



e-News

June 13, 2018

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"ACT-ing as the Church" Sermon Series

Sunday, June 17. We wrap up our sermon series on "Act-ing as the Church" with the final installment, "Goodwill." Interestingly, the word in the ancient Greek text for goodwill is none other than...grace. Grace...a word we often use and, in the context of our passage from Acts 2:41-47, we see that this goodwill, this grace, comes at the end of the passage. So, join us Sunday as we understand just why Luke writes the way he does with regard to goodwill/grace.

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Linda Nachtrieb; Kristina Wilson
10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

Mission

Mission for the Homeless—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, toiletries, etc. Socks are especially needed. We won't be packing in June; the next packing day is July 22. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help.

Kids Summer Lunch Program—11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, through August 17. Kids Kindergarten through 12th Grade will be served a FREE nutritious boxed lunch. This year kids can come at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for open gym. Tuesdays are movie days; and on Thursdays and Fridays crafts, board games, etc. will be offered during the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. timeframe. If you can help with the activities or help distribute the meals, call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 or 708-744-2161 (cell).

The Week Ahead

*****Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**
Church Growth Council—June 13, 3:30 p.m.
Session—June 14, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

VBS Training—tonight, June 13, at 6 p.m. AND this Saturday, June 16, at 9 a.m.
Thursday Morning Circle & Mary Circle Joint Picnic at Pat Costion's house—June 14, 12 noon
Biking Group Ride—June 16, 11 a.m.; meet at the Houbolt Access to the I & M Canal, ice cream afterwards
Men's Discussion Group—June 13, 6:30 p.m.
Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—June 19, 12 noon
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays



Shipwrecked VBS is next week!

VBS training is tonight—June 13 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 16, at 9 a.m., both in Hoffman Hall.

If you can help provide goodies for the VBS morning meetings, please call Bo or the church office.

Visit our website to register your children and to volunteer to help at our Shipwrecked VBS.

Volunteers this Sunday, June 17, 2018

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Holy Hunters: Kaleigh Belfield	Kaleigh Belfield
Greeters: Judy Garrison & Andrea Warren	Jan Gehrig
Acolytes: Emma Corcoran	Maddox Lundeen
Ushers: Roger Hileman, Capt.; Mark Dykema Sue Mueller	Ed Schultz, Capt.; Lisa Ambler
Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Misti Lakin	
Sound Room: Cliff Stepina	
Video Screens:	

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Dale Ambler, Associate Pastor

It's been a wonderful couple of Sundays with baptisms and new members joining the church, and I really do hope you will go out of your way to get to know Kendra and Jim, Sandy and Doug, Jasmine, Judy and Amber.

If Pastor Bo seems a little busy, please know that it is that time of year when we open our doors to the community for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Also know that if you have some free time in your schedule the week of June 18, consider offering your help to Pastor Bo!!

This week we hope to replace both the main kitchen refrigerator and freezer.

Don't forget "Ed"ertainment next Wednesday, June 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will take a freewill offering for Feed My Starving Children.

In Christ,
Dale

KIDS

Shipwrecked VBS is NEXT WEEK, June 18-22. Register your kids online on our website; and you can also register yourself to help at VBS!

WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP

Sr. High Mission Trip is June 24-30
Mark your calendar for July 8—
Sr. High Mission Trip Reunion, 4 to 6 p.m.
All Youth Fellowship, 6 to 8 p.m.

FAMILIES

Biking Group

The bike ride last Saturday was called off due to rain, so we'll meet this Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m. at the Houbolt Access to the I & M Canal Trail. There will be ice cream after our ride! And.....we'll ride again on June 23, 11 a.m., meeting at the same place. Call Jon Belfield if you have questions—815-592-0956.

Sounds of Summer Concert Series — June 20, 6:30 p.m. — "ED"ertainment

We could all use a good laugh...and Ed Thompson is just the guy to bring it with his mix of music and comedy in a family-friendly format. He is not only a gifted communicator, but also: a third-generation missionary, an acclaimed recording artist, a published author, and the President of LOGOI Ministries. Ed has written dozens of articles, several books, and a column for a Miami newspaper. In 2009, Ed released a full-length album, *Beautiful Feet*, which produced three top 20 hits on Christian Radio & Retail Weekly's Charts. His book, *Monkey in My Coconut Tree*, was named Silver Medal Winner in the Readers' Favorite 2016 International Book Awards.

Amazed that Jesus knows him and loves him anyway, Ed's favorite topic is finding hope in a discouraging world. He says, "As Ruth Graham so wisely stated, we are all 'under construction.' One day, our construction will be complete. That will be the day we get to move into our new home where every tear will be wiped away. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things will be gone forever (Revelation 21:4). That will be the best day of our lives! But until then, we've got a lot of joyful living to do. So let's enjoy this life of adventure."

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to join you on June 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for this first concert of our Sounds of Summer Free Concert Series! Remember, a freewill offering will be received to benefit our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event in November.

Then save July 18 for the Matthew Miller Group (Jazz sounds from voice, vibraphone, guitar, flute & drums);

And August 15 for the Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL with special guest Royce Laverman (Southern Gospel Hymns).

June 10, 2018

Worship Attendance — 187

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts	\$123,056
Year to Date Expenses	\$136,920

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$3,344
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

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