



Emmanuel News Notes

July and August, 2010

Pastor Lookingbill ponders. lessons

Dear Friends,

This summer at Emmanuel will be significantly different on Sundays when we initiate one summer worship service at 10 a.m., beginning on 4 July. Worship in the Christian community is intended to be several things, including praise, education and sharing with others through the community of faith's benevolent contributions. That's the reason that we sing, we hear the Word of God proclaimed and we collect offerings to share.

When we consider what one worship service means for us this summer, besides a change in time of arrival for our members and visitors, the change prominently gives us a chance to see other members who might mostly worship at a different time during the rest of the year. We can all be together! There will be an opportunity for fellowship, a time to meet friends and welcome visitors, after the service. The Parish Life committee is planning to serve the summer coffee/tea refreshments in the Narthex. It will be easy to leave the Sanctuary and find a cup and a tasty treat just outside the Sanctuary. On those pleasant summer days, we'll open the doors to the Memorial Garden where folks can mingle and talk in the glorious summer Sunday weather in Bethesda. All the Saints can gather and share their summer stories. I hope that each Sunday when a member sees someone whom they don't know, they'll introduce themselves and find out if a visitor has come or whether it's a member they simply haven't met before. I remind all our members that summer is the most likely time for new neighbors to our community to "visit" churches to locate a Church home. What visitors are looking for, besides a Church close to home, is a welcome from members of the congregation.

Another aspect of our summer worship this year that I would like to emphasize is our education. I know that it's sometimes hard to concentrate on the lessons and Gospel being read by our capable lectors. We have the printed lessons somewhere on the bulletins, but even then it's a busy time on Sundays to take in the layers of meaning in Holy Scripture. That's the reason that I'm encouraging members to look up the lessons in advance of each Sunday's worship, perhaps forming questions you might have to compare to the sermons and the direction the preacher of the day is taking? Of course, to do that, requires a little more planning and some information. Since worship begins this summer at 10 a.m., those who get up early on Sundays can read the lessons before Church! It will be fresh in your minds. If you get up more slowly, then perhaps at a regular prayer time earlier in the week, you can read and study the lessons? In any case, the practice of reading in advance can enhance the Christian education experience of our worship together.

In anticipation of some of the membership wanting to know what lessons to read, I'm including in the News Notes the summer lessons. In addition, the Sunday summer bulletin will include the lessons for the following week and the web site will list them as well. So, now would be a good time to find your home Bible and put it where you usually pray. By a regular summer discipline of preparing for worship with advanced readings, we will more easily complete our worship experience with insight and inspiration from the Holy Word.

As the Psalmist has prayed: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19.14)

Bring your friends and summer visitors to our summer worship, to learn, to share, to search for the Word of life that sets us free.

In Christ's Service,
Jan P. Lookingbill, Pastor

DATES OF NOTE

- July 8 Grease sing-along (p 10)
- July 11 Chi Rho departure
- July 11 Basketball (p 9)
- July 17 Chi Rho return
- July 18 Family Pool party (p 8)
- July 25 Basketball (p 9)
- Aug 9 Youth pool party (p 9)
- Aug 15 Basketball (p 9)
- Aug 22 Basketball (p 9)
- Sept 8 Wednesday Bible Study begins
- Sept 12 Rally Day
Sunday School begins

**SUMMER
WORSHIP**
Sunday 10:00

SUMMER SUNDAY LESSONS

Date	Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
4 July	6 th Pentecost	Psalm 66.1-9	Isaiah 66.10-14	Galatians 6.1-16	Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
11 July	7 th Pentecost	Psalm 25.1-10	Deuteronomy 30.9-14	Colossians 1.1-14	Luke 10.25-37
18 July	8 th Pentecost	Psalm 15	Genesis 18.1-10	Colossians 1.15-28	Luke 10.38-42
25 July	9 th Pentecost	Psalm 138	Genesis 18.20-32	Colossians 2.6-19	Luke 11.1-13
1 August	10 th Pentecost	Psalm 49.1-12	Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23	Colossians 3.1-11	Luke 12.13-21
8 August	11 th Pentecost	Psalm 33.12-22	Genesis 15.1-6	Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16	Luke 12.32-40
15 August	Mary, Mother of Our Lord	Psalm 34.1-9	Isaiah 61.7-11	Galatians 4.4-7	Luke 1.46-55
22 August	13 th Pentecost	Psalm 103.1-8	Isaiah 58.9-14	Hebrews 12.18-29	Luke 13.10-17
29 August	Martyrdom of John, The Baptist	Psalm 112	Proverbs 25.6-7	Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16	Luke 14.1, 7-14
5 September	15 th Pentecost	Psalm 1;	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33

Please note that if you simply read the Gospel of Luke 10-14, you will have covered the Gospel lessons for the summer. It's a great read, filled with insights about the events and teachings of Jesus on the way to Jerusalem. We too are on the Way, to deeper understanding of our Christian faith. Enjoy. Bring your questions to Church!

***Joyful Praise Choir* scores both a dramatic and musical success**

On Sunday, June 13, Mrs. Susan Drumm led her choir of eight girls in a tuneful, dramatic, athletic retelling of the tale of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. They were assisted by John Drumm as the narrator, Daniel, and Dingwall Fleary as King Nebuchadnezzar. Sherry Peske, Dingwall Fleary, John Drumm, and Pam Schuettler aided and abetted the production with instrumental backing. It was the general opinion that the whole group has exceeded their already impressive reputation. The lasses in the choir were Abbi Audas, Sarah Bray, Abbie Cannon, Katie Cannon, Claire Cawley, Eilis Cawley, Caro King, and CeCe Price.

Well done, indeed!

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The Facts About Getting Too Much Sun

It's a fact: Overexposure to the sun can result in skin cancer later in life. What are your family's risks from exposure to powerful UV rays? Consider these facts and statistics.

The Dangers of UV Exposure

- * You can sunburn even on a cloudy day.
- * On average, children get 3 times more exposure than adults.
- * Concrete, sand, water, and snow reflect 85% to 90% of the sun's UV rays.
- * Depletion of Earth's ozone continues to increase your exposure to UV rays.

Skin Cancer

- * In some parts of the world, melanoma is increasing at rates faster than any other cancer.
- * More than 1.2 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the US.
- * Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, kills one person every hour.
- * One blistering sunburn can double a child's lifetime risk of developing skin cancer.

SCHOOL'S OUT..... FOOD SHOPPING TIME!

MANNA FOOD SUMMER COLLECTION – GIVE BEYOND EMMANUEL'S WALLS

Many of our area students in schools qualify for free or reduced-price meals (FARMS) at school. So who feeds these kids breakfast and lunch during the summer? There's not much room in their parents' budgets for extra food expenses. So, their families turn to places like the MANNA Food Center to make up the difference. Not surprisingly, MANNA gets its highest demand during June, July, and August.

That means it's time for churches like Emmanuel to step in and keep MANNA's shelves full. For that reason, we keep collecting food in the narthex on every Sunday. We make periodic deliveries to MANNA during the summer - to keep low-income county kids (and low-income folks generally) fed.

Care to help? Please bring some items from the list below to church with you this summer as part of your offering.

MANNA especially needs:

Breakfast Cereal	Rice – Beans - Pasta
Canned Meats/Tuna Fish	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruit and Vegetables	Shelf-Stable Milk
Baby Formula/Baby Food	Peanut Butter

Use insect repellents safely

When possible, consider non-chemical ways to deter biting insects, such as mosquitoes, biting flies, and ticks. An insect repellent may be necessary to reduce health risks.

- Window screenings and clothing, for examples, are structural barriers. Avoid attractants, such as dark colored clothing, and floral and fruity fragrances in perfumes and detergents.
- Eliminate standing water around your home, especially after rains. Mosquitoes need stagnant or standing water to breed.
- Plant oils, such as citronella, cedar, clove, and lemon eucalyptus may act as a natural bug repellent. Talk to your doctor first as many people are sensitive or have an allergy to plant oils.
- Look for insect repellent with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration number on the label. Read the label carefully and apply to adults and children according to labeled instructions.
- Repellent can be sprayed on clothing or directly on skin, but not on your face. Avoid spraying repellent on children's hands, as they may rub their eyes.
- If using insect repellent and sunscreen at the same time, apply sunscreen first.
- After returning indoors, wash skin with soap and water to remove repellent.
- If you or your child experiences a reaction to repellent call the Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222).

[Beginning this fall, our Parish Nurse will have office hours and voicemail box at church. Look for day of week and time in September News Notes and upcoming bulletins.]

National Lutheran Home Auxiliary

Many thanks to the members of Emmanuel who have donated to the National Lutheran Home Auxiliary during our fund-raising drive in March. So far we have 78 men and women who paid a minimum of \$5 per person for an annual "membership."

If you have not yet contributed and would like to do so, you may write a check, payable to "The Auxiliary, NLH," and leave it in my church mailbox or mail it to me at 9815-1 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Jean Abel

Emmanuel Lutheran Walkers join Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Some twenty-four enthusiastic walkers, members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bethesda, took part in the race/walk for the cure in Washington, D.C., on June 5. It was hot and sticky, but the crowd of some 40 to 50,000 found it a great experience.



On the bus, the Emmanuel Walkers are eager to join the Komen Walk for the Cure.



Arriving at the site of the walk there is still enthusiasm.



Getting ready.



Some are more ready than others, but enthusiasm still reigns.



Let's get this show on the road!



On the way at last.



Drooping slightly, but still enthusiastic at the finish. 5K is possible to do even with high humidity and temperatures to



Next year, join us!

Christian Education Notes

July Sunday-Funday

Each Sunday during July we will have Sunday-Funday for children Pre-K to sixth grade. The children will leave the 10 a.m. service after the children's sermon and have a one-room classroom event. We will use stories, songs and crafts to learn some of the Old Testament stories.

Rally Day

We will kick off our regular Sunday School on **September 12, 2010** with our Rally Day activities, including a picnic after the second worship service. There will be a moon bounce at the picnic.

Chi Rho

Chi Rho is the annual Metro D.C. Synod work camp in Neon, Kentucky located in Letcher County, one of the poorest counties in the United States. Neon itself was officially absorbed by Fleming to create the incorporated town of Fleming-Neon in order to sustain its own town government. The town was established in the 1920's as a trading town to supply the company-owned mining towns in the area. By the late 1960's many of the mines in the area began to close down (including the once company-owned facilities used by Chi Rho at HOMES, Inc). The town is characterized by abandoned buildings and signs of deterioration. Many of the homes have become almost too dangerous to live in, and the work that Chi Rho does is to help those home owners.

Mining is still the largest employer in and around Neon, with logging being the second. The Mountain-top Removal method is used around Neon, often resulting in flash floods. Last year a flash flood destroyed many homes in the Fleming-Neon area just weeks before the Chi Rho work camp. Fortunately, HOMES, Inc is near the top of a mountain and is not affected by these flash floods.

Besides being called by God to help our neighbor, the youth who travel to Neon for this experience are forever changed. Their experience goes well beyond being merely a set of hands to do labor. They deepen their relationships with God by working with others to help fully bring about God's kingdom. It has inspired many youth in the synod to go into fields that help people such as those in Neon. It has also become the starting point for a lifetime of volunteer service for others.

With all of this in mind, we ask that you keep those who are traveling to Chi Rho this summer, July 11-17, 2010, in your prayers as we prepare, work, and reflect on the trip. Those from Emmanuel who will be joining the 35 youth and adult leaders at Chi Rho are: James Hastings, Greg Hunley, Rachel Lundberg, Catherine Roberts, Kristina Roberts, Olivia Stanhope, Cece Sullivan, and Pastor Robert Lewis.

From the Council President:

Greetings

Summer is a time of action.

Yes, it is.

Some things slow down. Worship attendance drops off; offerings slow down. But that is because we are busy elsewhere. It is this opportunity to do different things and to do things differently that recharges our batteries and reignites our enthusiasm. So it is with Emmanuel.

This summer we will be acting in at least two bold ways. For years Emmanuel has struggled to host a Vacation Bible School but has failed to attract a critical mass of children and adult volunteers. This year we have enlisted the help of staff from Mar-Lu Ridge to host a five day, full day vacation bible school. As we go to press enrollment is already 3-5 times what we attracted with less ambitious efforts in recent years. Thanks go out to the vision and courage of the Christian Education Committee.

The Worship and Music Committee has taken the other bold action. This summer during the months of July and August and the first weekend of September, Emmanuel will offer only one worship service at 10:00 am. This presents the opportunity to draw the congregation somewhat closer together. Of course, there is risk that total attendance will drop off. But the opportunity to reaffirm our faith in our community together sets the stage for more positive actions in the Fall and as we begin the celebration of our 50th anniversary.

A reminder: Summer is normally a time when offerings drop off. Please remember Emmanuel even in your absence. The Simply Giving program is an easy opportunity to remember Emmanuel while you are away. You can find a link to the enrollment form on the Emmanuel web site.

The Joyful Praise presented a delightful performance on June 13th called *It's Cool in the Furnace*. Reflecting on the performance, Pastor Lookingbill commented on the challenge of Daniel and his friends in Babylon. He remarked on the "challenge of growing the faith when all around seem opposed."

Our challenge is not dissimilar. Bold steps will be required. And we have already started in that direction.

Peace and Joy

Jim McGee
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JULY AND AUGUST CALENDAR

July

Sunday, 4 July - Happy 4th of July

10:00. a.m. Service of the Word
Installation of Youth attending Chi-Rho Work
Camp

Monday, 5 July, Office closed

Sunday, 11 July

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
1:30 p.m. Youth Basketball
Youth depart for Chi-Rho Work Camp

Thursday, 8 July

Grease Sing-Along

Sunday, 18 July

10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
4:00 p.m. Family Pool Party at the Handos'

Sunday, 25 July

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
1:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Basketball

Monday, 26 July

Endowment Committee at 7:00 p.m.

August

Sunday, 1 August

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Sunday, 8 August

10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party at Inverness
Forest Swimming Pool

Sunday, 15 August

10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
1:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Basketball

Sunday, 22 August

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
1:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Basketball

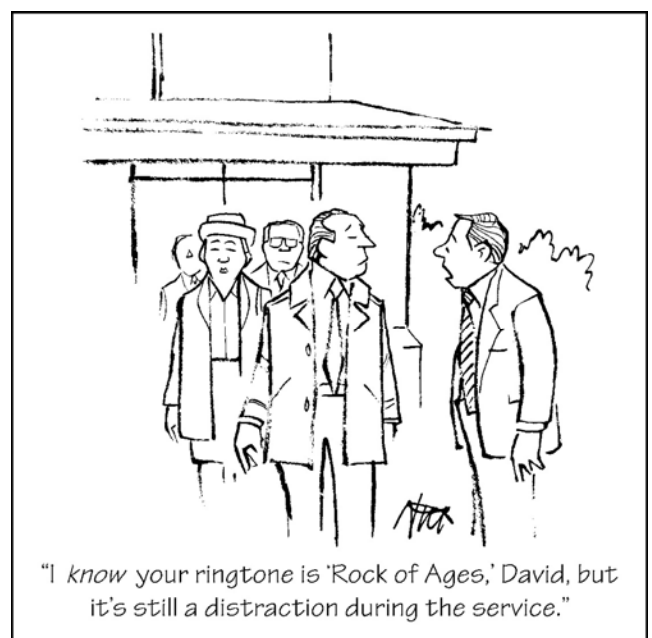
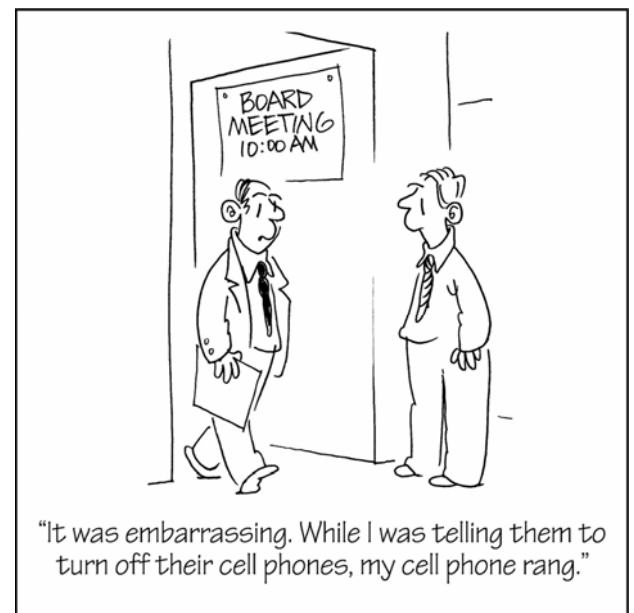
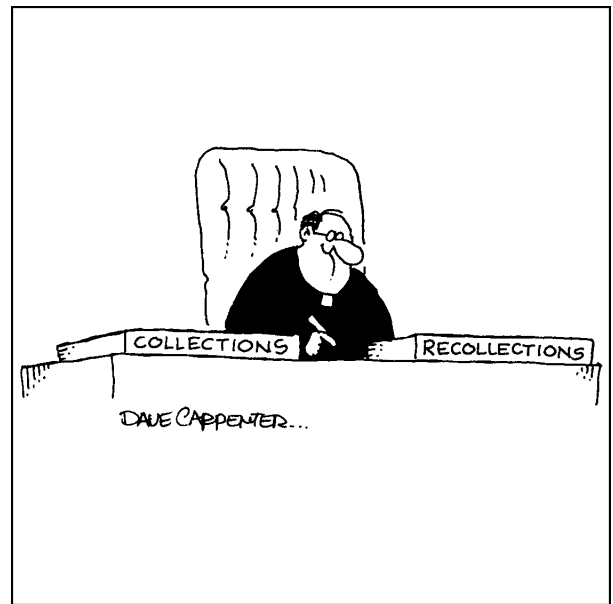
Sunday, 29 August

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

September

Sunday, 5 September

10:00 a.m. Service of the Word



Parish Vital Records

Births

Madeline Oliashirazi, born 14 May 2010 to Corinna and Ali and proud grandmother, Anne-Marie Doppman

Brynn Elizabeth, born 28 May to Jo and Martin Miller

New Members

Robert Read de los Santos, son of Christine and Richard de los Santos, 13 June 2010, by infant baptism

Christine de los Santos, 13 June 2010, by affirmation of baptism

Deaths

Robert R. Johnson, 25 May 2010, brother-in-law of Glenda Oakley

Joe Abosso, 15 June 2010

Elizabeth McCray, 16 June 2010

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE ENCOUNTER: SEPTEMBER 2010 — *THE BOOK OF GENESIS*

“In the beginning . . .” is the way the first book of the Bible begins, a story line that initiates a study of “origins,” of the way God has interacted with the world. As a beginning look at what human life is like on earth, Genesis depicts a world of chaos, even in the first families of creation. God is viewed as the One who brings order out of chaos, with multiple episodes of regression and dysfunction. Nonetheless, God’s purpose for humankind moves forward in history with covenants and promises.

The Book of Genesis is basically divided into two large sections: The first eleven chapters bring to light the pre-history creation stories and the account of the flood. Beginning at Chapter 12, the story of Abraham and Sarah and the ancestral history leads to the wonderful cycle of stories about Joseph, Egypt and God’s purpose despite human failure.

Beginning on **8 September**, Pr. Lookingbill will gather the Wednesday morning Bible Encounter group to take up the challenge of Genesis. We meet at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday and conclude with a brown bag lunch about noon. Members and friends of Emmanuel are invited to join our fall study to review our ancient “origins.”

Stewardship is a funny beast

We get tired of being asked for money. We get even more weary when the same old song and dance is provided. So, let’s get some of this out of the way up front: Expenses of the Congregation continue whether you take a vacation or not. Please remember to support the Congregation with your regular contributions.

But, the careful attention to our income and expenses is not the only thing that constitutes stewardship. It is the care and concern that we have for all of God’s creation: the natural, the man-made, and the apparently miraculous. We often are given the example of pollution as a sinful approach to nature and it has become increasingly apparent that some pollution has been more than one person can account for. The appalling mess in the Gulf of Mexico is, in part, a response to our collective need for more and more oil. Selecting a more efficient car is one way we might exercise responsible stewardship. Raising the trigger point on your air-conditioner, turning off lights when you’re out of the room, postponing filling your auto’s gas tank until after sundown—these are all ways of using less energy.

Stewardship of our time and talents is another way of being on the side of the angels. Helping others with tasks is a generous and often appreciated gift. If it benefits more than one person, such volunteering often has a multiplying effect. The Boy Scout who assists one across the street has the right idea; emulate him.

Financial Status As of 31 May 2010

	Actual
Offering	\$186,394
Budgeted	<u>210,000</u>
Shortfall	(23,606)

Pastor Lewis considers... . invitation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is likely that you have either heard or read by now that Emmanuel is going to have only one worship service beginning on the 4th of July and continuing until, and including, the Sunday before Labor Day in September. There were many reasons behind this decision, but the two I want to address are fellowship and invitation.

The reason Christianity has grown over the last 2000 years has much to do with fellowship and invitation. It is in our fellowship that we find ourselves becoming the Body of Christ. It is by inviting others to learn about our faith that the numbers of those who accept Christ as their Savior has grown from those few hundred people in and around Jerusalem to the 2.1 billion Christians in the world. That is about one-third of the earth's population and the largest and fastest growing religion in the world according to *Adherents.com*. While many churches in the United States and Europe are declining in numbers, places in Africa and Asia are having the largest increase of Christians seen in history. And it is happening simply because people are invited to participate in the life of the Church.

Invitation and fellowship are two sides of the same coin. It is not enough to invite someone to church, we have to engage them in a Christian and friendly manner. People want to be where welcoming and friendly people congregate. And who has been the best at invitation by friendly and welcoming people?

Facebook.

I know some of you may be rolling your eyes right now, but hear me out.

In 2004, Facebook was launched. Just six years later, it has more than 200 million users. If it was a country, it would be the fourth largest country in the world, right after the United States and ahead of Indonesia. What caused this phenomenal growth in just six years?

Invitation.

Any Facebook user knows that when you go to your homepage there are always "Friend Suggestions." When someone new joins, you are encouraged to hook them up with your Facebook friends. There is a sidebar that says:

- "Get Connected" - meaning Who's on Facebook?
- "Find your friends" - meaning Who's not on Facebook?
- "Invite" - meaning All are welcome.
- "Track your invites" - meaning Who's here because of you?

You are constantly encouraged to invite others and to help them get connected. No wonder this social networking site has grown large enough to be its own country.

Perhaps the church can take a page from Facebook and boldly invite others to be part of the fellowship and community of Christ – to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us. If we had something such as "Churchbook" maybe it would have a sidebar something like this:

- "Get Connected" - meaning Who's in the Church?
- "Find your friends" - meaning Who's not in the church?
- "Invite" - meaning Invite them now and invite them often.
- "Track your invites" - meaning Who's here because of you and make them feel welcomed.

Of course, we should make the invitation in person, but the strategy makes sense. Who is in the church? Get connected to others who can support you in your faith journey. Who is not in the church? Make the invitation. If we truly feel that our faith has something to offer, then we should want others to be a part of it. Who is here because of you? Make sure you stay connected with them and help them feel welcome as you support them in their faith.

This is not a new concept. St. Paul stated in his letter to the Romans, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God (15:7)."

Invitation – it is the easiest way to help people to Get Connected.

PAX,

Pastor Robert L. Lewis, Jr.

Family Pool & Pizza Party

July 18, 2010

4 p.m.

Everyone, and we do mean everyone, is invited to a Pool and Pizza Party. Families are invited to bring everyone, young and older. Individuals are invited as well. The party is at the Handos' residence located at 9614 Weathered Oak Court in Bethesda.

We are asking each family to bring either a salad or dessert to share. There will be sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the church office.

In case of bad weather, we have already scheduled a rain date – the following Sunday, July 25.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth and Family Calendar

July 4, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Blessing of those going to Work Camp

We will bless all those who will be leaving on 11 July to go to the Chi Rho work camp in Neon, Kentucky. There is a list of those who will be heading off to help our neighbors in an article about Chi Rho on page 5 in this issue of News Notes .

July 8, Thursday

Grease Sing-Along

The original high school musical, *Grease*, is hitting the theaters again this summer – but in a sing-along format. The participating theaters have not yet been announced, however we will plan to meet and see this film together. All are invited, children, youth and adults. We know you sing along when you watch it at home, now come out and sing with a larger crowd.

July 11, Sunday, 7 a.m.

Chi Rho departure

Those going to Chi Rho should be at Bethel Lutheran Church in Manassas, VA no later than 7 a.m.

July 11, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Basketball

All youth and adults are invited for a pick-up game of basketball at the church. We will play from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is the first of several Basketball Sundays this summer.

July 17, Saturday, 5 p.m.

Chi Rho Return

The Chi Rho work crew should return to Bethel Lutheran Church around 5 p.m.

July 18, Sunday, 4 p.m.

Family Pool Party at the Handos' Home

All are invited to a Pool and Pizza Party at the Handos' House. Families with children and/or youth are especially invited. (Rain date is July 25.) The Handos live at 9614 Weathered Oak Court in Bethesda. See the article on page 9 in this issue for more information.

July 25, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Basketball

All youth and adults are invited for a pick-up game of basketball at the church. We will play from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is the second of several Basketball Sundays this summer.

August 9, Monday, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Pool Party

All youth are invited to a pool party at Inverness Forest Swimming Pool located at 10820 Deborah Drive. The Murtlands are our hosts and the cost to enter the pool is \$5 for each person. We will have drinks and food available. You can bring a friend.

August 15, Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Basketball

All youth and adults are invited for a pick-up game of basketball at the church. We will play from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is the third of several Basketball Sundays this summer.

August 22, Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Basketball

All youth and adults are invited for a pick-up game of basketball at the church. We will play from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is the fourth of several Basketball Sundays this summer.



PHOTOGRAPHER ALERT

This summer, on you travels or at home in your garden, plan to take some interesting camera shots to share with us for our

September Photograph Show

Hanging date: September 9

(You can bring pieces before that date and leave them in the fellowship hall.)

Label all work with name and title.
Please frame the photos, if possible.

Any Questions call
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