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Dear Friends In Christ,

Summer Leadership Boot Camp – Do you have a burning desire to truly make a difference in the Kingdom of God and in the life of TLC? Are you ready and willing to make a significant investment of your *Five Capitals* for the sake of the Kingdom? Are you tired of being a cozy well-fed believer, or a bored believer, or a stressed-out believer? How would you like to step into the exciting realm of high support and high challenge, a realm that will help you discover more fully the empowered life of following Jesus, and at the same time equip you to lead others in the same exciting journey and discovery? If you answered “yes” to some of these questions then *Summer Leadership Boot Camp* may be just the thing for you! Beginning Wednesday, June 8, and running on Wednesdays through the summer, you’ll be put through your paces as a follower of Jesus in ways that will both support and challenge you. I understand that you may miss a week or two for a summer vacation or for work; but if you are in town and healthy, then you will be expected to report for training. If you are intrigued, then I want to invite you to attend one of three information meetings scheduled for Thursday nights, May 12, 19, or 26, at 7 pm in the Missions Room!

Beyond GPS: *Knowing and Doing the Will of God!* Aren’t GPS units cool? Suzanne and I have one that talks to us. We have it set with a female voice with an English accent. We call her Mandy, and although one of her favorite words is “recalculating,” she regularly gets us to our destination. Have you ever wished you had a spiritual GPS to guide you through life? In reality we do have one; it’s just that we often don’t know how to use it. Join us in worship beginning the weekend of May 1 as we explore “Beyond GPS: *Knowing and Doing the Will of God!*”

May 1 – “*Learning to Hear*”

May 8 – “*Learning to Trust*”

May 15 – “*Staying the Course*”

May 22 – “*U-Turns Allowed*”

The Rite of Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 15. Confirmation marks the end of two years of instruction, as the young people affirm their baptismal covenant with their heavenly Father, with Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for our confirmands and their parents as they prepare for this important day.

LCMC Gathering – There will be a gathering for family members of LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) congregations on Sunday, June 5, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, at the Harvest Hall, Seward Co. Fairgrounds, Seward, Nebraska. This is a great opportunity to meet some people from Nebraska sister LCMC congregations. There will be informative workshops, inspiring worship, good fellowship time, and some great food! If you are planning to attend please let me know so that I can connect you with other T!LC family members who are planning on going. More information will soon be available from Living Word Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska; 402-643-6445, or www.livingwordseward.org.

Blenn J. Harless

Creating Connections

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for May 22nd from 4-7pm at TLC for the “Biggest-Ever” Kickoff of Summer Block Parties!!

There will be activities for all ages.

Come out for the Free Food, Fun and Fellowship.



The days are getting warmer and I am busy cleaning out the basement and closets in amazement on how my family managed to accumulate all of this stuff. I used to think another family occupied the house while we were gone during the day dirtying dishes and creating mounds of clutter. Box by box, as I tackle the cleanout, I remember the moments in my life that some items represent. There are plenty of masterpieces that my children created for me or mementos from places we visited. I never get rid of these items and I revisit them annually. I am not so much keeping clutter but remembering special relationships.

Relationships extend well beyond family and friends; we have neighbors, co-workers and members of the community that we are called to reach out to. What are we going to do about this calling to reach out to our neighbors? It is so easy to live behind the doors of the house and hope that someone else will reach out. It is not that hard to connect with a neighbor. When you are out walking or doing yard work take the time to greet your neighbors. If you feel especially bold, invite them over for coffee. As people move into the neighborhood stop by and introduce yourself. Last summer I brought homemade banana bread to our new neighbor. It didn't cost me anything but my time. To coin an old phrase "try it, you'll like it". We are called as members of this peculiar community to love our neighbors and live our lives as Christ followers. This weekend a tornado ripped through a little town in Iowa leaving an immense path of destruction in its wake. As reporters swarmed to interview survivors I was impressed with the response given. To the person, the survivors said that they may have lost everything they owned but they were grateful their neighbors' were safe. Relationships are priceless.

Mary Findlay



What a difference a Day made for A Great Easter Egg Hunt!



Easter Egg Hunt I couldn't believe it. The Easter egg hunt was scheduled for the following day, and rain just pelted against the windows. When the storm ended Friday night it had blessed us with 2 inches of rain and dumped 10 inches of snow in Ogallala. The wind had picked up and was blowing hard. Was it possible for the wind to dry the land and the weather to improve enough to have the hunt??? The answer was a resounding **YES!!** By 2pm Saturday the sun was shining bright, the winds died down, it was 55 degrees, and over 30,000 stuffed eggs were scattered across Lakewood Villages Park. Hundreds of people had gathered. Pastor David gave a blessing, and the hunt was on!! Within 10 minutes every one of those eggs was picked up and the kids were digging through their treasures. Your donations and time spent stuffing eggs and putting them out at the park came together in an incredible outreach to our community. Thank you for your generous support and your prayers. Yes indeed, our God is awesome!

★ Thank You! ★ ★ THANK YOU! ★

Dear Members of T!LC,

Thank you so much for your gift to In His Steps Ministries. With the donations we received we will be able to provide food for the orphans under Pastor Arsenio's care, feed and transport the 300 participants expected to attend the conference, and bless individuals and communities as God leads and directs. 100% of your gift will be given to bless people in Haiti and the D.R. Pray that God will reign over the land and be glorified.

Dennis and Marcia

Thank you for your faithfulness and your encouragement.

MISSION MOMENTS

from Pastor David

Mission. What is our mission statement by the way? ***Our mission is to reach out and gather people into the family of God, equipping them to be disciples of Jesus Christ in our community, nation, and world.***



Grand Opening of Lutheran Family Services Center for Healthy Families



THANK YOU! There are not enough words to express my gratitude for the gift of \$5,000 from Thanksgiving! Lutheran for the North Omaha Center for Healthy Families. This gift will help us serve many Omaha area families as they learn and grow together. Your continuous support of LFS has helped us become one of the strongest and most trusted human care agencies in Nebraska.

For 119 years, LFS has relied on generous hearts like yours to continue serving families, children and individuals through our 32 locations across Nebraska, Council Bluffs, IA and Wichita, KS. Whether it is helping a foster child locate a stable home, a refugee thrive in a new country, or a broken soldier to heal – your dollars are providing hope and making a difference every day. You may not get the joy of seeing these lives changed, but we do. And we are very aware that we can only have this impact with your help. Thank you!

It is our mission *to express God's love for all people by providing quality human care services that build and strengthen individual, family, and community life.* You are a vital part of that.

2011 is going to be a very productive and exciting year for us at LFS! In addition to the human care we have provided from as far west and North Platte and as far east and Council Bluffs, we are continuing to evolve as human needs in our community evolve. After the successful opening of the Fremont Center for Healthy Families in 2010, the North Omaha Center's grand opening is set for this spring. A new program for 2011 will see LFS assisting the educators of the Learning Communities of Douglas and Sarpy County with a new Family Liaison program designed to help elementary age children achieve success. Our affiliation with Adoption Links Worldwide has shown how our combined strengths mean a powerful force for children, while that At Ease program continues to draw community support as it helps veterans, active military and their families cope with the stresses that can be involved in serving our country.

I offer you the most heartfelt appreciation for what you do for LFS and those in need in our community.

Sincerely,

Mike Jones
Development Officer

Keith and Kate Pepsny here with The Navigators at Oregon State University. As always, we are very grateful for your prayers and support. Students are experiencing God's grace because of your partnership. Thank You!

One of our main highlights this term has been watching students, like Ricky and Jacob, lead investigative Bible conversations. Despite initially being a little nervous, they invited several of their non-Christian friends to read and discuss the Bible with them. Just last week, they read through the story of Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4:35-41. Several students (just like the disciples) have been asking the question, "Who is this Jesus guy? Even the wind and waves obey Him." It's been really powerful! Please pray for students like Ricky and Jacob, that God would continue to work in and through their lives.



Also, as you many know, we are getting ready to move to Seattle in July to lead the Navigators at the University of Washington. By God's grace, we were able to pioneer the ministry at OSU and are handing it off to our good friends, John and Steff Winder. If you think of it, please pray for us. Pray that we would have a smooth transition, that God would provide the right team, and that He would give us favor on the UW campus.

The Life of Discipleship: Walking in the Covenant, building the Kingdom

A Walk With God Testimony by Kim Riggs, written by Pat Meyer

Growing Up In Korea

I was born in South Korea, the fourth of six girls. My family values included Buddhist beliefs. However, we did not really practice that faith, a faith that I would later come to embrace. My parents taught us ethical standards like the difference between right and wrong. We came to believe that if we did good things we would go to a good place when we died. In the Korean culture, it is expected that children obey their parents' instruction, including the custom of arranged marriages. It seemed like everyone was telling me what to do and how to live my life, and eventually I rebelled.

In my early twenties, I began to make my own decisions. I got a job on a military base and met my future husband, Tom, on a blind date. At first, I was not interested in a relationship, but I seemed to keep bumping into him. As I look back, I'm certain it wasn't accidental that our paths kept crossing. Tom was kind, gentle, polite, nice, and had a good attitude, unlike what I heard about American soldiers. In time, Tom shared his life and faith and asked me to be a part of it.

Saying Yes To God

Looking back, I know God was working in my life even before I knew who He was. I had to talk to a pastor about Christ so we could be married in the church. I acknowledged a belief in Christ, but I only did it to get through the wedding ceremony; I didn't say yes in my heart. I went to church when I felt like it; but when I did attend, I noticed church people were kind and loving. This made me curious, and I began to ask "Who is God?"

I remember a particular day when I was home alone, and it was pouring rain. I heard a knock at my door and there were three people under one umbrella on my doorstep. I recognized one of them as the base chaplain. They handed me a Bible in Korean and English. I read the Bibles with much interest. I was amazed to learn that God created the Earth. I had never heard that before. I later met a Christian lady who became a great influence in my life. She showed me the love of God and taught me what being a Christian was about. She told me to do for others exactly what she had done for me, and I promised to pay her kindness forward.

Something Just Clicked

In 1979, I was baptized with our first child and something just clicked inside me. I thought about my past. My mother and sisters had opposed my marriage to an American and moving to the United States. They hurt me deeply, and I couldn't bring myself to forgive them. When I left Korea, I left everyone and everything behind, believing I would never return. The Holy Spirit transformed me and I began to see with spiritual eyes. I felt sad for my mother and shed tears for her, tears that would melt my heart. When my daughter was two years old, I took her to Korea to visit my family. I had been away for five years. They missed me and were happy to see me. They accepted me with open arms and I forgave them. It was a healing moment where God gave me the gift of not harboring offenses. What a blessing! A few years later and after the birth of our second child, we all traveled to Korea. It was the first time Tom met my family.

Maturing With Christ

While raising our children, we attended church but sometimes let the busyness of life take over. In high school, our youngest daughter attended Thanksgiving! with friends and encouraged us to visit. At first we were uncomfortable because it was different than the Methodist church we were used to. But early on, I experienced an overwhelming moment when God touched my heart while I was looking at a cross in the stained glass window in the Sanctuary. We have been at T!LC ever since.

While always involved with helping others, I know I've felt that the true "meeting of spiritual needs" for others was more for the pastor, not the layperson. Now, I know that we all must bring our gifts and share in responsibility for doing God's work. I continue to mature spiritually through Bible study and adult discipleship classes. My heart is guided by God's instruction to love your neighbors and forgive them. God is love and love is giving, not taking. I have a hunch that God is going to use me in a big way; I am full of excitement and anticipation to see what He has planned for me. But in order to experience that plan, I must prepare myself, and be available and ready, any place, any time.

**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
(John 15:7, ESV)**

**6th Annual Isaac C. Hall
Superhero Blood Drive**

Please join us on Monday, June 6, 2011,
to change a life!

Isaac C. Hall (7/7/2000-12/31/2008), one of T!LC's own, bravely battled leukemia for three years. A pressing need for many leukemia patients is frequent blood transfusions. As a church and community, we would like to honor and remember Isaac at this blood drive and collect as many pints as possible. You can actually be a superhero and save a life! The American Red Cross will be available at the church from 1:30 until 7 p.m. Appointments run in 15 minute intervals and can be made by calling Juanita at **402-884-7523**, going online at **www.redcrossblood.org** and entering sponsor code **642** under the "donating blood" tab, or signing up at the Welcome Center during the three weeks prior to the blood drive. You may also help by volunteering to work a shift on the day of the blood drive or by providing snacks for blood donors. Please call Juanita to help in this way as well. We hope to see many of you there!



WHAT MAKES YOUR HEART BEAT FAST?

**BEGINNING MAY 1ST AT THE 9:30 HOUR ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS**

For 6 weeks, we are going to study, "What does God expect of us? The Hole in our Gospel." written by Richard Stearns, CEO of World Vision.

If you have children, we encourage you to worship together at the 8: 15am or 11am and attend Sunday school at the 9:30 hour. You can pick up the book at any bookstore. We will also have books available the first day of class.

**Questions: Contact Pastor David Witkop at
pastordavid@thanks-giving.org**

**Baptism Class will be held on
May 22, 2011. 11am**



This class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please contact the church office at 292-2695 or send an email to discipleship@thanks-giving.org to register for the class.

Questions:
Contact Pastor Bruce Kotila

**WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE
"OVER THE TOP"**

Enjoy the God who loves you more than you ever dreamed possible. He will take your breath away!

God loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask or dream.

He's unrestrained . . . excessive . . . outrageous . . . Over the Top.

August 12 - 13, 2011, Quest Center Omaha
Price \$89.00

This includes: **Friday** 10 am - 3:30 pm;
7 pm to 10 pm.
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm.

Box lunches included both days.

Register now on-line at gps.womenoffaith.com.
Select **Alene Schlange's group**. You can pay in full with credit card option or select payment option.

Questions: Contact Alene Schlange at 292-7470 or aleneschlange@yahoo.com.

Plastic Baby Food Containers Needed



A program of Feeding Children International

We are collecting empty plastic baby food containers with lids for a Vacation Bible School project for Kids Against Hunger. Please save them and place them in the box in the narthex.

UPDATE from T!LC's Operations Manager, Harold Carlson

Monthly Stewardship

Through the month of March our expenses were 3.78% below plan, weekly contributions were 0.95% below plan and other revenue was 18.31% under plan which resulted in a negative cash flow of \$15,798.90 with a plan of a negative \$14,263. Thank you for your faithful financial stewardship.

Building Fund

The capital campaign (Building Fund) launched May 1, 2010. Estimates of giving received were; 148 estimates of giving for \$317,122 over a 2-year period. Our goal was \$500,000. Actual Contributions received through March 2011 were \$165,364 or 51.1% of the estimates of giving.

Four projects are already complete; we have replaced the original roof at the South Campus facility, upgraded our phone system, repaired the lighted sign at the South Campus, and completed a church sign on the corner of 36th St and Hwy 370. We are in the process of

upgrading the Heritage Sanctuary sound system and installing media capability.

Special offerings

All of our Lenten offering will be given to the Sarpy County Habitat for Humanity. Contribution totals will be communicated next month.

Simply Giving

Did you know that T!LC has the ability to receive electronic funds transfers (EFT) through a program called *Simply Giving*? *Simply Giving* is a safe and reliable electronic funds transfer program sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Check out our website for a link to enroll in *Simply Giving*. To enroll go to our website (www.thanks-giving.org) and click on *Simply Giving* under the member quick links at the top of the home page. You can also contact our *Simply Giving* Coordinator, Harold Carlson at the church office at 292-2695 or harold@thanks-giving.org for more

information about the *Simply Giving* program.

Automobile Donation Needed

Do you or someone that you know, have a reliable automobile that could be donate to T!LC? We continue to receive requests from families in need of reliable transportation. Please contact Harold Carlson at the church office for more information.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to e-mail me at harold.carlson@thanks-giving.org, call me at the church or stop by my office.

Cub Scout Pack 37

Dens meet at Golden Hills and Anderson Grove Elementary Schools as well as Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30pm. For more information please visit our website at:

<http://www.mac-wwd.org/websites/pack37/> or


contact Cubmaster John Edwards at pack37bellevue@gmail.com or

Committee Chairperson Angela Hansen at alhansen4@gmail.com



ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER? VISIT OUR NEW! PRAYER REQUESTS LINK ON T!LC WEBSITE

You can now submit prayer requests to the T!LC Prayer Team through the website at: www.thanks-giving.org, on the homepage under Daily Links/Prayer Requests.



You're Invited to attend!!
 Ordination of Katy Warren
 Saturday, June 11 (Time to be announced)
 All are invited to attend

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
 2650 Farnam Street
 Omaha, NE 68131-3684
 (402) 341-7761

T!LC CARE MINISTRIES

Our Savior's Love – 1 John 4: 7-10; 13-16 (New Century Version)
Vicar Susan Westland

⁷ Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child and knows God.⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.⁹ This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.¹⁰ This is what real love is: It is not our love for God; it is God's love for us. He sent his Son to die in our place to take away our sins...

¹³ We know that we live in God and he lives in us, because he gave us his Spirit.¹⁴ We have seen and can testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God has God living inside, and that person lives in God.¹⁶ And so we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love.

As we sit before the Apostle John and listen to his testimony of God's love found in 1 John we find peace from our Savior. We know that John is a close friend of Christ, "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 13:23) and he is one Christ trusted to care for his mother as Jesus died upon the cross. John knows the love of our Savior intimately and in the passage above he tenderly reminds us of how deep God's love for us is.

John calls us friends and encourages us to love each other because our love comes from God himself. We profess belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We profess Christ as the crucified and risen King; how is it then that we hold back love from one another? Is it because we do not fully accept the love God freely gives to us? What secret places, what hurts, evils, worries, anxieties, or pains keep us from the love of Christ who came to set us free?

Verse 16 teaches us that we **can know** the love that God has for us and that we **can trust** that love. We can place our trust in the Creator of the Universe, our Father in heaven, who knitted us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139), who created and knows the plans for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11). We can lean into our God who loves us enough not to leave us in our Garden of Gethsemane because his Son conquered the Garden, the cross, and the grave for us. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"(Romans 8:31-32 NIV)

Dear Friends, search your hearts and let God reveal those areas of your life which keep you from accepting his love. Let God heal them and accept the love of the risen Christ and know that nothing in this world can defeat you. No matter what you're going through, God is always with you and he'll never leave you. He wants to be your healer and your friend. When you have nothing else, he'll be there for you. When all your friends have turned their backs on you, he'll still be there; he'll never abandon you. When you're crying out to him, he's whispering in a still small voice "I'm right here, I love you". Open your heart, listen to his voice...he's calling out to you today to come and abide in his love.



**For Care Ministries Assistance . . .
During Church Office Hours:**

Please call 402.292.2695

All Other Times:

Please call our dedicated 24/7 voice mail number **402.292.7633** and leave a message. You will be contacted by a Care Ministries staff person or a pastor. This number is checked four to six times daily.



The Power of God in Prayer!

"I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you."
(Mark 11:24 ISB)

Are you in need of prayer?

James 5:13-16 commands us to call for the elders of the church to pray over us. Healing Prayer Team members are available in the Prayer Chapel every weekend immediately following each service. You are invited and encouraged to come for healing and other personal prayer needs.



**Stephen Ministry
God's Love In Action**

One -to -one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are facing a crisis or life challenge such as bereavement, hospitalization, a terminal illness. We also provide care to those who are separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, or who are experiencing a significant trial or storm in their lives.

For information, call Vicar Susan Westland, Parish Care Ministry Coordinator at 402-292-2695.

Youth & Children's Ministry Newsletter



FROM CONNIE.....

May traditionally heralds in glorious spring weather. It also brings the end of regular Sunday school. (See information below about Summer Sunday School). As the Children's Ministry Team prepares for summer activities, we also take time to reflect on memories of our year together with the children, growing in God.

Reflections like:

- Be flexible, be flexible, be flexible and if that doesn't work- go with the flow!
- When teaching a lesson about Palm Sunday which includes discussing the difference between mules, donkeys and horses, NEVER, EVER call on a child who yells out that they know another name for a mule.
- If you are trying hard to suppress a laugh about some innocent, but hilarious comment a child has made, think of "Liver"! Who can laugh after a vision of liver?
- In the event that while walking past the kindergarten room you hear a child say, "I just don't know what's going on here!" THINK but don't verbalize, "Sometimes I don't either."
- The most important reflection of all-Thank You Jesus for helping the Sunday School children know that their Identity lies in YOU!

Serving Others We will continue to collect infant clothing to give to the Open Door Mission until May 15th. Pastor David has challenged us to collect 250 items!

Last Regular Sunday School May 22



Summer Sunday School

We will provide Summer Sunday School at 9:30 am on June 5th, June 12th, 19th and July 10th, 17th and 24th. Registration forms will be available May 1st in the Sunday school gathering area. Questions? Contact Samantha Mather at asmather09gmail.com or Connie Barnhart at childmin@thanks-giving.org

Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1 Sonsurf Beach Bash

On Sunday night, June 26th our church will be quiet and peaceful. But look out! On Monday morning, June 27th surf's up and the doors will fly open to 300 to 400 children rushing in to have fun learning about Jesus.

We need many hands to make this happen. Please consider:

- Serve as a coordinator of Volunteer T-shirts
- Contribute to the special offering May 14th and 15th
- Save large brown grocery bags-with and without handles



Save empty plastic water bottles with the lid. We need the small 10oz size and the regular size (please remove the label)

Grab a supply bag and purchase the items listed. These will be available in the lobby in mid-May.

In late May there will be containers located in the church lobby/Narthex to put all VBS supplies in.

Registration forms for students and volunteers are available on a Vacation Bible School Table in the Narthex.

Connie Barnhart ♦ Children's Ministry Director ♦ childmin@thanks-giving.org ♦ 402.292.2695



The Awana Club Ministry had a fantastic year!
 Lots of fun, lots of learning, and lots of memorization of God's Word.
 But without our dedicated ministry team none of this would have been possible,
 so please seek out the folks listed below and thank them for their faithful ministry.
 Even though all served in different capacities each one was used by the Lord
 to help our children come to know, love and serve Jesus.

Come join us on May 18th as we celebrate our clubber's efforts with our Awards Ceremony!

Cubbies
 (3 & 4 year olds)

Devon Cutinella—Leader
 David Dramse—Leader
 Brandi Hanson—LiT
 Clara Hendrickson—LiT
 Carrie Holo—Leader
 Hannah Joyce—LiT
 Brittany Kassube—LiT
 Kelley Pitts—Director
 Stacy Thorne—Leader

Sparks
 (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade)

Jessica Babcock—1st
 Brenda Batchelor—2nd
 Shelly Brockhaus—1st
 Breanna Carter—K
 Meagan Cinfel—K
 Jarrod Conley—2nd
 Jen Conley—2nd
 Shane Conley—Weekly Sub
 Kristi Gould—2nd
 Joyce Hahn—1st
 Sandra Kern—1st
 Jan Pasteka—1st
 Bill Pierce—2nd
 Nancy Pierce—1st
 Lisa Sager—Director
 Bill Smith—1st
 Shari Smith—2nd
 Kaylee Stankus—K
 Alison Toman—2nd
 Amy Turnipseed—K
 Elizabeth Way—2nd

Support Team

Susan Betchel—Check In
 Harold Carlson—Set Up
 Ken Carlson—Take Down
 Rob Carlson—Set Up
 Ryan Cinfel—Games Director
 Dawn Dramse—Intercessor/Sub
 James Duke—Listener
 Tracy Gramps—Creative
 Barbara Gray—Admin Support
 John Hendrickson—Worship
 Isaac Hendrickson—Media
 Shelley Iverson—Secretary
 Sue Johnson—Intercessor
 Jodi Kisicki-Parrack—Check In
 James Knights—Media
 Barb Kotila—Commander
 Pastor Bruce Kotila—MC
 Susan Madden—Intercessor
 Kelly Marz—Check In
 Candy Masek—Intercessor
 Mark Masek—Intercessor
 Keith Neemann—Take Down
 Janice Rife—Sub
 Alene Schlange—Intercessor
 Sue Tonn—Check In
 Sharon VanOrman—Check In
 Rhonda Wiebers—Intercessor
 Susan Westland—Intercessor
 Lisa Zaloudek—Intercessor
 Sara Zivny—Admin Support

Council Time Teachers

Ben Althof
 Connie Barnhart
 Mike Cameron Photography
 Lorna Cassell
 Kris & Jessica Covi Small Group (2)
 Andy Cutinella
 Dawn Dramse
 Paul Falkowski
 Karen Griffith
 Paul Harkness
 Pastor Glenn Harless
 Elizabeth Hicks
 Kids Against Hunger Leadership
 (Mary Belford, Michelle Boyce, Cathy Brandt & Shari Teixeira)
 Bonnie Kral
 Andrew Mather
 Jan Pasteka
 Brad Roe
 Chris Roth Small Group
 Rhonda Rupert
 Don Todd
 Katy Warren
 Janine Wegner (3)
 Rich Westland
 Susan Westland
 Rhonda Wiebers
 Gina Wiitanen
 Pastor David Witkop
 Lisa Witkop
 Sara Zivny

T & T
 (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade)

Lisle Babcock—3rd
 Marissa Carter—4th
 Todd Ganger—6th
 Bob Getty—3rd
 Kristine Hendrickson—6th
 Eli Iverson—3rd
 Grace Iverson—3rd
 Carolyn Johnson—5th
 Mike Johnson—5th
 Matt Koth—Weekly Sub
 David Larson—6th
 Walter Marz—5th
 Pat Meyer—Weekly Sub
 Keith Neemann—3rd
 Kristen Rife—5th
 Chris Roth—5th
 Don Todd—4th

I thank Christ Jesus
 our Lord, who has
 strengthened me,
 because He considered
 me faithful, putting me
 into service.

-1 Timothy 1:12



Check our website at thanks-giving.org under the Kids/Youth tab and then join us on Wednesday night!



For more information, contact
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andrew.mather@thanks-giving.org

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

May 2011
www.thanksgivingyouth.org

POWER SURGE 5th & 6th Graders	HIGH VOLTAGE 7th & 8th Graders	CHAIN REACTION 9th - 12th Graders
<p>Sunday School Sundays @ 9:30 - Chain Reaction Room (South Campus)</p> <p>Awana Wednesdays - FLC Truth & Training Ultimate Challenge Check-In begins 6:15 Club 6:30 to 8:00 5/18/11—Awards Night Bring your Parents</p> <p>Saturday Night Lights May 7—7:00 to 8:30 @ the Babcock Home May 21—7:00 to 8:30 @ the Brockhaus Home</p>	<p>Sunday School Sundays @ 9:30 - Lower Level Room 128</p> <p>Plugged In Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 <i>Chain Reaction Room</i></p> <p>Confirmation Information 8th Graders—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Faith Statement retreat Friday, May 13th to Saturday, May 14th at T!LCConfirmation Sunday— May 15	<p>Sunday School Sundays @ 9:30 - South Campus Conference Room</p> <p>Life Groups Groups are available each night of the week.</p> <p>Sunday Nights 6:30 to 8:00—Chain Reaction Room</p> <p>May 1- Soul Surfer Recap May 8—Mother's Day—hang out with mom. Or if the festivities are over, join us for dinner. May 15—Soul Surfer Recap May 22—T!LC Block Party May 29—No Activities</p>

What are you doing this summer?

Crazy Love—2011 Senior High Boston Trip

June 4-13—\$300 per student—An amazing opportunity to grow closer to God, bond with each other and serve others in the Boston area.

Camp Okoboji—Junior High

July 10-15—\$150 per student—Meet lots of new friends, discover more about what it means to be a Christian, and find out how the Almighty God wants to be in a relationship with YOU!

T!LC Youth Parking Lot Sale

June 16-18—Chain Reaction Room and Parking Lot. Collection begins May 1.

Our sale is a great opportunity to journey through your home to rid it of items you no longer need or use. To start this journey, plan a couple of steps per week to keep it manageable. First, plan a time to walk through each room of your home as an overview. Look at the items sitting out. Ask the questions, "Do I use it?" "Do I want it?" "Do I want to reduce items in the room because it has become too full" what can go. Our second step is to dig into a little detail. Go through your books, movies, music, etc. "Have I read/watched/listened to this?" "Is it something I want to keep?" If not, pack it up to move it out. If you have finished with it, give it.

Watch the bulletin for the next steps in our Journey...If you would like large items picked up, call Andrew to schedule a time.

Last Month by the Numbers

- 273 people attended our April 17th screening of the movie *Soul Surfer*. Awesome!
- 5 T!LC leaders and staff traveled to Atlanta for the 2011 Orange conference. Can't wait to share what we have learned!
- Thank you for your continued prayer and support of our Youth Ministry!

Parish Events

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, or you have a new address or phone number, please call the church office at 292-2695 or email Sara Zivny at sara@thanks-giving.org
Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

05/01 Piper VanOrman
05/01 Ciara Kerstetter
05/01 Heather Waring
05/01 Andrew Jeppesen
05/01 Daniel Belford
05/01 Michael Strohmeyer
05/01 Nathan Wegner
05/02 Diana Saylor
05/02 Austin Taylor
05/02 Charles Daubs
05/02 Lynelle Kowalski
05/03 Truman Smith
05/03 Tegan Owens
05/03 Kerry Markowsky
05/04 Chris Schuttler
05/04 Janiece Rife
05/04 Riley Martensen
05/04 Sherry Tetschner
05/04 Elizabeth Wayt
05/04 Sean Wayt
05/04 Jackson Andersen
05/05 Ryan Oaks
05/05 Nicholas Kramer
05/05 Maria Wiebelhaus
05/05 Kevin McArthur
05/05 Summer Hill
05/05 Kaleb Scuturio
05/06 Cathy Muhle
05/06 Jennifer Weitzel
05/06 Kelli L. Malicki
05/06 Susan Hoogeveen
05/07 Mariah Filip
05/07 Phil Smith
05/07 Trista Owens
05/07 Abby Tipton
05/07 Julee Boeshart
05/08 Ryan Johnson
05/08 Ken Tonn
05/08 Cole Goduto
05/08 Breanna Carter
05/09 Rob Liberty
05/09 Allison Rasmussen
05/09 Trent Dalen
05/09 Brooke Hoogeveen
05/09 William Moses
05/09 Linda Jensen
05/09 Joy Jackson
05/09 Kyle Wederquist
05/10 Chris Ross
05/10 Lana Fox
05/10 James Andersen
05/11 Mary Stork
05/12 Nelson Smith

05/12 William Wayt
05/13 Brian Klausen
05/13 Karen Griffith
05/13 Amanda Dreessen
05/13 Barbara Howery
05/13 Joseph Breglia
05/14 Linda Pauley
05/14 Tod Ellis
05/14 Emma Mounce
05/14 Kristi Woodard
05/14 Luke Blasey
05/14 Janet Paulsen
05/15 Patty Barnes
05/15 Terry Harlow
05/15 Matt Peterson
05/15 Todd Gould
05/15 Jeremy Tipton
05/15 Jacqui Joyce
05/15 Adam Vogel
05/15 Troy Tetschner
05/16 Roger Davick
05/16 Vicki Boyd
05/16 Lynn Spady
05/16 Ann Mason
05/16 Nicholas Gilbert
05/16 Tori Reichardt
05/17 Carol Kellison
05/17 Sandra Livingston
05/17 Joseph Gershon
05/17 Jordan Graff
05/17 Maci Jensen
05/17 Noah Turnipseed
05/17 Allison Jarvis
05/18 Joseph Snook
05/18 Sharon Snook
05/18 Vickey Anderson
05/18 Neva Covi
05/18 Gavin Turner
05/19 Micaela Hoogeveen
05/19 Elizabeth Ryan
05/19 William Smith
05/19 Morgan Harris
05/20 Jackie Fuxa
05/20 Travis Hall
05/20 Kristine Gould
05/20 Pam Engelbart
05/20 Janelle Walls
05/20 Anne Swales
05/20 Julie Nichols
05/21 Lily Hybner
05/21 Andrea Skarda
05/21 Sarah Anderson
05/21 Susan Hansen
05/21 Hannah Sager

05/21 Jadeynn Collins
05/22 Sarah Griffith
05/22 Travis Ivy
05/22 Katelin Leaders
05/22 Meghann Winslow
05/22 Marissa Carter
05/22 Joshua Homme
05/22 Amanda Culbertson
05/23 Brian Lacy
05/23 Brandon Lacy
05/23 Traci Johnson
05/23 Pam Rice
05/23 Makenna Wallman
05/23 Corrie Mounce
05/24 Chelsea Shaw
05/24 Abby Buechler
05/24 Riley Adams
05/24 Steven Hansen
05/24 Lisle Babcock
05/25 Joyce Pancoast
05/25 Thomas Mohr
05/25 Gloria Jean Matthews
05/25 Molly Baumert
05/25 Halely Hollingsead
05/26 Carole Davick
05/26 Barb Kotila
05/26 Brooke Bowman
05/26 Chris Jackson
05/27 Thomas Pauley
05/27 Brayden Woodard
05/27 Bailey Oaks
05/27 Henry Kallhoff
05/27 Melissa Polson
05/28 Keith Taylor
05/28 Myles Camley
05/28 Karen Anderson
05/29 Larissa Hayes
05/29 Marsha Gunderson
05/29 Russell Brandt
05/29 Morgan Anderson
05/29 Grant Engelbart
05/29 Darrell Ries
05/29 Jessie Curry
05/29 Charles Stroberg
05/29 Marlene Schuttler
05/30 Bridget McGovern
05/30 Jordan Krambeer
05/30 Taylor Cobelens
05/30 Ronald Overby
05/30 Ronda Holtzen
05/31 Jamie McGovern
05/31 Celia Knox
05/31 Nancy Kunkle
05/31 Larry Habrock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

05/02 Scott & Yvie Pfender
05/05 Roger & Jean Gemar
05/05 Ryan & Becky Mahr
05/06 Terry & Corliss Bunas
05/08 Sharyl Pilgrim
05/08 Tim & Deb Dydyk
05/10 Steve & Sara Zivny
05/11 Mike & Lee Taylor
05/12 Tom & Kim Riggs
05/14 Warren & Debbie Koehler
05/14 Chip & Carol Coy
05/16 Ken & Stephanie Shoning
05/17 S.J. & Amy Nelson
05/18 Joe & Sherry Snook
05/20 Rob & Dawn Liberty
05/20 Mike & Angela Ask
05/20 Mike & Donna Michelson
05/22 Matt & Amy Peterson
05/23 Steve & Beth Bateman
05/23 Brian & Tiffany Fay
05/23 Jill Stephens
05/24 Mike & Cindy Copich
05/24 Rick & Carol Power
05/24 Mark & Candy Masek
05/25 Sharon Stahr
05/25 Jeff & Lisa Rippe
05/26 Cary & Lisa Sutton
05/26 Michael & Andrea Nelson
05/26 Shawn & Sandra McAcy
05/27 Adam & Micaela Hoogeveen
05/27 Mick & Laura Jackson
05/27 Luke & Billie Jo Kothe
05/07 Jeremiah & Megan Bowen
05/27 Tom & Jamie McGovern
05/27 Christopher & Amy Dow
05/27 Todd & Kristi Gould
05/28 Terry & Peggy Harlow
05/28 Jerry & Kristine Wiebelhaus
05/28 Jeff & Dee Ryan
05/29 Don & Lois Hansen
05/30 Terry & Dot List
05/30 Chuck & Jean Duros
05/31 Bryan & Dawn Boyce
05/31 David & Melanie Lempke

BAPTISMS

April 10, 2011

Hailey Mae Lundquist, daughter of Kyle & Wendy Lundquist. The sponsor is Frank Mitchell III.

April 30, 2011

Jadelyn Elizabeth Ann Smith, daughter of Merissa Ann Smith.

BIRTHS

- **Esther Ruth Hofman**, daughter of Eric & Wendy Hofman, born on April 8, 2011

WEDDINGS

- **Sheri Curry & Brian Steffy** on Sunday April 17, 2011
- **Connie Zellers & Alden Barnard** on Saturday April 30, 2011

SYMPATHY

- **The Roe Family** in the death of Doug's mother Lois Halferty on March 25, 2011
- **Mike & Kristin Hoerber** in the death of Mike's mother Lana Hoerber on April 1, 2011
- **Ron & Grace Overby** in the death of Grace's sister Jane Ety on April 4, 2011
- **Larry & Diane Habrock** in the death of Diane's uncle, Walter Vrwiler on April 13, 2011

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Heritage (Traditional) Worship: Sun 8:15am Jubilation! (Contemporary) Worship: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 9:30 & 11:00am

Time	Reader	Worship Asst	Communion Assistants	Ushers All of May	Greeters
April 30, May 1—Holy Communion					
5:30	Joe Long				
8:15	Diane Wink	Jennifer Johnson	Linda Christensen, Diane Heying, Fran Taylor	Chris Buck, Tom Turner, John Taylor, Rich Kral	Marlene Church and Mike Kaufman
9:30	Jill Irwin		Tex & Shari Teixeira, Cathy Muhle Ken & Kate Bischoff, Marilyn McLaughlin	Mike Hegarty, Gary Muhle, Tex Teixeira, Terry Wilson	
11:00	Kelly Brazda		Jan Pasteka, Bryan & Dawn Boyce, Janiece Rife	Von Townsend, Joy Stumme, Rob Wegner, Sarah Engelhardt	

May 7 & 8

5:30	Sam McCubbin				
8:15	Tami Maxwell				Bob & Tami Maxwell
9:30	Jackie Wiles				
11:00	Lisa Witkop				

May 14 & 15 Confirmation Weekend - Holy Communion

5:30	Sam McCubbin				
8:15	Karen Ingram	Jon Iverson	Vickey Anderson, Ron & Grace Overby		Roger and Joyce Kamrath
9:30	Cathy Brandt		Ron & Cathy Brandt, Bev Mussman, Katy Wallman, Dirk & Chrys Frey		
11:00			Sarah Page, Lisa Witkop, Stacy Thorne, Lana Fox		

May 21 & 22

5:30	Maylene Haslett Tom				
8:15	Schwendtner	Karen Rowell			Karin Ingram Family
9:30	Barb Jeppesen				
11:00	Ben Kothe				

May 28 & 29

5:30	Arlis Scanlan				
8:15	Tessa Turner	Carol Umberger			Roger & Linda Christensen
9:30	Joe Fullenkamp				
11:00	Stacy Thorne				
	<u>8:15</u>	<u>9:30 & 11:00</u>			
May 1	Laurie Hanna	Sue Tonn			
May 8	Denise Dunn				
May 15	Grace Overby	Rhonda Wiebers			
May 29	Linda Christensen	Pat Sohm			

QUESTIONS OR NEED A REPLACEMENT? PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Readers, Worship/Communion Assistants: (Sat 5:30/Sun 8:15) Venus Buck 291-0594; (9:30/11:00) Donna Gilbert 293-1656

Altar Guild: Julie Taylor-Costello 292-2695

Usher Director: Kirk Engelbart 292-6249; **Usher Captians:** (8:15) Ron Overby 292-4335; (9:30) Terry Wilson 991-6707;
(11:00) Craig Christians 502-9168

Greeters: Karen Griffith 331-1935

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS

The T!LC Library Corner—It's Your Library!



He has risen! He has risen, indeed! As we reflect on the Lenten season, let's continue our learning experience by using all that your library has to offer!

Whether it be reference books to enhance your bible study or just good fiction written with the love of God in mind, fill your mind with good and wholesome words. By using the library, you can expand your knowledge of people and places in history. Just think of what you can do in your bible study by taking them a step beyond the study book. Remember, the library is free, and you won't be charged if you keep the book, DVD or CD beyond the due back date. We smile and are happy you enjoyed the book. The only thought would be, "Please pick out another!"

The many generous donations from our congregation continue to be catalogued and placed on the shelves. For those who donated these wonderful books, once again thank you. Any additional books you wish to pass along would be appreciated either for our library or fall book sale. . .

New books that will appear on the library cart across from the Welcome Center within the week are as follows:

Women of Prayer – compiled by Dorothy Stewart

Spiritual Inspirational at its best. Women from all walks of life have contributed to this wonderful book of prayer. Queens, homemakers, Saints, poets, Nobel Prize winners and grandmothers have been involved adding to the rich tradition of women's prayer. These selections of international prayers, both contemporary and traditional, embrace the spirituality of women throughout the ages.

Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg

The title of this book says it all. How to pass your love of the Lord to others.

Voices of the Faithful compiled by Beth Moore

Here is a book that asks you "if you have the courage ...the faith of fire." Journey through 366 true accounts of believers worldwide.

These books are just the tip of the iceberg! Come in and discover all the treasures that are waiting to fill your mind with knowledge and wonder.

God's peace...
Vicki DeRoo

Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County is now accepting applications for families in need of adequate and affordable housing. Applicants must meet the Application Guideline requirements & are required to fill out the Pre-screening Questionnaire form found on our website, www.hfhsarpy.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County

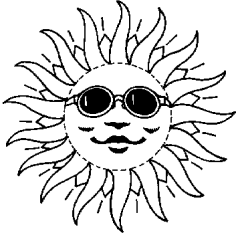


Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County has been building low-cost, quality affordable housing in partnership with low-income since 1997. Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County offers low-income families of the local community a chance to achieve homeownership. The program provides financial training, homeownership classes, and opportunities to complete required sweat equity hours. Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry.

T!LC HEALTH MINISTRIES

T!LC Health Ministries Team would like to keep you updated on current health-related topics. If you have any questions or would like to have specific health concerns addressed, please contact us at 402-292-2695, or care@thanks-giving.org.

Melanoma - Be Careful with Activities Under the Sun!



Skin cancer is the most common malignancy in the United States. Many types of skin cancers are dependent upon ultraviolet light exposure from sunlight for development. The most serious of these types of cancers is melanoma. This is the most deadly skin cancer and is increasingly more common.

Melanoma affects a much younger patient population, averaging age 57 years at diagnosis. It can occur much younger, even in the twenties. It is the sixth leading cause of cancer the in this country. It occurs more commonly in people with white skin than non-white

skin. It occurs more commonly in men than women. **1 in 74 Americans will be diagnosed with melanoma!**

Risk factors

Numerous risk factors for the development of melanoma have been identified:

- sun sensitivity
- white skin
- fair hair
- tendency to develop freckles
- family history of melanoma
- numerous moles
- certain medications, especially immunosuppressants used for arthritis treatment

Sunburns and intermittent sun exposure increase the risk of melanoma. **Sun exposure in childhood and having more than one blistering sunburn in childhood are associated with an increased risk of melanoma.**

Non cancerous pigmented lesions can be distinguished from melanoma based upon the **ABCDE** mnemonic.

A - asymmetry, irregular growth pattern

B – border, irregular borders or indistinct borders

C – color, irregular colors or very dark appearance is very concerning

D – diameter, greater than the size of a pencil eraser are more concerning

E – elevation, irregularly raised lesions are more concerning

Seek a medical professional if you have concerns about an abnormal appearing mole. A biopsy, or taking a piece of the growth for examination, is frequently the only certain way to tell if a growth is abnormal or not.

Skin cancer prevention

The strongest evidence preventing skin cancer is education and use of sun protective behavior in children. Similar education is important in adults. However, **sunburn prevention in children is the most critical behavior.** This includes appropriate use of sun block greater than SPF 15. Remember that this needs to be reapplied frequently and consistently.

Avoid midday sun and wear protective clothing including hats, loose and long sleeved clothing when possible, and sunglasses. Intense sunlight avoidance at peak times should be the cornerstone of all preventative strategies.

We are approaching the most critical time of the year to refresh our memory about appropriate sun safety. It is especially important to protect the youngsters around us and decrease the possibility of injuries that can last forever.

Please contact the T!LC Care Ministries team if you have any questions. Take care of your body, which is a wonderful gift from the Lord!

CROSSTREK Wild at Heart Escape!

ATTENTION ALL MEN ... WANNA GET AWAY?

Join us the weekend of June 11th – June 12th 2011 for the Annual Men's Wild at Heart Escape! sponsored by the CrossTrek Men's Ministry. This weekend is designed as a fun and inspirational event for us to get away and focus on God's word as we engage in Bible study, devotionals, and recreational activities. All men are invited - whether you are beginning your faith walk or have been a lifelong follower of Christ.

When: Saturday, June 11, 7:30 am to Sunday, June 12, 1000 am (Still allows us to get back for the 11:00 am service)

Where: Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center, 27416 Ranch Road, Ashland NE; 1-888-656-6254. Owned and operated by Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

Lodging: Accommodations are based on double occupancy. Linens are provided. All meals are provided (and the food is EXCELLENT!).

Recreation: In addition to several devotional and bible study activities, we have planned a variety of fellowship activities including:

- Fishing (no license required; bring rod, reel, and bait)
- Hiking
- Strategic Air and Space Museum (~ \$10.00 additional charge)
- Golf (~\$65.00 additional charge; course To Be Determined)

Registration:

SATURDAY & SUNDAY – Amount: \$95 (includes overnight accommodations plus 3 meals).

SATURDAY ONLY – Amount: \$35 (includes refreshments, lunch, and dinner)

Additional activities are not included in the price. Registration fees must be received by June 6, 2010. Late registration fees: up until day of retreat an additional \$5.00. Day of retreat an additional \$10.00. ALL paid Registration fees are non-refundable. Scholarships are available.

CROSSTREK Men's Retreat Registration Form

Please make checks for registration payable to T!LC. Additional activity fees will be collected on-site. Return Registration Form with payment to Rob Madden (991-4955) or Kevin McArthur (293-1881)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Cell(____) _____

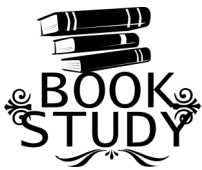
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Saturday and Sunday (\$95.00) ____ Saturday Only (\$35.00) ____

Recreation Preference: (Rank order 1-4, for our planning purposes)

Hiking ____ Fishing ____ Golf (\$~65.00) ____ SAC Museum (~\$10.00) ____

Roommate preference (if any): _____



Women's Book Study will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 9th at the Blackhawk home of Suzanne Harless. To reach Suzanne's home, drive South on 25th Street past Capehart Road. Turn right at the Blackhawk Entrance (Blackhawk Drive), right South 29th Street, and left on Schuemann. The Harless home, at 2917 Schuemann Drive, is the last house on the left.

We will continue with Beth Moore's Study, *Jesus the One and Only*, and view Week 9, *The Lamb of God*, (workbook pages 193 – 215) completing the worksheet on page 215 as Study leader, Karen Rowell leads us through it.

Call or email Suzanne (402-293-0765) suzanne.harless@cox.net or co-hostess, Grace Overby (402-292-4335; ronaldoveryby@aol.com) if you have a question or are UNABLE to attend. Remember, this is a scent-free evening. Hope to see you there!

Dates to Remember:

- May 15—Confirmation Weekend
- May 22—Summer Kick Off Extravaganza
- May 14—Bellevue Graduation
Mosaic Planting Day
- May 15—Papillion Graduation
- May 22—Baptism Class 11AM
- May 30—Memorial Day—TLC Offices Closed
- May 31—Kids of the King Begins
- June 5-July 24—Summer Sunday School
(9:30 am only) - No Sunday June 26, or July 3
- June 6—TLC Blood Drive
- June 16-18—Youth Garage Sale
- June 27-July 1 - Vacation Bible School
- July 9—Kids Against Hunger Packing Day



Weekly updates on events and church happenings are located on our website!



Registration for several events are available! Check it out at: www.thanks-giving.org

Did you know.....

You can receive this newsletter publication via email?? If you would like to begin to receive the Newsletter via email in place of your mailed copy send your name and email address to

sara@thanks-giving.org.

You can also read it on our website at: www.thanks-giving.org/newsletters

Missional Community: A Place for Discipleship



If you are interested in discovering a new type of Christian community that is centered around the Biblical principles of discipleship please go to <http://tlcmidsize.blogspot.com>

This is a site that we have set up specifically for the missional community. Or feel free to call hosts Rob and Janine Wegner at 293-9060 or j9wegner@cox.net

We meet each Monday evening at 6pm in the home of Rob and Janine Wegner for fellowship, worship, outreach, and teaching.

“Men’s and Coed Softball starts in May.

Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. Send an email to

softball@thanksgiving.org or call

Kevin McArthur at 203-5305 with questions.



The June Newsletter Deadline is: May 20, 2011

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*Our Vision is for All People to Live Transformed Lives by **Belonging** to the Family of God, **Believing** in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and **Becoming** Spirit-Empowered Servants of Christ!*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to reach out and gather people into the family of God, equipping them to be disciples of Jesus Christ in our community, nation, and world.

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 402.292.2695
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E-mail: thanks@thanks-giving.org
Website: www.thanks-giving.org
Parish Care/Stephen Ministry: 402.292.7633
T!LC Preschool: 402.292.0315

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Saturday *Jubilant!* Service
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Heritage Services
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. *Jubilant!* Services
Nursery Available for All Services
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Weekends

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September through May , , ,
* Saturday Night Kidz Church (during 5:30 Worship)
* Sunday School-Youth & Adult 9:30 and 11:00
* Wednesday Night Awana & Power Surge
* Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)
* Numerous Weekly Senior High Youth and Adult Small Group Bible Studies
Various Jr. & Sr. High Activities are held throughout the summer months.

T!LC STAFF

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Rev. David S. Witkop, Pastor of Congregational Ministries
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