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Celebrating New SCC Member

We welcome Karen King to Speedway Christian Church.

All Church Pitch-In

Please join us in fellowship hall for an all-church pitch-in this **Sunday**, **February 25** immediately **following the 10:15am worship service**. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Hope to see you there!



An Opportunity to Help

At Speedway High School, we have several immigrant students who have superior grades and a burning desire to change their economic status through higher education. Unfortunately, most of these same students have low family incomes, and the inability to take out student loans or receive federal or state FAFSA or Pell Grant funding. These students rely solely on two economic sources for college: their own personal income as a working teenager and the scholarship(s) they are awarded. Two years ago, Speedway Christian Church started supporting Speedway High School students with scholarships. In 2022, our church gave six students \$500 scholarships, and in 2023. we gave eight students \$400 scholarships. Obstacles in life don't kill us; instead, they make us stronger to face future life trials wrote a current senior at Speedway High School in an autobiographical narrative project. If you would like to donate, please designate "SHS Scholarships" in your preferred way of donating. Thank you for your consideration!

Any questions, please email Mindy Lewis-Hitch at <u>mlewis@speedwayschools.net</u>

2024 Stewardship Full Moon Of Giving

With gratitude, we are pleased to say that the 2024 Stewardship campaign is going smoothly.

1. February's full moon of giving is Week of Compassion. Please plan to give to this worthy cause.



- Begin thinking about next month's full moon of giving -March - Worm Moon - Perpetual Fund
- 3. Send any information you would like to know about Stewardship to Chuck Bennett cbennett@speedwayschools.net We'll be happy to include it in the monthly refrigerator page we'll provide on Stewardship.
- 4. Keep these verses in mind 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

In Service, Chuck and Kim Bennett

Perpetual Endowment Fund Update

The first meeting of 2024 was held on February 11. Those present elected **Ann Hammer as President** and **Bill Harting as Secretary**. The unrestricted Income of \$6,073 was also voted to be distributed among the four designated ministries outlined by the fund by-laws, resulting in \$1,518.25 being available to those ministries.

We are continually thankful that these resources are available for distribution and that these resources can be a blessing to our shared ministry.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For those of you who might not appreciate the latest round of snow we received, I have some good news. When I arrived to church this morning, I was greeted by the starts of tulips in the flower beds. A sure sign that spring is just around the corner. For those who might

have enjoyed the opportunity to be our and about in the snow, I pray it was enough to bring you joy. To those that it made life more complicated, at least it melted rather quickly!

If you have had an opportunity to be present in worship or catch church online (by the way, I encourage you to watch the Ash Wednesday worship service that

can be found on our YouTube channel) you'll know that during the time of Lent, we are exploring the idea of covenant. If all goes well, I pray that you will come away from this journey with a new understanding of what it means to be in covenant, how this relates to our relationships with others, and what we are to learn from all of this this Lenten season. Over the next several weeks, our definition of covenant (Berit in Hebrew) will be a formal agreement or treaty between two parties in which each assumes some obligation. It is the last part of this definition that sets a covenant apart from a contract. Remember, a covenant is MORE than a contract! We began the conversation from the beginning with God's covenant with Noah. Next, we will take a look at the covenant made with Abraham. We will also hear again God's promises through the commandments and through the prophets, ultimately pointing us toward the new covenant that Jesus establishes during the last supper.

All of this covenantal exploration helps us to truly understand the depths that Jesus was willing to go on our behalf so that our relationship with God might become transformed through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

See you in church. ~Rev. Kyle



News and Updates from Reverend Katie

Lent resources

Our theme for Lent this year is "Covenant."

And, because Jesus was the final covenant God has made with humanity, our Lenten devotionals are on "The Seven Last Words of Jesus." These devotionals are for all adults, youth, and children with coloring pages to accompany them. There are also a number of activities for children available



with every week featuring a new activity. Let's learn more about Jesus and God's covenant with us together!

Children's bulletin

Please remember that we have a "Bulletin for Young Worshippers" available every week for children and youth. It contains all of the same information as the regular bulletin, but also provides more information about what we are doing in worship and why it's so important. There are also opportunities for children to respond to different elements of the service, such as drawing or taking notes during the sermon or writing down different things you can offer to God this week during our Stewardship Moment. This bulletin is available in the prayerground, in a clipboard on the top shelf. We can't wait to hear what you think!

Meals and sponsors

Every Sunday evening our youth gather around the table and break bread together during youth group. We are in need of some support from our congregation as we need people to either provide meals and/or hang out with us during our bible studies, service projects, and the games we play as we meet. To sign up, please visit:

<u>http://tinyurl.com/speedway-youth</u>. Our youth group is a fun, thoughtful, kind group of faithful kids and it would be awesome to see our church here on Sunday evenings to get to know our awesome group and provide support.

Information Needs Updated?

Does the church office have your -

- Correct address?
- Correct telephone #?
- Correct email address?

If not, please let the church office know.



As We Look Ahead...

Thursday Night Worship

6:30pm

- 3.24.24 Palm Sunday 9:15am <u>ONE</u> Worship service only
- 3.28.24 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Worship

3.TBD.24 Easter EGGstravanganza

2:00 to 4:00pm ~ 2:30pm Egg Hunt

3.29.24 Good Friday Worship

Speedway / West Side Ministerial Association 7:00pm @ Westview Christian Church 5925 West 34th St.

3.31.24 Easter at SCC

8:15am Worship 10:15am Worship





We have found gloves, eyeglasses, readers and sunglasses.

Please check in the church office, maybe yours are there!

2024 Church Calendar

Please make sure the church office is notified of the dates and times for your event, meeting, etc. This will ensure that the office has an updated church calendar for the year. *We need to hear from all groups (old and new) confirming dates and times*.

Please keep in Prayer

JoAnne Smith, Barb Cain, Keith Kaiser, Judy Swisher, Linda Walthall, Brad Baetsle, Joan Brown

Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)



We extend our sympathy and prayers to Stephen & Heather Dietzer and family, upon the passing of Stephen's grandmother Jeanee Henshaw.



Week of Compassion 2024 Special Offering – February 18 -25

As a relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

[Jesus] looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Stewardship/Finance January 2024

January 2024 Funds Received Funds transferred to cover expenses	•	50,504 248
January 2024 Expenses January 2024 Income greater <i>than exp.</i>		34,264 16,489

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By volunteering, you are not doing the church a favor, you are saying yes, to an opportunity to serve God. ~ Rev. Katie Griffin

Ways to Help Others...

Georgia Stackhouse is in search of men's dress shirts or ladies blouses to make adult fabric pro-

tectors to donate to rehab and or hospice facilities. Please bring donations to the church. An example of the adult fabric protector is included in the attached photo.





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, March 12, 2024 6:30pm