

# Connection



OCTOBER 2009



**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 30**  
**5:30 - 8:30 PM**

Arrive in a Halloween costume and take part in games, contests, prizes, food, trunk or treat, a silent auction, a haunted house, a Flu shot clinic ... and more!

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## ARE YOU A GROWING DISCIPLE?

Dear Friends in Christ,

A growing disciple of Jesus Christ at Kinsmen is someone who practices:

- Passionate Worship
- Radical Hospitality
- Adventurous Service
- Intentional Faith Formation
- Sensitive Evangelism
- Extraordinary Generosity

There are three new opportunities that will help us with the last three characteristics.

### Intentional Faith Formation

If you are not a part of a small group that meets on Sunday morning, there are two new adult classes. Yvonne Dean is leading a 9:30 a.m. class on

"Life's Challenges, God's Solutions" and Bruce Elijah is teaching John Ortberg's "God is Closer Than You Think" at 10:30 a.m. Both of these classes will be held in the Conference Room (Room 15).

### Extraordinary Generosity

Dr. Eugene Grimm, who served as a stewardship specialist for the ELCA for over 20 years and author of "Generous People," will visit Kinsmen Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 & 25, as guest preacher and to provide a stewardship seminar from 1-3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dr. Grimm plans to conduct a two-part seminar including "Stewardship, Taking the Quantum Leap" and "The 10 Basic Principals of Stewardship." This promises to be an educational, faith-building session that shouldn't be missed.

### Sensitive Evangelism

"The Contagious Christian" will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, at Kinsmen. "The Contagious Christian," is for churches of all sizes and is "designed to equip people of faith for effective evangelism by showing them how they can share the gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made them to be." The Rev. Kerry Nelson, the Synod's new director of evangelical mission, will be leading this event that Kinsmen is hosting. Time and details will be forthcoming!

In Christ,

Jeffery Alvestad  
Senior Pastor

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## IF JESUS COULD FEED 5,000 ...

... surely Kinsmen can feed 500!

This fall, Kinsmen is launching "Food for 500" to support Northwest Assistance Ministries' (NAM) annual Food Pantry Thanksgiving Project. The goal of the project is to provide food to serve 500 families a Thanksgiving dinner.

For more than 20 years, families have counted on NAM and its supporters to provide much-needed Thanksgiving meals. This year, the challenge to feed families in need is substantially greater than in the past. Requests for NAM's services have increased more than 35 percent this year making this Kinsmen effort extremely important.

This is an opportunity for Kinsmen to share its blessings with families experiencing tough times. The following donations are needed:

- brownies/cake/cookie mix
- canned corn
- canned fruit
- canned green beans
- canned soup
- canned yams
- jello/pudding
- mashed potato mix
- macaroni & cheese
- stuffing

A \$ 10 donation will purchase a fresh or frozen turkey, with a \$25 contribution purchasing all items, including a turkey.

Bags for your donations will be available in the Narthex the first weekend of October. Collection of items will occur in the Kinsmen parking lot the following dates:

Saturday, Oct. 24  
5 - 6:30 PM

Sunday, Oct. 25  
8 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, Oct. 31  
5 - 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 1  
8 AM - 12 PM

Cash donations or checks payable to Kinsmen Lutheran Church are gratefully accepted. Please note "Food for 500" on the check.

"Food for 500" is the vision of a Kinsmen small group. It is hoped all members will join this church-wide effort. Together, the goal is attainable. What an opportunity before us! Plan now. What can you donate?

For more information, please contact Linda Martens at 281-370-4286 or Bob Rall at 713-304-4244.

# DO YOU AKALOO? YOUR KIDS DO!

## TEACHERS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD

Sunday school teachers volunteer their time to share the Good News with young people. They, along with the students they lead, need prayers.

Teachers this year include: 3-Year-Olds - Beth Hurtado, Jennifer Kaurich, Gretchen Wietstruck; 4-Year-Olds/PreK - Steve Bessier, Lantz Toney, Sandi Toney; Kindergarten - Grace Elijah, Sheri England, Allison Feldman; 1st and 2nd Grade - Tina Metting, Molly Rall, Krystle Wallner, Kasey Zabadal; 3rd Grade - John England, Jill Henze, Cody Miller; 4th Grade - Eric Fidler, Michael Garcia, Rebecca Jones; 5th Grade - Candace Alvestad, Diana Grobe, Gaby Leija-Avalos; Junior High: Darren Gibbons, Eric Wietstruck, Jared Woods; Senior High: Meghan McAuliffe, Michael Woods; Opening: Molly Zoril. If you know or come across any of these individuals, please personally thank them for sharing their talents with these children.

The education hour for 3-year-olds through 8th grade is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The 3-year-old class meets in Room 7; 4-year-olds meet in Room 6 and the Kindergarten class meets in Rooms 4 & 5. First through 5th grade begin with an opening in the Choir Room and then are dismissed to their classrooms. Junior High Youth meet in the Loft, with Senior High Youth meeting in The Loft at 10:20 a.m. Contact Stefanie Gibbons at 281-444-3127, ext 15, or [sgibbons@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:sgibbons@kinsmenlutheran.org) for information.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Do you akaloo? Akaloo is the curriculum Christian education is currently using. "Akaloo" is inspired by the Greek word ακολουθειν : akolouthein ("to follow"). Jesus said to his disciples, "Follow me. Drop your nets. A new life awaits you." Akaloo is based on this simple, radical call to discipleship.

Currently, everyone in Christian education is teaching from the units "Unlikely Leaders."

## FOURTH GRADE MILESTONE

The 4th grade milestone, "First Communion," is finally here! Classes will be taught by Pastor Jeff and Pastor Mark on Sunday, Oct. 18, and Sunday, Oct. 25, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Community Room. In addition to the classes, the children will meet at Potter's Wheel (5419 F.M. 1960 W., Suite E) to make their own chalice for their first Communion. Sign up on The Messenger to reserve your spot. Reservations and prepayment of \$10 to cover costs must be made by Monday, Oct. 5, in order to participate. These students will be recognized and will receive their first Communion on Sunday, Oct. 25, at the 11 a.m. worship service. For more information, contact Stefanie Gibbons at 281-444-3127, ext. 15, or [sgibbons@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:sgibbons@kinsmenlutheran.org).



Wednesday Fellowship Dinner



Senior Adults Double Brown Bag Lunch



Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace



Staff Birthday Celebration

# STEWARDSHIP: IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT US



Kinsmen is involved in so many life changing ministries – World Hunger, Northwest Assistance Ministries, Krause Center, Interfaith Hospitality

Network, Habitat for Humanity and

Water 2 Thrive, just to name a few. Because we are good stewards of God's gifts, we are able to impact lives here in our community and far away. Even our own preschool and before and after school programs affect many children who otherwise would not be exposed to the love of Christ.

Consecration Sunday has been scheduled for Nov. 8. As you prepare for this important date, plan to attend Dr. Eugene Grimm's workshop on Saturday, Oct. 24. Dr. Grimm, who

served as a stewardship specialist for the ELCA for more than 20 years, is the author of "Generous People." The workshop will be from 1-3:30 p.m. and will include two parts – "Stewardship: Taking the Quantum Leap" and "The 10 Basic Principles of Stewardship." There is no cost, and guests are welcome. Please RSVP with the church office so a count may be determined. On a special note, Dr. Grimm will also preach at all four worship services that weekend.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

During these difficult economic times, some churches are laying off employees, giving pay cuts or even cutting ministries; however, Kinsmen has collected only \$6,355 less in Thankofferings than in the same period of 2008 (through

OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES			
August 2009			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Income	\$128,710	\$150,933	
Expenses	\$138,385	\$154,324	
Year-to-Date (YTD)			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Income	\$1,076,499	\$1,158,300	
Expenses	\$1,125,557	\$1,230,667	
Actual YTD			\$-72,367

August).

If you had asked the Finance Committee in October of 2008 what to expect at the end of August 2009, they probably would not have predicted such positive results.

Due to some unanticipated air conditioning and bus

maintenance expenses, Kinsmen has had to borrow \$35,000 from our dedicated funds. These monies will be repaid, of course, but this is a good time to remind everyone to make sure their estimated giving has "caught up" following the summer months.

## OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING TO HELP WITH HOUSING



Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people.

On Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, please join this nonprofit and support World Habitat Day, as they raise their voices and declare that the lack of decent, affordable housing is unacceptable.

For more information, visit [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

On Oct. 10 & 11, monies will be collected at all Kinsmen worship services to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

GLIMPSES OF GRACE – SEPTEMBER –	
Noisy Offering: Korean Outreach Ministry	\$1,345.00
Synod/ELCA	\$10,168.00
Monthly TOTAL	\$11,513.00
2009 TOTAL	\$110,110.50

# FUN, FAMILY, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP — FESTIVAL!

Mark your calendar, save the date.  
This is one event you'll want to make.

Finally, a night out to dress up for! The Family Fall Festival will be held Friday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The event, which is for "kids" of all ages, will include a silent auction, trunk or treat, games, a dance contest, a flu shot clinic, a haunted house, food and much more! Costumes are encouraged.

Flu shots will be available for \$25 for



those 11 years and older, with no cost for those with Medicare B. If the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) vaccine is available, it will also be administered. Advance tickets for festival food and games will be on sale Oct. 11-25 at the red desk in the Community Life Center.

Silent auction donations are still needed. If you have items, please contact Sherri Botker at 281-444-3127, ext 23, or sbotker@kinsmenlutheran.org. Proceeds from the festival this year will benefit the Children's Organ Transplant Association and Cooper Knight. Cooper is involved with the Kinsmen preschool program and is in


need of a small bowel and colon transplant.

The festival needs volunteers to help with food and games. Contact Lynnae Schatz at lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org or 281-444-3127, ext. 43, if you are able to help in these areas.

Candy donations are being accepted in the church lobby for trunk or treat. And remember, trunks (of cars) are needed for the little ones to use for trunk or treat.

Make plans now to attend this annual church event that has something for the entire family. And don't forget your costume!

## GIVE ME A SIGN, OH LORD! – PART II



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
12412 County Road 3100 • Slaton, Texas 79364 • (806) 828-6022  
September 5, 2009

Rev. Jeffrey W. Alvestad  
Kinsmen Lutheran Church  
12100 Champion Forest Drive  
Houston, Tx 77066

RE: Going Green for God: Recycled Church Sign

Dear Pastor Alvestad,

Please share with your congregation our deepest thanks from the members of Immanuel Lutheran, Posey for Kinsmen's generosity in sharing their old sign with us. The Melvin Walter family did considerable remodeling because we had to raise it from ground level to four and a half feet off the ground in order for it to be seen from US Highway 84. There has been a need for years for people who travel on Highway 84 to and from Lubbock to know that the rural church with bright green roof is a Lutheran church and welcomes them to worship. The backlighting allows it to shine like a beacon in the darkness of the West Texas night. We have enclosed pictures of our dedication of the sign on August 30, 2009.

Blessings for your help with our ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ who has risen indeed.

Peace,  
*Pastor Yvonne Kiebler*  
Rev. Yvonne Kiebler



## THE BEST OF THE REST

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Join us each week from 6-7 p.m. in the Community Life Center.

Oct. 7: Lasagna

Oct. 14: Stir Fry

Oct. 21: Baked Italian Chicken

Oct. 28: Mexican Casserole

\$6 Adults (11 years and older)

\$3 Children (3-10 years )

FREE Children (3 years and younger)

### JOSEPH: FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

Thank you to the cast, crew and parents for making the musical a success. DVDs of the production are available for \$10. Contact Lynnae Schatz at [lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org) or 281-444-3127, ext. 43, to order.

### FAMILY RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHERHILL

*Meaningful life doesn't come easy.* Join us for a weekend of family camping at Lutherhill on Nov. 6-8. Bishop Mike Rinehart will be leading the Bible study. The Kinsmen bus will leave the church at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, and return around 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16. The cost for this weekend is \$70 per person for those 13 years and older and \$40 per person for those 12 and under. (A family can be any size!) If interested, contact Lynnae Schatz at [lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org) or 281-444-3127, ext. 43.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

It's not too late! Regular rehearsals for the Sunshine Singers and Morning Glory Children's Choirs resumed on Sunday, Sept. 27. The Sunshine Singers (4-years-old through 1st grade) meet in the Choir Room (Room 10) on Sunday afternoons from 4-4:45 p.m. The Morning Glory Choir (2nd through 5th grade) meet in the Choir Room on Sunday afternoons from 5-6 p.m. Rhythm instruments, handchimes and handbells are used throughout the year. Contact Lynnae Schatz at [lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org)

281-444-3127, ext. 43, with questions.

### GRIEF AND HEALING

If you or someone you know are grieving the death of a loved one, either recently or long ago, please visit Kinsmen for a special time of worship and prayer on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. The group will meet in the Community Room and close with worship at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 281-444-3126. May God's grace and peace comfort you.

### ALL SAINTS WEEKEND IS OCT. 31 AND NOV. 1

This day is a long-standing Christian tradition of connecting the church in heaven with the church on earth.

As we remember the long history of saints that have gone before us, we celebrate those individuals who have "transferred" to the church in heaven during the past 12 months.

If you have an immediate family member who has been buried from Kinsmen or the burial service officiated by one of Kinsmen's pastors over the past year, their name will automatically be included in our All Saints Memorial Sunday remembrance. If you, as a church member, have a family member that has passed away since Nov. 1, 2008, and would like them remembered on All Saints weekend, please complete a form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and return it no later than Sunday, Oct. 25. Names submitted after that date may be verbally included, but are not guaranteed to be in any printed materials.

Please note that this weekend is also an appropriate time for memorial gifts to the Endowment Fund for the Glory of God and in loving memory of a loved one.

### TAKE THE LOVE DARE!

Married couples are invited to join us as we learn what it means to "fireproof" our marriages. The Love Dare is a small

group study for married couples that accompanies the popular Christian movie, "Fireproof." They meet semimonthly on Friday from 7-8:30 p.m. Child care is provided for a small fee. The next gathering is Friday, Oct. 9. Contact Jill Henze at [mwhenze@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwhenze@sbcglobal.net) in advance of the meeting to participate.

### OCTOBER SCOUT NEWS

Another busy month for the boys! The pack is selling popcorn again this year. New scouting families have the opportunity to attend a council-sponsored camp out. The Tigers will have the chance to go to a district event just for their rank and the Webelos will be participating in their own district camp out, Webelos Woods. The Pack's fall service project will be helping out in Fountainhead with National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 6. The Pack camp out will be held in November and has selected a new state park to visit.

For information or questions about scouting, please e-mail [Pack440@comcast.net](mailto:Pack440@comcast.net).

### PERU BROUGHT TO YOU

A presentation, including photos, of this summer's Peru mission trip will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

### ADVOCACY CAMP 2009

Faith Communities and Social Transformation will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at Covenant Lutheran Church in Houston.

Advocacy Camp is a citizen leadership development program that teaches people of faith in Texas how to engage in the public policy process. Keynote speaker is renowned author and pastor, Brian McLaren. To register, call 512-472-3903 or e-mail [cara@texasimpact.org](mailto:cara@texasimpact.org).

### ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Kinsmen will be looking for conspirators soon. Ready to accept the challenge? More information next month ...



# October Birthdays

Cynthia Kinler	10/1	Erin Wright	10/12	Paul Bunkers	10/23
Debbie McCue	10/1	Connie Nolan	10/12	Joanne Matava	10/24
Debra Heppner	10/1	Mitchell Schroeder	10/12	Julie Schensted	10/24
Sarah Mataway	10/2	Regan Beam	10/12	Mary Ann Lehmann	10/24
Brad Froebel	10/3	Betty Berger	10/13	Melissa Gatti	10/24
Lauren Gatewood	10/3	Steven Stewart	10/13	Braden Mc Anear	10/24
Shawn Abt	10/3	Shelby Colson	10/13	Gary Simpson	10/25
Kristina Peterson	10/3	Nicole Brown	10/13	Ashley Bell	10/25
Emily Hillegeist	10/3	Shella Smith	10/14	Diane Mc Coy	10/25
Walter Hambrick	10/4	Carson Monrad	10/14	Jason Beam	10/25
Robert G. Fox	10/4	Mackenzie Kaurich	10/14	Bradley Shawhan	10/25
Cindy Hagan	10/4	Lisa Mansour	10/14	Kelly Swerdon	10/25
Kenneth Lee	10/5	Donald Swanson	10/14	Jon Guckenber	10/26
Barbara Hooks	10/6	Christopher Blum	10/14	Meredith Bunkers	10/26
Judith Clark	10/6	Heidi Dogotch	10/15	Karen Hamilton	10/26
Avery Mueller-Jarosh	10/6	Jim George	10/15	Cherise Osmon	10/26
Elissa Ludeman	10/6	Nathan Staff	10/15	Matthew Shawhan	10/26
Chance Bachmeiser	10/7	Sonja Lockhart	10/15	Katie Tavey	10/26
Judith Nielsen	10/7	Laura Porter	10/16	Danielle Colson	10/26
Sandra Truitt	10/7	Bob Lenzen	10/16	Mitchell Ray	10/26
Mark Staff	10/8	Al Roy	10/16	Hunter McGuinn	10/27
Diana Grobe	10/8	Brian Smith	10/17	Carley Straube	10/27
Jo Ann Restrepo	10/9	Brian Fisher	10/17	Gene Gealow	10/27
Jessica Padfield	10/9	Jimmy Woody	10/17	Steve Matava	10/27
Dietrich Butcher	10/9	Drew Tobler	10/17	Cody Pierce	10/28
Jeremy Claxton	10/9	Nicole Schneck	10/17	Joy Puder	10/28
Suzy Bongers	10/9	Megan McNeil	10/17	Keith Rogers	10/29
Stan Forde	10/10	Kathy McCracken	10/18	Sharon Peebles	10/29
William Hymel	10/10	Justin Schneck	10/18	Sarah Nott	10/29
Stephanie Langner	10/10	Tony Roeger, III	10/19	Nicholas Blum	10/29
Keiler Harvey	10/10	Justin Blackbourn	10/19	Gregory Ludeman	10/29
John Perry	10/10	Breonna Brown	10/19	Eriks Dunens	10/29
Cathy Guy	10/10	Donnie Stowe	10/20	Nancy Zoril	10/30
Paul Lettieri	10/10	Ben Harvey	10/20	Abbie Chapman	10/31
Jan Schmeisser	10/11	Barbara Kaase	10/20	Calvin Wolter	10/31
Charlene Mengel	10/11	Kay Adam	10/20	Sandra Lettieri	10/31
Abel Garcia	10/11	Fred Straube	10/20	Jean Reichert	10/31
Timothy Timmerman, III	10/11	Catherine Van Hoose	10/21	Rich Gillette	10/31
Chris Woody	10/12	Rev. Jeff Alvestad	10/21		

\*This list is compiled from church records.

If your name is missing or the information listed above is incorrect, please notify the church office.

Youth and Family

# Kinsmen Lutheran

## Family Fall Festival

We invite you to come out and join us at the Kinsmen Family Fall Festival on **Friday, Oct. 30**, from **5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.**

Activities will include games, a moon walk, a costume contest and great music. The evening will conclude with trunk or treat in the Kinsmen parking lot.

We invite all families and friends to join us for food, fall festivities and fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds raised will benefit a family from our own preschool whose toddler needs an organ transplant.



For more information contact the Kinsmen office at 281-444-3126 or e-mail us at [kinsmen@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:kinsmen@kinsmenlutheran.org).

We will all be dressing in our favorite costumes.

See the following pages for the many ways you can be in the planning and preparation involved.

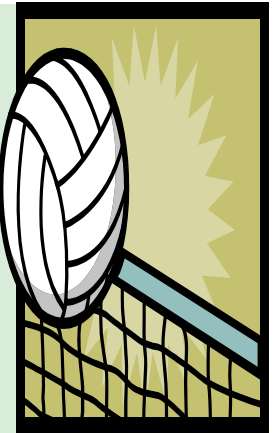


# Jr. High Youth

## Reformation Bowl

Come out for some good natured competition at our second annual "Reformation Bowl" on **Sunday, Oct. 25, from 12-2 p.m.**

Confirmation youth and their parents can sign up on The Messenger or at their Confirmation Small Groups.



## Get Involved and Make a Difference!

This year's Family Fall Festival will definitely make a difference in one family's life. But we need your help! One way you can lend a hand is by having your Confirmation Small Group sponsor a game at the festival on Friday, Oct. 30. Sign up on The Messenger to make a difference in our community.

## @the Crossing

Friday, Jan. 29 - Saturday, Jan. 30

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

**@the crossing** is a new event for 7th and 8th grade youth and their adult leaders. Become part of the new event and **Discover Who UR** by identifying your own uniqueness and how you might use your gifts to serve in the world around you. Look for details on the Messenger.



LUTHERHILL  
MINISTRIES

## Summer is just around the corner...

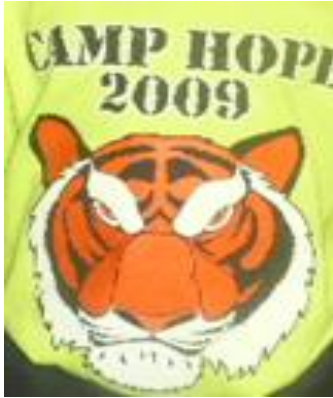
Well, not really. But it isn't too early to start thinking about Confirmation Camp.

# Sr. High Youth

## What God Did

### On My Summer Vacation

Sunday, Oct. 11



On Sunday, Oct. 11, we will be sharing what God did on our summer vacation through the National Youth Gathering and Camp Hope. The High School youth will be participating in the leadership of all worship services and finding different ways to share their summer experiences. If you haven't already, contact Pastor Mark to participate.



# Family Fall Festival Help

On Friday, Oct. 30, we are raising money for a family who needs our help. A toddler in our preschool soon will need an organ transplant. Help us Share Grace with this family by volunteering with our festival.

## Family Fall Festival — Haunted House

Help us put together a haunted house for the upcoming festival on Friday, Oct. 30. Share your scary ideas with Pastor Mark and sign-up on The Messenger.



## Fall Festival — Dramatic Reading

Literacy was our emphasis area at the National Youth Gathering, and we are going to begin to put our interest into practice at the Family Fall Festival.

Be a part of the dramatic reading as we make the story come to life and share God's love at the festival. Following our presentation, each family at the festival will receive a book to take home. Sign up on The Messenger to participate.



## Holy Cow! It's time to trunk or treat



Junior High Youth and High School Youth and their families are invited to participate in **trunk or treat** as part of the Family Fall Festival on **Friday, Oct. 30.**

All participants will decorate the trunks or hatchbacks of their vehicles and dress in costume.

The children will move from one vehicle to the next and trunk or treat.



### Coming Soon to Kinsmen ...

Christmas is not what it was and what it could be.  
*We are going to try to change that.*

Junior High Youth and Senior High Youth are invited to help us prepare to join the Conspiracy.

Look for more information on The Messenger in the coming weeks.



# Info Hotline

Pastor Mark

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mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org

☎ Jr. High, ext. 39  
☎ Sr. High, ext. 40  
☎ Off Campus Hotline, ext. 41



WEEKEND SCHEDULE		
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 PM <b>Informal Worship</b> with Communion	<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 AM & 11 AM <b>Traditional Worship</b> with Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month  9:30 AM <b>Contemporary Worship</b> with Communion	9:30 AM <b>Education Hour</b> Classes for all ages (August - May)  9 - 11 AM <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> Community Life Center

**Connection** is a monthly publication of Kinsmen Lutheran Church.  
 Deadline for submitting news is the 15th day of each month or the previous church business day if the deadline falls on the weekend or on a church holiday. Articles are preferred electronically, but may be faxed or hand-delivered to the church office.

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 Monday - Friday  
 9 AM - 5 PM

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