

GRACE/KNOXVILLE HOSTS “VISION FOR MINISTRY” OCTOBER 4

Our Mid-South District’s mission statement reflects the God-given mandate *to reach the lost and disciple the found*. In order to encourage congregations in their obedience to God’s call and to provide resources to assist them, the District is holding a “*Vision for Ministry*” event at **Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville on Tuesday, October 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** After a light dinner, Dr. Bob Newton, the California-Nevada-Hawaii District President, will present “***Christ’s People in a Post-Church World***” which builds on last year’s material. Rev. Wayne Knolhoff, LCMS Director of Stewardship Ministry, will then lead the group in a study entitled “***Life by His Word***”, which explores the question, “*What does God expect of me as His child?*” There is no cost for the event, but reservations are required. If you plan on attending, please contact the church office (**483-5431**) by Tuesday.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION UPDATE

COMMUNITY CONNECTION III (CC III) happens this **Saturday, October 1**, at **Grand Oaks Elementary School** from **9:00 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m.** If you haven’t already signed-up, please do so today! We need painters and landscapers. Lunch will be provided. Any questions or suggestions, please talk to Pastor!

CC IV is right around the corner! On **Saturday, October 29**, from **11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**, we would like to invite our community to visit our campus for a time of special fellowship— **a free Oktoberfest!** We would like to provide free music, amusements and food for our neighbors as a means of getting better acquainted with them. As you might guess, this will be a monumental undertaking! It will require the participation of the entire Family of Faith to be successful. We are in the need of :

- ◆ “**Starchy**” servants to prepare a mountain of potato salad
- ◆ “**Spicy**” servants to prepare a swimming pool full of baked beans
- ◆ “**F fiery**” servants to grill a truckload of brats and hot dogs
- ◆ “**Windy**” servants to raise our inflatables for the kiddies
- ◆ “**Salty**” servants to serve as pretzel vendors
- ◆ “**Rhythmic**” servants who aren’t afraid to do the Chicken Dance in public and most of all, we need “**Inviting**” servants who will make sure their neighbors join us!

Sign-up materials will be in your mailbox next Sunday. Any questions or suggestions, please talk to Pastor!

HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS?

Christine Eckerman (425-9974, Dettorre3@aol.com) has formed a **Community Connection Coordination Team** to serve as a clearinghouse for potential events. If you have an idea, please submit it to Chris and her group. They are charged with investigating the feasibility of future events. Thanks to Chris and her teammates for such valuable work!

CALLING ALL RUGBY-ITES!

If you signed-up for Christmas in Rugby, we're all set for our December 3 adventure. By booking early, we were able to make the 5:45 p.m. dinner seating. Please make your check payable to **FLC** (\$41/person) and note on it: "**CHRISTMAS IN RUGBY.**" It's going to be a great trip!

EARLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

If your child or grandchild has expressed interest in receiving the Lord Supper, please consider joining our ECI classes during the Sundays in October. These classes will prepare young disciples, grade 4 and up, to receive Christ's miraculous gift of grace through His Supper. For convenience, we meet during the Sunday School hour in the Narthex. And just to make things a bit more fun, please plan on attending with your loved one. Their best questions are asked on the car ride home! Those who complete the class will celebrate their **First Communion** on **October 30, Reformation Sunday**. How fitting!

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!!! Several years ago October was designated as Clergy Appreciation Month. On October 30 at 10AM, please come share coffee, juice and treats to honor our **Pastor Bill**. See you there!!!

SIGN-UP SHEETS:

✿ **Faith's Retirees** have scheduled their October Luncheon for 11:30AM on October 13 at **Gondolier**. Please sign up on the Retirees bulletin board in the narthex if you plan to attend.

✿ **Sunday Greeters** – Anyone willing to be a Sunday Greeter in **November** or **December** for either the 9AM or the 11AM services, **PLEASE** sign up on the sheet that is located on the Evangelism bulletin board so the reservations may be made.

✿ **KARM** – A sign-up sheet is posted for all who would like to assist. Our next date is **Oct 15**. **PLEASE NOTE:** For those who wish to ride as a group, please be at Faith by 9:30AM. If you would rather drive yourself, please contact the designated leader and let them know.