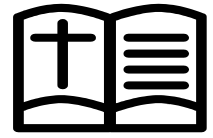


Church of the Savior



August 26, 2003

While Pastor Thea is out, here are some "Inspirational Thoughts"...

*There is no key to happiness, the door is always open.

*Do the math, count your blessings.

*A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.

*Laugh everyday...it's like inner jogging.

*Faith is the ability to not panic.

*If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.

*When we get tangled up in problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knots.

*We do not remember days, but moments. Life is moving too fast so enjoy your precious moments.

*Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

*As a child of God, prayer is kind-of like calling home every night.

*Life is uncertain; eat dessert first.



COTS Ice Cream Social!

September 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite ice cream,
cake or cookies!

This will be a *fun* and *yummy* time!
See you there!

In Our Prayers...

Will Kamp ~ Nancy Murphy
John Robinson

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

Youth Truth

We're off and runnin' to a great New Year guys and it promises to be the best yet! I am enjoying watching each of you grow in your faith and as a group. I pray that as each of you start school that you'll have a good year in school and in each of your families.

I love each of you a lot!

Looking Ahead:

Fri. **August 29th** Lock-In...beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Coming Soon:

- Powerhouse Youth nights at Sante Fe Pres.
- We'll be going once a month.
- Jesus House Mission Project
- C.O.T.S.Y. Café
- September Car Wash

*You'll soon be getting a ski trip letter from me with dates and info about deposits, etc...

Joyful Noises

Okay...everybody's had a Summer Vocal Rest. So...warm up your voices and get ready for a great year. 1st Rehearsal is Wed. Sept. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Choir Party TBA...See you soon!

Kids Korner

Beginning September 17th from 4:30-5:30 in the Sanctuary..."C.O.T.S.Y. Kids". We'll sing, do crafts, and acting. We'll perform at least 4 times during Worship. Invite your friends from school and your neighborhood.

Love -
Deb



Happy Birthday!

September...

Lucille George ~ 1st (**90th Birthday!**)

Tony Kienlen ~ 1st

Kristie Buntin ~ 9th

Steven Kienlen ~ 18th

Jacob Boucher ~ 19th

Lucille Whiteturkey ~ 20th

Wes Baxter ~ 23rd

Glenn Van Wyngarden ~ 24th

Bill Johnson ~ 30th



COTS Swap Meet

Do you have an item you'd like to sell, but don't know how to go about doing so?

Do you have a service (i.e.- lawn mowing, babysitting, painting, piano lessons...) you think the congregation could use, but don't know how to "advertise"?

Here's the place for you to buy/sell items and offer your expertise services...

the COTS Swap Meet!

Please call or e-mail the church office (with your items for sell or wanted items, as well as services offered) anytime during the day, as we will be posting information in upcoming newsletters. Thank you for helping to establish the COTS Swap Meet!

Construction Zone:

The construction project is approximately one week ahead of schedule as of July 29, 2003.

The only unforeseen problems that have been encountered are the discovery of some asbestos in the mechanical piping insulation and in the old vinyl and sheet flooring in the west portion of the existing building. We have experienced some leaks along the front of the building where some construction demolition has taken place. The contractor is doing all that can be done to prevent this, but it is a moving target. As soon as a leak is discovered, measures are taken to stop the leak and prevent its future occurrence.

At the construction meeting held on July 29, 2003, our contractor proposed completing the complete roof and new heat and air units earlier than planned. This would require some work inside the church, but would not disrupt our use of the building. This would accomplish much earlier our primary objective, which is to stop the flood every time it rains, as well as providing new heat and air for our facilities. It was also proposed to move up the remodel of the restrooms, so that when the renovation of the hall and office begins, we will have easy access to bathroom facilities, rather than having to use the facilities in the west wing of the church. The construction committee approved these changes, which do not incur any additional cost.

Overall the attitude of our contractor, Smith and Pickel, our architect, ADG and our roofing contractor, Southwestern Roofing, is one of a partnership with COTS. They are committed financially to a successful execution of our building and roof plan.

We are attempting to open an email box, NehemiahProject@sbcglobal.net, for your questions or comments about the project



AUGUST MISSION



The Mission for the rest of August continues to collect school supplies for needy children. Over 1200 children will be helped by this program through the Presbyterian Urban Mission. Drop off your donations or \$25 to the church office anytime during the week or put your donated items in the designated box in the Narthex (in the Sanctuary) or mission wagon (outside the Sanctuary). Needed items include, wide-ruled paper, scissors, red pens, washable markers, erasers, craft items, index cards...

FIRST SUNDAY MISSION COLLECTION

for the first Sunday in September will go to Reaching Our City (ROC) on NW 10th Street. Items needed include food and paper items.

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



CONTACT

Crisis Helpline presents
Festival of Hope ~ September 5-6

Festival of Hope is planned to encourage people during these trying times and to allow CONTACT to increase its vital role in our community and state. Attend the free Mental Wellness Fair on Friday, 9-5 from 8:30-4:30 p.m. and on Sat. 9-6 from 9:00-1:00 p.m. Attend the Recognition Dinner / Auction on 9-5 at OKC Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$100. Stop by the office to pick up a Festival of Hope pamphlet.

All members of the churches of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference are cordially invited to attend a

**Farewell Reception
for John and Pat Krueger**

Saturday, August 30th from 1-4 p.m.
The reception is in Wichita, Kansas and if enough people want to go, a carpool can be set up between those attending.

“Death of a Mate” Grief Support Series

Calvin Presbyterian Church will sponsor a six-week series on the “Death of a Mate”. It helps bring around other people who have experienced the same thing. When one loses a mate, he or she may feel like the Lone Ranger, as if he or she is the only one going through this.

Contact with others is very important.

The series will be held every Tuesday evenings beginning
September 9th through October 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

It will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church located at 2001 N. Meridian.

The series is designed for anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse or significant other.

Pastor Jo Clipson will facilitate the sessions.

For more information and to register for the series, please call Calvin Presbyterian Church at 943-8564. Please call during office hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00 to Noon, or leave a detailed message on the answering machine.

To my friends at Church of the Savior:

We have felt God’s arms around us during this difficult time. Your cards, calls visits, food and continued connection have been a part of His care. We thank you for your concern, sympathy, and friendship and we appreciate your thoughtfulness. Mary Ann, Jamee, Josh and Jacob Boucher.

“Thank you all for your wonderful cards, visits, phone calls and prayers during my hospital stay. It means so much to me.” ~ **Lucille Whiteturkey**



Attention all women of the church...

Pastor Thea is inviting all women of the church to her home **September 17th at 7:00 p.m.** for a housewarming/Candlelight party. Please call the church office to r.s.v.p. and directions.



Beginning September 7th, Worship Service times will change to:

8:30 a. m. – Worship
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:50 a.m. – Worship

VBS HELPERS!!

We have \$\$\$ to reimburse for supplies and teaching materials. If you have expenses to turn in for reimbursement, please bring your receipts to Kelley Smith or Laura Billerbeck. And thanks for making VBS 2003 such a great success!

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:30 a.m.
Youth 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Mobile Meals 9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Quilters 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

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



Monday Morning Bible Study

begins Monday, **September 8th** in the Quilters room from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** We will be starting our study in the Gospel of Matthew. Come join us. We always have coffee and sometimes snacks. If you have any questions, call Marge Van Wyngarden at 843-5400!
See you there!



W.O.C. Begins Again

All Women Of the Church are invited to attend W.O.C. meeting **September 9th at 10:00 a.m.** in the church library. We will have coffee and fellowship followed by a Bible study about unnamed women of the Bible by Marge Van Wyngarden.
We'll see you there!



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