

Spirit @ SCC



Newsletter

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# 2023 College Graduates Congratulations to the class of 2023!

Michaela Enerson—Purdue University
Garrett Oeth—Purdue University
Sarah Shutters—Indiana University
Karly Smith—Ball State University
Kyle Smith—Purdue University

#### June World Outreach Mission

Our World Outreach W.O.W.W. mission for June is the **Speedway Animal Rescue**. Please help support this needed rescue. Items needed:

New felt blankets

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- Large dog collars (must buckle)
- Medium & small dog collars (all kinds)
- Stainless steel or ceramic food bowls
- 6 foot dog leashes (no retractable leashes)
- Financial support—Make checks payable to Speedway Christian Church

### **Church Camp Gifts**

We are always so thankful for the generosity of our church congregation. The special gifts given and designated to various areas benefit in so many ways beyond our doors. This month, we are highlighting the gifts designated for our youth who wish to attend church camp.

In 2022, 14 youth were able to attend church camp. SCC covered \$3,141 of the camp cost. Your gifts help to make that possible! This year to date, \$477 has been given to help with camp cost. Thank you!





Greetings Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Technically, summer hasn't officially started, but with our three children at home, I promise you, summer has begun! And with that realization, I want to officially thank my parents (really my Mom) for the patience and kindness that they showed my brothers and I when we were home for the summer. I know that this is only just a season and that it will pass by far too quickly. But, my word summers are



tough. Without the loving support of Krista and those around us, I am not sure how we would make it through! Summers also mark some fun opportunities in our shared life together. Summer means things like camp, an opportunity to travel, and Vacation Bible School! Summer is an opportunity to see all the places where flat Jesus ends up! Summer is also an opportunity to change things up a bit and try new routines. Maybe those new things include things like really trying to exercise more, or really trying to eat a bit healthier. Maybe something new could be to spend a little more time in prayer or reading your Bible with an ice cold glass of lemonade or sun tea. If you happen to be like me, I'll take a sun tea mixed with lemonade. If you add a good chapter or two from the Bible, a cool breeze underneath a shade tree at Bedford Camp and Conference Center, you just might get the best summer day!

I am excited this year to go to camp because it is Cody's first year and Aubrey's last year at New Beginnings. Bedford. New Beginnings is the camp that I have been connected with for a number of years. While I'm excited, your prayers June 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> are more then welcomed. This year's camp has the most campers that I have experienced and it is a fun opportunity to work alongside some folks that I have not worked alongside. Special thanks to Rose Hunter for counseling this year! That is one of the true gifts of church camp. Getting to know new friends who all share a common bond and a common purpose. It is like having communion for an entire week straight, at least until the snoring at bedtime gets too loud. I am thankful that we are sending more than twenty folks to camp as well. I pray that they will return with lots stories and a deeper love of God. It is opportunities like these that become so very foundation in our faith journeys. So thank you for being a part of a church that values these commitments as well. I continue to pray that your summer is exactly what you need it to be and more. Time will continue to fly by, I am sure of it. I hope you get a chance to try something new. To enjoy time with those that you love. I hope you take a moment to be in amazement at the many blessings at work in your life.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

### Summer adventures with Spiritual Suitcases

We would like to introduce you to our new "Spiritual Suitcases." These "suitcases" can accompany you on your summer adventures as a way to help you and your family promote your spiritual growth this summer. They will be available Sunday. June 4 in the Hall of Light. There are limited supplies, so be sure to get yours ASAP. Inside, you will find numerous activities to help you connect with your family and with God while you are away on your adventures this summer, including two worship-on-the-go services, sunglasses, travel games, stickers to decorate your "suitcase", and SO much more!

In the bag, you will also find Flat Jesus. We all know that Jesus is in our hearts wherever we go. To help us remember that this summer, you can also take Flat Jesus with you on all of your summer adventures. Take pictures with him and post it on our Facebook group (Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)) or send it to Rev Katie at

kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

The person who takes the most pictures with Flat Jesus by Back to School Sunday (on August 6) will win a prize.

We would also love it if adults would play along with this activity as well. Extra Flat Jesus's will be available in the Hall of Light beginning

Sunday, June 4. Post your pictures on our Facebook group or send them to Rev. Katie and whoever sends her the most will also receive a gift on Back to School Sunday.

## Keeping all informed & Looking Ahead....

- **Back to School Sunday & Backpack Blessing** Sunday, August 6, 2023
- Youth group will reconvene on Sunday, August 6. Sunday School and Adventures in Faith will be back Sunday, September 10.
- Sunday School, and Adventures in Faith will meet until the fall. Worship and Wonder will continue throughout the summer.

Rev. Katie

### Dear SCC Congregation,

Long time SCC member, Martha Bosma will turn 98 years young on July 13, 2023.

Please help Martha celebrate this special day by sending her a card at:

8095 Crystal Court Avon, Indiana 46123

A card always brings a smile to our hearts.



#### Sunday Family Funday

Family Funday is our monthly opportunity to gather with our church family for fellowship, food, and fun.
On the last Sunday of every month, we meet after church for lunch.

#### All are invited and welcome!

Sunday, June 25, 2023 11:30am—1:30pm Grindstone Charley's Rockville Road

(Kids eat free with the purchase of a regular priced entrée)



#### Lunch & Learn

Please join us each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room, as we discuss the scripture for the following week's Worship sermon.

Next Official Board Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2023 6:30pm

No July board meeting.

## Please keep in Prayer

Barbara Cain Betsy Enerson Brian Feely (John & Sandy Feely's son)

Our youth & adults attending church camp.

### Our Sympathy and Prayers to

Ann & Rick Hammer and family on the passing of Ann's mother, Priscilla VanValkenburg, who passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023

### Our Sympathy and Prayers to

Ron & Barbara Iwema and family upon the passing of their son, Brian Iwema, who passed away on June 8, 2023.

Dick Schrock and the Lynn family on the passing of Junior "Buddy" Lynn II, who passed away on June 18, 2023.



#### Congratulations to Nick & Katelyn Sefton

upon the birth of their daughter, Peyson Gabrielle Sefton born June 2, 2023. Peyson is the great-granddaughter of Jacki Pine, granddaughter of Becki Hardesty and niece of Lindsey Hardesty.



## Stewardship/Finance May 2023

 May 2023 Funds Received
 \$ 57,798

 May 2023 Expenses
 \$ 37,636

 May 2023 Income greater than expense
 \$ 20,161

#### 2023 Year to Date (January—May)

 2023 YTD Funds Received:
 \$ 196,288

 2023 YTD Expenses:
 \$ 175,708

 2023 YTD Income greater than expenses
 \$ 20,580

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## Hallo von Deutschland (Hello from Germany)

Dear Church Family,

It is a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Hamburg as I sit at a local Cafe and write this. I arrived in Germany early on a Wednesday morning (June 7) and began working in the



archives in Lüneburg on Thursday. I wanted to share a

few pictures from my first week with y'all!

## Photo 1: The old city ("Altstadt") of Lüneburg

Lüneburg is a small city about 45 minutes away from Hamburg. The court library contains 4 of the most



important organ tablatures in the world. Most cities in Germany have preserved the "old city" ("Altstadt") and built around them in the 20th century. This is the view across the river when you get off the train in Lüneburg. The old city is built as a fort on the river and the court library is in the central square.

#### Photo 2: Organ Tablature KN 207

This is the first of 8 different tablature books I'm looking at here. This document was written in the 1630s. It's a

prelude that an organist would play before a Lutheran church service.



## Photo 3: This is the Courthouse ("Rathaus") in Hamburg

Hamburg is one of the largest cities in Germany and the center of Germany's ocean trade and cargo hub. The city sits on the Elbe river and sprawls over many islands in the river.



## Photo 4: Poem in St. Peter's Church, Hamburg

St. Peter's is the largest church in Hamburg. It began as a catholic cathedral then became the central Lutheran church for the north German region after the reformation. This poem is hanging on the wall above one of the shrines: "Mache mich zum Werkzeug." We know this



poem as "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace" and you heard the choir sing it in May.

#### Photo 5: Organ Tablature KN 210

This tablature might be the oldest in the collection

based on the paper deterioration and the notation style. It is a quickly written organ accompaniment to a choir piece. Most likely, the music director scribbled this during rehearsal to play from in the service.



Travis Whaley Director of Music and Organist