



Church of the Savior

01 July 2003

Happy Independence Day!

For most of us, the Fourth of July is a day off from work and a day for family and friends.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."
Psalm 33:12*



Rev. Billy Graham has often said that a Christian MUST be a good citizen. That as Christians we are to honor and be proud of the country that was founded on Godly principles. One of the strengths of our great country is the religious freedom we enjoy. The very fact that many of the formulators of the Declaration of Independence were church leaders (both clergy & lay) is a testament to the faith of the founding fathers. However, I am saddened by the place in our lives to which God is now relegated. A

single person now has the power to silence a multitude who want nothing more than to say a simple prayer. The "One" expects the "Many" to modify their worship and faith so as not to be offended. This begs the question for me, if we are, "One nation under God" founded on religious pluralism, and believe that the state cannot exalt one religion over another; then why do we tolerate the fact that, indeed we are now mandated to claim a national religion, that of Atheism. Moreover, our new faith is to be solely directed by a single mantra: Separation of Church and State. (*The term "Separation of Church and State" is not in the Constitution. Rather, this mission statement for the masses has been plucked from a private letter written by Thomas Jefferson.*) It is my hope and prayer, that as we fire up the BBQ's and watch the fireworks, we will remember what truly makes this country great – the freedom to worship God, as each person feels led.

Happy Fourth of July,
Pastor Thea

FIRST SUNDAY MISSION COLLECTION:



July's Mission Collection will be taken to the R.O.C. Food Pantry on NW 10th Street. They always need toilet tissue, toothpaste, shampoo and hand soap. All non-perishable food items are appreciated as well. Please bring to the church and thank you in advance!

Happy Birthday!



Jonathan Martindale ~ 03rd

Diana Webster ~ 08th

Lisa Webster ~ 08th

Evelyn Snyder ~ 09th

Blythe Pons ~ 15th

Helen Lanus ~ 17th

Helen Hanselman ~ 20th

Kylie Northcott ~ 28th

In Our Prayers...

Evelyn Snyder ~ Will Kamp

Nancy Murphy ~ Mary Webster

**if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please call the office.*

Congratulations...

Lauren Smith, granddaughter of LaVerne & Chet Smith, has been selected to attend the National Student

YOUTH TRUTH!



Deb will be home this week! The schedule remains the same! See you at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday! *don't forget to mark your calendars for our Mission Trip to Amarillo, TX on July 20-26th*

Leadership Conference for Medicine and Health Care
in San Diego, California!

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

Worship Service 9:30 am
Youth 5:00 pm

Monday:

Mobile Meals 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 1:00 pm

Wednesday:

Quilters 10:00 am

Thursday:

Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
Mobile Meals 9:00 a.m.

JULY EXTRAS...

There is no **Vacation Bible School** on July 2nd, but will be on **July 9th** instead!!

The kids of **VBS** and the **Child Care** center will be in the Worship Service **July 13th**!

The **Youth** will leave for their mission trip to Amarillo, Texas on **July 20th** & return **July 26th**!

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Hello everyone! Just to let you know (once more), I have made changes with the newsletter in hope that all those who prefer e-mail can download without trouble. Please let me know what you think, as there is always room for improvements. Thank you! Dale