



August Newsletter

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Living in Community: Sharing Christ's Promise as the Day Draws Near

We are not meant to be alone. Even if you call yourself a “lone wolf” or are a definite introvert, you are meant to be part of a group to some degree. You don’t have to be the center of attention in a particular group. You don’t have to meet with others on a daily basis, but you are not meant to be entirely on your own.

This is true for human beings from a biological, psychological, and sociological standpoint, and perhaps more importantly, from a Christian standpoint. There are many places within Scripture that discuss living as part of a community, but for now let us dwell on Hebrews 10:24–25:

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

The writer of Hebrews notices that some have gotten into the habit of not meeting together. And when that happens, people tend to get cut off and distant from friends, family, and the world. If social media has taught us anything, it is that we physically need to meet with people—only connecting on Facebook or Snapchat isn’t enough. Studies have shown over the last decade or so, as social media develops and people are claiming to be more “connected” than ever, there is so much more anxiety, depression, and loneliness in the world.

And spiritually? We definitely must meet together and encourage one another as we “see the Day drawing near.” You see, in the Word of God we find Law and Gospel: commands and promises. We are pretty good at giving ourselves commands; we call it discipline. But you actually can’t give yourself a promise—again, see discipline (promising yourself you are going to hit the gym today is discipline, and also something that is easily broken).

But preachers can give you the promise of God: the promise that Jesus Christ died for your sins and you are forgiven all of them. You must be given this promise time and time again. This is why we are to meet together: so that we can turn to one another and deliver this promise. Anyone who gives this promise is a preacher—not just the person standing in the pulpit. You have been given the keys to the kingdom. You have been given the promise of Christ. You have full authority to turn around and give the promise, too.

Now go forth, living in that promise—fully named, claimed, and renewed in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Max Whitehead



Calendar



Sunday, August 2

10:30 AM

Worship Service @ BLC

Wednesday, August 5

2:00 PM

7:30 PM

Bible Study@ Parson's Ins.
OSLC Council Mtg

Sunday, August 9

10:30 AM

**Worship Service @ Swan
Lake Christian Camp**

Wednesday, August 12

2:00 PM

Bible Study @ Parson's Ins.

Sunday, August 16

10:30 AM

Worship Service @ OSLC

Wednesday, August 19

2:00 PM

Bible Study @ Parson's Ins.

Sunday, August 23

10:30 AM

Worship Service @ OSLC

Wednesday, August 26

2:00 PM

Bible Study@ Parson's Ins.

Sunday, August 30

10:30 AM

Worship Service @ OSLC

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WE ARE THE
CHURCH**

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Worship Helpers



August 2

ReaderTheresa Bonhorst
Usher. Kathy
OrganistJulie Jensen

August 9

ReaderNA
Usher.NA
Music.NA

August 16

Reader Catherine Peterson
Acolytes/Com. Asst Bailee & Peyton
Organist Melanie Parsons
Live Stream Godwin

August 23

ReaderNancy Severson
Acolytes. Grace & Emerson
Organist Praise Band
Live Stream Godwin

August 30

Reader Melanie Parsons
Acolytes. AJ & Hattie
Organist Praise Band
Live Stream Godwin

August Committee of the Month

- ♦ Jay and Melanie Parsons
- ♦ Nancy Severson
- ♦ Lydell and Cath Peterson

Scripture Readings

Aug 2 - Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 9 - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 16 - Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

Aug 23 - Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Aug 30 - Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

Looking Ahead To September

Wednesday, Sept 2

2:00 PM
7:30 PM

Bible Study
OSLC Council Mtg

Sunday, Sept 6

9:00 AM

Worship Service @ BLC

Wednesday, Sept 9

2:00 PM
3:45 PM
5:30 PM
7:00 PM

Bible Study
Jr. VCIS
Confirmation Meal, Group @ 6 PM
VCIS

Sunday, Sept 13

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Worship Service @ OSLC
Rally Sunday

Wednesday, Sept 16

2:00 PM
3:45 PM
5:30 PM
7:00 PM

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VCIS



On September 13, worship service will be at OSLC to accommodate Rally Sunday and Sunday School.

To compensate for the September 13 SWAP Sunday, worship will be held at Bethany on September 27.



HELP END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Any Food Pantry contributions are greatly appreciated. We have fridge and freezer space for items like meats and cheeses. Current needs include: Canned fruit, canned corn & peas, white and brown sugars, cookie mix, cake mix & frosting, canned tuna & chicken, Ketchup, BBQ sauce, spices, long grain white rice, cooking oil, mayonnaise, PB & jelly, Shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, and toilet paper. Thank you in advance for your support!

SAY CHEESE, CHURCH FAMILY!

We're creating a brand-new combined photo directory for Our Savior's and Bethany, and we want YOU in it!

Photo Sessions with Jena Hight

Professional photos will be taken by Jena Hight at her studio (right after church) on August 9 and August 16.

Mark your calendars, gather your household, and help us put faces to names as we celebrate our growing church family together! Look for the sign up sheet to reserve your date and time! For questions, please contact Sharon wirth.

