

LUTZ

Love Letter

October, 2018



40 DAYS

OF COMMUNITY

What on earth are **we** here for?
A CHURCHWIDE SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN

PURPOSE DRIVEN

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REACH OUT TOGETHER

We're Commissioned to Reach Out Together

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FELLOWSHIP

We're Chosen to Fellowship

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GROW

We're Connected to Grow Together

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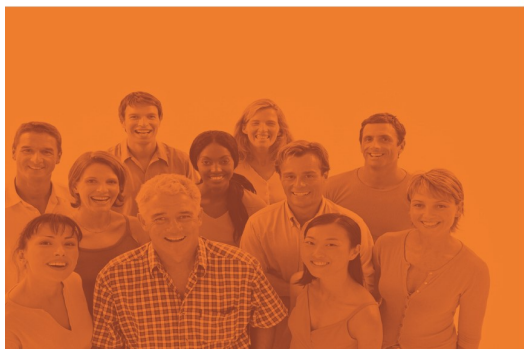
SERVE

We're Called to Serve Together

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WORSHIP

We're Created to Worship Together



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A WORD FROM PASTOR JODY

In Acts 2 the Bible shows us the model of the early church. In fact, it's the only model for church that the Bible gives us. It says this: Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (verses 46 to 47 NIV). You see, the life of the early church was lived out on three fronts: in the temple courts, house-to-house (that's their home groups), and then in the neighborhoods or community around them. The Bible says that as nonbelievers saw the early Christians loving each other and living a lifestyle of biblical fellowship, everybody around them was in awe, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved. Now listen to this. That means fellowship creates evangelism; community creates outreach. And it means that nonbelievers were so impressed by the fellowship of these believers and the love they had for one another that they wanted to be in on it. And I'm convinced that the same is true today. Biblical fellowship is just as powerful a witnessing tool two thousand years later as it was two thousand years ago. The truth is, everybody wants to be loved, and deep inside, everybody wants to have a sense of belonging. This sense of community is universal. We long for it. You've heard people say before that when people find a group or a church where members genuinely care for each other and genuinely love each other you would have to lock the doors to keep them away, because that's what people are looking for. They're looking to belong. They're looking for community, authentic community.

That's what 40 Days of Community is all about. It's all about love. Loving the people in our small group community; that's house to house. Loving the people in our church community; that's temple courts. And loving the people in our neighborhoods; that's the community around our church. Because without love, nothing else matters; it's just wasted effort. And without love, the church has nothing to offer a lost and dying world. Now love must be the motivation behind all of our purposes, our acts of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission. It is our love for God. It's love for one another and love for the lost. But love can only be developed and expressed in community. You have to be around people. You can't learn to love by yourself. Love by its very nature is built in community.

Now there are two main goals of 40 Days of Community:

The first goal is to raise our value and commitment to the local church. We want to understand that the community of the church is God's community that's going to last forever and ever and ever. And we want to experience community in a deeper spirit of harmony and relationship in the small groups. And then we want to learn to love and appreciate each other. And so the first goal of 40 Days of Community is to help each of us see where we fit into a small group community and then into the larger church community.

Now, the second goal is to help us church extend our influence to the people in the community around our church, and we're going to do that through some individual and particularly group outreach projects, such as Faith in Action. We want our small groups to be more than Bible studies. We want to help our groups begin to be outward focused, because it's not about me. And in the small group we say, it's not just about our group. It's about us helping the world.

To fully be a part of this exciting 40-day journey, you'll need to be in a 40 Days of Community small group. We can help you sign up! You can sign up either by visiting the 40 Days of Community page on our website or by signing up during our worship on October 14.

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the
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Need help or have questions?

Please contact pastorjody@timschurch.org



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BRING YOUR CAR!

BRING YOUR KIDS!

BRING CANDY!

Most of all: BRING YOURSELF and join us for an evening of fun! Costumes not only allowed, but encouraged. We will be setting up candy stations out of the backs of our cars for kids to come trick or treat in this safe alternative to Halloween. We will be giving a prize for the best decorated car!



9TH-12TH GRADE

MONDAYS

LEO ERNY HALL

**This month's
meetings:
October 1, 8,
22, 29**



6TH-8TH GRADE

FRIDAYS

BLISS CENTER

**This month's
meetings:
October 12 &
26**



A Note from the Preschool

In the fall, we have two great events for our preschool students and families. During our fall festival, the students play games to win small prizes and feed carrots to a pretend horse. Our Living Thanksgiving gives students the opportunity to make soap, make and taste butter, wash clothes on an old washboard and learn the story of the pilgrims through play. We can always use extra hands to help and would love for the church family to come enjoy these mornings with us. Please call the preschool at 949-8717 to get more details about helping.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Preschool Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 3rd from 5:00-7:30! Forms are attached in this newsletter and are available in the preschool and at the church office.

In His Name,

Danielle Volinsky



Saturday, November 3rd • 5:00 – 7:30

Dinner • Raffle • Silent Auction • Bake Sale

Serving Ends at 7:00

Please return your ticket order and payment to the preschool as soon as possible. We hope all Tims Church and Preschool families will be a part of this great event! Presales will help us to be prepared for the number of people that will be attending. Meals include spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread & drink. To go orders will be available.

Adult Meal: \$5 • Child Meal: \$2

Name and Phone Number : _____

Number of Tickets Needed:

Adults \$5 each

Children \$2 each

Total Dollar Amount: \$ _____

Come Enjoy



Fall into Comfort

—BRUNCH—

Hosted by the Women's Ministry

Saturday, October 27
10 am - 2 pm
Leo Erny Hall

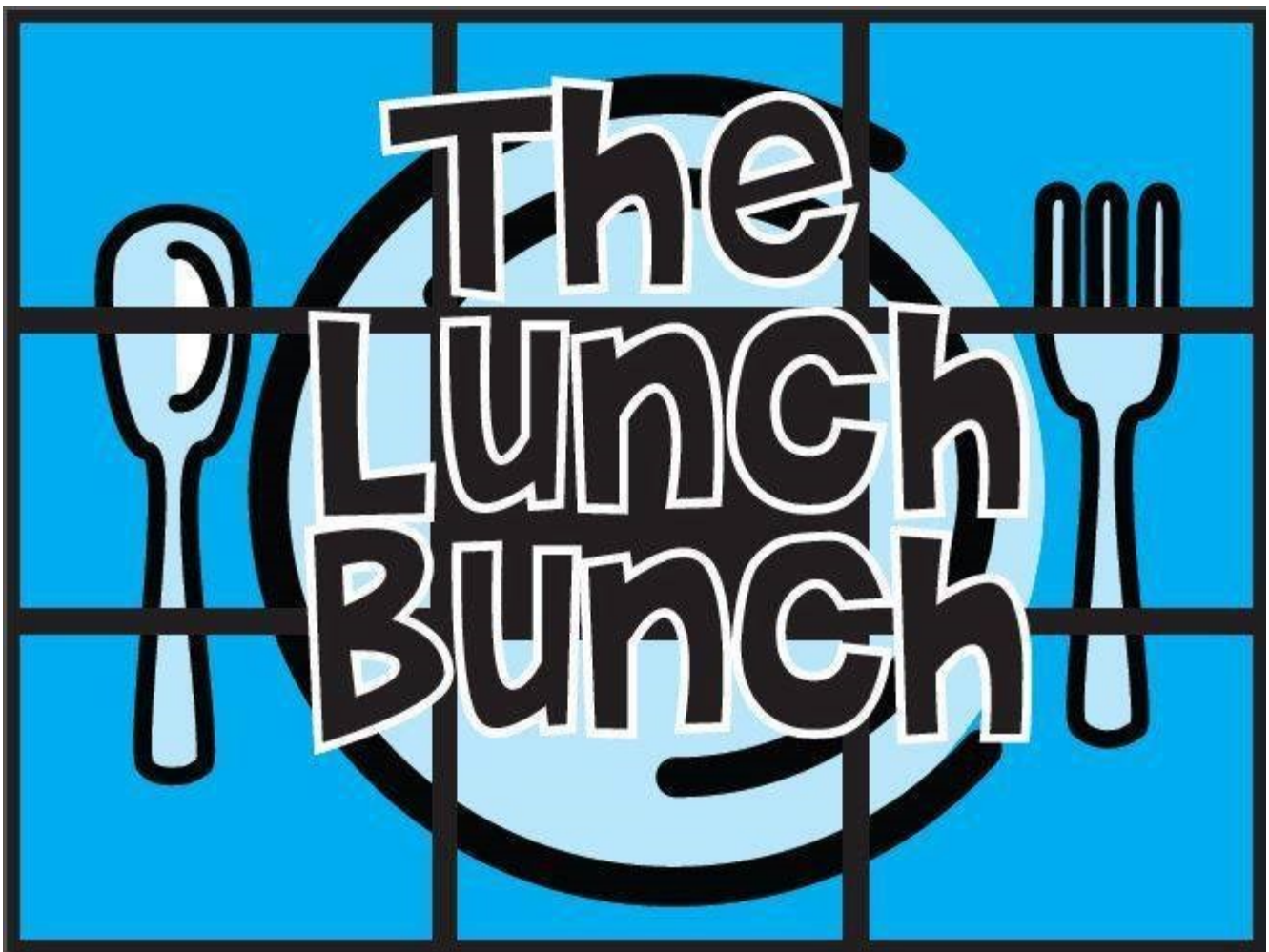
This is a potluck style event.
Bring your favorite dish to share!

FOLK



Do you play the banjo, violin, guitar,
mandolin, or another folk instrument?

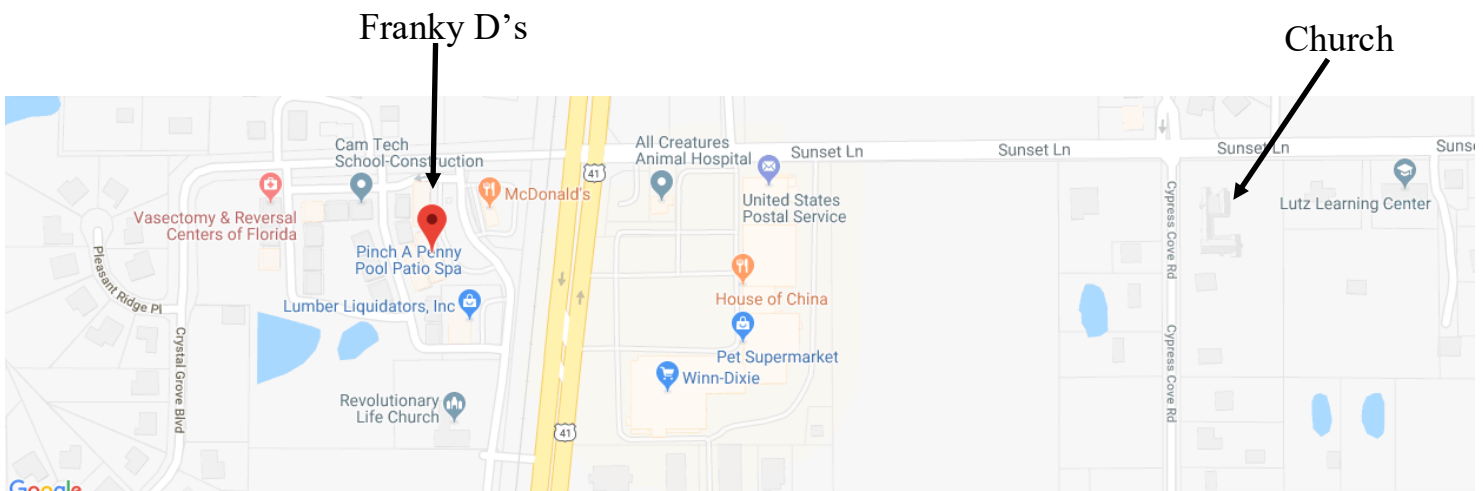
Come check out The Folk Group,
hosted by Johnnie Hunnecutt and Keri
Grosso! Singers are welcome too! The first
informational meeting will be Sunday,
October 7 from 3-4pm. If interested,
please call Keri at 813-924-3226 or email
at knechtplane@gmail.com.
See you then!



If you are a single senior and would like to chat and have lunch with others like yourself, think about joining ***The Lunch Bunch***, a new small group that meets monthly at Franky D's. All we want you to bring is a smile and maybe an old joke or two!

The next meeting is on October 18 at 11:30am.

Please call Marty Rolfsen at 813-949-5605 if you would like to come.



We've moved!



Olly Cassar

5121 N Serena Dr #169, Tampa FL 33617

James Sakezles

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(Building: The Inn)



FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

- Peace of mind.
- Peace of heart.
- Peace of soul.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1. Squash gossip.
- 2. Squash indifference.
- 3. Squash grumbling.
- 4. Squash selfishness.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- Lettuce be faithful.
- Lettuce be kind.
- Lettuce be patient.
- Lettuce really love one another.

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

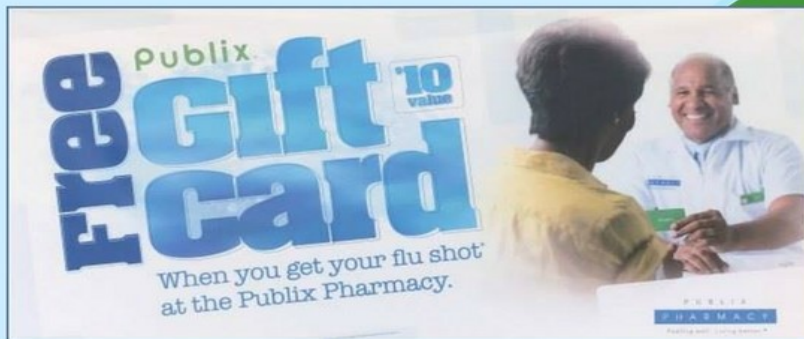
- Turnip for meetings.
- Turnip for service.
- Turnip to help one another.

OUR GARDEN MUST HAVE THYME:

- Thyme for GOD.
- Thyme for family.
- Thyme for friends.

**WATER FREELY AND
CULTIVATE WITH FAITH.
HARVEST YOUR BOUNTY
BECAUSE OF GOD'S
LOVE!**

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You can bring your gift card and place in the offering plate.

These funds will be utilized by Faith In Action to benefit Feeding the Homeless and Mustard Seed Garden Ministry!



I've entered the snapdragon part of my life. Part of me has snapped and the other part is draggin.....

Best kept secret at Lutz Community Church!

What do you see on the church calendar each month but know nothing about?? Mondays and Thursdays is the Exercise Angels at 3:00pm. It lasts one hour and it's FREE! Bring friends, too! What have you been waiting for? An engraved invitation? Here it is—just for you with your name on it.

We are currently a group of southern ladies who are not into sweating nor southern 'glistening'. But we do want to be toned, cored, supple (oh yeah!) and strengthened- at our own pace. To do so we use an exercise mat, hand and ankle weights, stretch

band and an exercise ball. We started out almost 11 years ago once a week in the evenings and now we are twice a week in the late afternoons. Some have been with us since the beginning and some have joined a few months back. Most are Lutz Community Church members but some come from around our town. We're a Community outreach!

Our exercise plan began from a physical therapy group at a hospital and recently re-adjusted for our age group by a local therapist. We love to laugh, share and care for each other. If you are looking for a place to make good friends and get toned while you are at it, this is the place.

We meet at the Tomlinson Building just south of the church on Cypress Cove Rd. What to know more or want to just try us out (borrow what we have a time or two), just let Teri Bauer (contemporary service) or Kathy McCarthy "Sarge" (traditional service) know. Consider this your engraved invitation with go-at-your-own pace No Guilt.

Teri Bauer, Cheerleader teri@lutzcc.org 813.949.5713



Bill Kaufmann 10/5

Alexis Balic 10/12

Tom English 10/13

Glenda Himes 10/22



Check out what's going on around the church with our live time calendar!

<http://lutzcommunitychurch.org/calendar>

