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Spanish Conversation

This fall, we are going to experiment with a monthly Spanish Conversation meal. On Friday, September 7, anyone is invited to a light meal at church where Spanish will be the means of communication. There is no formal program. Dinner will be served beginning at 6 PM.

The evening is open to anyone in the church or community who is interested in practicing or learning Spanish. This is an excellent opportunity for students to speak in a friendly environment and hear live Spanish conversation. All ages are welcome. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend to help us prepare adequate food. Please invite and encourage friends to join us. All you need to bring is a kind spirit and interest in learning.

Future conversations are planned for October 5 and November 2. People may attend any or all of the gatherings.

Children's Ministry News

Volunteers Needed

Pastor Andrew is getting ready to start a new year of ministry and needs plenty of help. Open positions include nursery attendants, Sunday School helpers, and Youth leaders. If you're not currently serving in another capacity at Faith or if you feel called to work with kids, please consider helping out in one of these positions. Talk to Pastor Andrew for more information or email him at andrewedmonds@gmail.com.

Back to School Kick-Off

Sunday, September 9th we will celebrate the start of the new school with our annual adults vs. kids soccer game and bbq at Hickman Park following our regular church service. The church will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!

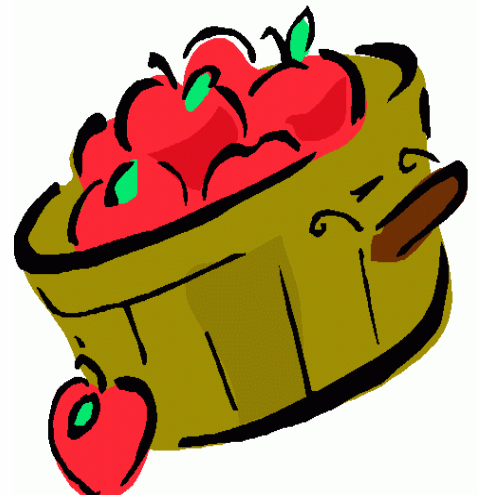
Parent Meeting

On Sunday, September 16, after church, Pastor Andrew will hold a short parents' meeting for families of kids and teenagers. We will talk about this year's plans as well as strategies to engage in discipleship from home. Kids and parents are welcome.

Apple Cider

Saturday, October 13, our annual field trip to Yakima will begin at 8 AM in the church parking lot. Participants will travel to an apple orchard in the Yakima area to pick apples for our neighborhood squeezes. The trip is open to any who would like to have the opportunity to pick a few apples. Bring a sack lunch to eat in the field. The group will return home between 4 and 5 PM.

If you would like to host a neighborhood squeeze between October 15 and November 4, please contact the office. The church will provide a cider press, apples, and instructions. All you need is a few neighbors and some muscle. You will get enough apples for 10 to 12 gallons of cider to give away. Most folks press their apples in about 2 hours. This is a great neighborhood connector event.



Fall Series

This fall, we will have a series of messages on 10 of the Most Important Questions in Life. We will be looking at 10 of the most important questions people need to wrestle with. These include such questions as Who is God? Who is Jesus? and Who is the Holy Spirit? Adults and children will be studying the same question each week.

Arbor Day

The Edmonds Tree Board is celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday, Oct 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00. Parks and Tree Board members will be planting about thirty native trees and plants around city property at Meadowdale Clubhouse located in north Edmonds at 6801-North Meadowdale Rd. Edmonds. Faith Church has been invited to help with this project. The city is providing lunch for all volunteers. You may sign up at church or contact the office to get on the list.



PULSE Survey

If you have not gone on line yet to complete the church health assessment, please take 30 minutes to do so. This information will be an important part of our church profile in the pastoral search and information for our pastoral candidates. The PULSE assessment gives each person the opportunity to give their input for important qualities we are looking for in a pastor.

The survey will be posted on line until September 9. A member of the Consistory or search team will be contacting each person in the church to remind them to take the survey. The survey is anonymous so they will have no idea if you took it or not. If you are called, simply say that you have taken it already. Remember that once you start the survey you cannot save what you have done and go back to it. You will have to start over.

Reminder

Members at Faith Church are reminded to return their nomination ballots for Elder and Deacon by September 18. If you need a list of those eligible, contact the office.

Leadership Forum

Friday, October 19, the Cascades Classis is hosting a forum with Dr. Preston Sprinkle. Preston is a professor and pastor who has a deep concern for the ministry of the church with the LGBT community. Those attending from Faith Church will have the opportunity to discuss how we can serve with grace and truth around an issue that is challenging the church.

The forum will be held at Trinity Community Church in Kent, WA from 1:30 to 5:30 PM. You can learn more about the forum at www.centerforfaith.com. The cost of the event is \$55. You can register at: <https://centerforfaith.com/programs/leadership-forums/kent-wa-half-day-leaders-forum> If you register, let Pastor Phil know so we can arrange for possible car pools.

Vision House Breakfast

The Vision House annual fundraising breakfast is set for Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 AM at the Lynnwood Convention Center. You are invited to hear more about this long-term transitional housing ministry.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. A request for special gifts will be presented at the close of the meeting. Contact the office to be a part of the supports from Faith Church.