



Many Ways to Learn about Jesus



We teamed up with American Lutheran Church again this year. Three evenings full of food, games, songs, crafts, and learning about Jesus. Thank you to Lynnette Stevens for being there each night to help out and make sure that our kids saw a familiar face. It looks like a good time was had by all!!

Disciples are learners. As disciples of Jesus we are called to the life-long adventure of learning to follow him closely and faithfully.



Camp Season was still going strong during the month of July! Lynnette and her grandson Jasper went to Guardian Camp and had a BLAST. There are still some activities planned going into fall at Camp Comeca. Check out page 2 for more information!!





71ST ANNUAL
COMECA
COOKOUT

AUGUST 14, 2021

BBQ & MUSIC
5:30-8:00

Tickets Online @
www.comeca.camp/cookout
75670 ROAD 417 COZAD, NE

THANKSGIVING IN AUGUST

WE'RE BACK!!! Last year, COVID forced us to take a break, but this year we are ready!! Join us on Sunday August 22 from 11:30 am– 1:00 pm, or until the food is gone. We will be serving our “traditional” homemade chicken noodles over mashed potatoes, fruit salad, dinner roll, and dessert. This will be a free will donation and all proceeds will go to purchase groceries to distribute to local families in need at Thanksgiving time. After you have enjoyed the LOL festivities at Lake Helen, come have lunch with us!

FACTS AND FIGURES

General Giving Thru July 28 Actual: \$117,806
Budgeted: \$106,318

Percent of Budgeted: 90.2%

Paid Apportionments Thru July 28
Actual: \$11,163.25 Budgeted: \$11,163.25

Percent of Budgeted: 100%

Furnace Fund Balance \$5,779

Furnace Fund Goal \$10,000



GOTHENBURG
GIVING
CLOSET

827 Lake Avenue, Gothenburg

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Giving Closet is a community clothing exchange run by volunteers, and we need your help! If you are able to volunteer any amount of time during store hours, please stop by or call 308-529-8807.

Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm
Thursday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

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| 1- Cheri Wilson | 24- Jacob Burge, Wyatt Hotz, Patrick Peterson |
| 2- Kyam Ristine, Boone Tederman, Pastor Grace | 25- Terry McVay |
| 7- Kinley Foster | 26- Gerald Kranau, Amya Ackerman |
| 8- Todd Larson | 27- Evelyn Bartlett |
| 9- Sydney Sell | 31- Devin Brundage |
| 10- Karen Oliver | |
| 11- Monty Bowman | |
| 13- Emma Peterson | |
| 14- Ian Ackerman | |
| 19- Kris Loostrom | |
| 21- Curt Carskadon | |
| 22- Sarah Anderson | |
| 23- Carsten Graves, Eric Ostendorf | |





From the Pastor's Desk

Summer greetings,

Hard to believe we are already talking about back to school. I am wishing all parents God's blessings as you get your children ready and as we start a new school year. I pray for wisdom and protection for School administrators, educators, staff persons and children.

One issue that has troubled me the last couple weeks is the possible resurgence of Covid-19, just as schools are getting ready to start and we all were feeling as though this problem is behind us. While we are among the least affected areas, I have been informed that some parts of our Conference infection rates have soared. As we pray for those affected communities, may we also be vigilant. It requires collective attention to keep this monster from our community. Please do your part especially when we travel outside our communities.

I am reminded of Paul's admonition as recorded in 1 Corinthians 10: 12. He wrote "So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you do not fall".

Here, Paul reminds us that often we are the most vulnerable when we believe we are the strongest. We don't take the proper precautions against sin or another threat, and soon we find ourselves deeper into a mess than we ever imagined we would be. Watch out if you think you are strong, knowledgeable or experienced to fall. Stay safe and blessed. Cheers,

Pastor Grace

Back to School Business

On Sunday, August 12, we will take time during worship to commit the new school year to God, praying for School children, administrators, educators, staff persons and parents as well as those who help with family matters. All school age children are encouraged to attend this time planned just for them. Bring your friends too. You and they will receive a small gift just for attending.

If you have a student in college, PLEASE let the office know. We would like to get your students address so that we can continue to be in contact with them while they are at school. We will be sending them newsletters monthly and also they will periodically be getting a care package from their church family!! Please call or email the church office with your students college addresses as soon as possible!

The Beat

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Retired Persons Lunch Bunch

The lunch bunch retirement group will be meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. John and Judy will be providing the pulled pork sandwiches for our meal. Thank you John & Judy. You are all welcome to bring any side dish. Hope to see all seniors for fun and fellowship along with outstanding food.



Back to School



There is a table in the Narthex for you to set your donations of supplies on. All donations would be appreciated by Aug. 10th so they can be delivered to the school by Aug. 12th, which is the first day of school. If you would like to donate monetarily, that is also fine, just write "school supplies" on the memo line of your preferred donation method. Below are some supply donation suggestions:

- Glue Sticks
- #2 Wood Pencils
- 24 Count Colors
- 4-oz Elmers Glue
- 200 Ct Kleenex Box
- Dry Erase Markers
- 8 Ct Crayola Markers
- Highlighters
- Spiral Notebook-Wide Ruled
- Hand Sanitizer