

# **AUGUST 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> THE LUNCH BUNCH CONTINUES TOURING RESTAURANTS**

**AROUND TUCSON** with lunch at noon at the Cozy Corner Cafe. Located at Golf Links and Harrison, this eatery offers good food at a good prices and plenty of room for gathering for fellowship! For more information and to reserve your place, please contact Sheryl Felde at 885-5325.

**AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> OUR PRIMAVERA TEAM MEETS** in Fellowship Hall at 10am to make lunches for the working men at Primavera. Help is not only needed to assemble the lunches but to provide the ingredients. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can assist us.

## **ON-GOING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY to**

8/4 Don Foreman, Maggie Cook

8/6 Jack Garner

8/7 Judith Hamre-Lelo

8/10 Greg Hamre-Lelo

8/12 Marion McGrew

8/17 Sheryl Felde, Ashley Sanchez

8/25 Emi Victorson

8/27 Jeff Williams

8/30 Destiny Vasquez

### **HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY**

8/2 Brendan and Akiko Victorson

8/4 Ashley and Ryan Judd

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE FOR ANY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU!**

**DO YOU EVER HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE READINGS?** The Thursday Bible Study at 11:30 led by Pastor Keith, are a deeper study of the following Sunday's readings and usually last 60- 90 minutes. It an excellent way to learn the history and context of the readings as well gaining a more meaningful look into what it is that our Lord is trying to teach us. For more information, please call the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS!** The kids (and teachers) did a phenomenal job this year and have earned a well-deserved break. The last class was May 28<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ON BEHALF OF OUR SMALL QUILTER'S GROUP-** I want to thank each and every one of you for your great support. One Sunday in June we displayed our completed quilts to be blessed before donating 18 to Aviva and selling 7. The donations and sale monies will be used to buy thread, batting and materials. And yes, we still have a few in reserve. God Bless you!  
Marge Smith

**BOX TOP LABELS** are still being collected and sent to Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission to assist the school financially. Campbell Soup Labels were discontinued in July 2016. So please continue to bring in those Box Top Labels found on General Mills Products and our contact person, Geri Eberle, will pass them onto the mission. Check out the letter posted in the Narthex from Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission!

**DO YOU LIKE HAVING COMMUNION?** Please consider helping the Altar Guild as we set and clean the table for the Holy Meal. We will train you (it's not hard at all) and only takes about 20 minutes each Sunday. Men are perfectly acceptable in this role! Please see Jay if you can help out!

**SUNDAY DOLLARS-** Yes, we are still doing Sunday dollars. As a way of making our giving "regular and intentional", we encourage you to place one \$1 bill in the offering plate for each member of your family attending worship. Please use only single dollar bills. Other cash is counted as "loose plate" and goes into the general fund. Sunday dollars are currently being set aside for future kitchen renovations.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TABLE** – Who doesn't like to have a chance to sit down with a cup of hot coffee (or tea), a sweet treat, and for a little while, just chat? It could be with a friend you've known for a long time or someone you just met. It's a nice feeling, isn't it? Well that's what we try to provide right after each Sunday service. Here's a place to talk about the sermon or the music. Here's a time to discuss an event that just occurred or will be coming up soon. You may think that you're just giving yourself a little refreshment time, but don't forget the person you greet with conversation. Could it be that person needed somebody to share their thoughts with as well? Could it be you're a blessing to someone and you never knew it? By the way, that's alright, God knew, and it's called... loving your neighbor.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CORRECTIONS TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION-** please let Jay in the office know as soon as possible.

**NAME TAGS ARE A BLESSING!** It's such a simple thing to wear. It gives others the idea; that you are part of the community, that you are friendly, and most important of all that you are approachable. Our name tags have a clip to fasten to your clothes. And they're FREE for the asking! If you happen to lose it, we'll gladly make another. Anyone that attends worship is welcome to request and wear a name tag. Membership is not a requirement.

**PRAYER CHAIN-** Our church has a Prayer Chain. Anyone with a prayer request, please call **Shirley Berner at 885-4892**. Also, anyone that is interested in helping on the Prayer Chain please contact Shirley to lighten the load. Thank You! We are more than happy to pray for anyone added to the prayer list for as long as they need us to but occasionally we try to update the list just to make sure that we are offering current prayer requests. **If you have someone on the list that should be taken off or someone to add, please contact Shirley Berner or Jay Froehlich in the office.**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

Donald Stoelting (husband of Hanna), Michael H. Botti, (son of Mike Botti), Chris Camp, John Stum (son of Paul & Martha Stum), Audrey Neymeyer (granddaughter of Cheryl Emtman), Clay Hardwick (grandson of Jane Dunfee), Jessica & Tom Lauwers, James Simpson (from Aspire), Levi Thompson (grandson of Dave Kitner), Jonathon Batchler (nephew of Bill and Jay Froehlich), Travis Dodge (friend of MaKain Willard), Tyler and Jay Jahn, Chip Boyce (friend of Maybelle Armier).

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS**

Bob Williamson, Cheryl Emtman, Sarah Williams (niece of Cheryl Emtman), Maybelle & Mike Armier, Sara Seagrove, Tiffany (granddaughter of Virginia Reymer), Christopher Lawson (grandson of Maggie Cook), the Robnett Family, Jeannie Van Sickle (daughter Mark Westlake), Virginia Reymer, Robert Lloyd, Ron Briggs (friend of Cheryl Emtman), Eric Leland, Peter Leveratt (brother of Carol Leveratt), Ryan Judd, Alice Yaskanich, Kathie Josephs, Betty Hetler, Marion McGrew, Mark Westlake, Susan Martinez, and Gretchen Surhoff (niece of Paul & Sharon Surhoff), Walter Brewer, Sharon Dukes, George Nelson (cousin of Sharon Dukes), Helen Hardy (mother of Pastor Keith), Christine Gilbert, David Glarborg (son of Estelle Glarborg), Kirk Aurand (son of Bill Aurand).

## **Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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**WHEN THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE SOIL-** the message is that we should all be good soil—people who hear the word of the kingdom of God and understand it. When you hear the word of the kingdom, don't be like the *path* which susceptible to the evil one who “comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart.” Don't be the *rocky ground* in which a plant “has no root, but endures only for a while”. Don't be the *thorny* soil, in which “the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing”. And don't be like the fearful farmer who never sowed any seed. His harvest was ... nothing at all. Jesus simply keeps sowing the word of the Kingdom of God, even though it lands on religious people who wonder if he is possessed, on disciples who struggle to understand him and on least one young rich man who cannot part with his possession in order to follow Jesus. Listen to the story of the Sower, and learn that Jesus is incredibly generous in the way that he shares the word of the kingdom with all the people of the world. Listen and learn that God's Word is incredibly fruitful, and that a great harvest is guaranteed.

