie, her head poking out of an impromptu rain poncho made from a plastic garbage bag. “God is good, all the time,” said Kathleen, wet and shivering in the cold. Look around you, I told myself, here is Jesus, his gentleness visible through the rain, his presence as robust as the laughing students claiming the moment as a surprising gift though it meant a long night of wet tents and drenched sleeping bags. I suppose the thing to do with life’s storms is not seek to just endure them, but to see in them yet another opportunity to lift our hands in praise to God, the God who comes to us in the storm.

*I want to know Jesus in the heat of the day.*

*When life feels parched of hope and the place I am in feels hot and dry, when circumstances conspire to act like the sun leaching out all the moisture from my soul and broiling my faith under a crushing heat, I need your mercy, Lord, to cool my fevered spirit. I want to be the kind of believer who keeps going when my faith reserves seem just about depleted, to pray not that you would make the sun stop shining, but that I would know the Son when the heat is on.*

The youth set to work stuccoing the house, preparing it for plumbing and wiring, and pouring a concrete roof. They also helped build a “pop stand”, a small booth in which some of the Apache women could sell their fry bread and Apache tacos,

## Thoughts from Pastor Joe, continued



so that they didn't have to do it from tables along the side of the road. They worked each day in one-hundred-and-infinity temperatures, not a stick of shade anywhere near. They worked hard, they worked steady. When asked why they would do such a thing their answer was clear: Serving someone was a good thing to do. Jesus had called them to serve. The amount of water they drank to keep hydrated was awe inspiring. Their willingness to pitch in to give others a break was touching. Their work ethic was amazing (Now, you parents are thinking, if only I could figure out how to get them to behave that way at home... Stop thinking that; it will only leave you disappointed). Look around you, I told myself, here is Jesus, doing a beautiful thing through an unassuming group of high school students, sweating their way through incredible heat for the sake of people they will never meet again. The power of the moment however, was not in what the high school students were doing, so much as what Jesus was doing in them and through them. The grace of Jesus is that he comes to us in the heat of the day to give us living water.

*I want to know Jesus in the desert.*

*The desert is a barren place, all scrub and dirt and generally inhospitable. Sooner or later we all spend time in the desert, and if we are fortunate, it becomes a place where we learn things about ourselves, and about life, about God and about what it means to be free. Sometimes God leads you there for a purpose, to be transformed. I want to be the kind of disciple who will go into the desert when Jesus leads me there, who will pray not to be spared but to find a sturdier faith.*

That house the youth worked on is going to be sturdy –

concrete roof, stucco inside and out. The wind in the desert is fierce so it has to withstand a harsh climate. The youth withstood all that they faced during their mission week: floods (literally), intense heat, wind storms, broken car radiators. But their faith grew, I know that. I saw it. God does awesome things in the desert. Look around you, I told myself, here is Jesus, in the desert. “Blessed be your name/when I’m found in the desert place/though I walk through the wilderness/blessed be your name”, goes one of our 11:00 worship songs.



Beginning Sunday, September 11, Pastor Joe and Pastor Mike will begin a series of Sunday messages, in which we will be walking through some of the stories that come from the Israelites forty years of desert wanderings, found in Exodus, Deuteronomy, Numbers, and Joshua. Please plan on joining us. Because everyone carries a little desert sand in their shoes.

# From Pastor Mike



*When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. — 1 Corinthians 13:11-12*

*“It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.” -- Mark Twain*

We went to the Virgin Islands on our honeymoon and one of the idiosyncrasies of this little island paradise is they drive on the left hand side of the road. We had rented a jeep and we first drove out of the rental place, I remembered which side of the road I was supposed to drive on. But then after we stopped for lunch and started out again, I reverted to where I ‘knew’ I was supposed to drive. It lead to a few scary moments.

What do you ‘know’ that isn’t so? When I was in High School, I was convinced that if there was a God, he was a watchmaker who set the universe in motion and did not trouble himself with the affairs of puny humans. And I *knew* that miracles, angels and demons were figments of fevered imaginations.

Over the course of the next decade I learned differently. It wasn’t any logical reasoning or walking through a chain of evidence. It was sheer bloody experience. I saw things that shook what I ‘knew’ and made me understand that there is more. I saw people who were afflicted by something that could not have an earthly origin. I saw people healed by the power of prayer, not in the ‘oh, I feel a little better’ sense, but in the ‘should have been dead’ sense.

Unfortunately, the way I think takes a while to change. The habits of not expecting God to do anything are

tough to break. I know I should pray more and expect miracles to happen more, but I’m not used to seeing them. Sometimes I read this passage and wonder what we are missing:

*And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.—Hebrew 12:32-40*

Think of the church where that was normal. Think of what it was like for the early apostles where people were raised from the dead and the sick were healed on a regular basis. What are we now that we don’t expect anything to happen?

I really think that it is our own blinders that prevent us from seeing what God is doing. We need to get in the habit of seeing what He is doing around us. Pray that you would be able to step out into the faith that he has given you. Pray that he would peel back the veil and let you see the amazing things that are happening in this world.

# Council Corner

Happy September! I hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing summer. School is back in session and Sunday School has started. Midweek programs are starting soon and before you know it the church campus will be bustling with bible studies and choir practices.

Last year at this time we were in the process of changing all of our lights in the sanctuary. Our old lighting was flat out not cost effective and the new LED lighting promised to save us money. Changing a light bulb required the rental of a boom lift, which inevitably would crack floor tiles and do other damage to our beautiful sanctuary. A year later, the new LED lighting has been installed and council is pleased to report that we have had to replace ZERO lights, we had to rent ZERO equipment (lifts or additional lighting), and there were ZERO broken floor tiles and ZERO busted pews. Just in the first year, we have recouped several thousand dollars in maintenance costs.

So if you catch Pastor Mike telling Lutheran jokes and he says, “How many Lutheran does it take to change a light bulb?” Your answer can be “Zero!”

Council is continuing our focus on worship. The improvement on the lights was definitely a part of that focus, but we are also aware of some major sound problems. The congregation’s ability to hear what is going on during a worship service is a fundamental part of worship. Council has decided to get an acoustical analysis done on the sanctuary to determine exactly what problems we may have with reverberation and frequency response of the audio signal. Once this sound control report is received, Council will discuss our options on how to improve the sound system in the sanctuary.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me or any other council members.

Blessings,

Rachel Swartz

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## Ralphs Community Contribution Program

Ralphs supermarkets are committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other non-profit organizations earn millions of dollars through Ralphs Community Contributions Program. You can participate simply by using your Ralphs Rewards card. Enrollment in this program is for one year, from September to August, so whether you’ve participated in the past or not, September is the time to enroll.

You may enroll online by going to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), selecting Sign In/Register under the Welcome! heading and completing the registration information. You will need to enter your Ralphs card number, and then you can designate CLC as the organization you would like Ralphs to make contributions to in your name. You may also take a copy of the Community Contribution scanbar letter with you next time you shop. Use your Ralphs card and ask the cashier to scan the letter, which will designate Christ Lutheran Church as the recipient. Copies of the letter will be available in the church office or on our website.

CLC has received over \$900 in 2011 from Ralphs and other grocery stores through this and the Escript program. For information about the Escript program, visit [escript.com](http://escript.com).

# Hands and Hearts

*Charlie is our Marine; one of many. He is on his 4<sup>th</sup> Afghanistan deployment and the 3<sup>rd</sup> tour that we've supported him. Please join us at Hands and Hearts where we will show a video of Charlie and A.J. Lugo demonstrating the finer points of doing their laundry while deployed. We'll meet to assemble Care Packages on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Center and again on Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 – 11 a.m. For more information please contact Karolle at [hands\\_n\\_hearts@yahoo.com](mailto:hands_n_hearts@yahoo.com) or 255-3222.*

From our Marine:

It's funny how you go through an entire deployment, head home for no more the 6-7 months and find yourself right back where you were in Afghanistan. The other day I jumped up in an MRAP, buckled up and was ready to roll. I looked around and thought, this is the first time I have been in an MRAP in months, (since my last deployment) but it felt oddly familiar. The motions of putting my rifle exactly where I like it, shifting the body so my camelback full with water doesn't hurt my back, and adjusting the seatbelt so I can sit back feels as if I have never left and this was still a routine task in my life.

At that moment I almost felt sad, at that moment I realized that my life in the Marine Corps has been more focused on being deployed to a hostile foreign country that it has been focused on relaxing and being a human being in the United States. You start to think about the few short months you had at home with family and friends. You start to think about how you have spent more time talking to people while wearing cammies and carrying a rifle than time spent talking to people in a book store or at the grocery store.

Sleeping in a real bed has become just a foggy memory, taking a shower when you want, the feel of carpet under your feet, it's like a dream. You know it was there, you know you did it, but it just feels like a dream and now you're awake... sitting in Afghanistan wondering why we put ourselves through this.

The answer is because we know that if we don't, who else will? Don't get me wrong... I wouldn't change it for the world. The things I have done, the things I have seen... not many people are lucky enough to see the world through my eyes. You can all watch the news and hear about how the war is a waste of money or how the war is doing great... blah, blah, blah...

Until you walk through a village and an old man walks up to you and tells you not to go down that alley/street because "it isn't safe" or a little girl walks up and says hello in English, then suggests giving YOU a "high 5," you'll never know the truly good things we are doing out here. It might be on a small level, it might only be a little kid, but one day they'll grow up and remember the nice Marine who gave them a fresh bottle of water or a little beanie baby. And that's good enough for me. I did my job, I did no harm and I laughed, smiled and played alongside the children of Afghanistan.



Years from now when we're old and crusty and telling our kids and grandkids about our time in Afghanistan, we're not going to tell them how we would patrol or tell them about all the technical aspects of the war. We're going to tell them about the feelings and memories. We're going to tell them how the wheat fields and the setting sun reminded us of back home. We're going to tell them about the time it was so cold our water bottles froze and the only thing we could do to stay warm was to spoon with 5 other Marines. We're going to tell them about the Marine and Corpsman who – against orders – stopped and gave first aid to a little girl who was burned. That, my friend, is the best I can do.

Remember the little good I did while I was here. I can't control how much money we spend. I can't control the amount of troops we have out here. And I sure can't control how the Marine Corps' job out here will be perceived. But I do my best to make sure that at the face-to-face level – a level

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## Hands and Hearts, *continued*

you don't see on TV – the people here know I'm a human being who is over here trying to help. Whether it's a bottle of water, a piece of candy or saying "hello" in their native language, I try to make things better.

The support has been great from everyone. I got a letter today from someone who wrote to me on my last deployment. It really amazes me how you people have followed me on the last 2 or 3 deployments and continue to send care packages. There's a handful of you whose names I begin to recognize from all the packages so I would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to everyone. Don't think of it as a group thank you because while it sort of is... it isn't.

Every letter you have written I have read and passed on. If no one wants to keep the letter, I save them... each and every single letter you send. So, on that note, I'm saying thank you and calling it a night. Thanks for everything, guys.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you have a heart for music? Have you always wanted to be part of one of the musical groups that lead worship?

This is the time for you to get involved. We have groups with a variety of styles and rehearsal times. There is sure to be one that fits your worship personality!

### Chancel Choir

Rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00. They sing "serious" music every week at the 8:00 service. They read music and sing parts – however, it is absolutely possible to be part of this group even if you don't feel confident about your music reading skills. We can help! This is a wonderful group of supportive people who will welcome you into the family!

### Worship Band

Rehearses on Saturdays (usually at 9:00 a.m.) and leads the worship at the 11:00 service each week. This group is vocalists and instrumentalists. The schedule is revolving, so if you can't make it each week, that is OK. We set up dates that work for each person. The Worship Band sings "praise" music. Songs that you might hear on Christian Radio.

### Songleaders

These singers lead worship from the microphones at the 9:30 service each week. There is no rehearsal, just a knowledge of the hymnal and the other liturgy songs we sing each week.

### Messenger

This group sings once a month at the 9:30 and 11:00 service. The style is modern Christian popular music – similar to the worship songs we sing at 11:00, but a little more involved. Messenger rehearsal is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month usually at 9:00 a.m.

For more information on any of these groups please talk to Kristin Frederick.

Email: [Kristin@come2christ.com](mailto:Kristin@come2christ.com) or phone (661) 904-0203

Share your talent. Everyone is welcome!

## THE FRUITAGE OF FIFTY YEARS

Christ Lutheran Church is celebrating the fruitage of fifty years here in Valencia. We are grateful to the many who helped plant our congregation and to all of our family members who have served faithfully and shared together in our fellowship over the first fifty years of the life of our congregation. We will be putting together a photographic display and a DVD to commemorate our fiftieth anniversary and invite you to share your favorite memories – photos and anecdotes.

There will be a basket in the work room, which will also be out on the patio on Sunday mornings, for photos and other submissions. There will be envelopes marked “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” for you to use.

Please make sure your name and contact information is marked clearly on the back of all photos that you submit so that they can be returned to you, and provide a brief narrative describing the photo, including the date the photo was taken.

## AMERICAN LUTHERAN HISTORY: GOOD LUTHERANS!

Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg, who is considered the patriarch of American Lutheranism, arrived in Philadelphia in 1742. His mission was to organize the many Lutheran settlers scattered throughout the American colonies. He was committed to theological education of pastors and leaders, increasing Lutheran identity and planting the church on the solid ground of the Holy Scripture and our Lutheran confessional writings. His motto was “Ecclesia Plantanda!” The church must be planted.

Throughout the years, American Lutherans have toiled and troubled, overcoming many struggles and schisms as they faithfully served as co-workers in God’s vineyard, planting churches throughout this land. John Edward Hoick, author of *The Fruitage of Fifty Years in California* (Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, 1941) noted, “The missionaries began to discover that by means of adult instruction and confirmation non-Lutherans and wholly un-churched people could be turned into good Lutherans.”

## Basics of Faith New Member Class Begins September 18

We want you to belong. Just as dating leads a couple to the public commitment of marriage, so membership is the public commitment that binds us together as members of the congregation. Membership matters.

If you’ve been attending and would like to take the next step, we want to invite you to be a part of our upcoming *Basics of Faith* class. Participation in this class is the entryway into **membership at CLC**. We ask all people, whether you are from a Lutheran background or not, to attend Basics of Faith classes prior to joining the church. We also want to help you know what it is to be a disciple--a follower of Jesus. We view Basics of Faith as an important part of that process. In addition, it is a great way for you to get acquainted with our staff, ministry leaders, and other new members of the congregation.

The next Basics of Faith series begins **Sunday, September 18th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Center**. We will meet four Sundays; September 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>. **New members will be formally received into the congregation on October 16**. Each session will include basic information and time spent in small discussion groups. Through teaching time, fellowship, and discussion, we will be exploring our beliefs, our purpose, what discipleship looks like, what it means to be a member, and how to get connected. Participation in all four sessions is expected. **We’ll conclude each session with dinner.**

**Free childcare is provided each week.**

It would help us prepare if you would sign up on the patio, call the church office (259-0200), or contact Robin Hyland at [robin@come2christ.com](mailto:robin@come2christ.com). However, even if you don’t sign up you are still welcome. I hope to see you at our first session. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to me or call me at the office.

# Thrivent Choice

Giving back makes an important impact in people's lives. Last year alone, Thrivent Financial provided more than \$100 million to help congregations, communities and individuals in need. Members who own Thrivent Financial products help make this support possible.

If you have investment brokerage accounts with Thrivent Investment Management Inc., you may be eligible to participate in Thrivent Choice. Thrivent Choice lets you recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> and by participating in Voting Events.

The Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> program offers two ways members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach funds. Some members can participate in both, based on eligibility.

## Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup>

Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to Lutheran organizations you prefer nationwide, including your local Lutheran congregation. If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you will receive a letter in the mail at the point you become eligible. If you are unsure of your eligibility, login to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) to register to view your eligibility and Choice Dollars.

## Voting Events

All members 16 and older can vote during specific Voting Events to help determine where Thrivent Financial distributes \$1 million among Lutheran and non-Lutheran charitable organizations.

In January through July, 2011, Christ Lutheran Church has received over \$16,000 directly from Thrivent Choice. Some of these funds were designated for Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala, Hands and Hearts, youth mission trips, Hope Gardens, as well as the general fund. Thank you to all Thrivent Financial members for choosing Christ Lutheran Church to receive your Thrivent Choice dollars!

# Congregational Care

## Training for Family Caregivers: Skills Lab

If you are a Family Caregiver taking care of a spouse, parent or relative with long-term care needs or are concerned about aging parents, relatives or friends and would like some non-medical, hands-on skills training, we are organizing a private Caregiver's Skills Lab for CLC members offered free of charge at Comfort Keepers In-Home Care, a Local organization that assists seniors with independence and quality of life. Their lab has a hospital bed, mechanical lift, walker, wheelchair, 3-in-1 portable commode, gate belts, and other tools used to help an aging loved one in their home.

We plan to schedule weekday and weeknight Skills Labs. If you are interested, please contact Felicity Grover through the church office.

# Children's Ministries



## Sunday School

Sunday School is underway. Everyone is invited to attend. We offer Sunday School at 9:30 am for ages 2 – High school. Please make Sunday School a priority for your family. We miss you when you aren't here. In the fall we cover the Old Testament. Bring your Bible, and you are encouraged to learn your weekly verses. If you have any questions about Sunday school, please contact Kathleen Kahovec at [kathleen@come2christ.com](mailto:kathleen@come2christ.com) or 259-0200 ext 233.



## Kids' Church

At 11:00 am we offer Kids' Church for ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a great worship experience for kids. After children's time in the sanctuary with Pastor, the children are dismissed to Kids' Church in the fellowship center for songs, lesson, and lots of fun. Contact Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200 ext 233 if you have any questions.



## KOK

This is a wonderful midweek program for our young children with games, craft, and bible lesson. We begin on Wednesday, September 7 from 6 – 7 pm. 3 year olds – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet in the Education Center. We welcome new children each week. Bring a friend! Dawn Diaz is in charge of KOK and can answer any questions you might have at 263-8697.



## Youth Adventures

This is our midweek program for young people in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We begin Wednesday, September 7 from 6 – 7 pm in the Youth Center. There will be lesson, games, singing, and small group time. Bring your Bible! Newcomers are always welcome and bring a friend! Linda Ferguson can answer any questions you might have about Youth Adventures at 296-0263.

# Children's Ministries

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

It is that time of year when our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive a Bible of their own. Each year our congregation provides a Bible to each young person in third grade (and those older students who have yet to receive a Bible). We would like you to be a part of this tradition this year on Sunday, September 18 at the 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 service.

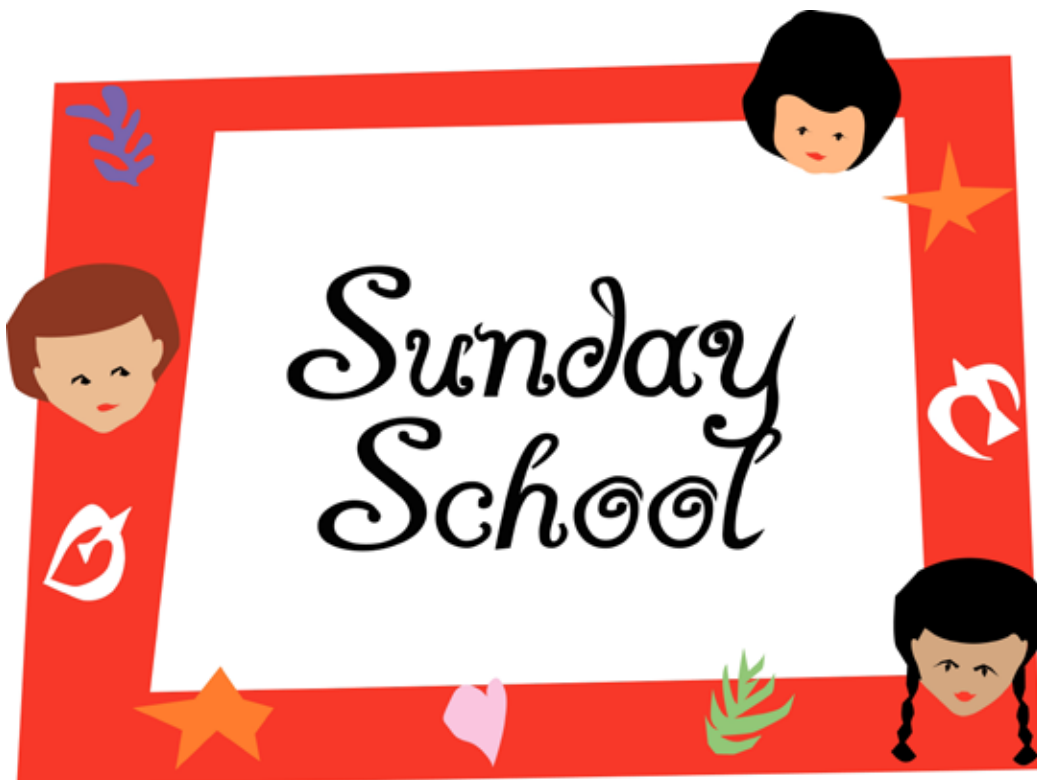
To properly prepare for this important stepping stone in your child's life, we will hold a special session of "Using the Bible" on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Parents wishing their child to receive a Bible should plan, with the child, to attend this session. We will spend our time that evening taking a brief tour of the Bible and talking about how to use it and get the most out of it.

## Acolyte Training

Attention ALL 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders! You have the opportunity to serve the Lord by becoming an 'Acolyte for Christ!'

Training classes are scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You will receive a FREE MEAL PASS at the CLC Bistro for attending the class! A parent needs to attend this training class with you.

Any questions please contact Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200 ext. 233



# Junior High



## **7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Upcoming Community Retreat at El Camino Pines  
September 16-18

You should have received all the paperwork in the mail for this one! It will be a great weekend of getting to know each other and how God wants us to be a community of faith together. Forms and money are due September 7.

Confirmation begins September 7 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Center.

## **7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 7  
7-8:30 pm In the Youth Center

Bring a friend

Bring your Bible

Questions? Call Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200 ext. 233

## **9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

We have two times to meet in the fall before Confirmation Sunday which will be October 30 at the 11am service. We will meet after third service on October 16. It will be an hour long meeting to discuss the 5 promises made during Confirmation. There is a mandatory meeting with Pastor Joe the Tuesday before Confirmation on October 25 at 6 pm in the sanctuary. You will receive your robes at that time. Be sure to turn in your confirmation verse, full name, height and weight to Kathleen or email her with it at [kathleen@come2christ.com](mailto:kathleen@come2christ.com)



What a great summer we had for the High school. Coming back from the Arizona Mission trip, we have enjoyed being together on Tuesday nights for games, swimming, the beach and fellowship.

Impact has begun and meets every Tuesday night in the Youth Center at 7:00 PM. Bring your Bible and a friend for singing, games, lesson, and small group time.

Sunday morning Sunday school starts August 28 at 9:30 in the Youth Center. Come early for donuts and fellowship. Bring your Bible and a friend.

River Rally – We are invited to participate in the River rally clean up for the community on September 17 at 8am. Meet at the church at 8am and be ready to serve the Lord by serving in our community.

Senior Quilt meeting – All seniors and a parent should come to the quilt meeting to find out about senior quilts. Sunday, September 25 at 12 pm in the Youth Center after the third service.

## COLLEGE + CONNECT

Sunday school will be offered this fall for all college age young people. We will be meeting upstairs in the Worship Center Building. Women will meet in Kathleen Kahovec's office at 9:30 AM for study with Sarah Carty. Men will meet upstairs in the Flex Office (cubicle area) for study with Mike McGeever. Sunday school begins August 28. Check out the CLC Youth Facebook page and church website for updates. Everyone is invited.



*“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.”*

- John Lubbock

We love summer! Bare feet in the grass, squirting friends with water bottles, play camping in a tent are some of our favorite activities. Now we know it is time to put the shoes back on and get ready for the new school year.

The school year starts off with our big annual Bar-B-Q for the preschool families. The grills will be smoking as we cook hamburgers and hotdogs for the families. It is an exciting time to reunite the children with their teachers and welcome our new friends to our school. The school year begins with as much excitement as we greeted summer a couple of months ago.

Every season is special at the preschool. Every season is treasured. Every child is cherished. God has blessed us with this time together. Enjoy!

Chris Porrazzo, Preschool Director

# September Birthdays

## **1st**

Kim Altobello  
Barbara Walker

## **2nd**

Jacky Bennett  
Emory Hinze  
Nancy Schutz

## **3rd**

Samuel Carty  
Lindsey Kontra  
Andrew Lincavage  
Christopher Mathewson  
Bruce Munster  
Mike Myers  
Grace Seper

## **4th**

Orlando Gavilan  
Celia Myers  
Nancy Tauber

## **5th**

Isabella Klein  
Alyssa Lapp  
Myriam Levy  
Wayne Schulze

## **6th**

Hope Howland  
Shelly Jefferis

## **7th**

Dillon Bouté  
Sarah McNeil

## **8th**

Reagan Fernandez  
Spencer Rathkamp

## **9th**

Mark Baroth  
Jackson Dow  
Keely Graybill  
Colin Jones

## **10th**

Sam Florez  
Frank Gibbs  
Jen Rathkamp

## **11th**

Jordan Bastin  
Lara Henderson  
Lee Weber

## **12th**

Bruce Bernstorff  
Kim LeGassick

## **13th**

Michelle Dow  
Sarah Martinez  
Michael Rawls

## **14th**

Rachel Chernos  
Morgan Ferguson  
Gabriella Klein  
Hudson Marks  
Mark Shreckengast  
Andrew Tiemann

## **15th**

Hal Goldstein  
Kristin McEwen  
Kim Pape  
John Pisaro  
Clarice Williams

## **16th**

Molly Miller  
Tim Shaner

## **17th**

Don Duus

## **18th**

Wayne Durand  
Kevin Eng  
Kevin Hoyme  
Steve Miller  
Charles Powanda  
Tyler Scherer  
Trevor Tauber

## **19th**

Henry Gabriel  
Kristin Stegeman

## **20th**

Benjamin Allen  
Kari Nicolaisen  
Mary Elizabeth Terry

## **21st**

Harry Bostwick  
Tim Lee  
James Mustain  
Veronica Parkinson  
Riley Shaffer

## **22nd**

Ron Butler  
Keirstin Fernandes  
Dirk Gardner  
Carrie Horton  
Thomas Lincavage  
Joseph Martin  
Heather Miller  
Kory Shaner

## **23rd**

Elizabeth Benforado  
Joshua Matzek  
Bret Wims

## **24th**

David Burnett  
Paul Gilbertson  
Kay Dee Johnson  
Esther Lepisto  
Erica Nelson

## **25th**

Russ Laibl  
Terri Lincoln  
Isabella Provencio  
Lynne Putnam  
David Schmidt

## **26th**

Zachary Allen  
Logan Chassman  
Olivia Dassler  
Jake Marshall  
Margie McMenamain  
Clare Muceniaks  
Stephen Volpei  
Julie Williams

## **27th**

Rhonda Arima  
Elaine Benson  
Julie Shreckengast

## **28th**

Sylvia Biss  
Kayla Colbert  
Bee Diederich  
Karen Eames  
Elizabeth Kirshner

## **29th**

Griffin Krumrine  
Ruthie Metlen  
Kirsten Nicolaisen

## **30th**

Amanda Daum  
Shane Huey  
Joel Nelson  
Nicole Rune  
Carolyn Schultz  
Amber Smoak  
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- 8:00 - Traditional Worship
- 9:30 - Blended Worship
- 11:00 - Informal Worship

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