



Salem Spirit



July 2010

Our Vision: To be a congregation of disciples proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.
Our Mission: To glorify God in all that we do, reflecting His love to our community and the world.

Pastor's Page: A Message from Pastor Nielsen

There is rejoicing at Salem Lutheran Church! We will be installing our new Contemporary Worship leader, Marcy Kraft, on July 4th; we will begin our Summer Fest Worship July 11th celebrating worship from other traditions; and we will host our Day Camp July 12-16.

All of this while the Call Committee continues to work on assembling our Congregational Profile and the Mission Team and other committees continue their good work! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Salem may be in transition, but it certainly is not standing still! The congregation is alive and active and willing to move forward with its ministry.

On a personal note, our whole family will be gathering for a campout on the shores of Lake Superior in Canada, July 25-30, to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Exchange students from Denmark and Australia will join us as well. Our actual anniversary date is Sep. 9th. but July is when all the families could gather at the same time.

The kids are also planning an Open House for family and friends at our home in Celebration on Sep. 12th.

Inspired by the story of Carl and Ellie Fredricksen (written and produced by our friend Pete Docter) in the PIXAR movie *UP*, we are embarking on a new adventure with lots of friends and family.

In the past 50 years we have seen many an adventure and we look forward to even more exciting ones in the years ahead.

Pastor Nielsen

CHURCH STAFF

Howard Nielsen, Interim Senior Pastor Jefferson Cox, Associate Pastor Linda Magnuson, Secretary
Jim Kuzman, Organist/Senior Director of Choirs Marcy Kraft, Contemporary Worship Team Leader

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional LBW Service with Holy Communion – 8:00am
Contemporary Service with Holy Communion – 9:15am
Traditional ELW Service with Holy Communion – 10:30am
“Nu Oli” Hawaiian Worship Service - 1st Monday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

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Associate Pastor's Page: A Message from Pastor Jeff

Summerfest 2010: Exploring Christianity Around the World

We are pleased to continue the annual tradition of SummerFest, that opportunity that we take over each summer to change up the service, to try something daringly different.

You may remember "Lake Wobegone Days" and "Bible Blueprints," but this year we'll be celebrating "Christianity Around the World."

Over the six weeks of SummerFest starting on July 11th, we'll incorporate elements of Christian worship practices from around the world.

On July 11th we'll celebrate a Moravian "lovefeast" and I'll share information about the Moravian Church, who were Protestants before the Protestant Reformation and who later adopted Lutheran theology and doctrine as their own. We'll then have three guest worship leaders.

On July 18th guest presenter Pastor Michael Birra will introduce us to the Christian church in Ethiopia, one of the oldest continuously operating Christian communities in the world.

On July 25th Pastor Luther Kistler who will introduce us to some special Japanese worship practices and talk about the Christian church in Japan.

On August 1st, professional dancer and Salem member Ashley Carey will lead us in a Flamenco Dance Mass, a special worship service in dance from Spain.

On August 8th Pastor Nielsen introducing us to the Christian church in Iran and other Christians around the Middle East.

On August 15th, SummerFest will end with Pastor Nielsen introducing us to a special seafarers ministry for sailors across the globe.

Thus we'll hear about Christians in two Asian countries, two European countries, one African country, and about a ministry found all over the world. So get your spiritual passports ready for this exciting series!

Salem Welcomes Marcy Kraft, Salem's New Contemporary Worship Leader!

It is with delight that I announce to you that Mrs. Marcy Kraft has been offered and has accepted the position of Contemporary Worship Team Leader for Salem Lutheran Church.

Marcy comes to us from Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration, Florida, where she served for eight years in various capacities, most recently as their Director of Worship.

Among her many responsibilities at Community Presbyterian was the development of their Contemporary Worship Service, so she has years of experience in building a Contemporary Worship Team that leads the congregation with live music in a rich and profound worship experience.

We are excited about benefitting from Marcy's talents and experience in order to revitalize our Contemporary Worship Service and to achieve our visions for that service, including live music.
(Pastor Cox's message continues)

Pastor Jeff's Message Continues

In addition, Marcy will be assisting in the continued development of our Hawaiian service, especially in coordinating the participation of outside dancers and musicians in the service.

Marcy will be starting a Youth Choir for Middle and High School youth this fall. She will make herself available to work with individual and groups in voice consultations for those who would like some advice on improving their singing techniques. In short, Marcy is excited about the opportunities before us. In addition, Marcy's family will be joining Salem – her husband Russ, her daughter Katelynn, and her son Cole.

Marcy's official start date will be July 1st, her installation will be on July 4th, and her first rehearsal with the Contemporary Worship Team will be Tuesday, July 6th.

Because Marcy will be joining the staff so soon before Summerfest, the Contemporary Worship Service will not incorporate the special worship experiences of Christianity Around the World, though the sermons will still be based on the Summerfest theme for each day.

So I urge you to begin praying for Marcy and her family, for the Contemporary Worship Team, for the Hawaiian Service leaders, and for the whole congregation so that through God's guidance we will experience the full blessings that the new step forward represents for our congregation. I also urge you to make that special effort (if needed) to attend worship on July 4th and help welcome Marcy to our staff and to the mission and ministry of the congregation.

And if you're feeling particularly bold and adventurous, come to the Contemporary Worship Team rehearsal on July 6th and offer your gift and/or skill to the Team to add to the Contemporary Service.

In Christ, Pastor Jeff

Stepping Stone Medical Equipment Bank Submitted by Anne Lauer

Seniors First has a wonderful Medical Equipment Bank at 3711 Vineland Road. They welcome no longer needed items – including wheel chairs and motr - which are then cleaned and reconditioned like new and made available for re-use by people in great need, either free of charge or for a nominal fee. The more fortunate can purchase these things at significant discounts. For information call Stepping Stone at 407-649-4100. Donations are welcome.

Calling all Lutheran Disney Cast Members and Colleagues!

You are invited to join a great bunch of Disney Cast Members, active and retired, who get together on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Team Disney Cafeteria from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (as schedules allow) for mutual support, conversation, and prayer, especially important during these economic times. This month we will meet on July 22, 2010.

We take seriously Luther's teaching that we live simultaneously in two kingdoms: the Kingdom of God, where the freedom of the Gospel reigns supreme, and our earthly kingdom/nation, where the rule of law holds sway. No one understands the tension between the Two Kingdoms better than those who also work in the Kingdom of the Mouse!

A Message About Offering Envelopes from Stewardship

Just a few reminders when filling out your offering envelopes.

First, thank you for using your envelopes!

The A.C.T. campaign has come to a close. Offerings designated to the efforts at reducing the mortgage are now being redirected to **HEART** (covering the costs of the entitlement process with Orange County).

If you designate funds to **Special**, please be certain to note exactly where you wish those offering to go.

If you have not designated a category on your envelopes, the offering received will go to **Current Expenses/Benevolence**.

If you would be interested in direct deposit for your offerings, please consider Simply Giving. Simply Giving allows money to be transferred from your checking or savings account directly to Salem. Contact Eric Schubert for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mission and Ministry of our Lord and Savior through Salem Lutheran Church.

Eric Schubert

Summertime Stress Slowing You Down? Submitted by Mary Sikora

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation.

Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down.

If you are experiencing a difficult time-- emotionally, spiritually, or relationally -- you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with our Stephen Ministry Leader, Mary Sikora , or one of our Pastors.

Altar Guild Help Needed

You are invited to help prepare Our Lord's table for serving Holy Communion. It takes less than an hour a week on Saturday mornings. We welcome new hands. Please call Anne Lauer at 407-876-3796 if you'd like to try it.

Upcoming Parent's Night Out July 10th, 2010

Submitted by Scott Fetterhoff

Good news, our second "Parent's Night Out" event of the summer season will be the evening of July 10th.

Bring your child age 4 and older to the church on Saturday evening and enjoy a night out on the town just for you, the adults! The doors open at 6pm and will close at 10pm; you can drop off and pick up your kid(s) anytime during those hours.

Snacks will be provided however if your child or children need to eat a full meal please bring a bag dinner for that purpose. The hosts for July's event will be the Swyryn family.

Give yourself a much needed break and remember the date. Check Salem's bulletin board and sign up your kids for an evening of fun on July 10th.

Deborah Circle Studies Prayer Submitted by Ellie Mecklenburg

Last month we considered "persistence" in prayer and this month we follow up with "patience." The two go hand in hand. Our scriptural guides will be from the Psalms and from Isaiah 40 where we read that those who wait for the Lord shall walk and not faint, run and not be weary and fly like eagles. But we busy people often have trouble when it comes to waiting. We are often more like the person who says "I have all the patience in the world. I can wait 30 seconds for anything!" or the one who prays "I want patience and I want it now!" Yet, we know God's time is not human time. Patience is required when it comes to prayer.

We invite all women of the church to join us on Monday, July 19th at 9:30 in Eckhardt Fellowship Hall. As usual, the lesson is in the July/August issue of Lutheran Woman Today or you may get a copy from the church office.

Nursery Volunteers Schedule Submitted by Jenny Cox

Date	9:15am	10:30am
July 4	K Scott	C Adkins
July 11	J Cox	S Grieder
July 18	B Rumprik	K Stark
July 25	M Irwin	C Swyryn
August 1	K Scott	C Adkins

Acolyte Schedule

Date	8:00am	9:15am	10:30am
July 4	Jordan Minoff	N/A	Brandon Lovan
July 11	Skyler Johnson	Joseph Cox	Kyle Stark
July 18	Jordan Minoff	N/A	Erica Barr
July 25	Skyler Johnson	Joseph Cox	Brandon Lovan

Greeter Schedule

Date	8:00am North Door at Fellowship Hall	9:15am North Door at Fellowship Hall	10:30am North Door at Fellowship Hall	10:30am West Door at Nave Entrance
July 4	M/M R Mecklenburg	A Koula	M/M M Swyrn & Family	M/M R Garlitzke & Family
July 11	M/M R Ryan	R Kurtz	M/M B Blackmore	I Kappes
July 18	M/M G Hershberger	M/M G Wise	M/M D Gardner	M/M R Kjosa
July 25	M/M B Kaufman	S Csobadi	M/M R Garlitzke & Famkly	M Martins

Usher Schedule

Date	8:00am	9:15am	10:30am
July 4	Michael Ryan, Richard Ryan	Ernie Lorenzen	Marie Kase, Dale Magnuson, Julie Gartlizke, Bob Garlitzke
July 11	Myrna Putz, Al Putz	Ernie Lorenzen	Marie Kase, Kristy Rundle, Julie Garlitzke, Bob Garlitzke
July 18	Candy Johnson, Tom Johnson	Ernie Lorenzen	Paula Strode, Maria Martins, Dale Magnuson, Kristy Rundle
July 25	Ray Lien, Tom Johnson	Ernie Lorenzen	Marie Kase, Maria Martins, Paula Strode, Dale Magnuson

Assisting Minister/Reader Schedule

Date	8:00am	10:30am
July 4	OPEN	Keith Thompson
July 11	Cindy Knodt-Benoit	Eric Schubert
July 18	OPEN	Linda Magnuson
July 25	Paul Johnson	OPEN

A Message from the Finance Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I know that many of us have not pledged to the church for this year for various reasons. Many of us are waiting to see who our next senior pastor will be and where we, as a church, will be going. We are in a "neutral zone" where we are not going to make a commitment until we see who our leader will be and the direction that Salem will be taking for the future.

The reality of the situation is that the costs to keep the church "open" are not in "neutral" but are keeping pace with previous years. When I was unemployed for a time, the expenses of running my household did not take a sabbatical. I needed to take action to keep pace with my needs until a new career path became a reality.

We, as members of Salem, need to take action to ensure that the Salem where we love to worship, where we are spiritually fed, where we meet and keep up with "our family" does not go into "neutral" and lose its focus or ability to fulfill its mission—to spread the Love of God to all of our neighbors.

The church is not defined by our leader but by the individual actions that each of us take on a daily basis. Our leader is likely the most visible face. Our Mission Team and all of you who volunteer your time, talent and treasure are the "action team" to ensure that Salem meets its obligations.

Am I saying that we are in "crisis" right now? No!! I am urging each of you to get involved with the mission of the church, to not let the "neutral" time become one where we are stagnant. Please consider, if it is possible, re-committing time, talent and treasure to Salem.

We want Salem to be the place where, when a prospective pastor looks at us, he/she sees a dynamic church that is going forward with mission and ministry, that is fulfilling its calling as the body of Christ on earth, that looks forward in faith to the future, trusting in our Father.

Faith. It does call for Faith. It calls for a belief like the widow of Zarephath who gave Elijah her last meal and oil, not knowing what lay ahead. We don't know what lies ahead, but we do know that we have a loving God who wishes to bless us as he blessed the widow of Zarephath.

Consider, if you are able and have not made a pledge, making a pledge for the remainder of the year and join with the Mission Team in stepping out in faith for the future, for our children and for our ministry to the community.

Thank you.

Roger Kjosa, Treasurer

There are lots of ways both ongoing and upcoming to have more fun in a relaxed and safe environment, right here in your own church. Start marking these dates on your calendars!

Sunday Coffee Hour

Please come and mingle with your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Eckhardt Fellowship Hall and enjoy coffee or juice and a nice variety of nibbles following each service. If you are interested in helping out for this important church ministry by baking or providing food (keep your receipts and Fellowship will reimburse your purchases), the fourth Sunday of each month is open. Please contact Linda Magnuson in the Church Office if you would be interested.

Date	Coffee Hour Hosts
July 4	Peggy Johnson
July 11	Gary & Traci Hershberger
July 18	Youth – Andrew & Suzanne Meyer
July 25	Birgit Rumprik

Church Picnic - July 25th, 2010

Please join us right after the 10:30 service for fun, food and fellowship! There will be inside games (chess, checkers, dominoes, etc.), competitions (water balloon toss, three-legged race, egg spoon race, limbo, etc.), hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken legs, music, and more! This is an all church event so please bring friends and neighbors. If you have ideas to offer, please call Linda in the church office.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board now and tell us how many are coming and if you are bringing a side dish or dessert. Thank you! It will be a great time for all!

Day/Back to School Event – End of August – Date TBD

Kawehi Punahale and the Fellowship committee are planning a day at Disney for Salem's youth. Time and date will be determined later. Be sure to watch the bulletin board and sign up if you are planning to attend.

Please contact Linda Magnuson if you have Disney tickets or are able to get youth into the park. We are asking the youth to bring a free-will gift of school supplies (backpack, writing/coloring supplies, paper, etc.) for their entrance fee into the park. Fellowship will be collecting and assembling backpacks for under privileged children.

If anyone has any questions, suggestions, comments, or if you would like to be a part of any of the above fun fellowship events, please contact a member of the Fellowship Committee.

Thrivent Day at the Ballpark

Saturday August 14th, 2010 will be Thrivent Day at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, when the Tampa Bay Rays take on the Baltimore Orioles at 4:10pm.

To order tickets, send your check made out to "Orlando County Chapter of Thrivent" to Linda Greer, 8ll Plato Ave., Orlando, FL 32809, with a #10 self-addressed stamped return envelope (1 stamp for every 8 tickets).

If you want to sit together, order together. The Deadline is Aug. 1st. 2010, and order forms are available in the church office. More information is available on line at www.lutheransonline.com/rfo190.

There will also be a tailgate hotdog lunch before the game at 12:15pm and a charter bus available from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1515 S.Semorán Blvd., Orlando. 32807, which leaves at 1:30 p.m..

Cost: FREE for Thrivent members, \$10.00 for non-Thrivent members.

For Lunch and Bus Reservation, contact and/or send check (separate check) made out to Orlando County Chapter of Thrivent. Please submit this check to Gladys Dittmer, 5300 White Cliff Lane #4, Orlando 32812. For more information, call 407-658-9815 or send an e-mail to odittmer@cfl.com) Order forms for the lunch and bus are in church office as well, and the deadline is July 15th, 2010.

Acolytes Needed – No Experience Necessary!

Submitted by Barb Ryan

All children - boys and girls - from the 3rd grade on are invited to become an acolyte.

Acolytes play an important part in our worship service each Sunday, from lighting the candles to passing out the offering plates to helping with baptisms.

Training will be provided. You do not have to acolyte every Sunday. A schedule is prepared in advance which will allow you to acolyte when you are able.

We also have a junior acolyte program for children 4 years old through the 3rd grade.

If your children are interested, please contact Meredith Csobadi, Eric Schubert or Barb Ryan.

July Birthdays

- 7/1 Joan Boehmer, Jordan Minoff,
Regan Weitzel
- 7/2 Barbara Ryan, Jim Kuzman,
Nancy Weaver, Colin Greene
- 7/3 Gerdi Taylor, Sydney Goldberg
- 7/4 David Mooney
- 7/5 Paula Strode
- 7/6 Richard Gardner
- 7/7 Jerry Lauer, Honey Mathis, Rick
Lameck
- 7/8 Lillian Dell, Bill Toppari
- 7/9 Kevin Sherin, Bryce Lyles
- 7/10 Priscilla Fitzgerald, Kessler
Davies
- 7/11 Mary Berzoni
- 7/12 Dan Gray, Robert Garlitzke
- 7/13 Sara Holton, Jaiden Ziegler
- 7/15 Richard Fuller, Kristy Rundle
- 7/17 Erich Mertz
- 7/18 Peter Weissgerber, David
Murphy, Hunter Herold
- 7/20 Devin Kennedy
- 7/22 Mary Blehl, Jennifer
Thompson, Erica Lutz
- 7/24 Meredith Csobadi, Aaron
Fetterhoff
- 7/25 Jackie Williams, Jesse Rawley,
Adam Kjosa, Blake Blahut
- 7/26 Robert Kase, Jennifer Avegno
- 7/28 William Kaufman, Gillian
Violette
- 7/29 Nancy Ericson, Cayla Ontko
- 7/31 Grace Sherin, Madison Kjosa

Mission Team Highlights

Submitted by Eric Schubert

There is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth being offered for women called Women of Joy to be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott from September 24-26. Speakers/worship leaders/performers include Steven Curtis Chapman, Lisa Harper, Charles Billingsley and Carol Kent. More information can be found on the bulletin boards across from Linda's office.

We thank the Call Committee for their ongoing work in putting together our call documents. We also thank those members of the congregation who completed surveys. Well done!

Look for the complete minutes of Mission Team meetings on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the bathrooms. Also, don't forget to check our website for a listing of events and activities (www.salemlc.net).

July Service Project

Submitted by Mike & Cheryl Swyryn

Our project this month is to establish a database of people who are willing to assist members of Salem who have needs due to illness, injury, or loss of a loved one.

These needs may include transportation to and from doctor's appointments, delivering meals, grocery shopping, light housekeeping or yardwork, dog walking, etc. It's our goal to have a ready supply of Salem servants to be called upon when a member needs support.

If your heart is led in this direction, please e-mail your name, phone numbers, e-mail address, and the type of service(s) you'd be willing to provide to Mike & Cheryl Swyryn at gatorhome@bellsouth.net.

Also, if you know of anyone who is suffering that could use some extra help, please call Linda Magnuson at 407-876-4000.

Salem Prayer List

Presence:

For Paul Peery upon being hospitalized for blood clots.

For Andy Olpin's mother, Jan, and Grandpa Max.

For Lori Metzger, friend of Traci Hershberger, as she begins treatment for cancer.

For Margaret "Peggy" Stark, mom of Paul Stark, as she begins treatment for cancer.

For Alex & Kenny, friends of Jan Kmetz', upon their house burning down.

For Jennifer Abell, friend of Peggy Baker, as she begins treatment for cancer.

For Bill Gaydos, friend of Jan Kmetz', as he awaits a new protocol for leukemia.

For all the people of Haiti and their families following the terrible earthquake.

For Jack Dunlow, friend of Jan Kmetz, as he deals with a serious illness.

For Tina Meranda, friend of Ruth Owrey's, upon the reoccurrence of cancer.

For Jeanne Silano, friend of Maria Martins, as she enters into hospice care.

For Kenneth Lee, father of Candy Johnson's sister-in-law, as he has treatments for lung cancer.

Healing:

For Andy Olpin's father, Bill Olpin.

For David Mueller, brother of Chris Lovan, hospitalized and needing healing of body, mind, & spirit.

For Donna Hill, Ruth Owrey's mom, as she recuperates from knee replacement surgery.

For Diane Grieco, friend of Maria Martins, as she undergoes chemo & radiation treatments.

For Paul Johnson's cousin, Mark, as he recuperates from a motorcycle accident.

Jan Kmetz, as she recuperates from a broken shoulder.

For Leila Warmuth as she recuperates at Health Care of Windermere.

For Mary Schwoob, friend of Jan Kmetz' daughter, for her continued healing and in thanksgiving for all your prayers.

For Anita McGuckin, Pat Bock's sister, as she recuperates from surgery and pneumonia.

For Josie De La Torre friend of the Starks, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

For Ross Seten, brother-in-law of the Hachmeisters, as he begins treatment for a tumor.

For Jon, a friend of Jan Kmetz, for complete healing.

For Denney Rummel, Ruth Owrey's niece's father-in-law, as he progresses each day.

For Lorraine Swanson, mother of Candy Johnson, as she recuperates following surgery.

Safety:

For Christopher Cox, grandson of Barbara Hackett, while serving in Iraq.

For Major Donna Johnson, niece of Ruth Owrey, while serving in Afghanistan.

For Jacob Harrison, friend of Madeline Barr, while serving in Afghanistan.

For Jon Ubiera, friend of Paula Strode, while he attends Marine Corp Basic Training.

For Shawn Carlson while serving in Iraq.

Comfort:

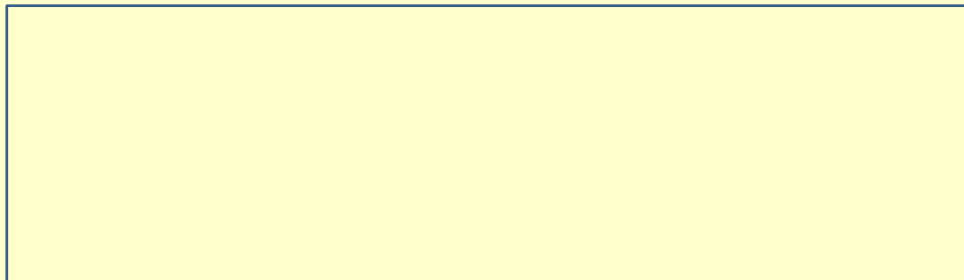
For David Mathis and family upon the sudden death of David's son, Gary.

For John Tabar and family upon the death of their beloved wife and mother, Gwen.

For the family of Daniel Biferie upon his recent death.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>July 2010</h1>						
4 Worship 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am	5 Office Closed Hawaiian Service 7pm	6	7	8 All Committee Meeting 7pm Hula Group 7pm	9	10 Work Day 7am – 1pm Parent's Night Out 6pm – 10pm
11 Worship 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am Summerfest Begins	12 Day Camp	13 Day Camp	14 Day Camp	15 Day Camp Camp Jubilee 7pm	16 Day Camp	17
18 Worship 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am	19 Deborah Circle 9:30am	20 Fellowship Committee 7pm	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Two Kingdom's Prayer Lunch 11:30am Executive Board 6:30pm Mission Team 7pm Hula Group 7pm	23	24
25 Worship 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am Church Picnic 12pm	26	27	28	29 Hula Group 7pm	30	31