

Cross of Christ

Crossties

September 2018



Our Mission Statement

To know Jesus Christ as Lord and make Him known.

Our Vision Statement

We are committed to reaching out to the local community and supporting world-wide ministries, as we embrace and nurture current and new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

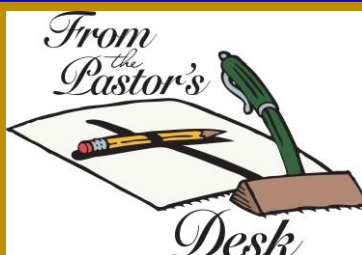
Statement of Faith

Cross of Christ is a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We accept and teach the inspired word of God from the Bible.



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BACK ON SCHEDULE!

That time of year has come again (with the beginning of a new school year and the arrival of Labor Day), when our personal schedules start to fill up and church activities begin to accelerate. As a congregation, we have work to do in order to make plans for our old activities to continue and for some new programs and projects to become a reality. Obviously, renewing previous activities is essential to congregational stability, while initiating new ones is essential to congregational vitality. Cross of Christ has many God-given resources at hand to maintain a varied ministry in this community, if we don't get side-tracked along the way. So let us thank our Lord for these blessings, even as we pray together for His guidance in using them in service and witness to Him.

Therefore, I invite you over these next several weeks to consider these questions:

1. Is there some additional way that I could be involved at Cross of Christ?
2. What is the special gift/talent/ability God has given me that right now is not being used to give Him glory?
3. Do I have the means and the desire to contribute more than I am to Cross of Christ's work in this community?
4. What is not happening at Cross of Christ that I could help to become a reality?
5. Is my Lord Jesus speaking to me personally today, urging me to respond in some fashion to His marvelous love and mercy?

So as our Sunday School is gearing back up, our Adult Choir and Bell Choir is beginning to practice, our involvement at Rivermont Elementary School and with the homeless across the city is back on track, our early preparations for the Youth Yard Sale and the Annual Chicken BBQ are underway, and new considerations for caring ministries are being discussed, let us ask our Savior for His guidance and blessing!

~ Pastor Hildebrandt

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM - Do you enjoy imagining ways to reach people with the Gospel? Do you find yourself thinking about ways to reach out in the community? If you answered yes to either of these questions, we would love to have you join our Board of Evangelism. Please join us at noon, on Sunday, September 9th, at Panera (in Hixson) as we meet to explore ideas for our congregation going forward. We will also discuss the results of the recent congregation-wide survey.

Matthew 9:37-38 tells us... *Then he said to the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* Let us, as members of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, find ways to go forth and spread the Word of God and the love of our Lord among our community, both in Chattanooga and our surrounding neighborhood communities. Questions... contact Rebekah Hildebrandt at Hildebrandtra@gmail.com



I am so looking forward to this season of bells and choir, working with fellow members of CoC that cheerfully work to the best of their ability to give back their time and skills to God and their fellow worshippers. We will have several new pieces of music along with many of our favorites from CoC's music library.

Both groups are open to those who would like to see what it's like to ring or sing with friends, even if one has never rung a bell, never sung in a choir, or never had any musical training. Many in both groups do not read music.

So what is keeping you from trying it out?? Doing so doesn't obligate you for the entire season and the entire group will be very welcoming to you; you will likely be surprised at how enjoyable it is. (Participating in such a group is also a good way to feel more a part of the CoC family - it's a pleasant way to let people get to know you, and vice versa.)

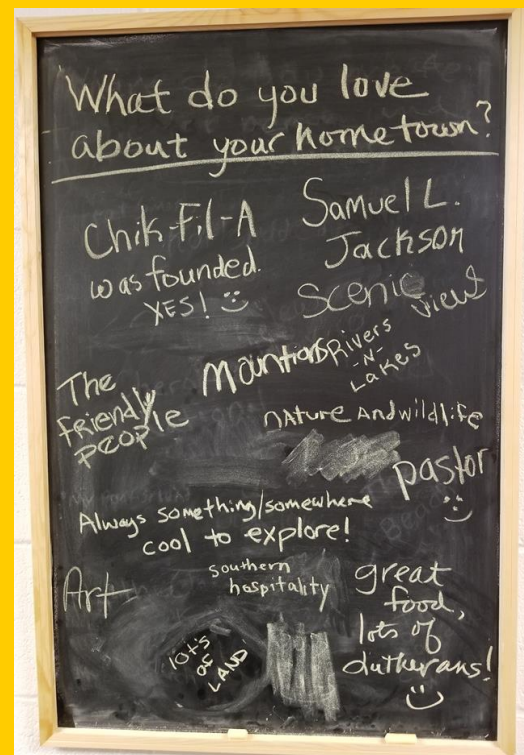
Rehearsals for the CHOIR - open to middle schoolers and above - are held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM downstairs, near the piano. The first rehearsal will be September 5th.

Rehearsals for the BELL CHOIR - also open to middle schoolers and above - are held on Sunday nights from 7-8:30 PM in the sanctuary. The first rehearsal is September 9th.

See you there!

~Judy Zehnder

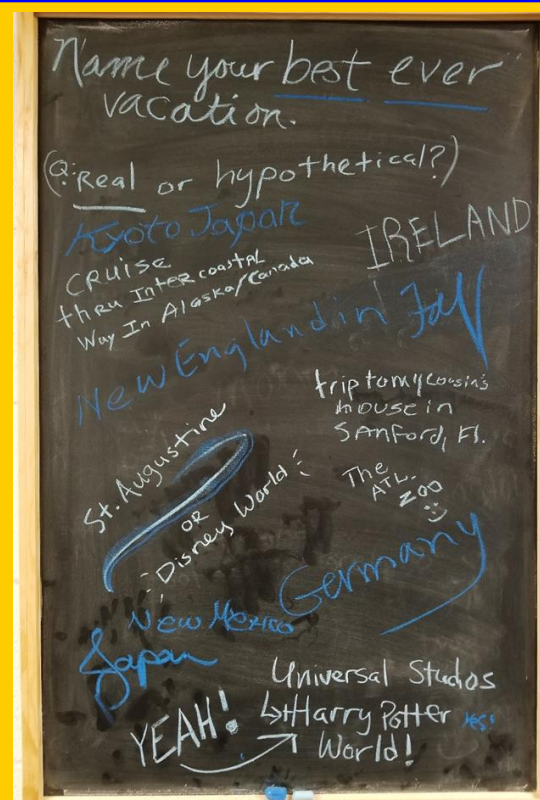
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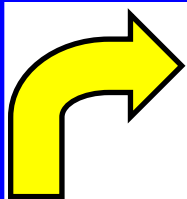
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CHALKBOARD COMMENTS

August (above) / September (below)



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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In every church, there are people who continually rise to the occasion to get the work done. Although God calls each of us to follow and serve Him, many of us are much more concerned about our own lives and goals than assisting in the Lord's work. If we focus on "I, me, mine, and myself," we take care of "number one" to the exclusion of helping and serving. In our prayers, we should be asking God to grant us hearts that want to serve, and we should be asking Him, "What do You want to achieve through me today?"

Stewardship Thought... Giving Proportionately

A woman tried to teach her son the meaning of proportionate giving. She took ten pennies from her son's bank and laid them in a row. The mother said, "These are your ten pennies." She then put one penny aside and said, "This is for Jesus." The boy looked at the nine pennies, then at the one. He looked up at his mother, and glancing at the one lonely penny, said, "Poor Jesus." From the wisdom of this boy, we can begin to realize how little God asks of us as we consider all the gifts He showers on us every day.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I come to You as a humble and grateful steward who seeks to honor You through my giving. Help me to hold onto my earthly possessions loosely. Grant me a generous heart so I willingly and cheerfully give freely to You. In Your precious name, I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!



CROSSWAYS
INTERNATIONAL

CROSSWAYS CLASS STARTS "NEXT" THURSDAY, SEPT. 13th at 6:30 P.M. – Get ready to "put-on-Jewish-sandals" and begin a journey with Pastor through the pages of Scripture (Genesis to Revelation) during the next two years! Crossways is a faith-enriching, life-changing course, as you better grasp each book of the Bible! *Please let Pastor know by Monday morning (Sept. 10th) if you want to join the class, as study materials need to be ordered for each student or couple.*

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. - Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

PAINT A CROSS FOR YOUR HOME SEPTEMBER 27TH, 6:30 p.m.



Join us for fun and fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 27th! Have you ever been to a painting party studio or heard of a "Paint & Sip" party? These have been around for a few years, so I'm sure you have. ***Painting parties are a new and fun way to have a night out with friends, and in this case, raise money for our YOUTH!***

Over the next few months, Cross of Christ will be hosting several of these in hopes of helping our youth make it to the 2019 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING, next year, July 11-15, in Minneapolis, MN.

Not creative? No painting experience? ALL THE MORE FUN. We will choose a different painting activity each time & walk through the painting steps together. Please join us for each party! You'll improve every time you attend, and the artwork makes a wonderful gift. Our next painting party will be "Crosses", to be used as decorative door hangers. (This is the last party for 2018.)

Please bring a non-alcoholic drink for yourself and a snack to share with others. There is also our Coke machine (now with a row of Pepsi!) and we have ice. The cost is \$20 per person, payable that night. (Once the supplies are paid for, any excess money will be given to the Youth fund.) For more information, please contact Laura Dahlke: lauraswiftdahlke@gmail.com, or TEXT Laura @ 423.834.4337.

The sign-up sheet will be posted this week and the class size will be LIMITED to 25 people or less (minimum of 5 needed). Open to all members and friends. Adults and older teens only, please.

Need more information, please contact Laura Dahlke: lauraswiftdahlke@gmail.com, or TEXT her at 423.834.4337.

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CHURCH NOTES



NEXT SUNDAY... SEPTEMBER 16th QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING!

We will have the quarterly Voters Meeting at "10:15 a.m." next Sunday (16th), during the Sunday School hour, so more of our congregation can attend. This is quite an important meeting, as the Board of Directors will be bringing forth updates on current building improvements already being undertaken and recommendations for future handicap accessibility building projects. We value your opinion on decisions put before our congregation and need your input before we can move forward.

Please plan to join us right after church... grab a cup of coffee/juice, a piece of fruit/roll and find a chair. There "will not" be a congregational lunch on this day. *If you need a ride from the front of the church down to the back door of the Nursery (in order to use the ramp), please let one of the ushers know before or after church and you will gladly be shuttled by car both before and after the meeting.* Thank you!

NEED A NOTARY?? Lorilynn Baier has received her Notary Commission from the State of Tennessee and can now notarize paperwork for you. When needed, call the church office for info. or to set up an appointment time.



Cross of Christ Reads!

Cross of Christ Reads! will not be meeting in September. We will gather again on the third Thursday, October 18th. The book of the month for October is "Murder on the Orient Express" by Agatha Christie.

We meet at Panera Bread Company in Hixson from 6-8 p.m. Please join us! Contact Sylvia at the below email address or call 423-877-7954.

~ Sylvia Hildebrandt HTexasNatives@gmail.com

Out of the mouths of babes...

Little Luke Waffel, age 3, was visiting our church one Sunday last spring when the adult choir began to sing its anthem. Not being able to see the choir which was tucked away in the balcony, Luke turned to his mother with a look of wonder and whispered, "It could be angels".

(submitted by Sylvia Hildebrandt)



Ladies Birthday Lunch Celebrating SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER Birthdays...

We will be gathering together on October 6th at 11:30 a.m. at Biba's on Hixson Pike (5918 Hixson Pike – near Publix in Hixson)

September: Lanette Bagley and Rose Dawn

October: Lorilynn Baier, Lottie Tyszenko, Sherry Reed, Joyce Skiles

Co-hostesses for this month are Nikki Holcomb, along with Jane Sanders and Rose Dawn. All women of the congregation are invited to our bi-monthly Ladies Birthday Lunch. Sign-up on the bulletin board, so we know how many to plan for seating. We hope you can attend and join in the fun fellowship we always have eating together! Questions, please call Lorilynn (877-7447). See you soon!!

P.S. Tony Pessini is inviting the men of the congregation to join him at a location to be determined. Please call Tony and let him know you will be attending (702-326-3829).



"An added source of income would be nice, Sims, but I doubt that the Department of Agriculture would pay us for not reaping what we sow."

Have a cute story to share with others about something your child said in regards to church? Submit it to Lorilynn in the church office. In might just be in the next newsletter!!

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HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS PACKING PARTY

Tuesday, September 11th at 12:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall – The more hands we have, the quicker packing 100 kits will be completed. (It will take less than an hour!)

We greatly appreciate the toiletries that are collected on your vacations, business trips, or trips to Dollar General - Dollar Tree – CVS – etc..., and then dropped in our collection box located by the office. Please remember that the items need to be 'not used', as we don't want our homeless to feel like they are getting only the left-over's. (We are unable to use mouthwash bottles, due to possible alcohol ingredients.) We will also accept a monetary donation, as we usually have to buy nail clippers and some other items to complete the kits (put in the memo area of your check "Hygiene Kits").

If you have forgotten what we collect, here is a run-down of the list:

Travel Sized: shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste

Other Needs: Disposable razors, wide-tooth combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, purse-size Kleenex packs and individually wrapped handi-wipes

CoC Packing Needs: Snack-size, Sandwich-size, and Gallon-size Ziploc bags

Please turn in any items that you have picked up over the summer on your travels. Thank you!!

Newsletter Information

For your newsletter submissions, please send them to newsletter@cocluth.com by September 20th. Please continue to submit photographs for the newsletter, as these are greatly appreciated by all! *Send any updates/information for the website to the church office* church@cocluth.com and they will be forwarded to our webmaster.



"Look, I didn't say I could sing.
I just said I could 'carry a tune.'"

Thought For The Day... WHAT SPILLS OUT OF YOU??

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?



Anytime you are missing something please check the Lost and Found basket. The basket is located in the hallway by the church office. Or you call the church office to inquire whether something has been turned in.



Look what pulled up beside me this weekend! Look closely... is it real?

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YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Bible Study, **Bibles & Brews**, meets **every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** at the **Terminal Brewhouse** for Christian fellowship, encouragement in the Word of God, and a good brew!

We welcome young adults from across the city!

If you are interested or know of a young adult who would enjoy this time of fellowship, follow us on Facebook to get the latest updates on the group. Questions... Rebekah Hildebrandt (314-2044), Nyssa Hunt (991-5891) or Pastor.

THANK YOU!!

The Martha Fishburn family would like to extend a totally heart-felt thank you for all Cross of Christ has contributed to our lives. We moved Madolyn, a freshman now at UTK, to Knoxville a few weeks ago. Ben is still living and working in Chattanooga. While Martha was fortunate enough to move back to her hometown of Tulsa (after 38 years) and obtain employment immediately. The company actually asked if she could return to Tulsa to have an on-site interview, after two telephone interviews! We want to continue to keep in touch with our church family. Lorilynn and Pastor will have contact info. if you so desire to keep the love going!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We love you all very much. The last 13 years have been so blessed and we look forward to what the future holds for each of us!
~Martha, Ben & Madolyn



Baptism of Esther Elaine Autry. Parents are Heath and Megan Autry. Grandparents are Carmen and Richard Autry.



YOUTH YARD SALE



Our Junior & Senior High Youth are planning to host a CoC Yard Sale on **October 27th**, to help raise funds for the **National Youth Gathering coming up in summer of 2019**.

Do you have items that you need to clear out of your house? In October you can bring them to the church for the church yard sale. We are collecting gently used items including: clothing, electronics, recreational toys, games, kitchen items, small storage items such as plastic bins, baby items, etc. and larger items such as dressers, chairs, etc... (This is by no means an exhaustive list.)

We will not be accepting any more items until October 5th, due to the number of events being held at the church in September. That is... unless you have a special circumstance and must drop off items off. If so, please contact the church office (before you come) to set up a time. The October newsletter will have final details about dropping items off, when and where. We will need many hands to make this a successful event for our youth – help with drop-off's, presale pricing, getting everything in place on sale day, and so much more.

Would you like to help, but not sure how? Please contact Nikki Holcomb (770-356-1202) for ways you can participate with this fundraiser.

P.S. The weekend of October 26-27-28 will also be our annual Ed Edmundson Chicken BBQ. Our goal in having the Youth Yard Sale and the Chicken BBQ on the same weekend is interest in, and sales for, both events. (More info. in the October newsletter.)

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Sunday School Update

**** Our FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY** will be held on October 7th in conjunction with our Oktoberfest. More to come about this fun event in the October newsletter. (It will begin after Sunday School with food and activities.)

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVANCEMENT DAY** was held on September 2nd for all classrooms. This is the day when everyone advances to their new class, based on age and/or grade in school.

**** INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS...** will be held during the Sunday morning worship service on September 9th.

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** If you go into the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. you will notice our ladies as busy as bees. On November 2nd they will ship out their boxes and boxes of quilts they have made this year. Come join in the Christian fellowship with other women for a couple of hours.

** Don't know if you could do it? With more than 100 years of experience by these ladies who attend weekly, I'm sure someone will be able to show you that you are very capable of helping. What... you can't be there every week? No problem! Show up when it works into your Tuesday morning schedule. As the saying goes... the more, the merrier!! You can access the Fellowship Hall from the Office entrance (via steps) or use the Nursery entrance (ramp).

** As noted above, the LWML CARE-VAN Ingathering will arrive in our lot on November 2nd. If you are wanting to purchase a quilt for a Christmas gift, check out the downstairs hallway and the quilt racks in the Fellowship Hall before that time. Quilts are available for purchase any time throughout the year for \$50.00. (Cruise the quilts of many colors, then talk to any lady in the congregation and they can get you hooked up with a quilter.) All money received gets reinvested into quilting supplies.

** LWML Fall Retreat September 21-23. Registration deadline is today. Contact Donna Flippin.

** LWML Fall Rally, October 20. Host church is Cross of Christ. More info. in the October newsletter.

BREAKOUT CHATTANOOGA WAS FUN!!

We had enough people to form two groups. Each team had 60 minutes to escape from their challenge room adventure they were locked into.

Notice the boards listing their breakout times!!



BIBLE SALE - Concordia Publishing House is currently running their 2018 Bible Sale. You can save up to 33% on new and classic editions of the Bible and companion titles. CPH is also introducing two (2) new Bibles this year...

+**The Enduring Word Bible** features preprinted Bible verse illustrations in the margins for you to color and meditate on. The two-inch wide-ruled margins give you space to add your own doodles, notes, or prayers.

+**The Growing In Faith Bible** is designed for children ages 6-10 as they grow in their relationship with their Savior. Colorful artwork is interspersed throughout, along with a host of features specially written for this age group.

If you will be attending Crossways, the Lutheran Study Bible is a great resource for this class (in regular or large print)! (If you want to know what it looks like, we have a copy to look at. Talk to Pastor or Lorilynn.) More features of the new Bibles, noted above, can be seen on the bulletin board across from the church office, along with the order form sign-up sheet. The deadline to order Bibles and receive a discount is September 20th. Any Bible order will need to be prepaid. On your check, please note in the memo area "Bible Sale". Contact Lorilynn if you have questions.

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Answering God's Call

How "Hygiene Kits for the Homeless" Ministry Got Started at Cross of Christ



As most of you know, my husband, Matt Rennhack, passed away in November of 2015. As those of you who have experienced the loss of a spouse are aware, this creates a whole new set of circumstances that those of us left behind have to figure out how to navigate.

One of these circumstances for me was the annual Christmas gathering of my husband's family. In December of 2016, all of them except for me, lived in South Carolina and their annual Christmas gathering was being held there, near Columbia. Ladies from our church had made very special gifts for me to give to his family for Christmas that year, so I needed to get there for this event. Flying from Chattanooga to Columbia was quite expensive, and at Christmas time had the potential for travel snafus. I did not want to drive that far by myself in the winter, so I decided to take the Greyhound bus. It was on this bus trip that God called me to help the homeless, and with all of your assistance, we have been doing the "Hygiene Kits for the Homeless" Ministry ever since.

When you travel by Greyhound bus, you do not have assigned seats. At Christmas time, there are a lot of people riding the bus, and it is quite an experience. On the return leg of my trip, between Atlanta and Chattanooga, there were few empty seats when I got onto the bus. I ended up getting a seat next to a young woman (*since this is a relative term, she was in her early 30's or so*) who was holding a white plastic bag on her lap (*kitchen garbage size*). I struck up conversation with her and learned that she had just been released from prison that very day, and everything she had in the world was in the white plastic bag, which was nearly empty. She told me that she had gone to prison because of a substance abuse problem, and had "gotten clean" in prison, but consequently had gained 80 pounds and the clothes that she had worn to prison (*those in her bag*) did not fit her. The prison had scrambled to find something for her to wear on the bus. She added that she had no idea as to how she was going to make it, but that she prayed every day for God's help.

I realized then that God had placed me there as that help. I told her about a thrift store that I had seen advertised on television that was in Ringgold (*near where she was headed*), where one could get as many clothes as would fit in a bag for \$5, and that perhaps she could go there to get some clothes. She replied that she had no money...the only things she had were a bottle of lotion and a comb or toothbrush, photos of her 3 children, clothes that did not fit, and a voucher for some food. *I could not believe that they released people from prison with no money...it is no wonder there is such a high habitual relapse rate or so much homelessness amongst those who have gone to prison.* God used this woman to open my eyes to a problem that I never even thought or knew about. I gave the woman some money and told her to go to the thrift store and/or Wal-Mart and get some clothes and other needed items...she was reluctant to take it from me, but thanked me profusely, which warmed my heart. I do not know the woman's name or how she is currently doing. I only know that her situation is what led me to ask Pastor and our LWML if we could assemble "Hygiene Kits for the Homeless" to help needy people, like this young woman, have a chance at success when life does not appear to be very promising.

Your donations of shampoo, soap, lotion, toothbrushes, and other hygiene items that you collect at hotels or dentists, or purchase and donate, enable us to continue with this ministry. Your support of our fundraising theme dinners (our Italian night and our Mexican Fiesta) provides money we use to purchase socks and other items, which we include in these kits when we do not have enough of an item donated for each kit to have all of the items. The hygiene kits that we assemble (*and will be assembling again on Tuesday, September 11th at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*) are distributed to the homeless through the Chattanooga Community Kitchen, where the homeless go to take showers and get meals.

I know God called me to this mission... with your help we have been able to make a difference in the lives of many of God's needy people in our community.

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!

~ Joni Rennhack



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We had good crowds each night!



WHAT WOULD
VBS BE WITHOUT
COOKIES!!



The barn was the hit of VBS! Thank you, Kilah Gray, for your artistic skills. (L-R) Nora Zehnder, Anna Zehnder, Hannah Mason, Sam Zehnder, Ayla Zehnder, Hayden Mason, Mikanize's friend and Mikanize Lanier



Waiting for the food to be served!!



Pastor's Adult VBS



Thank you, Judy Zehnder, for the great crafts this



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We all need outside fun time!!
(Thanks to our Youth Group for your help at VBS 2018!)



Ice Cream Sundaes Are The Best Way To Close Out VBS!!



Top – Our Garden!!

Left: Large Tomato Plant

Right: Cherry Tomato Plant

Our tomatoes will soon be ready to eat!



Our first vegetables!! The tomatoes had fallen off the plants. The cucumber was caught in the fence. Our green beans are soon going to be ready pick.



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Our Birthday Ladies for July and August... Pat Veldman, Roberta Dalphini, and Jane Rudat



Yes, you do see men, funny how they show up just in time for dessert!!



The Men's Lunch!

Lisa Patrick getting ready for one of our CPR classes.



Did you know that besides Boy Scouts, we are using our Fellowship Hall for various Community Events? On Saturday, August 18th, Rivermont Community was to hold their annual Fall Festival for their neighborhood, outside in the park. Well after raining for a couple days, they needed an alternative location. We were glad to help them.



Wouldn't this be great to need parking for our golf community attending church? These were here for the Rivermont Fall Festival.



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Belvoir Christian Academy

Dates to Remember!

Sept. 3 BCA School and Childcare will be closed for Labor Day.

Sept. 13 BCA "Back to School" Night for all enrolled (infant to 8th grade families), 7 p.m. in the BCA Gymnasium

God Is Our Fortress

Psalm 18:2 (NIV)

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn (strength) of my salvation, my stronghold. Recently, I had the privilege of leveling the floor in our new home. I can be quite picky about certain things, knowing that this attribute is both a blessing and a curse. Leveling our floor was both.

Our floor is now level and some of our walls are now taller. What was removed from one location had to be replaced in another. In this case, what was removed under the floor was added above the floor to maintain "level" both vertically and horizontally. Vertical and horizontal leveling takes time, persistence, faith, and a solid foundation.

Our school theme for this year reflects vertical and horizontal leveling. Jesus vertically leveled us with God when he chose to die and rise for the whole world. We are secure in our salvation, meaning God is our unchanging and unrelenting refuge.

We are horizontally leveled when we reflect on God's grace and forgiveness to us, and live out our thankfulness to Jesus for leveling us vertically. There is no better place to do this than Belvoir Christian Academy (Formerly "The Lutheran School"). God has blessed us with professional and dedicated teachers and staff, a tradition of providing excellence in character development and academic achievement, that impacted lives and made a difference in our world. We dedicate our best to you so our students can grow into the person God intended. We are excited to partner with Cross of Christ in sharing Jesus with our school families.

Please pray for BCA's team and that hearts are ripe for the saving message of Jesus.

Serving the Master Teacher, Jesus,

David Topp
BCA Principal

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13 (ESV)



Reading time with Mrs. Alison and Mrs. Courtney in BCA's infant class!



Our first and second graders have already had their first STEM challenge of the school year.



News from Mrs. Sara's PK4 at BCA! "We have had a great first week of school! We "ROCKED" in our school shoes with "Pete the Cat" by creating our own shoes and painting shoe laces to lace our shoes, AND we had fun exploring colors! Most of all, we have loved getting to know each other!! Pre-K4 rocks!"



Our K and 2nd graders are welcoming the new school year in Mrs. Liz's Spanish class!

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Do Not Be So Easily Upset

Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble. Psalms 119:165

Are you easily upset? Even over little things? Spend more time praying and reading your Bible.

The following article turned up in a newspaper: *'A lady took my seat in church. She's very nice...a good friend, in fact. I can sit anywhere; no big deal. My seat's on the right as you enter the sanctuary. I can rest my arm on the end. It's a good seat, but I wouldn't raise a fuss about a seat...never hold a grudge. Actually, it was three months ago she took it and I really don't know why. I've never done anything to her...never taken her seat. I suppose I'll have to come an hour early to get my seat. She took it because it's one of the best seats in the house. She'd no business taking it...and I'm not going to church two hours early to get what's rightfully mine. This is the way social injustices begin: abusive people taking other people's seats. It's the way seeds of revolution are sown. A person can only stand so much. Where's it all going to end? If somebody doesn't stand up and be counted, nobody's seat will be safe. People will sit anywhere they please, and next time they'll take my parking place. World order will be in a shambles!'*

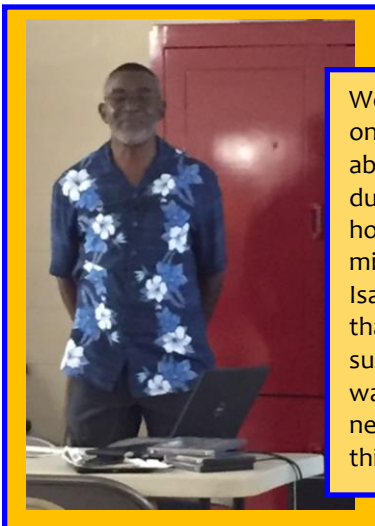
We smile, but it's amazing how quickly we get bent out of shape when our little routine is disrupted. Do you know why the Christian life is described as 'the high calling' (Philippians 3:14)? Because it means taking the high road and serving others, rather than taking the low road and putting ourselves first.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times I have become upset when someone has disrupted my routine! Help me let these things go! In Jesus' Name, Amen

(Lutheran Church Charities daily devotions are available to anyone by accessing <http://devotions.lccharities.org>

Posted by Tim Hetzner On July 17, 2018 @ 2:00 am)



We welcomed Pastor Isaac on September 9th. He was able to worship with us and during the Adult Bible class hour, he shared about his ministry in Africa. Pastor Isaac is a pastor in Kenya that Cross of Christ has supported for years... it was great to hear the latest news and happenings of this ministry.

EXCITING NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler of St. Louis, Missouri, has accepted a call to serve as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour radio program.

CROSS OF CHRIST – SEPTEMBER 2018



We surprised Mrs. Hamilton on Sunday with a birthday cake in honor of her 91st birthday. We also renamed one of our classrooms to "The Mrs. Ethel Hamilton Room". Happy Birthday to a dear friend!



"Heart for Texas" Recruiting Teams for Ongoing Hurricane Recovery

Although the disaster happened a year ago, the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey remain and recovery continues for Texas residents impacted by the storm. Lutheran congregations near the affected area are encouraging other LCMS members across the country to consider being a part of this recovery effort through Heart for Texas. This ministry coordinates volunteer teams to travel to the Houston area and provide hands-on help as the storm recovery effort continues. Complete information is available at heartfortexas.com.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRY

Acolytes (Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Service)

02	Zachary Land
09	Nathan Pugh
16	Zachary Land
23	Nathan Pugh
30	Nathan Pugh

Altar Guild

Linda Cox and Eloise Bartlett

Elders

Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Service

Scott Brewster

Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Service

Tony Pessini and Dave Hook

Greeters

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service

01	Jamie Mofsky
08	Jane Sanders
15	Eloise Bartlett
22	Scott Brewster
29	Jamie Mofsky

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

02	Rose Greenway
09	Rose Greenway
16	Patricia & John Stehr
23	Mary Myers
30	Eunice Timm

Readers

(Saturday 6:00 p.m.)

01 Jamie Mofsky

08 Rhonda Duncan

15 Mark Wachholz

22 Scott Brewster

29 Jane Sanders

(Sunday 9:00 a.m.)

02 Mike & Monica
Witherby

09 Holly Clemmons

16 John Stehr

23 Tony Pessini

30 Dave Hook

Ushers

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service

Scott Brewster

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Nathan Pugh, Bob Timm, Mark Flippin



September 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 *6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion
2 *9 am Worship w/Holy Communion *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School	3 OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY *NO Nursing Home Bible Study *NO Boy Scouts	4 *NO Quilters	5 *6 pm Jr. Confirmation Starts *7 pm Adult Choir Starts	6 *8 pm Bibles & Brews	7	8 *6 pm Worship
9 *GRANDPARENTS DAY* *9 am Worship *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School *Noon - Board of Evangelism Mtg. *7 pm Bell Choir Starts	10 *10 am Pastor at Nursing Home Bible Study *7 pm Elders Mtg. *7 pm Boy Scouts	11 *9:30 am Quilters *12:15 pm Hygiene Health Kits Packing Party	12 *6 pm Jr. Confirmation *7 pm Adult Choir	13 6:30 pm Crossways Class Starts *7 pm BCA - PTL Back-to-School Night *8 pm Bibles & Brews	14	15 *ROOT Mid-South Youth Workers Retreat *6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion
16 *9 am Worship w/Holy Communion *10:15 am NO Bible Class *10:15 am Qtly. Voter's Mtg. *10:15 am Sunday School *7 pm Bell Choir	17 *10 am Pastor at Nursing Home Bible Study *7 pm Boy Scouts	18 *9:30 am Quilters	19 *NO Jr. Confirmation *7 pm Adult Choir	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE *NO CoC Reads! *NO Crossways Class *8 pm Bibles & Brews	21	22 *6 pm Worship
23 *9 am Worship *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School *2-4 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony *7 pm Bell Choir	24 *10 am Pastor at Nursing Home Bible Study *7 pm Boy Scouts	25 *9:30 am Quilters	26 *6 pm Jr. Confirmation *7 pm Adult Choir	27 *6:30 pm Crossways Class *6:30 pm Painting Party *8 pm Bibles & Brews	28	29 *6 pm Worship
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*9 am Worship *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School *7 pm Bell Choir						