



Northwest Christian Church

A growing family journeying together to be more like Jesus

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Zone Party Soup's On!

February 26

Following Service



Compete in your zone for 1st prize.
Soup Cook-Off: you decide your favorite!



I don't know what to make of this refugee situation or President Trumps executive order.
I honestly understand and see both sides of this issue:

I understand and sympathize with those that are concerned about open borders. They are concerned about terrorism and that seems like a legit concern. I would caution them to beware of the idol of safety and security but I get it; I want a safe world for my son too.

I understand and sympathize with those who feel the benevolent, kind, even Christian thing to do is to welcome all. The first sermon I ever preached at my church was on Matthew 25: I was a stranger and you invited me in. While I think that text doesn't perfectly apply to this situation, we do need to love the least of these. My heart beats with that truth.

I feel alone because social media would indicate almost everyone has made up their mind. I just haven't. Maybe that feels weak to you. Maybe I come across as naive. May be I seem like a fence walker. I will have to live with your disappointment.

I don't need you to get louder...I have heard your arguments. I get your opinion. I'm still forming mine. Is that okay? I'm not dumb or uninformed...just thinking.

I have reached one conclusion: I think the thing I need to do more than anything else is pray. It is the Bible's repeated advice in times like these. Pray for leaders, pray for wisdom, pray for decisions being made. Pray.

Ultimately, my opinion, thoughts, and ideas don't matter and neither do yours. I hope in this social media age that doesn't bother you. I think it's going to be okay if I never form an opinion because it is God's opinion that matters. Our nation and President need His wisdom. For that we must pray.

Steve

Information for you

Superstart!

Upper Elementary Parents (3rd-5th), save the date for Superstart! March 10 - March 11. Early registration of \$45.00 is due Sunday, February 5, 2017.

Food Pantry Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday is the 1st Sunday of each month. If you are able, please bring a bag or two of groceries to help stock our food pantry!

Win-a-Couple Class Party

The Win-a-Couple Sunday School class will have a spaghetti lunch on February 10th at 12pm. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Donna Knackmuhs at 877-3090.

Baby Shower

Baby Shower on Saturday, February 11th at 2pm in the fellowship hall for Bridget and baby boy Edison James (born Jan 10th.). All ladies of the church are invited. If you have any questions ask (Grams) Diane Owen at 433-0325.

Save the dates

2/26

ZONE PARTY

Bring your best soup dish and join in the fun for our "Soup's On" Zone Party right after church service. We all get to taste and choose our favorite bowl!

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JR HIGH BELIEVE

This year's CIY Believe Conference (6th-8th grade) will be March 3-4 in Springfield IL. Contact Scott Monette for more details. (429-4278)

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SUPERSTART!

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DEEPER LIFE RETREAT

7th annual Sr. High/ College Deeper Life Retreat at Little Galilee, March 24th. The cost is just \$15 per person! If you're ready to live a deeper life in Christ, this is just what you've been looking for.



If you've been involved in a church for long, you've heard all about Jesus - things he taught, what he expects from you, and his death on a cross. But who is he really? The Gospel of Mark is a fast-paced account of Jesus' life focused on answering that question: who is this guy? Over the nine weeks leading up to Easter, we'll see that Jesus is Master, Teacher, Son of God, Compassionate Servant, Messiah, King, our Sacrifice, and our Savior. This winter/spring, youth groups will meet together on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 to walk through the sixteen chapters of Mark's gospel and encounter Jesus on the move.



A lot of Jr. High students are posting on social media using #Blessed. Often times what we think we own is really on loan, and when students use #Blessed it's almost always associated with getting something for themselves. This year's theme from 2 Cor. 9:11 is about being generous in every way, because we are blessed by God.

Believe is a high-energy weekend event for Jr. High students only. This year, we'll head to the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, IL on March 3-4 for this great conference. The cost to attend is \$100, which covers registration and hotel. This money is due by Sunday, Feb. 12th to hold your spot on this trip.



Jr/Sr High events calendar:

February

5th: Super Bowl Party

Youth Group party from 5-9 pm

12th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)

19th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)

26th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)

Mar. 3-4: CIY Believe

6th-8th grade leaves @ 4pm

super games.
super basketball.
super prizes.
super food.

oh, and a little game called the

super bowl.

Sun. Feb. 5th
5-9 pm @ Northwest

NW Student Ministries





NEW LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER CHANGE FOR LIFE

Baby bottles are available at both entrances. Please take a bottle home and fill it with pocket change over the next two months. Bottles are due back the end of March. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will support the important right to life ministry of New Life Pregnancy Center.

HEARTS OF LOVE

This year's February Hearts of Love recipient is Little Galilee Christian Camp. Your donations will go towards building the new dining hall at the camp. Please take a heart off the display located in the hall across from the sanctuary and return it with the amount written on the front. You may give cash or write a check to the church with "Little Galilee" in the memo line or designated on your envelope. This project will run throughout the month of February.

Thank You

Thanks for each prayer and hug. Every kind word helped.
In Christian Love,
Bill & Shirley Fahs

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Connie Honigs, **Adm. Assistant**

Monthly Financial Information

Date	Attendance	Giving	Now is the Time	Budget
1/1	108	\$5616.30	\$1145.00	\$6776.90
1/8	156	\$7347.77	\$6367.00	\$6776.90
1/15	119	\$6161.52	\$1412.00	\$6776.90
1/22	158	\$6805.25	\$6210.00	\$6776.90
1/29	156	\$5582.27	\$8969.25	\$6776.90

Elders

Zone 1 - Jay Dexter
Steve Wiese

Zone 2 - Brent Owen
Jim Seggerman

Zone 3 - Pat Owens
Travis White

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Praise Team Practice	2 9am Clothing Rm 7pm Committee Mtgs	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5-9pm Youth Group Party	6	7 10am Staff Mtg 9am Food Pantry	8 6pm Praise Team Practice	9 9am Clothing Rm 7pm Elders' Mtg	10 12pm Win-A-Couple Class Party	11 1pm Bridget Hart Baby Shower
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	13	14 10am Staff Mtg 9am Food Pantry	15 6pm Praise Team Practice	16 9am Clothing Rm	17	18
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26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:30pm Zone Party 6-7:30pm Youth Group	27	28 10am Staff Mtg				

February Birthdays!

3 Beverly McClure	14 Trina Drake	26 Shelly Bailey
6 Rella Hughes	15 Frank Edwards	26 Toney Roth
9 Devin Bagley	17 Tracy Cox	27 Sandy Dexter
9 Tim Bailey	17 Melbaline Whittington	
9 Brent Owen	19 Kayleigh Brummett	
11 Susan Koch	20 Niah Bagley	
11 Killian Patrick	22 Jerald Greenlee	
13 Carol Bolyard	24 Reed Thompson	

