



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 2nd - June 8th, 2026
2nd Sunday after Pentecost



*For I came not to
call the righteous, but
sinners.*

Matthew 9:13

**Congratulations to
Mason and Isabelle “Izzy” Stroup Wickherst, and
big sister Eden, on the baptism of their son,
Iver Kenneth Wickherst.**

**Iver was born on January 11th, 2026, and his
sponsors are Draven Bau and Brooke Luken.**



**Congratulations to
Andrew & Tasha “Vohlken” Magedanz, they were
married here at Hosanna on Saturday, May 30th.**





Fireside Fellowship

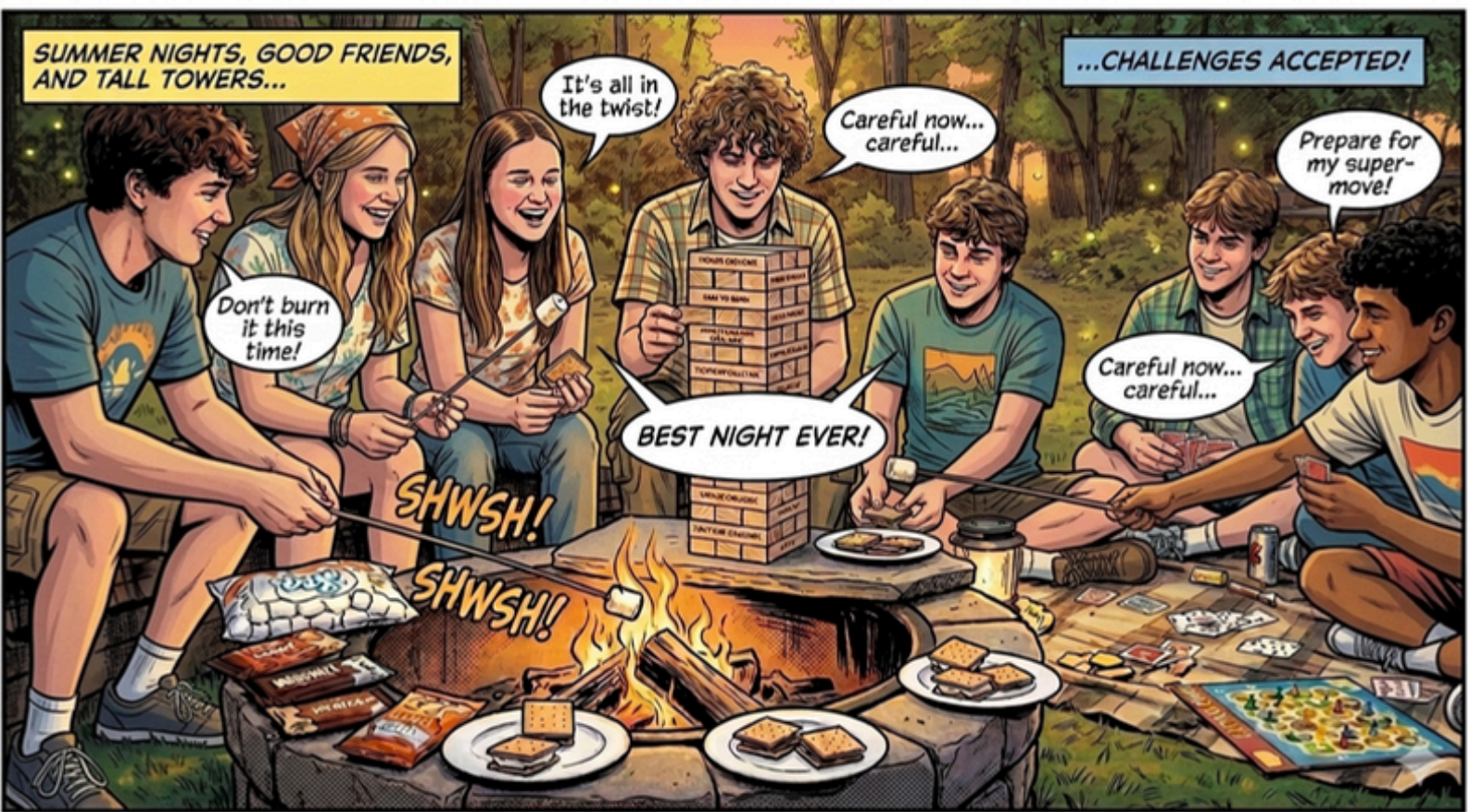
1st Wednesday of each month

June 3rd, July 1st & Aug 5th

6 pm - 8 pm

**EAT BEFORE YOU COME OR
BRING A PICNIC DINNER
SOME TREATS AND BEVERAGES
WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Youth Group



June 17th @ 7 pm



**Join us for VBS
July 27th - 30th!
Sign up today!**



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Youth Group Fundraiser

Funds will be used for Youth Group Faith-building experiences such as Quake (retreat weekend), Christian concerts, and local youth group activities.

Option 1 Short Sleeve Tshirt



\$20 Youth \$25 Adult

Option 2 Long Sleeve Tshirt



\$25 Youth \$30 Adult

Option 3 Sweatshirt



\$30 Youth \$35 Adult

Option 4 Quarter Zip



\$40 Adult

Option 5 Baseball Hat



Cash and Carry at the church or special order! **\$25**

Order forms can be dropped off or mailed to the church office or emailed to:
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HOSANNA
Lutheran Church, LCMC

You Are Really Needed

All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

Quilt Ministry

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
of each month
9:30am to noon

Bring supplies if you can or fabric to donate.

All are welcome to help create quilts for local and worldwide comfort.

*Join Pastor
Janine*

**FOR
Faith Circle**

*1st Thursday
of each month @ 2PM.
THIS THURSDAY!*

All are Welcome

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5) – June 7, 2026

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

– Matthew 9:9-10 –

Can you imagine what was going through Matthew’s mind when the famous rabbi speaks to him? Matthew was a tax collector. And if you are not familiar, tax collectors weren’t the most popular individuals in Jesus’ day. Sure, they worked for the government, collecting taxes that were owed to the emperor. But often, they were viewed as thieves and scoundrels. They were rarely honest about what a person truly owed in taxes. They would inflate the amount, and then, they would keep the “leftovers” for themselves. So, for example, let’s say you owe \$100 in taxes. A tax collector might say you owe \$150 or \$200. Then the tax collector would keep that extra \$50 or \$100 for himself. This was Matthew’s job, so the likelihood of him not being well-liked among his fellow Jews was speculated to be rather high. Certainly, a famous rabbi would pass on by such a crook!

Yet... Jesus stops at the tax booth. And the shock doesn’t end there! Jesus calls Matthew to be his disciple. Matthew must’ve sat with his mouth gaping open wide. It’s very likely he was just as shocked as those who stood around and witnessed such interaction. Did Matthew respond to Jesus? Did he trip over his words and ask in disbelief if Jesus was sure he wanted Matthew to be one of his followers? Did Jesus understand what kind of person Matthew was?

We may not have the answer to all of those questions, but we do know that once it dawned on Matthew what had taken place, it was reason to celebrate! Matthew, who had been after others’ money, had just won the greatest jackpot of all! He would be rich in a way that he did not yet fully understand. That’s what happens when Jesus has chosen you. Yes, Jesus definitely knew the kind of person Matthew was. He knows the kind of person you are as well. And yet, he has chosen you to follow him. Matthew will soon find out just how far Jesus will go for him. It goes far beyond calling him to be a disciple. Jesus will go so far as to lay down his very own life, not just for Matthew, but for you and me as well. Jesus will suffer and die at the hands of his enemies, and then he will rise from the tomb alive. He will go to these lengths to give us freedom from the devil, forgiveness of sin, and life eternal with him.

Pentecost2(Proper 5)

June 7, 2026



Proclamation Points

The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event.

What comes by the works of the law is thus disfavor rather than grace. Therefore faith alone must obtain the grace promised to Abraham, for these examples too were written for our sakes [Rom. 15:4], that we too should believe.

– Martin Luther –

Word and Sacrament I, LW 35:374

Hosea 5:15–6:6

Our reading begins with the final verse in chapter 5. In the previous verses, God has warned the people of Israel and Judah about the consequences that accompany idolatry. The people were placing their trust in false gods like Ba'al or in foreign kings. Sadly, the people may have been searching for God in these false gods, but they were only going to come up empty-handed and disappointed, to say the least. We, too, fall into the same temptation. Certainly we are God's children, called, gathered, sanctified, and enlightened through the Holy Spirit, but we can become too comfortable with the world's teachings and lose sight of God and his teachings. So in verse 15, God says that he will move away from the people of Israel and Judah, and he will wait. He will wait for them to sincerely come seeking God with repentant hearts, acknowledging their sinfulness in placing their trust in idols instead of God.

• Have you ever felt like God was “far away” from you? What

did that feel like?

God may have “moved away” from the people of Israel and Judah, but he was waiting patiently for them to return to him. God is never really “far away” from us. The words of Absolution and promise of forgiveness always place God close to us.

• Have you ever sensed God's presence closely with you in the words of Absolution or the promises spoken in the Sacraments? Did that reassure you that God is closer than we often realize or want to admit?

Hosea's pleas fall on deaf ears. We are at risk for the same to happen to us. God continues to call all his children to repentance.

• Hosea begs and pleads with Ephraim and Judah to return to the Lord, to repent of their sinfulness. How is their repentance considered “false repentance”?

• What does God desire more than any sacrifice? From where should such a sacrifice or offering come?

Psalms 119:65–72

The psalmist speaks of going through trials and dealing with afflictions. He sees these as a means of restoring him to God's Word and bringing humility about him.

• When has affliction or life's trials humbled you? How has that restored you to God's Word?

• The psalmist states it was “good” that he was afflicted. Was it good that you were afflicted? Why or why not?

Romans 4:13–25

So often we are tempted to give our own works and merits credit and a role in our salvation. However, that diverts from the truth that salvation is God's work, not ours. It is Jesus Christ, and him alone, who saves us apart from our works. Our good works and deeds are simply done in response to what God has already done for us.

God promised that Abraham would be the father to many nations. Abraham trusted God and did not doubt, even though he was very old and Sarah was barren. Faith might be strong, and it might be weak. But even the smallest amount of faith (smaller than the size of a mustard seed) can justify the sinful believer because of what Jesus Christ has done.

• When have you been tempted to doubt God's promises? How

did God strengthen your faith and assure you of his promises?

Not only are we heirs of Abraham, we are heirs of faith – the same faith Abraham had.

• How does this same faith get passed down through our own descendants?

• How have you played a role in passing on the faith in Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead?

Matthew 9:9–13

Local rulers, along with the Romans, bestowed the right to collect taxes. Local tax collectors would then charge a fee on top of the taxes they collected. For this reason, many did not trust tax collectors. Additionally, tax collectors were considered by most to be dishonest and greedy because they abused the above practice.

• How might most people react to Jesus eating a meal in a formal setting with tax collectors?

• What is significant about Jesus calling Matthew to be one of his twelve disciples?

Pharisees were teachers of the Law. Their interpretation of and strict observance of the Jewish Law set them apart from other Jews.

• What would have been the Pharisees' intentions of asking the disciples why Jesus chooses to eat with tax collectors and sinners?

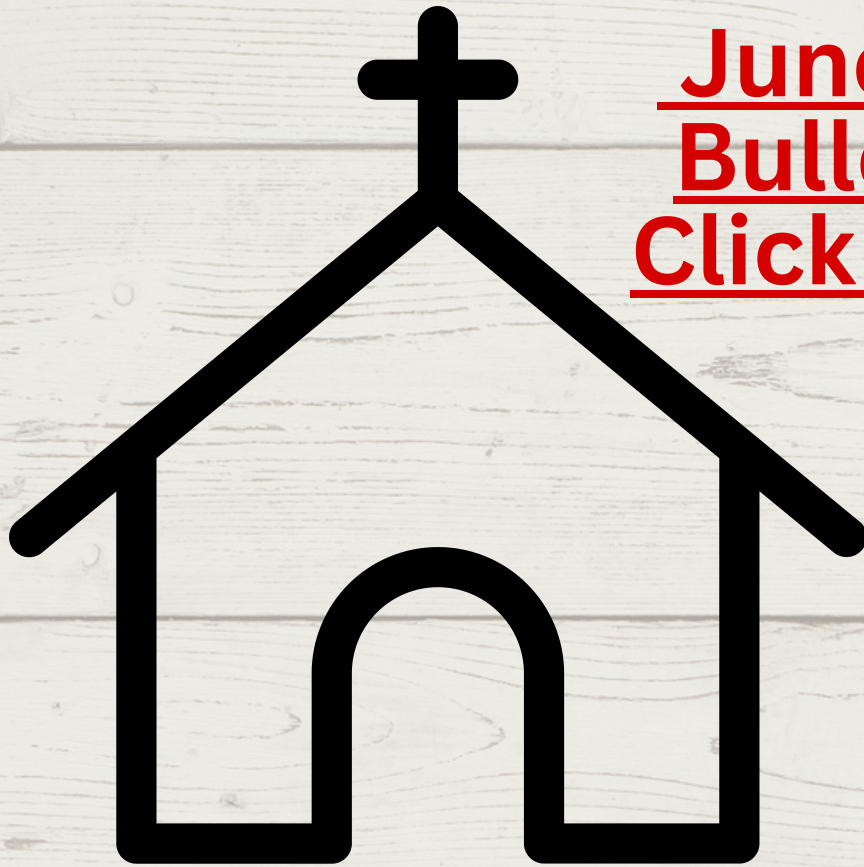
• What does Jesus mean when he says, “Those who are well have no need of a physician” (v. 12)?

• What is the significance of Jesus' command to the Pharisees to “go and learn what this means” (v. 13)?

TUE	9:30 - Prayer 10:00 - Coffee 10:00 - YARN 6:30 - Property Committee meeting
WED	12:00 - Men's Bible study 6:00 - Fireside Fellowship
THU	10:00 - Coffee 2:00 - Faith Circle
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	9:15 - Worship/Communion 10:15 - Coffee
MON	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm

This Weeks Bulletin

June 7th
Bulletin
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STREAM



JUNE Servant Team!

Servant Team #2 - Serves - June 2026

- Albertson, Nathan & Larin
- Beck, Mary
- Cornell, Glenn & Carol
- Fritz, Dylan & Kelli
- Geise, Marianne
- Gilbertson, Kirk
- Gilbertson, Scott & Dede
- Hennen, Andrea & Scott & family
- Jutting, Ron & Cathy
- Kettwig, Josh & Anna & family
- Kettwig, Kobe
- Moshier, Carol
- Moshier, Timothy
- Nicolai, Dick & Jeune
- Olson, Doug & Vickie
- Parliament, Larry & Connie
- Pitkin, Paul & Andrea & family
- Rademacher, Ruth
- Rakness, Randy & Linda
- Snell, Bob & family
- Torstenson, Arcelia
- Torstenson, Darwin & Rebecca
- Torstenson, David
- Winkelman, Larry & Jean
- Woertink, Trace & Brianna

HLC JUNE 7TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Earl Benson
and
Everett Johnson



Lector:
Connie Parliament



**Communion
Assistants:**
Nate & Larin
Albertson

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, May 31st, 2026

Attendance: 204

General Offering: \$4,614.46

Hospitality: \$51

Fire Recovery: \$735

HLC Year to Date

Financial Report as of 4-30-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$145,516	\$132,880.93	\$12,635.07 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$111,511	\$107,570.44	\$ 3,940.56 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

MAY

Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$1130 - Beacon Center - for use where needed most by our local domestic abuse shelter

\$1800 - Friends of Madagascar Mission - for the total annual support of 2 evangelists and their families

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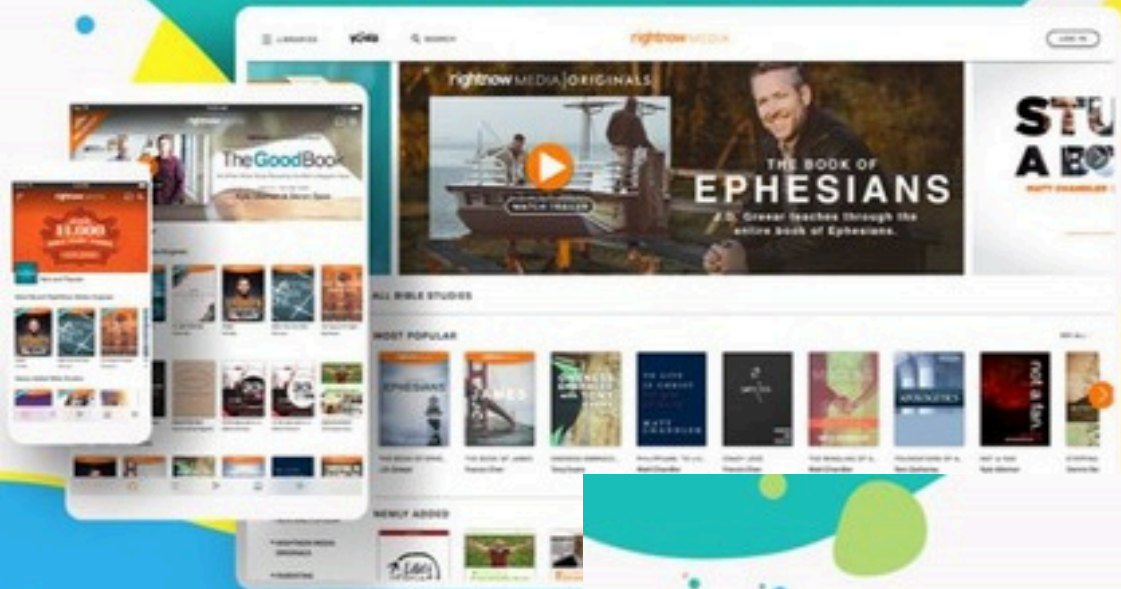
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5 ways to Give

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They are located on the
information table
4. Place your gift in the offering plates in
the fellowship hall
5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

HELPING HANDS FUND



**This is a discrete fund used to help
those in need!**

**If you would like to give to this fund,
just place your donation in an
offering plate
and mark it Helping Hands.**



Endowment Fund Donations

Your donation can be sent to the church office at

1617 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201

Checks must be written out to HLC Endowment Fund

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THE CHANNEL TO BRAZIL

Align With God in 2024

”So that the works of God might be displayed.”

In John 9 we read about one of Jesus’ miracles where he restored the sight of a blind man. At the beginning of the story, we see the disciples questioning Jesus about who had sinned to cause the blind man his disability.

Rather patiently (we might imagine), Jesus insinuates that the disciples are asking the wrong question. He encourages them to look forward, ‘while it is still day,’ (v4) rather than backward upon who to blame.

What are you looking forward to this new year? Right now, it feels like the world is full of suffering and poverty of spirit and unity. In this passage, Jesus teaches us that with suffering comes the opportunity for God’s works to be displayed.

Children growing up in the slums are suffering because they are neglected and failed by a wider community that is unable to care for their physical needs and education. By supporting CBC you have the opportunity to step in as the healing hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership with us that displays the mighty works of God where there is sickness, anxiety and desperate poverty.

May God Bless you and your family this year.

Marc Marques
Executive Director

JUNE Newsletter



FRIENDS of
**MADAGASCAR
MISSION**

Throughout the history of global mission work from churches within the United States, beginning in the 19th Century, we have seen the great mission outreach organized for the most part by Mission Societies. In the 20th Century the mission work was taken over by church denominations. It became institutionalized. As we enter the 21st Century, we are once again experiencing a return to Mission Societies claiming a greater role in Christian mission work around the globe.

It is in this climate of change, in how mission work is being done today, that the Friends of Madagascar Mission was begun. We believe we have a unique role in the future of mission, particularly in Madagascar at this time. In 2010 we began our fund raising activities and each year we continue to grow in giving from our generous donors. For this we give thanks to God!

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2026 Board of Directors

Resources

Watertown Area Memory Care & Aging Network has the following community resources available

- Memory Care Support Group
- Respite Care Financial Assistance
- Mary Drake Resource Library
- Community Caregiver Fair
- Memory Screening Event
- Savvy Caregiver Training Classes
- Caregiver Mentor Program

Upcoming Events

Watertown Event Center
West Highway 212 / 1901 9th Avenue SW
Watertown, SD 57201
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm!

July 1, 2026

“Navigating the Road Ahead: Senior Driving & Caregiver Support”

by Matt Hegg & Alexis Buysse, Community Engagement, Watertown Police Department

August 5, 2026

“Dementia: Signs, Types & Severities”

by Dr. Sara Erickson, PHD Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Bridgeway Counseling

September 2, 2026

“Continuum of Care”

by Aaron Shives, MD, Prairie Lakes Brown Clinic

October 7, 2026

“Let’s Talk and Share”

by The Support Group

November 4, 2026

“Teepa Snow Educational Material”

by Christina Ruml, State LTC Ombudsman for State of South Dakota

December 2, 2026

“Caregiver Christmas Party”

by Dar Fuchs & Chastity Wittemore



Connie Lake

Connie’s journey caring for those with dementia / Alzheimer’s started in 1980. Her first job was to create an activity program in a long term care facility for their residents. It was not long before folks with that diagnosis were in her heart. In 1997, she created a recreation program in a long term care memory care unit. The focus was “person centered” with engagement and positive communication. A supportive community was a huge help and part of her career. She is retired now but the passion remains to create programs & offer more help for this country’s unsung heroes - caregivers!

The Watertown Memory Care Support Group was created in 1998 by Connie Lake and Deanna Bullis to give caregivers a place to belong. Caregivers were able to listen, share, and learn how to care for themselves. This mission remains true today.

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TWO
WEEKS
TO
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June 15-18

OR

June 21-24

Midwest Bible Camp
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Kids 1st Grade & Up
Day Camp or
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Each Camp closes with
FINAL DAY FAMILY FUN!

Thurs, June 18 & Wed, June 24
5 PM FREE Dinner for everyone!



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Jesse Joyner!

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Ministry & Worship

Learning about God and His love for us, Music, laughter and closeness happens naturally as we present biblical truths like honesty, respect, integrity, kindness, and from a Bible Camp experience.

Activities

Camper's will enjoy artwork and crafts, ~~Marshall Arts and Crafts~~ visit from the Fire Department for an afternoon of water – soaked fun! There will be loads of other games and outdoor fun!



Zoo Crew!



We're bringing the animals to you!

The Bramble Park Zoo trained staff will feature many of their cutest, friendliest, fuzziest, and scaliest animals for our campers to see up close and even touch.



Camp Schedule



Day 1

3:00 – 5:00 PM Arrival & Pizza
6:00 PM Chapel
8:30 PM Fire Time

Day 2, 3, & 4

7:00 AM Rising Bell
7:30 AM Devotions
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Chapel
10:30 AM Bible Studies *
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Activities
5:00 PM Supper
6:15 PM Chapel
8:30 PM Fire Time
9:30 PM Dorm Devotions
10:30 PM Lights Out

*Youth and Adult Bible Studies are available



Day Camp

Drop your child(ren) off before or after breakfast and pick them up anytime through the evening; right up until the close of canteen at 8 PM

Final Day Family Fun!

Dads and moms, grandparents, family, and friends, join us from 5-6 PM for FREE COOKOUT SUPPER and stay to join our kids for a fantastic closing evening service at 6PM. Stay for FREE ice cream and popcorn following the service! Come join the fun!

Register Early

All Meals Included
~~\$229.00~~ **FREE!** *For the entire week



Adults (Cabins or Schoolhouse Lodging) \$150.00 each for the entire event or \$60.00 per day/night.

Adults: (Park your Camper or RV) \$90.00 each for the entire event or \$30.00 per day/night.

Multiple Adult Rates: 2nd Family Adult is 1/2 price, 3rd Family Adult is 1/3 price, etc. Adult Rooms and RV Hookups are first come/first served basis.

Our space is limited to 100 children. We'll fill up fast so be sure to pre-register by contacting us. Web, Email, Phone, Facebook or Postal Service information is on the back of this brochure.



NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Our policy is that every child is welcome to attend our summer camp for FREE. Our commitment is to ensure every kid can come to camp. If you can contribute to cover the cost for your child/children or to cover the cost for someone else's child/children, we welcome your generosity as we rely on donations and gifts.

Don't Forget!

Final Day Family Fun!

Parents, grandparents, family & friends!

Join us on the closing day of camp

5-6PM: FREE COOKOUT SUPPER

6 PM: Closing Rally

After service, enjoy FREE ice cream and popcorn at the canteen. Join the fun!



With the safety of our campers in mind, we utilize the training processes from the Safeguard from Abuse program. Each of our staff, including Camp Counselors must complete the training and adhere to strict guidelines. We require two adult counselors per cabin and 1/8 counselor/camper ratio. Birth gender requirements are adhered to in our dorms and restrooms.

Midwest Bible Camp

Our Purpose: The Midwest Bible Camp and Conference Center is to provide an interdenominational, Christian environment of biblical teaching and recreational activities which instill godly values and characters within children, youth, and families. Our facilities are available for family and group celebrations, special events, and outreaches which would serve as betterment for our community and surrounding area. Our programs exist to present the Good News about the wonderful grace of God; make available the means for individuals to experience such grace through acceptance of salvation that comes through faith in Jesus Christ; and provide a positive experience with others of like faith so that they may become mature disciples of Jesus.



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