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AUGUST, 2015



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 Blood Drive for Bonfils Blood Center

Appointments available
for 8:30 to 11:40 a.m.

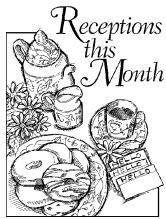
Please sign up in the Narthex
this Sunday or by calling the
church office.

FAQs about Bonfils and blood donation:

- ◆ Each week, Bonfils Blood Center needs thousands of donors to meet the needs of our community and to be prepared in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Bonfils provides a majority of Colorado's blood supply and distributes blood to more than 100 hospitals and healthcare facilities where it is used in a variety of medical treatments. Your single blood donation can save and enhance the lives of up to three patients.
- ◆ You can donate whole blood every 56 days, up to six times per year.
- ◆ Donating blood is completely safe. Sterile, disposable needles and supplies are used once and are safely discarded after each donation. You cannot get HIV/AIDS or any other disease by donating blood.
- ◆ Be sure to eat a healthy, low-fat meal within the four hours prior to your donation. Drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids both before and after you donate.
- ◆ The donation itself takes less than 10 minutes, but plan extra time to complete your donor questionnaire, conduct a health screening and make a post-donation visit to our canteen.

August News & Activities

GENERAL BOARD MEETING THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND FOLLOWED BY A SHORT ELDERS' MEETING



August Brings Opportunities for Fellowship

Sunday, August 9th, following each worship service we will enjoy being together to visit and enjoy some goodies.

After the 8:00 service, since you probably didn't have breakfast before coming to church, stay and enjoy donuts and bagels.

After the 10:30 service you'll be ready for lunch, how about having dessert first with an ice cream float?

Either way, we hope you will plan to stay and enjoy some church family time.



ADVENT! Yes, Advent. In September we will be asking for volunteers to write devotions for our annual Advent Devotions booklet. Please be praying and thinking about writing a short devotional thought for this upcoming project.



Resume this Month

The Wednesday Morning Study will begin August 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday evening Youth Groups and adult study will resume August 26 with a Tailgate Party in the church parking lot. We'll have a delicious tail gate meal and then break into groups, adults inside for Bible study and the youth groups will stay in the parking lot for an outdoors movie night.

As the kids get ready to head back to school, let's all make a commitment to be in worship and Bible study every week. Worship, study and fellowship are so important to our faith. Don't let them slide to the bottom of your priority list. Move them right to the top!

Bible Quiz

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats

See calendar page for answer.

AUGUST NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Krista, Baby Stiveson, and I want to thank all of you for all of the love and support that you have showered us

with over the past nine months. Bringing a child into the world is so incredibly exciting, but also a bit frightening! Your excitement, words of encouragement, and generous gifts have helped to prepare us for this new adventure. We are truly blessed.

Love,
The Stiveson Family



Choir Rehearsals Resume

WANTED:

Choir members – whereabouts unknown.

LAST SEEN:

Hiding out in the congregation.

DESCRIPTION:

Male and female, young and old, musical and cheerful.

REWARD:

“Give and you shall receive.”

SURRENDER TO:

Your friendly choir director, Ruth Coberly, on Wednesday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary, Westminster Christian Church.



Stewardship Report for July

NEEDED MONTHLY:	\$ 24,826.75
General Fund Giving:	\$ 20,194.55
	- \$ 4,632.20

Ministry Team Meetings

Worship – Sat., Aug. 1, 8:30 a.m.

Membership – Tues., Aug. 4, 6:00 p.m.

Property – Sun., Aug. 16, 12:00 p.m.

Christian Education –

Mon., Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU!

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- ★ To those who have graced us with Special Music in June and July...
Janay Apodaca, Sarah Coberly, Heather Gonzales, Jacquie Jeffreys, Wynn McGuigan, Svetlana Sinsheimer, Stacey Walters, and, as always, Ruth Coberly.
- ★ Gary Perryman is at the church nearly every day picking up trash, spraying weed, whatever needs to be done. Tell him thank you next time you see him.
- ★ Where does the communion bread come from? From the kitchens of Anitra Rock, Shirlene Walters and Bonnie Wasserman. Thanks, Ladies! Communion preparers for June – The Persons Family, July – Cheryl Maupin. Thank you!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Information for families with students in Kindergarten through 6th Grades.

Programs for Children at Westminster Christian

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 a.m. Every Sunday Morning
Preschool thru 6th Grades

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Every Morning
Kindergarten thru 6th Grade

YOUTH GROUP

Will resume on Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m.
Kindergarten thru 6th Grade

We'll have a Tailgate Party in the parking lot and then settle in for outdoor movie time.
Regular time for Youth Group of 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. will begin on September 2.



Puzzle

Summer's gifts

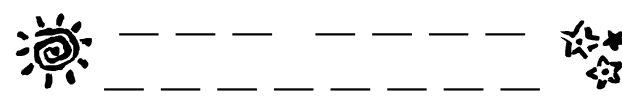
Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.

Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a □ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ○ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ~~~ under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...

Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



Answer: The LORD Almighty

GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.

LOST & FOUND YOUTH MINISTRY

Information for families with students in 7th thru 12th Grades.

Dear Students,

I can't believe that it is already August, can you? As school and extracurricular activities start back up in the coming weeks, I would like to urge you to make church a priority in your lives.

It is all too easy to push church aside for that assignment that you forgot to do two nights ago or for that game you need to practice for, but the fact is that our faith necessitates participation in things like Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, youth group, and service projects. Why? For the simple reason that when we neglect church, we become isolated from the community of God and His people.

I love the way that Martin Luther said it: "Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are?"

Here are just a few of the things that you can participate in with us during August:

Sunday School—Every Sunday at 9:15 A.M.

Our study of "The Story" is drawing to an end. The sweeping narrative of God and His creation has led us from the chaotic waters of the first creation all the way to the restored kingdom of the second creation. I sincerely hope that you have been blessed in this journey.

Starting on August 23, we will begin a new study about the history of the Church. We will be looking at the key developments, leaders, beliefs, and traditions of the Church from the time of Jesus until now.

Youth Group—Every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. (join us at 6:00 for a potluck dinner)

Youth group is all about experiencing life together. Every Wednesday we gather to encourage, challenge, support, learn about, and laugh with one another as we study God and His word.

This semester, the central theme of youth group is going to be faith. We will be exploring what it means to have faith in Christ – what it means to trust Christ in our day-to-day lives.

Youth group will be kicking on August 26 at 6:00 P.M. with a Parking Lot Tailgate and Movie Night. We will feast on some delicious BBQ and watch a movie, all in the comfort of the church's parking lot! This is the ideal event to invite your friends.

Other Upcoming Events

Friday, August 21: Movie in the Park – Westminster City Park Fields (7:00 P.M.)

Saturday, August 22: Service Project at Have a Heart (7:00-10:30 A.M.)

I look forward to worshiping and growing with all of you in the coming weeks.

Blessings,

Personally From The Pastor....

Sometimes we forget the reason we are here. The wonderful writer Max Lucado tells about a time his wife Denalyn called him on his cell phone as he was driving home. “Can you stop at the grocery store,” she asked, “and pick up some bread?”

“Of course,” he said.

“Do I need to tell you where to find it?” she asked.

“Are you kidding?” Max asked. “I was born with a bread-aisle tracking system.”

Like a knowing wife, Denalyn said, “Just stay focused, Max.”

“She was nervous,” says Lucado. “Rightly so. I am the Exxon Valdez of grocery shopping. My mom once sent me to buy butter and milk; I bought buttermilk. I mistook a tube of hair cream for toothpaste . . . I am a charter member of the Clueless Husband Shopping Squad. I can relate to the fellow who came home from the grocery store with one carton of eggs, two sacks of flour, three boxes of cake mix, four sacks of sugar and five cans of cake frosting. His wife looked at the sacks of groceries and lamented, ‘I never should have numbered the list.’”

Knowing that Denalyn was counting on him to carry out this simple task, Lucado parked the car at the market and entered the door. En route to the bread aisle, he spotted his favorite cereal, so he picked up a box, which made him wonder if they needed milk. He found a gallon in the dairy section. The cold milk stirred images of one of God’s great gifts to humanity: Oreo cookies.



As Lucado put it, “The heavenly banquet will consist of tables and tables of Oreo cookies and milk. We will spend eternity dipping and slurping our way through. . . .” He doesn’t finish the thought, but you get the idea.

He grabbed a pack of Oreos, which happened to occupy the same half of the store as barbecue potato chips. What a wonderful world this is, he thought, cookies and barbecue chips under the same roof! On the way to the checkout counter, he spotted some ice cream. Within a few minutes he’d filled the basket with every essential item for a happy and fulfilled life. He checked out and drove home.

His wife Denalyn looked at his purchases, then at him. Can you guess her question? It’s an obvious one, isn’t it? “Where’s the bread?”

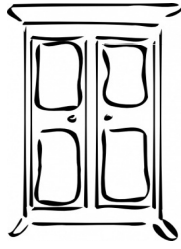
He went back to the grocery store. He forgot the one thing he went to get. The one essential product. He forgot the bread.

Like I said, sometimes we forget the reason we are here. The church of Jesus Christ has one goal – to honor and worship (remember this means we show worth to) the God who has revealed himself in Jesus. We sometimes forget this and He gets pushed away by some good and not so good ideas and things. We have almost completed “The Story.” The amazing account of God’s plan to redeem us from our sin. I hope you have been challenged. See you Sunday as we begin the last two segments of “The Story.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:30 am Worship Ministry Team Meeting
2 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm GENERAL BOARD MEETING Elders' meeting to follow 5:00 pm Russian Church Read Chap. 31 of "The Story"	3	4	5	6	7	8 8:00 am Litter Pick Up
9 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am <u>Donuts & Bagels</u> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm <u>Ice Cream Floats</u> 5:00 pm Russian Church	10	11	12 9:00 am BIBLE STUDY RESUMES	13	14	15
<u>BLOOD DRIVE</u> 16 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Property Ministry Team Meeting 5:00 pm Russian Church	17	18	19 9:00 am Bible Study	20	21 7:00 pm Movie in the Park for Teen Youth Group	22 7:00 - 10:00 am Teen Youth Group @ Have a Heart Food Bank
23 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Russian Church	24	25	26 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Fall Kickoff Tailgate Party 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Resumes	27	28	29
30 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Russian Church	31					IN SEPTEMBER: Sunday the 6th – <u>ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.</u> Sunday the 13th – <u>Grandparents' Day & Church Picnic</u> at the church During the month – We will be asking for volunteers to write Advent Devotions BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER: A (See Job 1:3.)

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Please check the sign on the kitchen door for needed supplies: paper plates, bowls napkins, styrofoam cups, plastic ware, foil, plastic wrap, zip-lock bags, coffee, grape juice, hot chocolate, tea bags, instant tea, sugar, sweetener, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, trash bags.



Feel free to pull a sticky note as a reminder!

**Needed for August:
TOILET PAPER!**

Food Collection for "Have a Heart"

WCC's food collection has changed to "Have a Heart." The Teen Youth Group volunteers there on the 4th Saturday of each month. See Matt Stiveson if you are interested in volunteering.

"Have A Heart" serves the needs of school age children and their families in Adams County School District 50. Their mission is to give students a better chance at a good education by providing for the basic needs of them and their families. All of their services are free. They provide: food, clothing, school supplies, and English lessons.

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