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Summer Sunday School begins:

- ◆ Adult Bible Study in the Book of Ruth on Sundays at 9:15 AM
- ◆ High School Purple Book Study on Sundays at 9:15 AM
- ◆ Pre-K and Elementary Age Wandering

through the Wilderness on Wednesday Nights Starting June 6 - July 25th (NO CLASS ON JULY 4th) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

*Parents who are bringing kids to

Wednesday nights Sunday school: stick around for a more in-depth look at walking through wilderness (summer series) with Pastor.

*Kids - Each week of summer Sunday school you bring a friend your name gets put in drawing for an awesome prize!

Mark calendar **VBS: Monday, July 30-August 3 evenings, VBS Sunday August 5 registration coming soon!**

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE...

Come join us on June 9th, from 8:30 to 11:30 am at the MLM Warehouse to distribute fresh fruits and veggies to our Kansas City neighbors. This takes place at the central location (3031 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64109).

Harvesters delivers 15 pallets of fresh produce, and we need many hands to help sort, pack, hand out and carry these items. Due to the high demand, oftentimes our clients might wait in line for many hours to receive the produce.

A volunteer of any age (over 5 years) and any physical limitation can contribute. Examples of jobs you might expect to do:

Sorting & Packing
Upon arrival you might be

asked to sort through the produce received at a specific 'station.' Here you will be given instruction on grouping items together and bagging them, or something similar. This is done before the warehouse doors are open to the public.

Assigned Station

Once the warehouse door is open to the public, you might be assigned to man a specific fruit/vegetable station. You will remain there the entire time and hand out the designated amount to each guest that would like to receive it. You will be told by an MLM staffer the quantity you can give out.

Carrier

As a carrier, you will walk alongside a guest and carry his/her groceries as they make their way through the line. You will have the opportunity to chat and interact with one another, and see that they make it to their mode of transportation with all groceries intact.

Recycling

Many, many boxes are used to hold the fresh produce. Throughout the duration of the distribution it is essential to have a couple volunteers who are able to break down boxes and take them to our recycling dumpster, just outside the warehouse doors.

Lunch Sacks

Oftentimes we have non-perishable sack lunches that are donated by churches, organizations and individuals. Our guests that go to the 2nd Saturday Mobile Food Pantry receive a sack lunch. You might be assigned to hand out the sack lunches, and this is done

out of our Food Pantry.

1. Check in at the volunteer check in table and receive your assignment.
 2. Help to sort and pack produce.
 3. MLM staff will collect the group and provide a brief devotion/prayer, and general instructions.
 4. Everyone moves to their assigned role, ready to receive guests.
 5. Warehouse doors open, and our guests begin to 'shop' their way through the line of produce.
 6. Upon completion (whether we run out of guests or we run out of food), clean-up begins
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STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE

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“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Ab-

solution, and the Lord’s Supper.

And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of

God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into

heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1. Kristofer Johnson | 17. Kenny Vokac |
| 1. Tim & Linda Johnson | 17. Kenneth & Kristen Rosche |
| 2. Barbara Houtman | 19. Chris Leak |
| 2. Brianne Kennedy | 19. Eli Nick |
| 3. Rick & Peg Kooser | 20. Kyleigh Thomas |
| 3. Jeff & Vicky Herbster | 21. Alanzo Cavaness |
| 5. Eric & Bethany Vokac | 21. Kyle & Shari Kuttler |
| 6. Lorelai Zenger | 24. Luke & Michelle Kelly |
| 9. Betsy Hermreck | |
| 14. Linda Johnson | |
| 15. Jason Boetcher | |
| 15. Kayla Rosche | |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Voters Meeting 6pm
3	4	5 Praise Team 7:15pm	6 Sunday School 6-7:30pm	7	8	9 Second Saturdays
10	11	12 Praise Team 7:15pm	13 Sunday School 6-7:30pm	14	15	16
17	18 Worship Team 6pm	19 Praise Team & Youth 7:15pm	20 Sunday School 6-7:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 Praise Team 7:15pm	27 Sunday School 6-7:30pm	28	29	30

* church is reserved for an event