

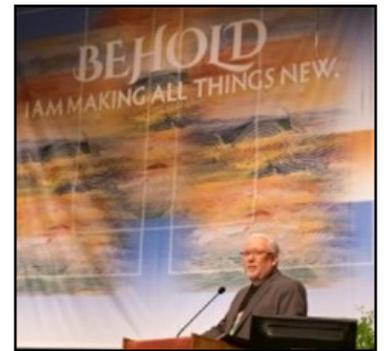


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The Rev. H. Jeffrey Clements elected bishop of ELCA Northern Illinois Synod

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL – The Rev. H. Jeffrey Clements of Rockford, IL, was elected June 18 to a six-year term as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election was held during the annual Synod Assembly, June 16-18 on the campus of Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. The Rev. Clements was elected on the 5th ballot with 278 votes to 181 votes for the Rev. Stacie Fidler, pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Rock Island, IL.



“Thank you,” said Clements. “I am overwhelmed... In my term, I promise to utilize the amazing talents of our lay and rostered leaders across this synod, and they *are* amazing. I also want to say that I am honored, humbled, and quite joyful in your confidence, but also fearful of what God has in store. I am acutely aware that I am male, white, and approaching old. It is important to know that you, young and old, male and female, person of color, member of the LGBT community, theologically liberal or theologically conservative, you have a voice in this synod and it will be respected.”

Clements has served as Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod, since 2002. Clements has previously served at First Lutheran Church, Prophetstown, 1990-2002; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dixon, 1987-1990; St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Elizabeth, 1983-1987; and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, LaCrescent, MN, 1981-1982.

The bishop-elect earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Master of Divinity from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Gary M. Wollersheim, current bishop of the ELCA Northern Illinois Synod, has faithfully served three six-year terms and will retire this summer.

Rev. Clements will be installed as bishop Saturday, September 24, at 10am at First Lutheran Church, 225 S 3rd St., Rockford, IL with a reception to follow at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St, Rockford, IL.

More information about the new bishop and the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly is available at nisynod.org.

All Saints Annual Community Picnic Date Sunday, September 11 - 12:30 pm

We are very much in need of volunteers to help us make this event a success!

Let us know if you’d like to help. A sign-up sheet will be located on bulletin board #2 soon! Please take a moment to see what areas we have available, and sign up!



GOSPELFEST

Byron’s GOSPELFEST, the opening ceremonies of ByronFest, is quickly approaching. It will be held on Thursday, July 7th at 6:30 pm at *Generations at Neighbors*, formerly *Neighbors Rehabilitation Center*. Local musicians from the area are invited to sing and cakes and pies are needed for the Ice Cream Social. Sign up sheets are on Bulletin Board #2 with specific information about donating baked goods. Talk to Alisha Fortener by July 1st if you are interested in providing music for this community event.



Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am
Whole Family Education Hour
Sundays 9:15 am (Sept - May)

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Deadline for the August
 Saintly News is **July 17**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

Change.

As you can see by our article on the front page of our newsletter, we have elected a new bishop for our Northern Illinois Synod, The Rev. Jeffrey Clements. Our yearly synod assembly is always an incredible time of worship, meeting old friends, making new ones and doing the “business” of our synod. This one was even more exciting with the election of new bishop, following Bishop Wollersheim’s retirement.

No matter what the change is –good or bad – change can be challenging because it, well, CHANGES us! We are a people who like things to stay the same. I’m not an exception to that rule by any means. I love to travel, for example, but nothing beats getting back to our home, our bed, and our routines.

On Sunday, June 19, the gospel text for the day spoke of a man tormented by a legion of demons – so many, in fact, that when asked his name, he said “Legion.” Ultimately, the demons were removed from this man and his life was changed in a remarkable way. He was in his right mind; he was able to return to his home, he was able to be in community again. Following that sermon, one of our members, Rev. Bill Wittig, told me the story of a man in one of his previous congregations. This man owned a gas station and would use that opportunity to share his faith with his customers. One day a member of their congregation came in who hadn’t been in worship in quite some time. The gas station owner invited him back – “It’d be great to see you there!” The inactive member said “I can’t come back to church – if I do, I know I’ll be changed, and I don’t WANT to change.”

The truth is that we WILL be changed if we open ourselves up to God’s love and purpose for our lives. God calls us to love our enemy, give of ourselves freely, both of our time and our finances, to forgive others (and ourselves), and to let others know about how much God loves them. God may have something in mind for you that might feel challenging (just ask our new bishop!), but I can guarantee that if God has placed this change in your heart (or in the heart of our congregation), God will give us the ability to carry it out.

Traditions, continuity, routine – they are all good things. However, our challenge is to not get so entrenched in them so as we are not open to what God is calling us to do and be. Let us pray to hear God’s will in our lives and in the life of our congregation!

God’s blessings be with you all –

Pastor Janet Wold

June Council Highlights

- Decided to proceed with a new photo directory this fall
- Heard plans are in place for a float in the ByronFest parade on July 10
- Heard we will go to Timberlake Playhouse on July 30
- Heard we will hold a special Congregation Meeting on August 14 to vote on a constitution wording change
- Heard we will hold an Excel computer software class for anyone interested in attending
- Heard plans are progressing for VBS to be held July 11 - 15



Bible Studies

The Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies are not meeting during the summer months and will resume next fall.

Notification of Congregation Meeting August 14, 2016

Proposed Constitution Change Notification

The following change to Paragraph C12.01 of the All Saints Constitution removes the mandate of a Young Adult age 18 to 30 to serve on the Congregation Council. A special congregation meeting is being called on August 14, 2016 after the conclusion of each service to vote on this recommended change.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the officers of the congregation, and up to 7 other members of the congregation, at least one of whom shall be a youth (under the age of 18 at the commencement of their term) and at least one of whom shall be a young adult congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.



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Time after Pentecost



29th Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly Recap

13 members of All Saints attended the 29th Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly June 16-18 at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Those attending were: Audrey Adams, George and Susan Davis, Jacob Fitzsimmons, Kennedy Heaslip, Kay Johnson, Courtney Loomis, Audra Miles, Rebecca Raum, Jennifer Raum, Pastor Bill Wittig, and Pastor Janet and Alan Wold. We were proud to have so many of our youth in attendance! We were well represented on stage during the LYO officer installation. It was a fast paced three days with lots of business, prayer, worship, music, information given, and laughter. Of course the highlight of the weekend was electing Pastor Jeff Clements as our new Bishop. Bishop Elect Clements will be installed to office on September 24 at First Lutheran Church in Rockford. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will conduct the installation, so it will be a great event to attend. ELCA Churchwide Representative, ELCA Secretary Wm. Chris Boerger, was the Chair of the Election of Bishop. He was very informative in his explanation of the process and made the entire election run smoothly.

400+ Domestic Violence recovery kits were collected, 30 of which came from the generous donations of All Saints members. Thank you for your generosity!

Additionally, resolutions were discussed and acted upon, the 2017 Budget was presented, discussed, voted on, and passed, committee reports were presented, ordained pastor retirements were celebrated, and three new pastors were ordained. 17 new Synod Council and Committee members were elected and announced, including our own Pastor Janet who was elected to a three year term on the Synod Council. Freedom Lutheran Church, Oregon, IL, was received and welcomed as a duly organized and recognized church of the ELCA. Congratulations to that congregation!

If you are interested in attending the 30th Annual Synod Assembly, it will be held June 16-17, 2017. You can offer to be a voting member at our Annual Congregation meeting in January, or go as a non-voting guest. It's an amazing, uplifting, and very spiritual experience.

In Christ, Kay Johnson

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, July 3

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 10

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17

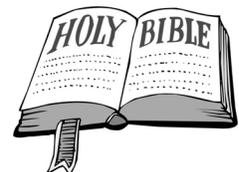
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 24

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 31

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



Please Clip & Save for your reference

Social Ministry/Outreach News

The Outreach Committee has been busy looking into ways to expand the outreach/evangelism of All Saints to spread God's word. We are asking for help from the congregation with the following:

- * If you see a moving van in your neighborhood or hear of a new neighbor, please go meet them and invite them to come to All Saints. If you are not comfortable doing that, please call the church office and give us the address and someone from the Outreach Committee will make the contact.
- * We are also looking to expand the opportunity for more children in our area to attend Sunday School. If you know of a neighbor with children who are not already attending a local church, please pass their name and address to the church office.
- * Weekly announcements are being sent out each Monday, so if you have missed Sunday services you will have access to upcoming events. Therefore, we need updated email addresses. Please check our 2013 church directory and if your email address has changed, please email All Saints (office@allsaintsbyron.org) so we can update our records.

God's Work. Our Hands. This is an opportunity for all of us to get involved in evangelism. God bless you for your support.



Pam Kultgen, Social Ministry/
Outreach

Book Club

Book Club will resume on September 26. If you would like to read ahead, the titles for September through November are: *The Faded Flower* by Paul McCusker, *The Church Ladies* by Lisa E. Samson and *Beyond the Storm* by Carolyn Zane.

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, July 12th at 9 am at Byron's Sunrise Restaurant for breakfast. (This change is to accommodate Vacation Bible School.)

Everyone Loves a Parade!



The outreach committee is organizing an entry in the ByronFest parade. The parade takes place on Sunday, July 10th and begins at 2:00 pm. The Praise Band will perform on a flatbed trailer. We plan to have a few other All Saints ministries taking part on the float and in the parade. We are looking for volunteers to walk with the float and hand out pencils and information about All Saints to the crowd lining the parade route. The parade route starts from behind the elementary school and ends at 3rd and Market streets. If you would like to join us in the parade please contact Carolyn Niederer by email: rjn2cjn@comcast.net so we can have an organized group effort. If you would like to walk just part of the parade route, contact Carolyn and we can set up a tag team effort.

WELCA

The women of WELCA would like to thank everyone at All Saints for helping us reach our goal to purchase new carpeting for Fellowship Hall. The installation will take place in August so it will be complete before Rally Day. Again thank you for your donations!

Next meeting: September 19 - Pizza Dinner at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. A new president will be elected for the upcoming year. Please give this opportunity prayerful consideration. Hope to see you there.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is planning a trip to Timber Lake Playhouse, Mt. Carroll, IL to see *Titanic* on July 30th. The show begins at 2:00 pm. Sign up on Bulletin Board #2. Tickets are \$20.00 and money for the tickets needs to be turned into All Saints by July 10th. Checks should be made out to "Timber Lake Playhouse" and either placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. The tickets are non-refundable. Lunch is on your own.



Stewardship News

Hopefully you all had a chance to speak with Michael Dixon from the ELCA Foundation when he visited on May 22nd. If you would like to contact him, his information is: Phone: 773-380-2466 and email: Michael.Dixon@elca.org.

The ELCA Foundation offers gift planning resources to members, congregations and ministry partners. Their professional gift planning staff will help you create a gift plan to support ministries today and into the future.

Please contact Michael to start the conversation. Let us help you change the world!

I had an interesting conversation with him about how the younger generation views their commitment to religion. Based on his experiences as well as churches he's been involved in, the younger generations dedicate a fixed amount of time each week towards their religious pursuits, let's say one hour. However, those pursuits might be going to church, they might be doing a service project, or they might be an educational opportunity. Each/all have different preferences at different time during their walk with God. How can we as a church family respond to their needs while at the same time continue the opportunities we already offer for our current members? Interesting thought process! As we all know, the world around us is changing, how can we also change to provide worship opportunities for a larger church family and spread the word of God to others?

Doug Knodle, Stewardship Committee

Quilters

The quilter's plan to meet on July 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church. Recently a generous gift of fabrics was donated to us. This came about when Jo Marie Branson told someone that our church can always use material to make quilts for people in need. This beautiful fabric will be a joy to work with in the coming year. The summer months are busier for all of us but 15 ladies took time to work together at our June meeting. We are happy to show you a new quilt on the rack in the hallway every month.



Youth NEWS

July 2016

The Youth Group meets at United Church of Byron (UCB) or All Saints Lutheran (ASL) as noted below.

LOMC Summer Camp... The summer brochure is in the narthex. Pick one up and look at all the camps that are available for Kindergarten – 12th grade. Are you creative, like to sing, or adventurous? Are you a younger camper and only want to stay for a few days? Do you like Hogwarts, mysteries, sports, horses? There is a CAMP just for you. Grab a Summer Brochure and register today.

Youth Group in summer....

We will not meet in the summer. Have a fun and safe summer. We will resume youth groups in September.

2018 National Youth Gathering... Houston, Texas June 27-July 1, 2018. We will start planning soon for this awesome event and working on fundraisers. If you are interested in going to the National Youth Gathering, helping with fundraising or being an adult chaperone, please contact Audrey at 815-509-2682.



K-5



Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at UCB along with All Saints Lutheran kids after school until 5:30 pm. We will walk the kids from school to UCB.

Will resume in August



Fun facts about Houston

- Fourth most populous city in the U.S.
- Most diverse U.S. metropolitan region, surpassing New York City.
- If Houston were an independent nation, it would rank as the world's 30th largest economy.
- Six flags over Texas refers to the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, the United States, the Confederate States of America and back to the United States after the Civil War.
- More than 90 languages are spoken throughout the metropolitan region.
- 92 countries have consular offices in Houston, the most outside of Washington, D.C.
- At 655 square miles, Houston could fit the cities of New York, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, Miami and Washington, D.C., within its borders.
- Nearly a quarter of Houstonians are between 5 and 19 years old, making it one the "youngest" cities in the U.S.

Sept. 15, 2017 – Registration begins with the early bird rate requiring a \$150.00 deposit.
Nov. 15, 2017 – Regular registration rate begins, total amount is \$350.00
May 15, 2018 – Registration closes and all payments are due
June 27-July 1, 2018 – ELCA Youth Gathering

Our Mission statement:

Seeking God, Serving Others & Having Fun!
Audrey Adams, All Saints Youth Leader



Students Taking Action Together In Christ

LIBRARY NEWS

What's better than sitting under a shade tree with a good book? Marlene Roberts has donated most of Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove series. They are best when read in order.

- #1, 16 Lighthouse Road-** Judge Olivia, a divorcee, invites us to Cedar Cove to meet family, friends and neighbors. Her daughter, Justine, is difficult and her mother, Charlotte, visits her courtroom and gives her advice.
- #2, 204 Rosewood Lane-** Grace works at the town library. Her husband disappeared 6 months ago, but life goes on. Her daughter, Kelly, had a baby. Justine impulsively got married. Jack is pursuing Olivia. His son Eric...etc.
- #3, 311 Pelican Court-** Divorced Zach and Rosie struggle with Olivia's unusual custody decree: the children stay in the family home and they come and go. Widowed, Grace tries to adjust to the attention of another man. A guest at the B&B dies and the PI questions why he showed up there.
- #4, 44 Cranberry Point-** Peggy, owner of the B&B, learns the poisoned man had briefly known her husband. Grace has a lot of suitors and Olivia's 70 year old mother is dating.
- #5, 50 Harbor Street-** Corrie, PI Roy's wife, writes he has been getting anonymous messages asking if they "regret the past." Daughter, Linnette, works at the medical clinic. Corrie bought her a date with Cal at the humane society's "Dog and Bachelor Auction." He works at Cliff's horse farm. Cliff and Grace are dating.
- #6, 6 Rainier Drive-**Justine and Seth lost their business, the Lighthouse Restaurant, to arson. The prime suspect, Anson Butler, has disappeared. Cal is now rescuing wild mustangs in Wyoming.
- #7, 74 Seaside Avenue-** Tori Miller married famous chess champion, Bobby Polgar. Something's worrying him and he will only say he is "protecting his queen." Is he talking about her? Tori works at a beauty salon. Her friend Rachel has two men interested in her. There's news about Linnette who left town.
- #8, 8 Sandpiper Way-** Emily suspects her husband, Pastor Dave, might be having an affair. And jewelry was stolen from an old woman he used to visit a lot. Sheriff Troy's long ago love, Faith, has moved to Cedar Cove.
- # 9, 92 Pacific Boulevard-** Sheriff Troy's pregnant daughter, Megan, inadvertently caused his breakup with Faith. He stays busy with remains found in a cave and break-ins at 204 Rosewood Lane, Grace's home she rents to Faith. Olivia is ill.
- #10, 1022 Evergreen Place-** Mary Jo falls in love. She and baby Noelle are Mack's neighbors. She is worried her ex might sue for custody. Mary Jo found WW II letters and she and Mack are trying to learn what happened to the soldier who wrote them and the woman he loved.
- #11, 1105 Yakima Street-** Bruce's pregnant wife left him; she can't handle the stress in the home. Daughter, Jolene (age 13), is jealous of her and is spoiled. Linc's father-in-law is trying to destroy his business. Charlotte's forgetful.
- #12, 1225 Christmas Tree Lane-** Beth operates a Christmas tree farm. She also takes in abandoned, abused dogs. Ten puppies are dumped at her doorstep and she must find them a good home. All the central characters return in some way.

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
May 29	57	42	99	n/a
June 5	49	51	100	n/a
12	47	37	84	n/a
19	49	44	93	n/a
Total	202	177	379	n/a
Average	51	44	95	n/a

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual May	Budget May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2016
Revenue	General Fund	\$15,788	\$16,717	\$71,908	\$83,587	\$200,609
	Mortgage	\$2,649	\$2,333	\$10,073	\$11,667	\$28,000
	Other Giving	\$136	\$429	\$1,625	\$2,146	\$5,150
	Total Revenue	\$18,572	\$19,480	\$83,605	\$97,399	\$233,759
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$320	\$1,417	\$3,022	\$7,083	\$17,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$147	\$471	\$1,066	\$2,354	\$5,650
	Total Outreach	\$467	\$1,887	\$4,088	\$9,437	\$22,650
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$730	\$1,189	\$3,623	\$5,943	\$14,264
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,295	\$11,433	\$54,862	\$57,166	\$137,198
	Total Ministries	\$11,025	\$12,622	\$58,485	\$63,109	\$151,462
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,269	\$2,896	\$11,332	\$14,482	\$34,756
	Total Expense	\$13,761	\$17,405	\$73,905	\$87,027	\$208,868
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$10,371	\$10,371	\$24,891
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$10	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,084	\$2,074	\$10,381	\$10,371	\$24,891
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,845	\$19,480	\$84,286	\$97,399	\$233,759

Crossroads Blues at All Saints

The All Saints Blues Concert Series is taking a break for July due to the holiday weekend. The performers for upcoming concerts are:

- August 7: Ron Holm and Trinadora Trio
- September 4: No Show (Holiday)
- October 2: To be announced
- November 6: Daniel Souvigny, 16 year old piano player
- December 4: Dan Phelps

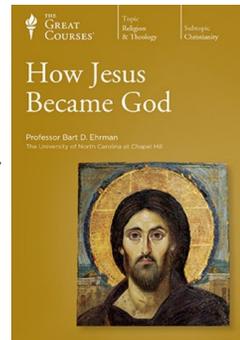


Adult Sunday School Fall Curriculum

This Fall our Adult Sunday School Class will embark on a 24 segment journey with a new course entitled *How Jesus Became God*. Each segment is 30 minutes in length and we then spend up to 30 minutes discussing the video. A weekly handout with information on each segment will be provided to the class. All are invited to the course that will be held during regular Sunday School hours.

The course is presented by Bart D. Ehrman, Ph.D., the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has taught since 1988. He completed his undergraduate work at Wheaton College and received his M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Before taking his position at UNC, Professor Ehrman taught at Rutgers University. Professor Ehrman has published dozens of book reviews and scholarly articles for academic journals. He has written or edited 29 books, including 4 best sellers on The New York Times list. He is a noted scholar of Biblical history and this course is one of the newest additions to the series.

As a preview for the course, we will present two segments of a series we have reviewed before that tie into this course. The two segments will be viewed in the Sanctuary from 9:30 to 10:00 AM on Sunday, August 7th and 14th. We will watch one segment each Sunday. On August 7th we will view “**Jesus of Nazareth**,” where Professor Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School brings Jesus to life in a talk on how he was perceived by his followers. On August 14th we will view “**The Christ of Faith**,” where Dr. Levine talks about Jesus as God. These segments are part of her 24 segment course *Great Figures of the New Testament*.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Jeannine Hayes
Al Olsen
Leroy Pederson
Jim Reif

Russ &
Ellen (Booth) Spencer
Kim Sherman
Mary Dummer
Peggy Swinney
Don Hartman
Juanita Williams
Patricia Skutt
Duane Burnett
April Roos
Dean Booth
Bill Brown
Dean Lundgren
Pamela Newman
Marie Schulte
Tim O'Hare
Bradly Mattingly
Doug Friede
Nancy Wright
Laura Egler
Jared Smith

Shut Ins
Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr
Mary Whitmer

Military
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Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School will be held at All Saints July 11- 15 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am,
The event will be facilitated by instructors from LOMC.
The students will be learning about Gideon, David, Queen Esther, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Rahab.

Registration can be by completing the forms that are in the narthex or you can call the church office at 815-234-5277, or visit the office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. We are looking for volunteers to help with crafts or snacks. If you can spare a little time, please see Jodi Girten or call her at 224-558-9589.

FEARLESS



July 7
GospelFest

July 10
ByronFest Parade

July 11 - 15
VBS

July 30
Timberlake Playhouse

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.