



Dear Family in Christ,
 Summer is a special time for families and friends to get together. It's a time to tell stories, relive memories, and find that honest connection

with those you love. It's a time for building relationships. Yet, one of the inevitable experiences that accompanies relationship-building is FRICTION. Sparks can fly when egos bump up against each other. "You have a right to my opinion" I saw on a bumper sticker one time. We all have our own opinions and perspectives on things. How do we model Christ in the midst of some heated "discussions"?

Keeping you informed:

- **Church YARD & BAKE SALE:** Sat., Aug. 12th, 9 - 2. We begin accepting items (except clothing and car seats) beginning Monday, Aug. 7. Also that week we will be pricing items from 10-Noon each day in the church. Please join the fun, as many hands make light work!
- **CONCERT: Harpist Amy Shreve** is back on Drummond Island for a concert **Sunday, Aug. 20, 10:30 am, Lighthouse Church.** *Invite your friends* to experience her awesome music and inspiring words. A love offering will be taken to support Amy & Gary's wonderful work.
- The **CHURCH DIRECTORY is being revised.** If you aren't sure that you are on the current one and you'd like to be listed, please let us know!
- **FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE**s CONTINUE every Friday @ 6:30 pm (weather permitting). Just drop by for a hot dog or, if you want, bring a dish to share. This is meant to be a fun, simple way to enjoy one another and invite others to join in on some fun and fellowship.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.", says the Apostle Paul (Ephesians 4: 29). This means that when you are feeling the heat of the moment and tempted to lash out at someone, STOP YOURSELF AND BREATHE. Rethink a way to "speak the truth in love" so that the other person is built up (not torn down). In so doing, you do it to Jesus too.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

- Scott



MISSIONS

Our 2nd Quarter support for The Promise FM and for Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP came out to total **\$1631.15** (\$862.60 for Care Net and \$768.55 for Promise FM). Well done! Thank you all for your generous support!

We are into our 3rd Quarter of missions focus, collecting for local outreach (July – Sept.). We have helped

families, individuals, and local organizations as God has lead. The mission is to simply share Jesus' Good News, the love of God that heals and transforms the World. Please pick up your new "Local Outreach" World-changer container labels in the Church foyer.

Our showing of William Paul Young's "The Shack" drew 45 people of all ages to experience the unique message of the movie. About a dozen stayed for a lively discussion on what the movie meant for them. And after the tasty popcorn, most everyone had to balance it with a sweet, sweet sundae.

Whether it's a community movie night or a campfire or a small group gathering, everything we do at LCC is meant to convey the welcoming arms of Jesus to our community. Keep praying about creative ways to do just that then share those ideas with us!

THE GREATEST TREASURE

By Jordan Loftis



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44 ESV)

Imagine for a minute that a man in a dark suit steps out of a limousine and tells you that you can have any one thing you want in the world.

You want to live somewhere else, it can be done. You want the fastest car on the planet, it can be done. You want to see your favorite sports team win a championship, it can be done. Our minds begin to race as we think of the one thing we want most.

But wait, there is more! Then he says, "But, in order to have this thing, you must sell everything you have and give it to me."

You might have the fastest car, but you have nowhere to live. You might have the nicest house on the street, but you have no car to drive or money for furniture. This thing we wanted so dearly all of the sudden doesn't look so good.

Jesus gives us a parable of a man that wanted something so bad, it was worth selling everything for and brought him great joy. He called it the "kingdom of heaven."

Right after this parable he gives another example of a man who did the very same thing. Obviously, the kingdom of heaven is and should be important to us as Christians as it was to these men Jesus told us about.

We read what the kingdom of heaven is in Romans: *"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17 ESV)* (over)

The Apostle Paul tells us that he has counted everything he has gained as loss in order to gain knowing Christ (Philippians 3:7-8). This is what the kingdom of heaven is, knowing Christ and his ruling our lives.

As you read the parable and the words of Paul, do they resonate in your heart? Can you say I am willing to give up all that I have to know Christ and be a part of His kingdom?

Be challenged to live for the kingdom.

(from: <http://shortdailydevotions.com/matthew-13-44-the-cost-of-the-kingdom/#more-2470>)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Laura Witt
- 17 Bill Stacy
- 29 Sue Tyler

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

UPCOMING AUGUST ACTIVITIES

- 6 **Potluck** following worship.
- 7 Begin **dropping off** usable items for **Yard Sale** (except for clothing & car seats)
- 12 **ANNUAL YARD & BAKE SALE**, 9 - 2
- 13 **Leadership Meeting**, following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 19 **MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 8:00 am**
- 20 Amy Shreve **CONCERT**, 10:30 am
- Aug. 2 Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**

PEARLS of WISDOM

Our true identity in Christ..... No condemnation awaits us. Romans 8:1

- Ruth Wise

JOIN US for
FRIENDLY SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP:



- **Tuesdays:**
 - 9:30 **Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **Ray Vander Laan** video, touring the land of the ancient Hebrew. Come experience the Bible with us!
 - 11:15 **Prayer Group** in the Pastor's Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
 - 11:30 **Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You're invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ 8 am, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

(If you've got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)

ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, Aug. 22nd (IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)

THE **CHURCH BUSINESS CARDS** ARE IN (boxes in the foyer)! **GRAB SOME TO PASS OUT TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS:**



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