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Our Mission: To enable all to come, connect, and commit to Jesus.

June 2023 Alleluia! NEWS

The Alleluia! A!BOVE —AND— BEYOND

Stewardship Campaign
has Launched!
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FUN SOCIAL EVENTS FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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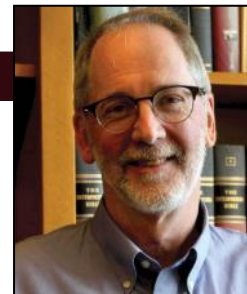
Alleluia! Music is seeking requests for summer worship songs! Do you have a favorite Christian song you'd like them to consider?

See page 4 for
information.

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer at Alleluia! Please consider volunteering during one of our summer services as some of our loyal "regulars" head out on for vacation. Please [Click HERE](#) to view current weekly needs or to sign up! Contact Deb Bostjancic at dbostjancic@alleluia.church with questions.



From the Desk of Pastor David



Entrusted with the Gospel

Jesus has entrusted the treasure of his ministry to us. He is trusting us to put the gospel to work in a risky world.

The Above and Beyond campaign and the series of presentations we've had over the past few weeks on "We Are Alleluia" have been helping us grasp this treasure we've been given and have called us to put that treasure to work.

There is another area of life where we have the experience of being entrusted with something precious and where we are asked to put our energy, love, and money to work. That's the work of raising a child.

Economists report that to raise a child from birth to age 18 costs on average over \$300,000 if you factor in food, clothes, housing, medical bills, etc. It's a lot of money. And parents do grumble about it from time to time. But I have never met any parent who said, "You know if I hadn't had that child, I would have another \$300,000 in my 401k plan." That ignores the priceless web of love and joy that is part of raising a child. It misses what a privilege it is to be entrusted with a life, and to have the chance to help a child grow.

And if our child needs braces, we usually find a way to pay for them, even if we have to scrape it together. And if the child wants music lessons, we usually find a way to make it happen. What would a parent rather spend their money on than helping their child thrive? It's not so much something you have to do; it's something you get to do. If you ever talk to a parent who has lost a child at an early age, you know that they would give anything to be able to spend their money on music lessons or a prom dress, or a baseball glove.

Being entrusted with a living child demands a lot of us in energy, love, and money. Being entrusted with the gospel and being part of a living church demands something of us too in energy, love, and money. But it's not something we have to do; it's something we get to do.

A dying church won't ask us for much, and a dead church won't ask us for anything. But a living church, a church that puts the gospel to work, will ask us for our resources and our resourcefulness.

And what would we rather spend our money on than putting the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ to work?

We Celebrated our Alleluia! Graduates at the Annual Grad Brunch

Congratulations to all our graduates on your many achievements, and best wishes as you move on to the next exciting phase of your lives!

Many thanks to the following for helping with the brunch: Desma Rosovics, Karla Doherty, Jennifer Finnerty, Roger & Christy Russell, Matt & LaRae Lafrenz, and April Blair.





Children's Ministry



Sharing the love of God with children and families so they can come, connect, and commit to Jesus.



Summer KidsConnect will begin on June 4th. Check-in procedures will remain the same: check-in, go to worship with families, then be dismissed to KidsConnect following the Children's Chat. All kids will head to the Rec Room for various activities. Pick-up will also take place in the Rec Room. We're looking for middle school and high school volunteers to help during the summer. Please [Click HERE](#) to volunteer.



Last Chance to Register for VBS 2023, "READY, SET, MOVE!"

Coming June 12th -16th!

We are getting ready to hit the road to discover that Jesus is with us "Here, There, and Everywhere!" It's not too late to send your kids on an adventure this summer that they won't forget!

Please note that the deadline to be guaranteed a friend request and a t-shirt was May 22nd.



SIGN UP YOUR STUDENT HERE!

Session 1 Student: 9am-11:30am [Click HERE](#) to register

Session 2 Student: 1pm-3:30pm [Click HERE](#) to register

VOLUNTEERS HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS THE KIDS!

We need Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers, & Adults who want to tag along on this adventure!

Please sign up for VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES HERE!

High School through Adults can join Ready, Set, Move! as a Crew Leader!

Middle School students can join Ready, Set, Move! as Station Assistants!

Session 1 Volunteer: 9am-11:30am [Click HERE](#) to register

Session 2 Volunteer: 1pm-3:30pm [Click HERE](#) to register

We have an awesome decorating team who could use some additional help to finish up! Contact April Blair at ablair@alleluia.church to help with decorations, set-up, or behind-the-scenes details!

VBS Donation List - It takes all of us to make VBS happen each year. Thanks for taking a peek at our materials list [HERE](#) and donating anything you can to help us prepare for this exciting week!



Music News

We are looking forward to hearing the VBS Children sing on Sunday, June 18th following their amazing week at VBS! Special thanks to everyone who is volunteering their time at VBS! We couldn't do it without you!

SUMMER REQUESTS: Our "music crew" would love to hear from YOU! If you have a Christian song that you'd like to us to consider for service music, please email Michele at mnelson@alleluia.church. Our "music crew" will do our BEST to make it happen this summer!

COME AND JOIN US! The 3rd Thursday of this month is Alleluia! "Jam" Night! Let us know you're coming! Please contact Michele at mnelson@alleluia.church or [Click HERE](#) to register.

Calling all "S.O.S." singers! (Sing on Sunday) If you'd like to sing "on occasion," PLEASE contact Michele at mnelson@alleluia.church. SUMMER is a great time to "take a chance" (as the Abba song says) on US!

Our AMAZING "music crew" will be taking some time off during the summer...and we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact Michele if you are able to SUB at any certain time! THANK YOU for praying about this! Perhaps you would like to perform some SPECIAL MUSIC???

J.C. Choir, Faith Choir, and our Hand Bell Choir are all on "summer vacation," but, will RESUME on Wednesday, September 13th!!! We're always looking for new members. You're welcome to check us out!

The newly formed Praise Choir wants to sing at both services a couple times each month! PLEASE let Michele know if you're interested in joining us! ONE MIC for a LOT OF PEOPLE = NO stress!! Just fun!!! Please contact Michele at mnelson@alleluia.church if you're interested.

We are in need of a DRUMMER on the second Sunday of each month! Please contact Michele if you're interested!

Private piano, flute, clarinet, and saxophone lessons are OFFERED this summer! Please contact Ms. Michele at mnelson@alleluia.church if you're interested!

We thank all our Alleluia! musicians and singers for sharing their talents and enhancing our worship services with their music.



A!BOVE AND BEYOND

Spring 2023
Stewardship Campaign

On May 17, 2023 the Stewardship Team emailed the Alleluia! membership regarding the spring stewardship campaign. This campaign is titled **A!bove and Beyond** because we are asking for contributions above and beyond current pledges to cover a budget deficit and enable us to hire a Youth Director.

[CLICK HERE](#) to let us know what you think you can offer above and beyond your current offerings.

[CLICK HERE](#) to make one-time or recurring donations online.

There is excitement and optimism in the air at Alleluia!

A recent member poll asked: "What are you excited about?"

...our amazing
worship **music!**

... **rebuilding** our
membership &
growing our
church!

...God sending
Pastor David to
help us transition!

...the chance for
change & **spiritual**
growth!

...the activities &
fellowship I see all
around me!

...helping next
generation of
youth leaders form
& flourish!

...**family events**
that are bringing
us all together!

...that everyone
seems **excited!**

...the **opportunity to enable others** to experience the faith journey my family had at A!
- one of the greatest blessings of my life!

Please consider contributing to A!bove and Beyond this year!

Nursery Care is Now Available During Worship Services

Alleluia! welcomes Sherry Yaeger to provide nursery childcare for ages 0 to 3 years during Sunday worship services. She brings a wealth of childcare experience with her, most recently as a Nursery Attendant at Grace United Methodist Church for 4 years and prior to that at Celebrations (Our Saviour's). Sherry also currently works part time in the kitchen for Little Blessings so is very familiar with Alleluia! Stop in to meet Sherry and welcome her!



A! SUMMER to Connect

FUN EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

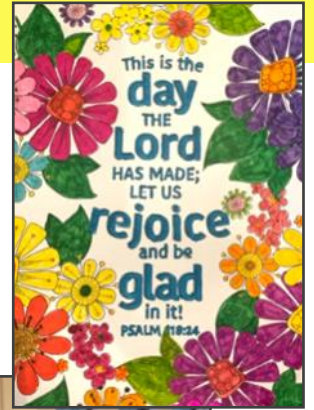
DATE	EVENT	AGE	TIME
Sun. 6/11	BBQ/Gaga Ball Summer Kickoff	MS/HS & <u>AYHigh Alum</u>	1:00pm
Tues. 6/20	Movie Night/Popcorn in the Sanctuary	MS/HS	7:00pm
Sat. 6/24	Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip & Rufus' Scholarship	MS/HS	8am-Noon
Wed. 6/28	Breakfast Night w/Message	MS/HS	6:00-7:30/CLC
Fri. 7/07	Chalk Messages w/Snack	Preschool thru MS	4:00-5:00pm
Wed. 7/12	Ice Cream Night w/Gaga Ball	MS	7:00-8:30pm
Mon. 7/17	Bingo Night w/Moms	Preschool thru MS	4:00-6:00pm
Thurs. 7/27	Nerf Night Pizza Lower Level	MS ALL HS	5:45-6:45pm 6:45-7:15/ <u>Undergrd</u> 7:15-8:15pm
Sun. 7/30	Dads, Donuts & Dodgeball	K thru MS	After 10:30 Service until 1pm/Gym
Thurs. 8/03	Ice Cream Night w/Gaga Ball	HS	7:00-8:30pm
Mon. 8/07	Gaga Ball w/Bonfire	MS/HS	7:00-8:30pm
Thurs. 8/10	Painting Rocks w/Snack	Preschool thru HS	4:00-5:30pm
Sundays	Open Gym	All Ages	** after 9:00am service 'til 12:30pm
Wednesdays 6/21, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16	Open Gym	Preschool thru MS	** 2:00-4:00 with adult supervision

Watch for updates in the Weekly Email BLAST

****** Gym closed for refinishing 6/28-7/13

******* MS also includes incoming Middle Schoolers

Alleluia! Women



Coloring the Psalms

Thirty women enjoyed an evening of relaxing fellowship as they gathered to "color the Psalms!" Thanks to Deb Bostjancic for planning this fun event.



If you like to garden or care for plants, join with the Gardening Angels as we care for the flowers and plants on our church property. Sometimes we dig in the dirt or fill pots and other times it might be as simple as coming to water the plants. If interested, please contact Elaine Bynum at elaine.bynum@gmail.com with questions.

The Alleluia! Church Council members may be contacted via council@alleluia.church

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Worship Schedule

We invite you to worship
with us!

Sunday Morning
In-Person Worship
at
9:00am & 10:30am
All are welcome!