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CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY & FAMILY PHOTOS

Lifetouch photo directory sessions are April 5th & 6th 4:30-9pm, April 7th 9:30-4pm. Everyone who participates gets a free directory and an 8X10 photo. There

are still available times if you need to schedule. If you need assistance with scheduling or you are not avail-

able during these days please let me know. This is a great way for our church families to connect! Thank you to all who have signed up. Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time.



<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9eq5v18/>

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please make sure to be included in our church directory! If you still need an appointment there are slots left. If you are not available these days contact Nikki Rathe 913-205-2019 or adminassistant@gatheringinchrist.org

DARING FAITH

The Key to Miracles Pastor Jason will be leading a 6 week study on the book Daring Faith by Rick Warren beginning Monday, April 16th at 6:30. "Daring Faith is all about taking bold risks. It requires unshakable courage to STEP UP and STEP OUT into the unknown. Cultivating a

daring faith goes hand in hand with trusting God's will. Where God guides, God provides. This is an opportunity to leave your comfort zone, and bravely move to where God is calling you." If you would like to join us, please sign your name on the sheet in the Narthex and pick up a book. This

study will encourage you to doubt your doubts and to trust God's promises!

VOICE OF LOVE

Voice of Love Outreach -
“Love them til they ask you why.”

VOL celebrated one year as a non-profit organization. We have had some serious growing pains but I think we are on the path God has set before us to be His hands and feet to the Muslim community in Kansas City.

Our cross-cultural gathering for March celebrated the Persian New Year with traditional Iranian food and music. We had a total of 217 people participate. I shared the importance of Persia in the bible with sev-

eral bible verses such as the story of Daniel. In 600 B.C., Cyrus the Great overtook several smaller rulers and formed the Persian Empire. He was a tolerant ruler that allowed all the existing governments and religions to remain ensuring loyalty and uninterrupted tribute to his throne. Jews were allowed to rebuild their temple. Our prayer at the end was that Iran would return to the religious tolerance of Cyrus and allow all people to worship as they choose.

The next cross-cultural gathering will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 27th at Connection Point Church in Ray-

town, MO. We would be honored for you to join us in fellowship between Christians and Muslims.

We have formed a mission team to help organize our outreach to the Muslim community with several sub-groups within this team if you are interested in taking part.

Care Team – Assessing the immediate needs of new families, emergency assistance for existing families and asking for donations as needed.

Outreach Team – Visiting families in their homes on a regular basis and developing

relationships with them. Assist in training volunteers for home visits.

Prayer Team – Weekly group prayer for the families that we support.

Fund Raising Team – Researching grant opportunities, sending donation request letters, organizing fund raising benefits.

We are in need of volunteers for each of these teams. Please contact Dorri Lambie (913)522-4518 or Tali Johnson (816)785-7196 if you would like to learn more about Voice of Love Outreach and ways that you can get involved.

OUTREACH NOTE

WILD (Women in Loving Discipleship)

What? - A ‘Paint & Wine Party!

When? - Sunday, April 8th from 1:00 to 4:30

Where? - The Extreme Studio, 2636 N 155th Terrace, Basehor, KS 66007

WILD AT HEART Men's Ministry is currently studying the book by John Eldredge called "Wild at Heart" It's not too late to join the group. Talk to Kyle Kuttler or Pastor Jason for more information

TRINITY CARE TEAM is a new piece of Outreach where we are seeking more ways to support each other as broth-

ers and sisters in Christ. One aspect of this is to have a contact list of members who are willing to provide meals to members of our congregation who are struggling with a health crisis and also for families with new babies. Please talk to Connie Avey if you are willing to be on this list

Upcoming OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE...

HOPE FAITH MISSION- Next dates are April 21st

METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRIES- Next date is May 19th

SECOND SATURDAYS- Next date is June 9th

“Serve One another in love”

STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6). And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting

with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that

which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fa-

therly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

EDUCATION NOTE

Children's Church

Share your love of The Word with kids as a children's church volunteer. Once a month you will receive a bible verse. A simple internet search will provide you numerous ways to explain the

verse to children: video, color page, activity OR craft. No formal education experience required. Both men and women encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Heather Shue (hs2@shuebox.com) or

Nikki (adminassistant@gatheringinchrist.org)

Save the date...

May 13th - Last day of spring Sunday School

May 20th - Confirmation Sunday

July 30th - VBS

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Our servant teams for 10:30 service are in need of more volunteers for the following areas. Please contact the listed person in each area and Nikki Rathe if you are willing to serve or would like more information in these areas. Training will be provided.

Ushers/Lead Ushers:
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Children's Church:
 Heather Shue
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Refreshments:
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Nikki Rathe
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3. Christine Gruber | 27. Shelby Matz (Kooser) |
| 5. Josh Zenger | 29. Terri Downs |
| 7. Steve Farrow | 30. Jocie Thomas |
| 7. Gisela Kennedy | |
| 8. Emily Boetcher | |
| 10. Kristen Rosche | |
| 19. Randy & Ann Nordquist | |
| 19. Sarah Thomas | |
| 21. Mitch Rademacher | |
| 23. Laura Heskett | |
| 24. Jason & Tracy Anderson | |
| 26. Courtney Leive | |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Praise Team 7:15pm Elders Meeting 6pm	4	5 Photo Sessions 4:30-9pm	6 Photo Sessions 4:30-9pm	7 Photo Sessions 9:30-4pm
8 W.I.L.D. Painting 1-4:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	9	10 Praise Team 7:15pm	11 Stewardship Team 6pm	12	13	14
15 Youth Group 6:30pm	16 Daring Faith be- gins 6:30pm Worship Team 6pm	17 Praise Team 7:15pm	18	19	20 Youth Lock-In 7pm-7am	21 Hope Faith * 1-5pm
22 Outreach Team after 10:30 service *2-6pm	23 Daring Faith 6:30	24 Praise Team & Youth 7:15pm	25	26	27	28 EC Meeting 3pm
29 Youth Sunday Youth Group 6:30 Dinner & Movie	30 Daring Faith 6:30					

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