



News from KCC

October 26, 2016



The Kalkaska Church of Christ will host Trunk or Treat next Monday night. We hope to welcome over 1,200 community children out trick or treating. It's a great time to meet new people and share the KCC campus with our neighbors!

You can help by volunteering to [be a "TRUNK."](#) We're looking for KCC people who will open their trucks and pass out candy to the children as they come by. [Sign up to be a trunk online here!](#) If you would like to donate candy, you can do so right up to next Monday night. Bring your donated candy to the KCC lobby and drop it in the trunk.

Involuntary Phone Fast!

By Sara Blasko, Children's Ministry Director

I am always trying to be a better version of myself. Sometimes I try to eat healthier, sometimes I exercise a little more than usual, sometimes I work on being more organized. One thing that I'm always working on is being closer to God. I also always want to be a better wife and mother.

So Saturday was the perfect storm of all of these things. I started paying attention to what I was eating, so I had a healthy breakfast and we got in the car to go to my son's cross country meet. On the way to Gaylord, I made a mental decision to not spend the car ride on my phone. I was looking out the window and talking to God, and decided that I really need to be better about that. The rest of the car ride was pleasant as we gave my son some motivational speeches about his race. After his race, which he had a PR (Personal Record) of 19:39 for a 5k, we had a nice ride home and enjoyed spending time together.

When we got home I surveyed my living room (see previous paragraph about becoming more organized) and decided that I could wait to tackle the living room, and that I should go for a run. Feeling quite motivated by watching all of these high schoolers running, I set off for my longest run in a long time. I've been part of the Run for God bible study on Wed nights and we have gone from



running 60 second intervals to now running 8 minutes in a row. I took a good 10 minutes getting ready for my run. I changed my clothes, made sure that my hair was pulled up, grabbed a hat because it was chilly, and got my running sleeve for my phone.

I ALWAYS run with my phone. I have an app that tells me when I can stop running and when it beeps, I know that I'm allowed to walk. I literally can't mentally do it without this app. Anyone who has ever run with me knows this. So I secure my phone on my forearm and take off for my longest run to date.

I like to talk when I run....well if I can breathe that is! Some people like to listen to music or podcasts, but I like to talk. So when I run by myself, I talk to God. Well I had a lot to discuss with him on Saturday. I was mentally preparing for Sunday, and also thinking about being more plugged in to my family. I was trying really hard not to look at how much longer I had to run. I checked a sneak peek and only had 2 minutes left. "You can do this Sara!" I said aloud to myself. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (I forgot, I talk to myself a lot too!) As I dodged some roadkill on the road and looked forward I tried to guess which telephone pole I had to make it to for my 8 minutes to be up, when I felt something whizz past my arm. In horror I turned around and saw my phone on the dirt road....shattered.



I felt like crying. I was out here trying to run, and do something good and now I was without a phone. I instantly went into a panic. What if I needed to call someone, how would I know when I could walk. I decided that I should just turn around, when the familiar beep beep beep, of my running app went off. OH! The sound was still working...I guess I can keep going.

So I finished my run, came into the house and pouted for a little bit, until I remembered what I had been praying about all morning. I had to laugh! Sometimes we use things in our lives as a crutch. Do I really need my phone to run? NO! Do I really need to check Facebook every 20 minutes to see what everyone else is up to? NO! Do I really need to be spending more time with my family and with God? YES! Praise God for his subtle and sometimes not so subtle communication with us! While going through this involuntary phone fast, I've found tons of time to clean my house, spend time with my family, and try to spend more time in prayer...(I'm not gonna lie, I miss my Bible app on my phone desperately). I encourage you to find the things that are a distraction for you and try to limit them. Find more time for what is really important in life.



THIS Sunday at KCC!

Tim and Anita did a wonderful job Sunday. I appreciate them sharing their heart and being transparent about their own marriage for us to learn from. I will put a brief ribbon around the marriage series at the beginning of our next series on November 6. There is one verse that I really want to drive home before moving on to another terrifying topic to preach about.

This Sunday we have our annual youth Sunday. Come listen to some young men share what God has laid on their heart. Our worship band will be student led as well as other aspects of our service. Come support the youth and worship with us Sunday! ~ Andy B.

NEW BAPTISM!

Congratulations to Emma Lantzer who was baptized into Christ by her Dad, Jeremy, this past Sunday, October 23rd. Please welcome her to the KCC family! Pray for Emma as she strives to walk closer with Jesus Christ, her Lord & Savior.

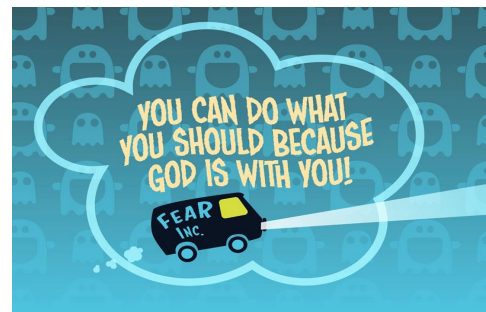
If you've been considering this step of salvation, contact the [church office](#) to talk with one of the ministers or Elders about it.



KIDSTUF is **THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am** in the Lower Level
for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade!

We finish up the month with Joshua and the famous battle of Jericho. God promised Abraham that he would receive the Land of Canaan. In **Joshua 5:13-6:27**, we find the Israelites taking their first steps towards the fulfillment of the promise. God was faithful to the Israelites. In this story, God's battle plans seem unconventional for conquering a city, but Joshua knew that if they obeyed God's plan, the land would be theirs.

Bottom Line: **You can do what you should because God is with you.** Even when what we're asked to do doesn't make sense, we can have courage to do it knowing that God is helping us. We should remember that God is near and He is for us. We can trust God no matter what and have courage to do what we should.



Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas



Saturday, December 3rd 9:00am - 2:00pm

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" provides a one day FREE CHRISTMAS STORE for anyone in the Kalkaska community & surrounding area who finds themselves struggling this time of year to make ends meet. This is a store for parents/guardians who are working hard to provide for their children and need help. Our goal is to alleviate the stress of not knowing how to get your little ones anything for Christmas by allowing you to pick out a few special things for your children.

This "store" is for children only (0-18 yrs. old) not for adults, and is only for parents/guardians to shop for children that live in their home. Last year we served almost 300 families with a total of 765 children!

We do not believe that Christmas is about getting presents. We believe that it is about God giving us the best gift we could ever ask for, His son Jesus. So by His example of His love for us, we want to show Christ's love to our community. We freely give to those who need it, because God freely gave us His son, and Jesus paid entirely for our salvation! It is our sincere hope that families who "need" this will be blessed this Christmas, experience God's love and come shop for FREE on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the Kalkaska Church of Christ in the Lower Level. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please call Hollie Bittenbender at 231-384-1255.



Upcoming Events

2:14 is based on the scripture in James 2:14 which says, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?"



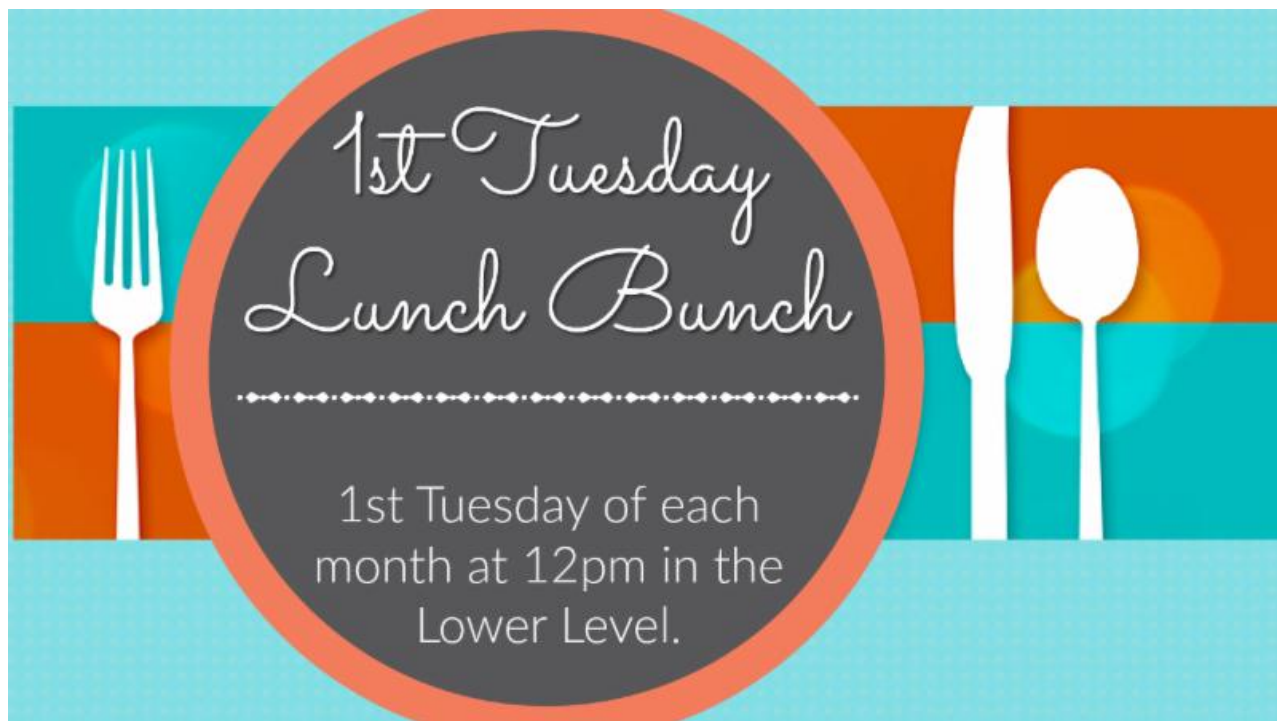
We have been asked to take on a project this Sunday so there is a special 2:14 gathering **THIS Sunday, October 30th**. We need 6-7 people with some skills to help build a wheelchair ramp in Rapid City. [Facebook](#) or email Andy Bratton if you can help. We will meet at 2:14 in the church parking lot.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, Oct. 30th

The next Preacher's Prayer Partners Breakfast is THIS Sunday, October 30th at 7:15am in the Lower Level. All men in the church are invited!



First Tuesday Lunch Bunch meets at 12:00pm next Tuesday, November 1st at KCC in the Lower Level. Bring a dish to share and a friend or two. This is open to anyone available at noon. Hosted by Dan and Sherry Johnson.



The Titus 2 Women's Mentoring Group meets next Tuesday, November 1st in the Lower Level here at KCC. We will start with dinner at 6:00pm followed by a lesson, discussion, fellowship and prayer.



Calling all singers! KCC is putting together a choir! We will be leading for the first time on Christmas Day. The first meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 3rd at 7:30pm in the Worship Center. Rehearsal schedules will be given out at the first meeting, and we will continue meeting as a group bi-weekly following Christmas as we will be leading Worship 4-6 times throughout the year. We will also be caroling this Christmas season. Dates/times for that will be announced shortly. Contact Darrell Boger at 231-231-886-8898.



The Ladies Christmas Tea is Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm at KCC. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Lobby if you would like to attend the tea or if you would like to host a table. For more information, call Jill Ponstein at 231-392-3909.

This Sunday - October 30, 2016 - Youth Sunday

- **7:15 AM - Men's Breakfast**
- **8:30 AM** - Worship - Youth Sunday
- **10:00 AM** - Faith Training for Preschool through Adults
- **11:00 AM** - Worship - Youth Sunday
- **11:00 AM** - KidStuf in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten - 5th grade
- **2:14 PM - Special Service Project**
- **6:30 PM** - FUEL - High School Youth Group



[Check out kccwired.com for a full list of upcoming events!](http://kccwired.com)



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