

# The . *WTECOM* In Church and Community



## From the Senior Pastor Let's Get Together

Oh, the things we learn when we try something new!

Welcoming ACE Academy to our facility has been an exercise in adaptation, patience, and flexibility. It is a delight to see smiling friendly faces around the building Monday through Friday as they move through their summer programming. I can't help but think that those who first imagined the beautiful addition to our church are likely smiling as well as the building they had a hand in creating is now more fully utilized than it's ever been.



As you read last month, however, the transition was not as smooth as we would have liked, and one of the takeaways from that experience is that we did not communicate as well as we should have with the congregation about who ACE is and why it makes good sense to partner with them. This has had the unfortunate consequence of creating confusion that has gotten in the way of our call to holy hospitality and serving the common good. For this avoidable misstep, I apologize on behalf of our entire team and pledge to improve our communication in the future.

To that end, members and friends of the congregation will have three upcoming opportunities for conversation and reflection with members of the Governing Board prior to the mid-year congregational meeting, which is scheduled for

Sunday, July 23, at 11:45 A.M., in The Gathering Place. The purpose of these *Ever Forward* open forums is to present the proposed ministry plan (budget) for the new fiscal year and the rationale behind it so that folks have a chance to be in conversation with each other about what's being proposed and provide any feedback they may have well before we need to adopt the new plan.

Three forums have been scheduled to give a variety of options so that as many might participate as possible.

- ♦ Wednesday, July 12, at 7:00 P.M., in the Friendship Room (immediately after the Summer Blast)
- ♦ Sunday, July 16, at 11:35 A.M., in the Friendship Room
- ♦ Wednesday, July 19, at 7:30 A.M., in the office conference room

These forums are open to all members and friends of Our Savior's, and participants may attend more than one, if they desire. The board's hope is that these opportunities for conversation will provide helpful information, generate enthusiasm for the ministry we share, and inspire within us a vision for a vibrant sustainable ministry as we move ever forward.

Looking forward to good conversation,

Pr. Randy Gehring

# Ministry Spotlight Come Have a Blast!

Here's hoping you didn't miss out on last month's Summer Blast!

Enjoying perfectly mild almost-summer weather under a bright blue sky, more than 300 OSL members, friends, and neighbors enjoyed a delicious supper grilled by volunteers from Miller Funeral Home and El Riad Shrine—more folks served than any Summer Blast thus far.

While people waited in line, Mogen's Heroes entertained them with classic rock and pop hits. Kids gave a workout to inflatables, crafts tables, and an endless supply of sidewalk chalk.

As usual, the June Summer Blast also featured OSL's annual Car and Motorcycle Show, and, once again, the number of classic automotive beauties on display exceeded any past year: in all, some 40 shining vehicles from various decades were shown off by their proud owners.

Anything else? Well, yes, as a matter of fact. There was a fun, thought-provoking God Talk conversation with Peter and Paul, outdoor worship, and, later, OSL Youth gathered around the fire pit with more than enough marshmallows to last the gorgeous evening.

Pretty hard to top a night like that, no?

Perhaps. But Our Savior's folk are not accustomed to resting on past glories...so prepare yourself for the *next*



Summer Blast, to be held on Wednesday, July 12, starting at 5:00 P.M. In addition to authentic cuisine provided by our friends at Pueblo de Dios, you'll also enjoy live music by the band Short Notice, more family activities, and outdoor worship, including a blessing of pets.

If you missed the June Summer Blast, you won't want to miss July's! In fact, even if

you *didn't* miss June's, be sure to come back for the season's final Summer Blast, on July 12! ♦



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Sunday Morning

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Festive Worship – 10:15 A.M., Sanctuary

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