



Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

September 3, 2014

Pastoral Devotion

John 15.15: I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is a much beloved hymn in our Lutheran tradition (ELW 742). An elderly woman in her late 90s, who had lost her sight, much of her hearing, and was losing her memory, consistently asked that we sing this hymn when we shared in worship in her nursing home room. The hymn encourages us to come close to God through prayer, and experience friendship with God. My friend testified many times to strength and comfort she received through her prayer life and the meaning it gave her life. This week in worship, we will be celebrating Rally Sunday by welcoming new members and the friendships we share in Christ and with God.

*Your friend in Christ,
Pastor Randy*

Rally Sunday Celebration Sept. 7th

Worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. this coming Sunday, Sept. 7th.

Following worship there will be:

Sunday School Orientation. Families are encouraged to register their children for Sunday School downstairs in Wold Hall and stay for a short orientation, then join the congregation outside.

Youth Trip Meeting. Meeting will be held in Ryan's office; families will join the congregation outside following the meeting.

Potluck Picnic. A potluck picnic will be held on the east lawn. Hotdogs and buns will be provided; please bring a dish to share. If you didn't bring one, you are more than welcome to enjoy the picnic!

Ministry Fair will be held in the narthex and hallways. Please check out all the different ministries of St. James. New members to all the groups are always welcomed!

Bounce House will be held outside on the east lawn for the children.

Adopt-A-Student Challenge

Bonfire is challenging each congregation to raise enough funds for 350 students through the KidPack Adopt-A-Student program.

\$54 provides weekend KidPacks for one student for the entire school year, \$675 for half a classroom, and \$1,350 for an entire classroom of 25 students. There are pew envelopes available specifically for this cause. Please help KidPack fund the 2014-2015 school year. **We are at \$3,552.**

Car Care Saturday Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help change oil and clean vehicles, among other things, for Car Care Saturday, Sept. 13 beginning at 8:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is outside Pastor Randy's office (or at the Car Care table at the Ministry Fair on Sept. 7).

Mark your Calendar

9-10 *Confirmation Orientation*

9-13 *Car Care / Tennis Tournament*

KidPack Tennis Tournament

Corey Loken is hosting a tennis tournament to raise money for KidPack on Sat., Sept. 13. For information about playing, contact Corey at 763-234-7838. Donations are accepted at: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Serving-Up-Weekend-Snacks-2014>

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