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All adults are invited to a game night in the fellowship hall this Friday evening, beginning around 6:00. Bring your favorite games, munchies, and a bottle of soda to share. If more to eat is desired, we can order some pizza.

I don't like playing games. And I'm not speaking metaphorically. I really don't like to play literal games.

I played games with my kids when they were little; games like *Sorry*, *Chutes and Ladders*, and *Hungry Hippo*. And I know I played *Old Maid* and *Go Fish*, but I'm not sure I even remember how to play those card games, let alone card games with suits and hands and whatever. And, sad to say, other than the 3D tic tac toe I play with the grandkids, they've pretty much advanced beyond the games I'm willing to attempt.

Whenever Matt and Salena come for a visit, Paul and Nikki break out the *Carcassonne*, or *Settlers of Catan*, or *Splendor*, or some other new foreign box board game that has pages and pages of instructions and detailed rules that must be followed. And they play into the wee hours of the morning. I obviously want to visit with the kids when they're all together, but it doesn't take long for me to get tired of watching them play, and head for bed.

And don't get me started on video games. I can drive a race car around a track if I have some idea where it's going, and I do open *Free Flow* on my phone when I'm in a waiting room, but that's about it. I think you get the idea. I really don't like playing games.

However, I don't want to be accused of not practicing what I preach. And in last Sunday's sermon I did point out that we need to spend time together socially. And knowing a Game Night had been planned for Friday, I included playing games together in my list of things we could do together. By Sunday afternoon I had come under conviction.

So, I guess I'll see you Friday evening. Please bring a game or two that's easy to play, and I'll join you at a table. But don't be surprised if I head for home before you've had your fill of fun. I fill up pretty quickly.

God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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Worship 138
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY-10/23/16

GreetersBill & June Carroll
Visitors' StandBeryl & Jamella Reese
Communion Meditation Bill Carroll
Kirk Polley
Ushers.....Paul Hunley
Brad Stirmell
Jim Trimberger
Connor Bales
Kent Ballard
Chris Luzio

WORSHIP NURSERY

ToddlersMarilyn Wenneborg
Grace Hunley
Infants Kelly Donaldson
Courtney Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
InfantsDixie Williamson



Let Us Pray For...

--Friend of Beryl Reese dealing with many health issues.
--Alex Fahnders making progress in hospital.

Life of Christ

We dealt with the difference between the virgin birth and the immaculate conception, and discussed insights gained about Jesus' presentation and Mary's purification in the temple, and the visit of the magi and slaughter of the innocents at our study of *Life of Christ* last Sunday evening. This week we'll begin at page 46 and hopefully finish chapter 2.

Even if you're not reading the book you are welcome to come and learn with us at 6:30



Just a reminder that a baby shower for Kileen Huber will be held in the fellowship hall this Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Kileen is registered at Babies R Us and Target.



Our annual blood drive will be held Saturday, November 19, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. An appointment can be scheduled by calling the Community Blood Center at (217) 241-7550, or online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org. While appointments can be helpful, they are not necessary. Those who give regularly can give again if they have not donated since



All Preschool through 5th grade Sunday School classes will be going outside this Sunday morning to measure Noah's Ark. Parents are encouraged to dress their children appropriately for this outside adventure.



Pre K - 5th Grade

We are all set to go explore a new corn maze at Pumpkin Creek Farms in Sherman this Saturday, October 22nd. The church van will be leaving CCC at 2:00 to return at 6:30. The cost is \$5 to find our way through the maze, experience their petting zoo, race some rubber ducks and possibly go on a hay ride among other activities. Sounds like a fun afternoon to me!

Also, I plan to stop for dinner with the kids on the way home. Pizza is always my favorite, but if the kids have a better idea, that is certainly fine with me. Please have them bring extra money to cover their food along with any snack or drink they might want to purchase at Pumpkin Creek Farms.

There is still room in the van if you didn't get the chance to sign up. If you would like to go, just let me know!



Christmas is a couple months away! In regards to the play, please be working on all the songs and know your t-shirt size as Jeni will be collecting that information. If you are a "Birthday Party" actor or actress, please be working on that song in particular for this week's practice.

Also, target November 14th as the date to have all your lines memorized. Thanks again kids as we are really looking forward to your production!

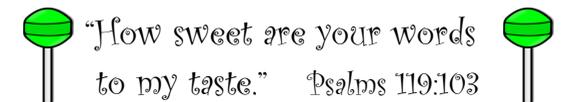


High School Students

All of us, not just the kids, but all of us get too busy at times and just need to get away. If you are in High School and would benefit from a little time away at this season in your life, then this conference would be perfect.

Think of CIY. We will be praising the Lord through song, studying the scriptures and participating in small group breakout sessions that you choose to attend. Plus, I am sure you will have the opportunity to explore the campus and learn more about LCU.

The cost is \$20 per student. LCU will provide the housing, breakfast and lunch. We will be leaving the church at 5pm on Friday, October 28th returning on Saturday at 6pm. Please bring your Bible, a sleeping bag, pillow, common sense items you need for the morning and extra money for a few meals on the road or other items to purchase. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending so we can reserve our spots!



You'll find special Halloween related treats in my office this Sunday, but you must say your verse! Little ones, feel free to recite your Sunday School memory verse. However, for those Jr. High and above, please memorize 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20. "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price." We'll be addressing this verse during Sunday School!