



"Christ's Hands - Our Hands"

We all welcome summer as a time of "hands-on" living. We get close to the earth as our hands pull weeds, mow and bag grass, tend to flowers and vegetables.

We have ample opportunities for hands-on relationships. We send Christmas cards to loved ones and friends living at a distance; but in the summer, sometimes we get to see these loved ones face-to-face. Family reunions, class reunions and vacation trips help us to keep our connections alive.

Summer is such a great "hands-on" time in the life of the church as well. Our children learn the stories of faith in Sunday School, but in the summer many will go to church camp where they live out that faith as a new community caring for and serving one another.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner at LSCC. It is a great experience of active Christian living as we sing, do crafts, recreate and serve others. Children make new friendships and deepen relationships with persons of all ages who share in the unique week-long adventure.

Our mission trips provide another tremendous experience for youth and adults to apply their faith. For months, preparations are made. Suzanne and sponsors ponder places that provide productive possibilities for service and growth. Connections are made; funds are raised; commitments are made; and when summer arrives, the adventures become hands-on.

Jesus used his hands in meaningful ways. He washed the feet of his disciples. He broke bread. He held children. He went fishing. He climbed to high places for prayer. He passed out food. He gathered friends. He healed. He touched and offered forgiveness.

This Sunday in worship at LSCC we will meet a woman and a man who need forgiveness for different reasons. Jesus clearly has something to offer both. Their attitudes and observations create the intrigue that leads Jesus to tell a story. In one of the rare experiences of the gospel accounts, Jesus is on the receiving end of a great outpouring of love. The lesson explores how being forgiven of much can lead us to love much.

You might read Luke 7:36-8:3 in preparation for Sunday. If you cannot get to it, we will read it together. But in the meantime, I do strongly encourage you to put your hands together in prayer for our 25 missionaries going to Costa Rica for eight days. They leave this Friday.

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Bill Briley

Rev. Bill Briley



VBS. We are blasting off in less than two weeks for our Galactic Blast adventure! If your children are not registered, you can still register in the narthex. There are **LOTS** of opportunities to help and we do need you...

Volunteers needed: adults and youth needed to decorate, set up, clean up, shepherd kids and serve as storytellers during Bible school. Contact Jennifer Parson or Mikki Jordan. Lots of help is needed on Sunday, June 20th to "officially" set up the church. We'll begin at 1pm and work until we're done. See the calendar for additional work days or call Jennifer Parson to set up additional work times.

VBS Needs

Craft Items (there is a drop off bin in the narthex for these items):

- White single-strand Christmas Lights (please put your name on them if you'd like them back)
- 400 clean aluminum pie tins
- 10 pounds of dry beans
- 1000 jingle bells, any size
- 20 hula hoops

Snack Items (there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please do NOT bring snack items until the week of VBS):

- Mild Cheddar Cheese
- Honey Nut Cheerios
- Apples
- Raisins
- Cheez-Its
- Ritz Crackers
- M&M's
- Twizzlers
- Mini Bagels
- Cream Cheese
- Napkins
- Lemonade or Pink Lemonade
- 9oz Cups
- Brownies (NO NUTS)
- Cookies (NO NUTS)

CALENDAR

June 14 - Browse Church History (during church hours). Items collected throughout the years will be displayed in room 106. If you think you might remember past events and members, please come look through our memorabilia and help identify pictures and events

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June 14 - JYF Water Fight. Join us at 1pm for hot dogs and a friendly water fight. Dress appropriately to get wet and bring your super soakers!

June 15 - Career Networking. Room 104 at 7pm. The topic will be "Tips for Applying for Government Jobs". All are welcome to attend.

June 16 - Spiritual Pathways Book Review. We'll meet at 6:30pm to finalize books for 2010/2011. Browse Church History (during church hours) in room 106

June 19 - "Building Fellowship". Come anytime between 7am and 2pm, have lunch with the group, inside and outside work will be done. All help appreciated!

June 21-25 - VBS.

June 26 - Habitat for Humanity. Meet here at 7:45am; return 3pm. Must be 16 years old, no special skills needed; tools provided, job supervisor on site. Signup at communication center.

June 27 - Mission Trip Action Team at 1:15pm.

CHILDREN

Summer Sunday School - HAS BEGUN. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade will meet from 10:00 to 10:50am in the small quad. The **toddler room is also up and running**; they are enjoying their own "Sunday School" hour at 10:00am! Our theme for June is *Noah's Ark*. Keep coming for *Jonah and the Whale* in July and *Daniel in the Lion's Den* in August.

JYF Water Fight - June 14th at 1pm. Hot dogs and a good ol' fashioned friendly water fight!

Help us Prepare the Church for VBS, one of our BIGGEST forms of Outreach to the LS Community - Work days Tuesday, June 15th and Wednesday, June 16th from 10am - noon. **Childcare will be provided and ALL HELP is appreciated!**

Friday Family Flicks - intergenerational movie nights aimed at entertaining and educating! During these two-hour events, we'll watch a movie, share a snack, play games, and learn about being nicer, better people! Kids, bring your parents, brothers and sisters, and grandparents!

July 2nd – *The Great Muppet Caper*

July 30th – *Monsters, Inc.*

August 13th – *A Bug's Life*

August 27th – *Toy Story*

Backyard Camp - a party **just for our one, two, and three-year-olds!** If you're between ages 1 and 3, come join us in the backyard July 10th from 11am to 1pm for stories, songs, crafts, and a cookout! Be prepared to get a little wet and sandy, and don't forget to bring a parent!

YOUTH

Pray for our Mission Trippers: Please keep in prayer our youth and sponsors as they travel this summer for safe travels and a deepening of our faith. Please also pray for those we will serve.

Costa Rica Mission Trip: June 11-19

Denver Mission Trip:

June 27th - Those that participated in the Costa Rica Mission Trip will share their experiences at all three worship services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members:

Robert Lytle; joined May 9th
Justin Collier; joined May 9th
Kellie Duff; joined June 6th
Marion Morris; joined June 6th

Marriage Blessings:

Kelsey Laine Harpster (granddaughter of Esther Alley) and Christopher Matthew Able were united in marriage on May 29th at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS.

James McCann and Tara were united in marriage on June 5th at Raytown Baptist in Raytown, MO.

Staffing Changes: In an effort to work within the income level of our giving, the Administration Team as recommended two changes in our staffing:

1. There will no longer be an evening custodian. Our daytime custodian, Tom Scharlau, is picking up a few additional hours.
2. We have discontinued the position of Director of Communications. If you have something you'd like to include in the e-news or suggestions for our website, please be directed to Jennifer Holbert.

We appreciate the services of Robert McGowin and Carol Johnson.

Mission Trip ActionTeam. An action team is forming to explore this amazing form of outreach. We will look at the strong history of LSCC's youth missions, how we can continue and strengthen that, as well as look at how we can expand our missions to include our adults and possibly be inter-generational (for families). Contact the church office or Jeff Martin if you are interested in this team. The next meeting will be June 27th at 1:15pm.

Church Camp - You can still sign up for church camp! If you haven't gotten your forms in yet, there is still time. Check www.talloaks.org for info or pick up a form at church.



Grace Prayer Circle is looking for prayer partners. No meetings, just pray daily for our prayer list. Contact Janette Williams at 525-2185 or kayakblue2007@gmail.com.

Career Networking Action Team - This group sponsors an online job listing, candidate profiles and tips. [Read more ...](#)

OFFERING

May 30

In Worship: 346

In Study: 121

Actual Giving: \$19,581

Actual Year-to-Date: \$293,171

Needed Weekly: \$13,608

Needed Year-to-Date: \$299,376

SAVE THE DATE



June 21-25 - Vacation Bible School

Join Galileo the green gorilla for a Galactic Blast adventure in outer space!

We will have tons of fun celebrating God's great creation! VBS is available for kids who will be four years old on or before July 31 to those entering the 6 grade. Registration begins in April. Childcare provided for younger children of

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Sept. 12, 18 & 19: LSCC 140th Birthday Celebration - special recognition of our past, our present and our future. Call Kathy Moore (537-7827) to volunteer.

COMMUNICATION CENTER



Copies of anniversary/birthday lists, thank you notes and the monthly serving schedule are located in the narthex; or view these lists on our [home page](#).

Need to reach a pastor or staff member? Go [here ...](#)

Next Newsletter: June 24th... Content Deadline: 5 pm, June 22nd to [Jennifer Holbert](#)

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