



## 1Thessalonians 5:13-15 Rise and Shine

*13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.*

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### From the Pastor's Office

Next week will mark our 10th Vacation Bible School (VBS) program

since restarting it in 2016. At that time, our church had only two members who were of VBS age. I'm encouraged by the faith of Pastor Joel, Susan, and others who stepped out to begin it again that year. By the grace of God, they were able to serve a total of seven children, all between the ages of 3 and 5.

Last year, we had 33 children in attendance, divided into three classes, plus six more in the nursery. Some of these children came from the neighborhood surrounding the church and now look forward to VBS every year. Others are connected to us through existing relationships. Either way, this ministry provides a wonderful opportunity to serve families—both those we know and those God brings from our community.

I pray that even more neighborhood children, especially those without a church family, will come and feel truly welcome—and that one day their parents will also join us in worshipping the Lord. Please continue to pray for our VBS program and for the community surrounding the place where we gather.

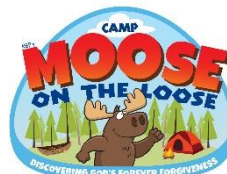
God's Peace, Pr. Ryan Kandoll



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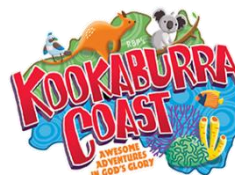
2019



2020



2021



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2023



2024



2025

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## August at PLC

### AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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#### Sundays:

3,10,17,24,31 10:30am Worship service with Communion

11:45am Coffee Fellowship

10 10:30am Mini VBS presentation

#### Monday:

4 9:00am VBS

#### Tuesdays:

5 9:00am VBS

12 6:00pm Mission Committee meeting

6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

#### Wednesdays:

6 9am VBS

13 9:00am Men's breakfast @ Perkins  
Hwy 55 & 494

11, 18, 25 6:00pm Evening Bible Study

#### Thursdays:

7 9:00am VBS

#### Fridays:

8 9:00am VBS

## Celebrate Our Congregation

### August Birthdays:

Christina	Madison	8/3
Kristin	Walters	8/3
Nicholas	Serazzi	8/6
Lee	Langer	8/8
Lydia	O'Neill	8/12
Nathan	Sunnarborg	8/15
Josh	Hansen	8/17
Gen	Matti	8/22
Linnea	Lunn	8/25
Julie	Bartell	8/29
Joan	Graunke	8/30
Neil	Sunnarborg	8/31

### August Anniversaries:

Bill & Phyllis	8/5
Brian & Julie	8/22
Larry & Evy	8/29

## Mark your Calendar

### VBS 2025

Aug 4-8 9:00am – 11:30am

## Vacation Bible School



If you are willing and able to help with Set-up for 2025 Vacation Bible School, please attend August 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Service.

VBS 2025 - Aug 4-8, 2025 9:00am – 11:30am

#### Theme Verse:

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised! **Psalm 113:3 (ESV)**

### Ride Through the Old West and Discover the Amazing Life of Jesus

All aboard the Wonder Junction! Get ready to experience a wild ride designed for kids to know Jesus better, what he did for them, and how they should respond.

**Bring a friend to VBS! It's Not too late to invite someone to attend!**

**From:** Derek and Kristy Johnson

Hi everyone,

This email is a short update on what's happening in our lives right now. We want to update you on a lot of upcoming travel and ask for prayers. Also, I've attached a couple of fun pictures from the end of Trent's junior year.

1. We're in the middle of "cry week" in Ukarumpa. This is the week where all of the seniors, their families, and many others leave Ukarumpa. Many of them will return after a 6 month or year of home assignment; however, there are others (namely the seniors) that will never return. This year, our family is losing some very close friends: Trent's best friend, Nehemiah, just graduated, and Kristy's best friend (and my principal). **Please pray that these goodbyes will remind us of our shared eternity together with Jesus.**
2. Trent will be leaving Ukarumpa tomorrow to return to Minnesota for 3.5 weeks to visit some colleges and receive some needed dental and orthodontic work. Kristy and I will be staying behind due to finances and clinic needs. However, Trent won't be traveling alone; he will be tagging along (in both directions) with another family who is traveling to the US for the school break. Once in Minnesota, he will be staying with grandparents so many of you will get to see him! **Please be in prayer for travel mercies and smooth transfers in both directions.**
3. Later this week, Kristy will be traveling to the capital of Papua New Guinea (PNG), Port Moresby with other leaders of our mission. The purpose will be to connect with government officials who oversee the medical industry and work through some logistical difficulties that she has been having with licensing, personnel, etc. **Please pray that these officials will see the good work that our mission is doing and will look kindly on the clinic's applications.**
4. Finally, at the beginning of July, Kristy and I will be traveling down to Brisbane, Australia as Kristy will be representing the Ukarumpa Clinic at a medical missions conference. We will tack on a few days before the conference for relaxation and refreshment. And, it just so happens that Trent will be returning via Brisbane while we're there, so we will be able to pick him up and then travel back to PNG as a family. **Pray that this time will refresh us, and the conference will result in many more medical personnel catching the vision of serving God in Ukarumpa.**

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Derek

**BONUS:**

A few weeks ago was the annual Sports Day for our school. I've attached a couple of pictures of day 1, in which Trent competed in the 3000 meter run...in a classic South Pacific downpour!



## From Nicole and Saul - Our Baby Noah Saul

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Our wonderful baby boy has arrived! Noah came in the afternoon on Wednesday, July 9th. After around a day and a half of labor, he ended up being delivered via C-section. We have never been so in love and in awe! For me, there is a song that I listened to a lot while pregnant, and one line stands out to me as the most true:

**"Baby, when your arms are around me I swear that I'm holding the sun."**

This is true for how I feel about both my son and my husband, who has been the absolute hero of our household. From feeding me while I feed our son, to bathing us both, cleaning and grocery shopping, Saul has literally done it all. I also want to thank my mom and mother-in-law for being with us every step of the way, cooking and bringing food, buying clothes for our son and helping us figure out government paperwork. It has been the wildest 2 week of our lives.

We are now in the thick of newborn life, which has its ups and downs. The difficulty has increased since Saul returned to work yesterday so prayers for patience, peace and rest are very much needed.

We are also still in need of funds to pay for Noah's birth, which ended up being more expensive because of my unplanned C-section. The Mexican government also just last month changed the laws, and to get my name on Noah's birth certificate is ten times more complicated and costly than we anticipated. We are needing around \$1500 for both things and we are asking if you would prayerfully consider supporting us in this way. Thank you!

To end this email the best way possible, here are more pictures of our perfect little peanut :)



