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BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

The Vine

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*HE WAS PIERCED BECAUSE OF OUR REBELLIONS
AND CRUSHED BECAUSE OF OUR CRIMES.
HE BORE THE PUNISHMENT THAT MADE US
WHOLE; BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.*

Isaiah 53:5



Into the Water and Onto the Shore

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It probably comes as no surprise that this article will revolve around some reflections about my recent trip to Israel. Although I have been there before (actually four times) on the same study tour through Jerusalem University College, there is always something a bit different and something new. This time around there was some moments of healing, personal encounters and the joy of sharing this experience with my son-in-law, Kyle and his dad, Gerry. Out of all the heart touching moments that were a part of those two weeks, I thought I would share two (not three, but two!) of them which take place in the Sea of Galilee and on the shore of that same lake.

Just to dip my toe into the waters of the Sea of Galilee is enough to raise goosebumps, not just because it's a bit cool, but because I remember that Jesus walked on the water here in this place. Plus he and his disciples crossed these waters a number of times, sometimes under stormy conditions. And then to walk into these waters deeper and deeper leads to a moment that brings healing and renewal. During our second week in Israel, we spent a few nights at a kibbutz by the Sea of Galilee. Emily, a Baptist pastor living in Jamaica, was part of a group that we were linked with, sharing all the wonders of this pilgrimage in the Holy Land. People in her group had asked about affirming their baptisms in the waters of the Sea of Galilee. Emily asked me to assist and I jumped right in. As the sun was setting, we immersed a number of sisters and brothers in Christ, into the water. As each one emerged, there were smiles and raised hands and Hallelujahs. And then it was time for me to be immersed and brought back up again, thanking God for the opportunity to continue to walk wet by God's grace. There was healing in the water and I could feel the peace of Christ while I was dripping wet.

On the night before we left En Gev (the kibbutz), we joined together, Baptists and Lutherans, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. We sat on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, breaking the bread of life and sharing the cup of salvation. There we were, broken people, sharing the body and blood of our broken Savior, who continues to bring wholeness and healing to light and to life. And there were smiles and raised hands and Hallelujahs, giving praise to the Lord of Life for this precious gift.

Into the water and onto the shore; glimpses of the holy in a land that is broken and bleeding and yet....

The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

Pastor Lee



Youth & Children's Ministry

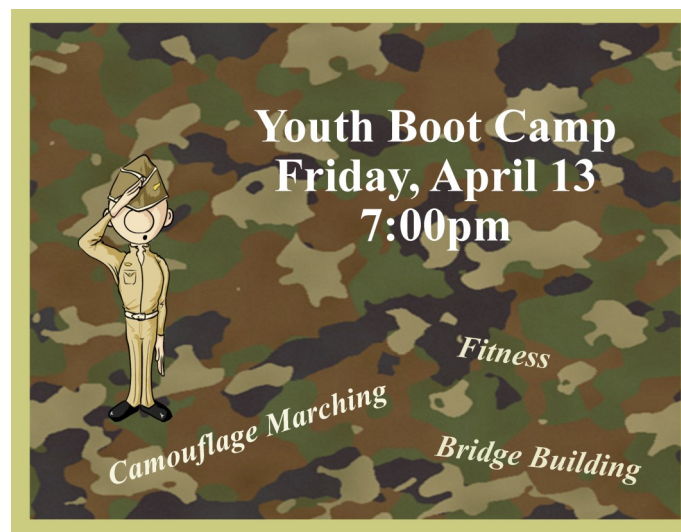
Hopefully you're not sick of me saying this by now, but I truly believe God leads us through themes, or more adequately put, seasons. These are prolonged periods of time that can usually be classified by one word, but sometimes it may be more. The funny thing is that a lot of times we can be in a particular season, or theme of learning, and never really realize it, unless we are actively looking for what God is placing on our hearts. I love looking back at the previous years and months, and seeing how God led me through different learning moments, and soul stretching trials. It was actually very recently God started to speak to me about a new or unique thing, even though it actually isn't that new.

About five or six years ago, around this time of the year actually, God started to speak to me about experience, or more specifically, experiencing His Word. After a few months of seeing this word in every conversation, devotion, prayer, and so on, I thought I'd finally gotten the point. Until the end of this past March, when all of a sudden, the word experience started to pop up all over the place again. This time however, it was much more in regards to my desire for the church of God. Rather than just having events, or reading through the Bible, or even just hanging out together, especially for the youth and children, I want to see encounters with Jesus. I want to see transformational, life changing, experiences with our Lord. How do we experience God? Simply put, through everything! It's all about our approach to every day, and every moment! As we draw near to the end of this programming year, I want to see breakthrough in our youth and children's ministry. But not breakthrough in the sense of rapidly expanding numbers, breakthrough in the sense of growth through personal experiences with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" Psalm 34:8

Youth – Army Night Friday, April 13th at 7:00 pm

It's boot camp time! Join us and our resident army expert, Joe, as we put you to the army challenge. There'll be camouflage, marching, fitness drills, bridge building and destroying, and much more!



Youth – Ski Trip Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 am

We've added an event due to popular request! The Fieldens have graciously organized a ski trip to Sunshine, leaving at 7 am, and returning in the evening. This is for experienced skiers, although there is an option to join Jesse in the Village or snowshoeing if you aren't a skier. Please bring all your ski equipment, a ski helmet, water bottles, a bagged lunch or money for lunch, and money for dinner. Cost is approximately \$170 (less if you bring your own bagged lunch). Please sign up with Jesse asap so we can ensure that we have enough seats to bring everyone to Sunshine and back.

Sanctuary in the 21st Century

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
40 Holmes Street, Red Deer

Program begins at 9:00 am. Closing worship at 3:15 pm.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. John Dowds, City of Edmonton Chaplain

Workshops include:

1. *The Power of Hope to Deal with Mental Health Issues*
Led by Dr. Cheryl Nekoachuk and Dr. Bill Chimich
2. *Handling Anxiety across the Life Cycle*
Led by Gail Mukaida RN BSN, Kermode Counselling Services
3. *Understanding Mental Health Issues for Older Persons*
Led by Diaconal Minister Sarah Rudd, Zetter Care Centre, Good Samaritan Society Edmonton
4. *Incorporating Mental Health Information into Ongoing Congregational Activities*
 - a) Integrating Mental Health into Worship Services led by Rev. Marty Tuer
 - b) Ministering to the needs of our youth through our synod camps led by Marg Daly, former Executive Director, Mulhurst Lutheran Church Camp
 - c) Preparing Secretary/Congregational Office Administrators for handling mental health issues in Congregations led by Kathie Goertz Thompson, Affiliate of the Alberta Psychologists Association

Registration fee is \$45.00 per person and includes coffee breaks and lunch. Carpooling available. Registration is required ahead of time. Please contact the office for more details.



Synod of Alberta and the Territories
2018 Congregational Life Event

NO ONE IS IMMUNE:
**Taking Action for Mental Health
in Congregations**


Saturday April 14, 2018
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,

8:30 am to 3:45 pm
40 Holmes Street, Red Deer

Youth & Children's Ministry

Applied Theory – Movie Night Friday April 20th at 7:00 pm

Join us at Chinook Scotiabank theatres for our annual movie night! Exact show times and movie to be announced, please check with Jesse for details.



Applied Theory
Grade 11 to University

Annual Movie Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
7:00pm

Sign up by April 8

THE AMAZING RACE YOUTH - Grade 7 to 12 APRIL 27 @ 7 PM

It's a race to the red carpet! Join your team on an adventure throughout Calgary, Tackling different challenges in a race to the finish line! Who will win it all this year?

Youth – The Amazing Race Friday, April 27th at 7pm

It's the return of one of our favourite events from last year! Journey around south Calgary tackling different challenges in a race to the finish line! Who will win it all this year?

Youth Band Saturday April 28th at 10:00 am

We're getting close to our end of year performance! Join us as we put the finishing touches on our praise and worship songs. We might even be rewriting a popular hit!!

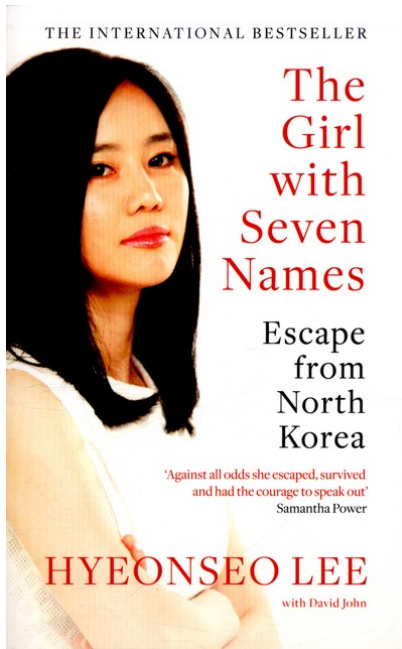


LCOS
YOUTH BAND

SAT APRIL 28
10am

Everyone is welcome to join us as we practice praise & worship songs together

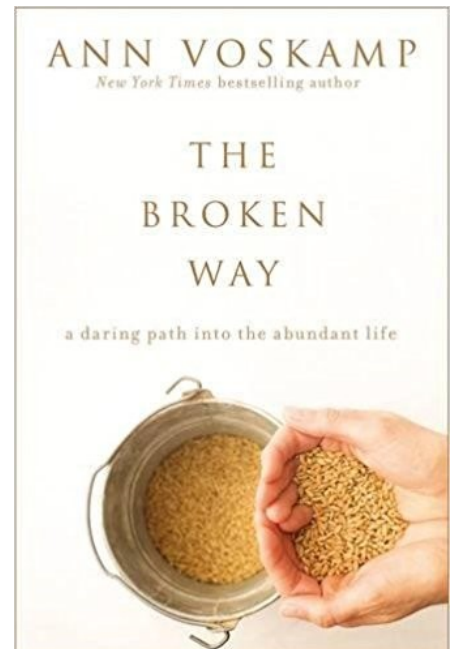
Book Club



Join the monthly book club. on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am at the church.

For April they are reading "The Girl with Seven Names" and in May "The Broken Way".

If you are interested please contact the office for more details.



All The Money In The World

Based on a true story. Rated "R".

John Paul Getty had a fortune.



Everyone else paid the price.

Movie Lovers: April 20th at 7:00 pm

Youth & Children's Ministry

Tween Girls Night

Saturday, April 28th at 6:30 pm

We'll be splitting up our group! Girls (and moms!) are invited to the Fieldens' home from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm for a night of nail painting, making bath fizzers, making earrings, and of course, snacks! Please rsvp by April 21st.

Tween Girls (and Moms) Night

Saturday April 28

6:30-9:00pm



Please see Jesse for address



Tween Boys & Dads



Snacks



Nerf Wars



Video Games

April 28 @ 6:30 pm

Tween Boys Night

Saturday, April 28th at 6:30 pm

Boys (and dads!) are invited to the church for a night of video games, Nerf gun battles, and...snacks!

Applied Theory – End of Year Party

Friday May 4th at 7:00 pm

We're celebrating the end of the year at Boston Pizza (10456 Southport Road SW)! Contact Jesse to reserve your spot at our table by Sunday April 29th. Bring \$10. Anything extra will be covered.

Applied Theory
Grade 11 to University

Year End Party
Friday, May 4th @ 7:00 pm
Boston Pizza at Southport
Cost is \$10.00 RSVP to Jesse.

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YEAR END PARTY

SUNDERSTOOD ${}_a D_t^\nu f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t (t-\xi)^{\nu-1} f(\xi) d\xi$ EXPERIMENTAL $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

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Run /Walk For Love



**Lutheran Hospital
Ministries**
SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta in the past walks. We are again asking for your support.

Our annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on April 28, 2018. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. Coffee, tea, water and muffins will be available. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. Finish with a light lunch.

If you love to walk or run, come and join us.

This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges.

Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000.

For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com.



Please join us for our Third Annual Fundraising Evening

Kuriakos Gathers Together

Live & Silent Auction - Fabulous Food

Saturday, April 28th from 4:30 to 9:00 pm
\$60.00 per plate or \$450.00 table of 8
Blindman Valley Ag Centre – Bentley , Alberta

This special evening is Kuriakos's annual fundraising event. Join them for entertainment from the camp community, an update on their vision for the future, live and silent auctions, and a delicious dinner with friends.

You can support the event by attending, inviting friends, and donating items for the live and silent auctions. Joe & Shaaron Schulz (403-719-1799) will be dropping off items for the Silent Auction. If you have items you would like to donate to the auction but are unable to attend the event please contact Joe or Shaaron to arrange delivery.

www.kuriakos.ab.ca

Youth & Children's Ministry

Youth Band Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 am

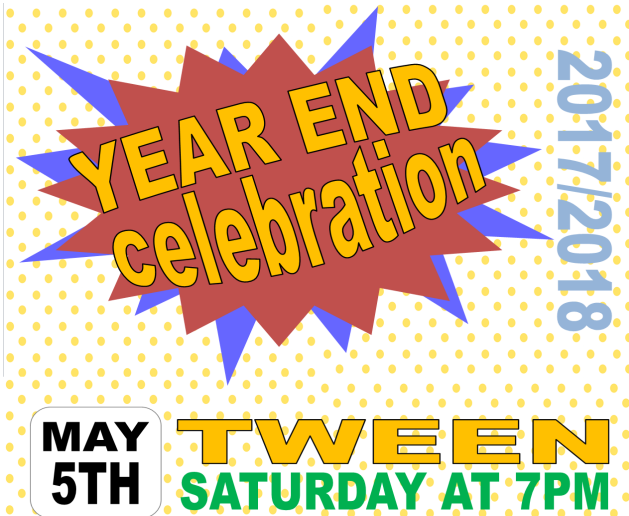
We're almost ready for our end of the year performance.
Join us as we put the finishing touches on our songs!



**LCOS
YOUTH BAND**

**SAT May 5th
10am**

Everyone is welcome to join us as we practice praise & worship songs together



**YEAR END
celebration**

2017/2018

**MAY 5TH TWEEN
SATURDAY AT 7PM**

Tween - End of Year Party Saturday May 5th at 7:00 pm

Join us here at the church for a special end of the year pizza party! Not only will we have pizza, but we'll also be playing some games at the nearby playground, and in the Fellowship Hall!

College & Careers

Coffee/Board Games Saturday, April 21st at 7:00 pm

It's one of our favorite things; board games! And this time, we're taking it on the road to Boxcar Cafe, where we'll play some games, and enjoy some treats! Sign up with Jesse right away!

College & Career SATURDAY

COFFEE/BOARD GAMES

NIGHT

Saturday, April 21 at 7:00pm

**Come join us for an evening of fun
and fellowship at Boxcar Café.**

All young adults between 18-35 yrs are welcome!

Lenten Project Update

The Brenda Stafford Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence



The Brenda Stafford Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is a second-stage shelter for women and their children who have fled domestic violence. The Centre offers a safe and secure environment. During their six-month stay at the Centre, both women and children are provided with programs and services in a supportive yet independent environment.

We collected 102 pillows & 43 caring bags to supply the Centre for one year!

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

May 12th



Sign up to help clean up the church May 12th from 9am until noon. Lunch will be provided afterwards. If you can not make it this day, sign up for an area and clean it within a week of May 12th.

Thank you in advance.

Vacation Bible School—August 20th to 24th



Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive.

Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

Would you like to help out?

Attend the VBS Fun Shop. It is a FUN power-packed 3 and 1/2 hour training event with tons of helpful information. You get a sneak-a-peek at this year's VBS decorations, theme, music and so much more. There is also a chance to win some great prizes. If you are planning on volunteering at this year's VBS you should join us on April 21st at St. James Anglican Church (6351 Ranchview Drive NW). You must RSVP to Jesse by April 9th to attend.

Beacon



Decorating Parties! Again this year we will be holding a handful of decorating parties. If you can paint, glue or cut we can use your talents. Our decorating dates are:

May 12th at 1:00

June 23rd at 4:00 pm

July 5th at 7:00 pm

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Registration now open at:
www.vbsfun.ca

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Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Dear Beloved of God –

I love the account of Jesus journeying on the road with two of his followers to Emmaus.

Their hearts are heavy with grief. As they walk they are talking with each other about all that had taken place, and while they were walking and talking, Jesus comes to them and walks with them.

“What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” Jesus asks. “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” “What things?” And the conversation continues. And then Jesus, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, interprets to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Invited to stay with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...and they returned that hour to Jerusalem to the eleven and their companions. Then they shared what had happened on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. In our increasingly polarized world, amidst fears both known and unknown, Jesus our risen Lord continues to walk with us and to make His presence known in the breaking of the bread.

Eugene Peterson in his book, *Practicing Resurrection*, writes: “The practice of resurrection is not a do-it-yourself self-help project. It is God’s project and God is engaged full time in carrying it out. Grace is everywhere. God is Christ is actively doing for and in us everything involved in the practice of resurrection. So, what is there left for us to do? Receive. Receive the gift.”

May we, this Easter, once again recognize our Risen Lord, Jesus, walking with us – opening our hearts and minds to God’s living Word – and filling us with the hope and peace that surpasses our human understanding.

In Christ Jesus – Shalom,
+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



Financial Update

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>FUND</u>	2018	2017
Budgeted Giving	General	\$27,699.00	\$25,489.00
	Initial	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Loose	\$343.00	\$428.89
	TOTAL	\$28,042.00	\$25,967.89
	CLWR	\$345.00	
	Urgent Care	\$100.00	
	Flower Fund	\$422.00	
	Refugee Mission	\$76.00	
	Refugee Mission-Hope	\$50.00	
	Capital Maintenance	\$55.00	
Designated Giving	TOTAL	\$1,048.00	\$18,606.00
	Cost Recovery	\$64.00	
	Youth Funds	\$30.00	
Non-Receiptable / Credit	TOTAL	\$94.00	\$1,100.00
	Hot Dog Sunday	\$122.25	
	Rentals	\$1,179.00	
	Rosebud Theatre	\$695.00	
Other Income	TOTAL	\$1,996.25	\$570.32
TOTAL		\$31,180.25	\$46,244.21

Pre-Authorized (PAR) giving (included in totals above):

General	\$4,324.00	\$4,469.00
Capital Maintenance	\$55.00	\$70.00
CLWR	\$295.00	\$255.00
# participants	21	21

Number of Sundays	4	4
Average Attendance	169	216

COMMENTS:

Designated >= \$1000 for 2017 includes:

- AW Peterson Memorial (\$10,000.00)
- Grant:Alberta Synod:Employment Fair & Business Forum (\$4,440.00)

Good Friday and Easter Sunday - in April for 2017

Good Friday in March for 2018; Easter Sunday in April for 2018

Cliff Blumhagen
Financial Secretary

Financials

Get on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at LCOS

Did you know that you may give to LCOS via pre-authorized remittance one time per month from your bank or credit union chequing account? This program is like any other pre-authorized debit program and is called the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. Debits will be drawn from accounts on the 20th of each month. Whenever the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the debits will be drawn on the first business day following the 20th. Donations via the PAR program will be recorded on quarterly statements and year-end tax receipts along with all other giving.

Amounts from PAR can be directed to:

- 1) The LCOS general budget
- 2) Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)
- 3) Capital Maintenance

You can give additional amounts and to other purposes via your regular donation envelopes. The minimum amount to give via this program is a total of \$50.00 per month.

You can sign up, make banking or donation amount changes, or withdraw from the program at any time. These changes will be effective the month following the submission of the change. Forms are available to process these changes. The program is administered by the Financial Secretary. Authorization forms are available in the Place of Welcome.

Internet e-transfers & PayPal are also available!

To make a one time or recurring email transfer simply send donations to donate@oursaviourchurch.ca. Please include either your envelope number or your name and address in the email so that we can give you a proper receipt at the year's end.

Redemptive Gifts Workshop

We have all received special gifts,. Those gifts were given to us in order to serve God and each other in the Body of Christ.

"For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".
- EPH 2:10

God has a purpose for us and we were provided with gifts to accomplish this purpose but sometimes it may be difficult to discover these gifts. This is why when we search for our gifts we often use the word REDEMPTIVE GIFTS or to redeem them.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" - 1Peter 4:10

There are 7 Redemptive Gifts listed in Romans 12:608. They are: Prophesying, Serving, Teaching, Encouraging, Contributing, Leadership and Mercy.

Jens Kaack would like to invite all those interested to join him on April 21st for a day long journey in discovering your redemptive gifts. For more information or to register please contact the office.



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Easter Breakfast 11:00 Worship Service	2 Office Closed 7:00 Al-anon	3 1:00 Games Group 6:30 Spanish Classes	4 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	5 7:00 Running Group	6	7 6:30 Mustard Seed 8:30 50+ Exercise 8:30 Toastmasters 9:30 Private Study
8 Sandwich Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service 6:30 Discipleship	9 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 MACG Delegates Assembly	10 10:00 Book Club 6:30 Spanish Class 7:00 Today's Pilgrims	11 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	12 7:00 RATS 7:00 Running Group	13 7:00 The Experiment—Army Night	14 7:00 Youth Ski-trip 8:30 50+ Exercise 8:30 Congregational Life Event (Red Deer)
15 Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service	16 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Fireside	17 1:00 Games Group 6:30 Spanish Classes 7:00 Church Board	18 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 Choir 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	19 7:00 Running Group 7:15 Flock Care	20 7:00 Movie Lovers: "All the Money in the World" 7:00 Applied Theory—Movie Night	21 8:30 50+ Exercise 9:00 Redemptive Gifts 9:00 VBS Fun shop (offsite) 7:00 College & Careers
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