

THE GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Cornerstone Lutheran Church

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2017

Student Ministry Golf Scramble

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Lutheran
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Foundation

Friday, August 25, 2017
Bear Slide Golf Club
Cicero, Indiana
11 a.m.

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on registration, sponsorship, and
how you can help our students!



To benefit:

STUDENTS
at Cornerstone Lutheran Church

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Cornerstone Lutheran Church is reaching out, caring for, and building people toward maturity in Christ!

From the Pastor

Be a lighthouse in the storm

Lighthouses have served weary sailors for centuries. The first lighthouse built in the United States was in 1716. It was erected on Little Brewster Island in outer Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. And over the years, the United States has had approximately one thousand lighthouses, with the state of Michigan having the most.

Each lighthouse shines its light and guides sailors to their home port. Amidst the waves and the storms, the light shines to bring them safely home. Their guiding light is important and necessary.

Each of us knows what it is like to go through storms in our lives—times when we feel alone and lost, struggling amidst the perilous winds, waves, and rocky shoals, desperately trying to navigate the way to safety. It is in the midst of such times that we have reason to draw comfort, strength, and direction in the promise made to us by the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

By God's grace and in the assurances of God's own Word, we have a clear line of sight to the lighthouse of the very Savior of the world. There is no storm so strong, no fog so dense, no night so dark, no mariner so lost, no wind so strong, as to render useless the lighthouse of the Lord. His light beckons us through the storms of life saying: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

But let us not be so self-focused that we lose sight of the fact that there are others all around us—people whom each of us knows right now—who are facing their own storms in life. How insightful it is that the comfort, strength, and direction that

Jesus extends to us, he now calls us to extend to others when he says: *"You are the light of the world.... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:14,16)

Think about it: Because of the light of Christ that now shines in us by God's grace, we now have the opportunity to shine that light upon those around us. In other words, all of us, through faith in Christ Jesus, have the opportunity to be a lighthouse in someone else's storm.

So who are those in your life who, right now, are facing difficult storms in life? Who are those who are in need love, hope, encouragement, and support to guide them through those storms? In what ways can you shine the light of God's presence and power into their lives?

Jesus said, *"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."* (John 12:32) Through his cross and through our lives lived out as disciples of Jesus each and every day, when

we lift up the Savior for others to see, his light will beckon them through the storms of life and bring them safely home. For that purpose and to that end, as the saving light of our Lord Jesus Christ shines in us, may it also shine through us. By God's grace, you are a lighthouse that burns with the light of Christ within you. So be that lighthouse in someone else's storm. Shine the light of Jesus so that others might see the Way!



Pastor Dan



Sermon Series

"Greater"

"...Christ is all and is in all."
(Colossians 3:11b)

We are settling for too little. And in our sinfulness, we seem to prefer it that way. When things like Jesus, church, and faith are diminished, it means that they don't interfere with life the way that we want to live it. In Jesus, there is no settling. There is no diminishing. Jesus is all in all. The things of Jesus—church and faith—are full, complete, and for us! Lord, enrich us through your fullness.

August 5/6:
"Church"
(Matthew 14:13-21)

August 12/13:
"Faith"
(Matthew 14:22-33)

August 19/20:
"Jesus the Lord"
(Matthew 15:21-28)

August 26/27:
"Jesus the Savior"
(Matthew 16:13-20)

September 2/3:
"Paradise"
(Matthew 16:21-28)

Becoming a Disciple

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran classes

- Sundays, August 6 through October 8, 9:30 a.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 102

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran (DCL) is specifically geared toward those individuals interested in learning more about what it means to be a disciple and partner with us in our ministry. In this class, participants will have the opportunity to discover at least three things:

1. What we at Cornerstone Lutheran Church believe;
2. What our purpose is and which ministries we advance; and,
3. What each member's unique role is as a disciple at Cornerstone Lutheran Church.

The class is also a chance to get better-acquainted with the pastoral staff and a great opportunity to meet other individuals and families.

DCL meets during the education hour for 8 weeks. On Reception Sunday (week 9), we welcome those wanting to be active disciples at CLC through a Rite of Welcoming during worship services.

If God has been drawing you to the ministry of Cornerstone Lutheran Church, then know that we are certain there is a purpose and a place for you here. We would be pleased to have you partner with us in our mission of building others up with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Go to www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/dcl for questions or to sign up for any upcoming class. Or, you may contact Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x216).

For your children, Sunday school is available during class time for those 3 and up and nursery care for children 3 and under.

Other upcoming DCL dates:

- Fishers Site (10:15 a.m.) October 15 – December 10
- Carmel Site (9:30 a.m.) January 7 – February 25



Bible Study Open House: Be transformed!

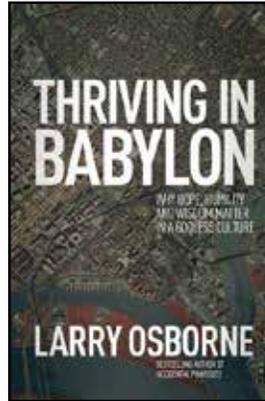
Come to the gym at CLC Carmel and the gathering area at CLC Fishers during the education time on Sunday, August 20. After an abbreviated Bible study, you will have the opportunity to meet our Bible study and ministry leaders, review materials, and find out more about becoming part of a life-changing group!

Bible Study Recommendation

Study series: *Thriving in Babylon*

Several CLC disciples have recommended the video Bible study series, *Thriving in Babylon*, through RightNow Media.

These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected, it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation?



In this five-session series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived. Though he lived thousands of years ago, Daniel has much to teach us today. Each session includes other real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society.

For more recommended videos, log on to RightNow Media, then find the "Cornerstone Lutheran Church" channel via the "Libraries" link. Have you viewed a video or series that you would like to recommend? Fill out the form at this link to tell us about it: goo.gl/SZY3uq.

Did you know, as a disciple or friend of CLC, you can have your very own FREE RightNow Media account? If you do not have a RightNow Media login, get one! (And share this information with your friends!) Get set up at www.RightNow.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonelutheran.

General Info

Seeking paid childcare workers for MOPS

The CLC Fishers MOPS group (Mothers of Preschoolers) is looking to hire paid childcare workers. MOPS will meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. starting in September. For more details, contact Jenny Siukola (jsiukola@gmail.com, 219.730.2468).



2018 Discover Indy Books

The 2018 Discover Indy Savings Books (restaurant/entertainment coupon books) will be available starting August 19-20 at the Sanctuary Welcome Desk (CLC Carmel). This book is jam-packed with savings to many of Central Indiana's favorite restaurants, family-friendly activities, services (dry cleaners, oil changes, etc.), golf courses, and more! For more information on getting the Discover Indy Savings Book, including having yours available for pickup at CLC Fishers or CLC Downtown Indy, contact Marie Bade (317.570.0489).

Do you already get your Discover Indy book through a school or Group One? Help us out and get your book at CLC. Why? Because \$10 of every book we sell here will go to missionary Pastor Todd Roeske to use in his mission trip to the Philippines. Last year, we were able to send him \$1,000. Maybe this year, we can send him even more!

Are you looking for your free 8x10?

If you had your family photos taken for our upcoming church pictorial directory, but chose not to order additional prints, your free 8x10 photo was sent to church. To obtain it, you can do one of three things:

- Request to pick it up at the worship location of your choice (Carmel Sanctuary, Carmel Worship Center, Fishers, Downtown Indy). Contact Cathy Klemm (cklemm@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252) and let her know your name and at what location you would like to pick it up.
- Request to have it mailed to you by contacting Cathy. (Please know, however, that the last couple of times we've done this the photo/envelope was damaged, even though we did our best to protect it.)
- Pick it up when you pick up your free photo directory, probably in late August.



End-of-the Summer Events



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- Friday, August 25, 11 a.m.
- Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero, Indiana

Help support Student Ministry by participating in this year's Golf Scramble. Presented by the Cornerstone Lutheran Foundation, this year's Scramble is at the acclaimed Bear Slide Golf Course (6770 231st St., Cicero, IN). Your participation in this Golf Scramble gives our students the chance to participate in gatherings and service events in our own church, our community, and the larger church body.

Your donation of \$95 (\$380 for a foursome) includes 18 holes of golf, use of cart, range balls, a box lunch, free beer and drinks, and a 19th Hole gathering with Ernie Verbarq, Indiana State Fair BBQ Champion!

Registration is now open at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/golf. You will find both registration and spon-

sorship links. Registration deadline is July 31, and late registration deadline is August 20 (with a \$10 late fee). Contact Shawn Hecksel (shecksel@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x220) for more information.

Golf Scramble seeks donations

The Student Ministry Golf Scramble team is looking for donations of items for the Golf Scramble raffle. If you have an item valued at \$100 or more (like goods, services, an experience, event tickets, time share) and would be willing to donate it, please contact Shawn Hecksel at shecksel@cornerstonelutheran.church. We are looking to get all items in by Monday, August 7. Currently we have four items and are looking for a total of 18. Thank you in advance for your support!

Young Adult Event: Bonfire at CLC Fishers

- Friday, August 4, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

It's a 3D bonfire: Devotion, 'Dogs, and Dessert! All young couples,



singles, and their friends are invited to this free event. Come to CLC Fishers barn and fire pit for a fun evening! Take the gravel road on the western side of the parking lot and drive back to the barn. (Be sure to bring a chair.) Contact Clarissa Hay (text/call 317.417.5447 or email her at chay@cornerstonelutheran.church) to let her know you are coming!



CLC Fishers movie night

- Friday evening, August 18
CLC Fishers Worship Center

Summer isn't over just because the kids are back in school. Come for an evening of fun and enjoy a family-friendly movie with free popcorn. The time will be announced soon, but reserve this evening for a great time of fun, friends, family, fellowship, and a fabulous flick!

This Movie Night is a good opportunity for you to introduce your friends and neighbors to CLC Fishers in a fun way.

Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteering just seems to be in their DNA

If you're a child of someone that works for a church, it's a guarantee that you will be helping with an event or project (the author's own children know this all too well!). And although it may be something that child doesn't really want to help with, chances are they'll do it anyway.

But then you come across some special kids that really love volunteering and would do it even if mom or dad didn't work for church. Lydia Mohler (daughter of Lisa & Jeff Mohler), Sophie Reay (daughter of Holly & Bray Reay), and Emma Giger (daughter of Pastor Scott & Kate Giger) are just three of those "staff kids" who seem to have volunteering in their DNA. Between the three of them, they help out at CLC by being guides at Vacation Bible School, teaching or doing puppets for Sunday School, and participating in family and student servant events—even a mission trip to Alaska! Not only that, Sophie also volunteers with Gleaners Food Bank, Lydia with Special Olympics, and Emma with the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

We asked these young ladies a few questions about their experience volunteering, and their responses are quite insightful.

Why do you think it's important to volunteer?

Lydia: When you volunteer you know that you are helping someone in some way, big or small, while teaching them about Jesus.

Sophie: It's a way to give back to your community and make a positive impact on those around you. It also teaches you valuable life skills like communication and responsibility and makes you generally happier and more content.

Emma: It's what God calls us to do. Serving others is a good way to show Jesus' love to those who may not know of it.

How has volunteering had an impact on you?

Sophie: Volunteering had made me more responsible and helped me be more patient. It has also helped me to feel more purposeful and content, and has made me grow in my faith.

Lydia: It makes me feel good! When I hear someone thank me it makes me realize that I did something for that person, and it makes me feel happy inside.



Lydia Mohler



Sophie Reay



Emma Giger

Emma: Volunteering has made me realize not just how much I enjoy serving others, but also how much God likes it too! It makes me feel excited to go to church and be with the people there!

What's been an especially meaningful time as a volunteer?

Emma: I worked with Maggie Hay [ed. note: another great "staff kid" that volunteers a lot at CLC!] to do the hand motions and singing for the EggStravaganza. That was super fun, and I could see all of the parents singing and dancing with us!

Lydia: At IDYG last year we were picking up trash around the neighborhood. This one lady who walked by asked if my friend and I were a part of the church thing going on. We answered yes.... She then said "Bless your souls, this is one of the nicest things someone has done around here, thank you." I was very touched from that experience.

Sophie: When I volunteered at Oktoberfest a girl from my VBS crew the previous summer came up to me and gave me a hug and remembered me and there was still a connection!

If you could encourage someone else to volunteer at CLC, what would you say?

Emma: I would say "Don't be worried about if you'll do well, just go for it! There are tons of different jobs for everyone to do!"

Sophie: It's a really great experience that allows you to meet new people and give back. It is totally worth it for the pride and love you feel afterwards and to be able to see how your actions have an impact.

Small Group Focus

Coming together in many ways

Our small group is busy raising kids and serious about loving and glorifying God. Four out of the six families in our group have been together for thirteen years! We have enjoyed recent additions to the group and the fellowship our kids, totaling 15, have experienced.



Our group strives to meet each month and often prefers Bible studies involving short video segments followed by group discussion. Each family takes turns hosting a study and providing dessert for the group.

Though our children do not always attend the gatherings, now that many have gotten older, we still sprinkle in activities to engage them and our families in further fellowship. We have had a summer pool party, have gone camping and canoeing, and have had Christmas get-togethers, which tend to be our most favorite event. For extra



fun, we have incorporated a white elephant gift exchange for the adults and an ornament gift exchange for the kids. The activity that is the biggest hit, however, is our Christmas Caroling within the neighborhood of the hosting family or at a nearby nursing home. We all enjoy it immensely! To help with our festive cheer, we may carry little lights, wear red noses or reindeer ears, and often invite Santa to tag along.

Our small group has served together in various ways as well, through activities at CLC and in the community. Our families have packed food for the hungry, adopted a family at Christmas (including wrapping the presents and making cards to deliver to the family), and have volunteered in various ways to support CLC's Oktoberfest.

Throughout our time together, we have been each other's support systems in the good, and not so good, times. Our small group experience continues to be a huge blessing to us all!

Members: Gail & Jay Blackburn, Julie & Chip Evanson, Brenda & Ron Himler, Jane & Brad Maurer, Tricia & Matt Eckert, Esther & Matt Lewis (and our large group of 15 kids).

Care

Experiencing the loss of a loved one? Let your healing begin.

If you've lost a spouse, child, parent, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time—you may feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

You don't need to go through it alone. Join a caring group of people that will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Cornerstone Lutheran Church is offering GriefShare, a recovery support group for those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly for 13 weeks and will help you face these challenges so you can move toward rebuilding your life.



Next class series:

- Monday, August 7, 2017, 7-9 p.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 101A
- Registration takes place during first class.

For more information, email Kristy Long (kristy@indy.rr.com) or Pastor Dan (dschumm@cornerstonelutheran.church).

For more information on GriefShare, its programs and other support group locations, visit the GriefShare website at GriefShare.org.

Outreach

CLC & Team World Vision: Running for water—running for life

Water changes the lives of children. They have better health, improved nutrition, and can go to school instead of spending the day fetching water. If you knew you could provide clean water to a child in need for just a few dollars, would you help? That's the goal of Team World Vision—to help provide clean water for communities in Africa. And, to end the clean water crisis in our lifetime.

Team World Vision is working with churches to create run/walk teams that will raise money to bring clean water to those in need. Cornerstone Lutheran has a team of more than 50 walkers and runners who are currently training to participate in the 2017 Indianapolis Monumental Marathon & Half on November 4. These participants, some of whom have never taken part in a marathon/half marathon before, have a fundraising goal and are reaching out to friends and family to raise that money on behalf of Team World Vision.

Get involved by going to CLC's team page at www.teamworldvision.org/team/CLC. There you can sign up to join the team or donate to help them reach their team goal of \$100,000. Would you give a dollar for every mile someone runs/walks? That's \$26 dollars for 26 miles. Or, \$50 provides clean water for one person. That equals about \$2 for every marathon mile. To donate, click on "support us" to support the whole team, or click on "roster" and see if any of your friends from CLC are participating and donate to one of them. Thank you in advance for your support of our Team World Vision team!



We don't want children in Africa to have to get their water like this. ▲

But, with your help, we can help provide wells that flow with life-giving, clean water like this! ▼



Our CLC team joins with other area church teams for group runs in Carmel. Can you spot anyone you know?

Outreach

“Christmas in July” care package project update



The CLC Military Ministry would like to thank our disciples who donated hygiene items, food, snacks, fun books, and Christmas cards during June. Also, a big thank you to all those who helped sort, pack, fill out forms, and take packages to the post office. Our Carmel site prepared 67 packages which were shipped to 12 USO centers in five countries. CLC Fishers assembled and shipped 15 packages. That's 82 total packages with items donated by our church family and the USO of Indiana. The USO Center/Duty managers have been contacted and are looking forward to receiving their “Christmas in July” care packages from us! (We also donated hygiene items to Camp Atterbury in Indiana.)

Some disciples applied for and received Thrivent Action team funds to help finance the project. Shipping expenses alone totaled over \$1,400. Our generous disciples donated \$820 and LWML gifted \$800 to the Military Ministry from their Cookie Walk proceeds. We are truly blessed by all our donors and helpers who made it possible to bring a little bit of home to our deployed men and women.

Have an overflow of produce from your garden? Share it!

If you have extra produce from your garden and can't use it all, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation encourages all gardeners to donate fresh vegetables and fruits to food pantries throughout Hamilton County. Here are two ways to donate:



“Where To Donate” Directory: This is a one-page directory of the food pantries in Hamilton County that accept fresh produce donations from the public. The directory lists the name and address of each of the participating food pantries along with the days/times of when they accept donations. The directory is available for download at hamiltonswcd.org/foodpantries.html.

The Farmers Bank Summer Produce Donation Program: The Farmers Bank branches in Noblesville and Sheridan will accept produce donations from the public this summer which will be given to local food pantries. From now until the end of September, the public is invited to drop off produce donations to the Noblesville branch (16940 Clover Rd.) on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or to the Sheridan branch (987 S. White Ave.) on Mondays from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Produce donations do not have to be large. Even if you have just three or four extra tomatoes one week, those are tomatoes that one or two families in need could use and really appreciate.

Senior Adults

Senior Lunch Aug. 7

The next monthly Seniors Lunch will be on Monday August 7, CLC Carmel (room 102), starting at noon.



Our guest speaker is Sven Schumacher of Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS). He will talk about the “Land of Martin Luther Today:

500 Years of Reformation”. He also will be describing LCFS’s prevention activities regarding abortion and child trafficking.

Prior to Sven Schumacher’s program, CLC disciple Alan Pomerence will give a short presentation about he and his new wife, Stephanie, going to Nairobi, Kenya on August 13 to be missionaries there.

All CLC Seniors are invited to attend this lunch for fun and fellowship on August 7, especially those who are new to our church!

Where are the worship volunteer schedules?

Don't have email or internet? The monthly schedule of worship service volunteers can be viewed at the following locations:

CLC Carmel: Bulletin board by room 124, and the Welcome Desk outside the Sanctuary and Worship Center

CLC Fishers: Welcome Desk

CLC Preschool

"It's Still All About Jesus."

Our Preschool is gearing up for an exciting year of changes. One major change is our new name: Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool! With Christ as our *cornerstone*, we look forward to ministering to the many new and returning families joining us this fall. On August 1 we welcome our new director, Teresa Millwood. With increased enrollment, we are adding several new classes and faculty members. As we grow, we will need to rely on God's guidance to make the most of all these changes.

Appropriately, the LCMS theme for Lutheran schools this year is "It's Still All About Jesus." Our Friend, Jesus, remains at the center of our ministry to young children. He has promised to guide us through times of change. In Hebrews 13:8 we read: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." We know that Jesus has been with his people before us. He is with us every day. And he has promised to be with us forever. We can trust Christ to daily guide us as we nurture these children and their families in the coming year.

Our preschool is one of more than 1,200 preschools of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. All across America more than 87,000 young children will have the opportunity to learn about God and his world during this school year. God blesses

these preschoolers, their families, and their teachers as they experience his love with one another. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful ministry!

This year our classroom visits will be held during the week of August 21. Each family will come in to meet the teachers and help the children get to know their classroom. Regular classes then begin the week of September 5.

We know that God will continue to be with us and provide us with many opportunities to share his love and forgiveness with these preschool children and their families. Please keep our Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool ministry in your prayers and ask God to help us make the most of the changes and witnessing opportunities during the coming school year.



I'm so excited for preschool to begin!



Oktoberfest 2017!

This fun-filled family event will be held on Friday, September 22, from 4-10 p.m., and will include an authentic German supper, beer garden, live polka music by The Johnny Wagner Band, dancing, BIG pretzels, bingo, a costume contest, and lots of kids' activities!

Keep up-to-date with the latest information by joining our Oktoberfest group on Facebook: go to www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/oktoberfest.

To get involved, or for more information, contact Julie Evanson (juleschas@yahoo.com) or Karen Hockins (Karen.Hockins@gmail.com).

(Keep your eye out for information on volunteer registration at the end of August... we'll need lots of you volunteering for all sorts of jobs!)

Students

Confirmation registration info

If you are a parent of a student entering 7th or 8th grade this fall and have not yet registered (or re-registered) your child for the 2017-18 Confirmation year, it is not too late to do so. We do ask, though, that you complete the registration process ASAP, as our kickoff is Sunday, August 13. Registering your child allows us to prepare for the year, including planning classes and the Fall Retreat. It also allows you the opportunity to conveniently pay the fee and complete the necessary forms. To register for Confirmation, go to www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/7th-8th-grade and see the forms list on the right sidebar.

If you have any questions regarding Confirmation, or need financial assistance for the Confirmation fee, please contact:

- **CLC Carmel:** Bill Prann
(bprann@cornerstonelutheran.church)
- **CLC Fishers:** Melissa Luepke
(mluepke@cornerstonelutheran.church)

You can “Cover Our Kids” in prayer

Cornerstone Lutheran Church is proud of our young people and wish to support them spiritually as they commit to deepening their Lutheran faith. The “Cover Our Kids” ministry will pair an adult Prayer Partner with every 7th & 8th grade student going through confirmation at Cornerstone Lutheran Church (Carmel and Fishers sites).

Prayer Partners are asked to do the following:

- Include the confirmand that you are paired with, and their family, in your daily prayers.
- Attend a “Meet and Greet” on Sunday, August 13. At CLC Fishers, this will be at 1:15 p.m.; at CLC Carmel it will be at 6:15 p.m. This will be the only organized meeting between the Prayer Partner and the confirmand, so attendance is strongly encouraged.
- Twice during the Confirmation year (any time between August and May), send a written note to your confirmand letting them know that you are still praying for them and their families, and encouraging them on their faith journey.

If you would like to sign up to be a Prayer Partner, go to www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/prayer. If you have questions, contact Michele Oakley (sjmloakley@sbcglobal.net, 317.566.0889).

Sharing God’s love on our mission trip

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for the high school students and chaperones that participated in the UKANDU mission trip in Chicago. (And, although UKANDU sounds like we went to Africa, we didn’t! It’s pronounced “you-can-do”—get it?!) A special thanks to those who baked cookies for the trip. They were delicious treats for the our lunches each day, and many of the cookies were served as snacks at VBS and Sports Camps. Thanks also to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Through two Thrivent Action Teams, they sponsored one van and our food for the entire team on the trip up and back!



The UKANDU mission trip theme was “Unleashed”, based on Jesus’ words, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36) It was so exciting to see the youth really stretch themselves to serve in outreach, VBS, sports camps, construction, landscaping, and painting for Lutheran churches, schools, and surrounding neighborhoods in the Chicago area. Our team of 16 from CLC joined over 260 other participants from other Lutheran churches in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Alabama, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. Our time together was special, and we hope to continue encouraging one another to “be unleashed”! The students went to UKANDU as a “bridge” of hope and encouragement, drawing people to Christ. Continue to pray that the students stay energized by this experience and keep sharing God’s love in their own schools and neighborhoods. As we heard on our trip, “This is mission boot camp. The real mission begins now.”

If you are interested in attending next year’s event, please contact Shawn Hecksel (shecksel@cornerstonelutheran.church)—we would love to take more students, as well as adults, next year!

Women

Fall Bible studies offer lots of topics, choices

We will be starting a whole new group of Women's Bible studies in September. Get a sneak peak and choose what you'll study this fall by checking out the list, below. For more information on Women's Bible studies, contact Christine Mayes (cmayes1@indy.rr.com).

CLC CARMEL

Sermon on the Mount (Precept In and Out)

- **Sundays** (beginning Sept. 10), 9:30 a.m., Seniors Lounge. Leader: Pam Verbarg

The Sermon on the Mount contains the profound teachings of Jesus delivered more than 2,000 years ago. Get a deeper understanding of the fruit and security that comes with righteousness in the life of a true believer. You'll never look at the Beatitudes the same way again!

Judges

- **Tuesdays** (beginning Sept. 12), 9:15-10:30 a.m., rm. 102. Leader: Pastor Max Murphy
- **Wednesdays** (beginning Sept. 6), 6:30-7:30 a.m., rm. 101A. Leader: Jan Williams
- **Thursdays** (beginning Sept. 7), 9:15-11 a.m., rm. 101A. Leader: Jan Williams

Nothing has changed from the days of the Judges—people still do what is right in their own eyes. Absolutes are shoved aside and the result is bondage to sin. God's truths and moral principles, followed in a faith relationship with him, results in peace and freedom. (*Note: The Tuesday class is LIFT—Ladies in Fellowship Together. The Wednesday and Thursday classes are a study by Precept In and Out*)

To Live Is Christ

- **Wednesdays** (beginning Sept. 6). 9:15-11:15 a.m., rm. 100. Leaders: Michelle Oakley, Marcey Zolner

This in-depth study on the life of St. Paul will give you a greater appreciation for Paul's unflagging faith and undying devotion to serving Christ daily. (*A study by Beth Moore.*)

Soul Spa

- **Wednesdays** (beginning Sept. 6), 4:30-6 p.m., room 101A. Leader: Karla Ralls

What do we do when our soul needs care? How do we cope with this hectic, messy, and complicated world? Come to the Soul Spa, where God is eager to meet with you and care for your spirit. You'll learn holy habits like Bible study, Scripture meditation, sacred reading, prayer, and more!

Finding "I AM"

- **Thursdays** (beginning Sept. 7), 7-8:30 p.m., rm. 101A. Leader: Christine Mayes & Chris Doron

Explore the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Through this interactive, in-depth study, you'll be trading feelings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of truly knowing who Jesus is. (*A study by Lysa TerKeurst.*)

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Digging Deeper into God's Word

- **Tuesdays**, 7-8:30 p.m. Leader: Kate Giger

The spiritual practices of studying and reflecting on God's Word is life changing. Join us as we follow the sermon series and dig deeper to gain a better understanding of the truth contained in it.

The Wisdom of God

- **Wednesdays** (beginning Sept. 6), 9:30-11 a.m. Leader: Johanna Hilpert

This study mines the wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but also for the wise person these books point to through their drama, poetry, proverb, and song—Jesus. And, we'll learn how we can make sense of suffering, and how to deal with our need for security and love.

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The Wisdom of God

- **Tuesdays** (beginning Sept. 5), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Leader: Jan Williams
- At Pearings Cafe, 6 W. Washington St.

This study mines the wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but also for the wise person these books point to through their drama, poetry, proverb, and song—Jesus. And, we'll learn how we can make sense of suffering, and how to deal with our need for security and love.

ONLINE STUDY

His Last Words

- **Wednesdays** (beginning Sept. 6), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Online facilitator: Jennifer Behm

The last Words of Jesus reveal what he most wanted them to hear and remember. Come and enter into the heart of Jesus and come away transformed by his love. To participate in this online class, contact Jennifer Behm (redmushroomus@aol.com).

Women's Book Club adds new books to schedule

- Next book discussion: Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
Mrs. Kennedy and Me by Clint Hill & Lisa McCubbin

CLC's Women's Book Club meets the first Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m., at the Barnes & Noble Cafe on Greyhound Pass (if you do not see them in the cafe, they may be in the back of the store). Join this great group for lively book discussions and friendship! For more information on Women's Book Club, email Jeannie Milan (jmmilan5@frontier.com, 317.867.1603).

Upcoming reads

Below is the schedule of book discussions through January 2018.

- **Oct. 3:** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
- **Nov. 7:** *Mr. Churchill's Secretary* by Susan Elia MacNeal
- **Dec. 5:** *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowery
- **Jan. 2:** *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon

News from your LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

LWML Treatshop Aug. 19

We need help with getting ready for the more than 150 women who will attend the LWML Treatshop (part retreat, part workshop) at Cornerstone Lutheran Church Carmel. If you can help with any of the following, call Pat Nash (317.844.2329).

- Men to set up tables and chairs on Friday, August 18, 1 p.m.
- Help put tablecloths and centerpieces on the tables, August 18, 1:45 p.m.
- Make a dessert for the lunch (cake, pie, cookies)
- Make drinks and help serve or clean up on Sat., August 19
- Wash and iron six round tablecloths

Thank you for your eyeglasses

Deaconess Pat Nuffer, Ft. Wayne Seminary, sent the following thank you note:

"Thank you for your collection of eyeglasses for Hands of Mercy. I hope to return in August of this year and will take the glasses then. These simple discards from your drawers become like little miracles for many in Sudan where there is no option or relief for poor eyesight. Thank you for being a part of that choir of Christians bringing the 'tangible love of Christ' to them."

If you have old eyeglasses you no longer need, donated them in the marked box at the CLC Carmel Connection Center by the Sanctuary.

Pick up your copy of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Copies of the Summer 2017 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* are available at a Connection Center. Articles include "Praying the Psalms" and "High and Holy Purposes for Our Suffering". Bible studies include: "Life in God's Kingdom", "Be Still and Know that I Am God", and "The Profound Search for Wisdom" by Jan Brunette. She writes: "We forget that the answer to our need for wisdom rests in a book that too often sits unread in our homes. Although offered to us as God's love letter, we overlook it as our source of true wisdom today."

Among Us

Births

- William Michael Adams, son of Mike & Katy, born July 5.
- Quinn Iris Cagle, daughter of Jake & Toni, born July 6.
- Clara June Reed, daughter of Josh & Ashley, born July 11.
- Ruby Anne Zeller, daughter of Joel & Karoline (granddaughter of David & Karla Ralls), born July 12.
- Charlotte K. Anderson, daughter of Robert & Stephanie, born July 19.

Baptisms

- Colette Mable Gaylan, daughter of Courtney & Molly, on July 1.
- Colin Logan McClain, son of Brian & Nicole, on July 1.
- Julia Adelyn McClain, daughter of Brian & Nicole, on July 1.
- Layla Ann Grove, daughter of Andy & Shannon, on July 1.
- Aidan Brandt Sickafoose, son of Cameron & Emma (grandson of John & Donna Happersberger), on July 9.
- June Marie Ahlersmeyer, daughter of Sam & Emily, on July 9.

Weddings:

- Jake Dietrich & Hannah Schaefer, July 15.
- Nicholas Hunter & Kiersten Scifres, July 22.
- Alan Pomerence (son of Mike & Kim) & Stephanie Schrock, July 22.
- Paul Stanley & Shannan Kelley, July 22.

Sympathies to the families of:

- Steve Kelley
- Jay Simpson
- Mary Schnute
- Gregory Guzzi (son of Joe Guzzi)
- Gene Kruckenberg (brother of Linda Yuska)
- Ivan Puckett (grandfather of Emma Puckett)

In the News

CLC disciple Kay Thompson was recently featured in the *Current in Carmel*, sharing information about the MarketPlace at CarmelFest.

Lutheran Community

Cross & Crown celebrates 50th anniversary

If you attended Cross & Crown Lutheran Church in Indianapolis in the past, you are invited to join in their "Celebrating 50 Years of Renewal: 1967-2017". The celebration dinner is Saturday, Sept. 9, from 6-10 p.m. at the 502 Event Centre in Carmel. Event tickets are \$30 for 12 years of age and above; \$15 for ages 4 to 11; and ages 3 and under are free.

To purchase tickets, call their church office at 317.849.4500, or email chris@cclutheran.com.

Lutherans for Life conference

The regional conference of Lutherans for Life will be Saturday, Sept. 16, at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. The theme is "Hope for Life!" For more information and to register, visit LutheransForLife.org/conference.

Lutherans For Life (LFL) is a national organization that believes every human life—from conception to natural death, regardless of physical or mental challenges or condition of dependence—is precious in God's sight. LFL is about speaking the truth of life, and it does that by applying the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life issues, sharing how he can help and make a difference in people's lives.

Lutheran High School news

Seeking Art Teacher: Lutheran High School is seeking an art teacher to serve in a part time position. Individuals with Indiana licensure to teach secondary art should contact Michael Brandt, Head of School (mbrandt@lhsi.org) or Beverly McIntosh, Administrative Assistant (bmcintosh@lhsi.org) for a complete position description.

Opening Worship and Field & Track

Dedication August 10: Please join us as we ask God's blessing on a new school year at Lutheran High School during our Opening Worship Chapel on Thursday, August 10, 9:30 a.m., in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. We also will install new members of the faculty and dedicate our recently-completed multi-purpose athletic field and track. Classes start on August 8. See more information about the new field and track at lhsi.org. You may also make a secure donation there.

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Fine Arts Academy 2017

This year's Fine Arts Academy in June went "Beyond Imagination" and celebrated Pentecost, where the gift of the Holy Spirit launched the amazing spread of the Gospel throughout the world. Below are some of the photos from the week of classes and the closing program.



During the week...



Our awesome FAA teen volunteers!



At the closing program...



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