

Strivings

COMINS COMMUNITY CHURCH

MAY - JUNE 2024

Sunday Morning Samplings

Pastor Kevin's lessons are currently on passages from Luke. H.H. Halley introduces this Gospel with these words in his Bible Handbook:

The special emphasis of Luke is the humanity of Jesus. Representing Jesus as the Son of God, Luke features His kindness toward the weak, the suffering, and the outcast. While each of the Gospels was intended ultimately for all mankind, Matthew seems to have had in immediate view the Jews; Mark, the Romans; and Luke, the Greeks...

Greek civilization represented culture, philosophy, wisdom, reason, beauty, education. Therefore, to appeal to the thoughtful, cultured, philosophic Greek mind, Luke, in a com-

plete, orderly, and classical story, which has been called the "Most Beautiful Book Ever Written," depicts the glorious beauty and perfection of Jesus, the ideal, universal Man.

Although there is worth in reading Luke in one sitting (less than three hours of your time), we will also benefit from reading his account over ten or eleven weeks. Pray along with Pastor Kevin as he discerns what passages to preach on during this time.

Remember, if you miss a Sunday, you can usually find a recording at www.cominscc.weebly.com. Try not to miss a Sunday ~ it's the day God has given us to stir up love and good works in each other's lives.

Daily Devotions in Our Quiet Time Devotionals

We are enjoying an extended time of reading in the Gospel of Luke these months in our Quiet Time readings. Most of Luke 9:51-18:35 is not found in any other of the Gospels, yet we know that Luke included these things after much careful research. It can be trusted. Luke presents Jesus not only as the Son of God but as the perfect Man, the Son of Man, who would prove Himself to be the Lamb of God who could take away sins.

Be encouraged and have your reading reinforced by attending our midweek Bible study at the AuSable Valley Apartments, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome and we will keep the popcorn bowl full.

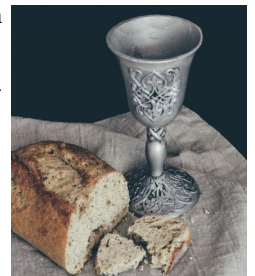


Library Time

Janice (Pudge) Handrich will have the church library open every Thursday morning, 10:00 A.M. – noon. We offer fiction and non-fiction books, a large VCR/DVD selection, and many jigsaw puzzles for you to borrow. Consider inviting a friend to come with you ~ They may enjoy our wonderful selection of quality, wholesome reading.

Communion

We will worship at the Lord's Table on May 26 during our morning service. In America during this weekend, we remember those who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. In Christ's Church, we periodically remember the freedom Jesus purchased for us by giving His life for the sins of mankind. Prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance.



Pastoral Expectations Committee

This committee has met three times and continues to bathe its work in much prayer. They are making steady progress on developing a "job description" that can be posted on ministry sites as we seek our next pastor. They hope to have a document ready for Church Board approval by mid to late summer. Those serving on this committee are Janette Sarkozi, Mike Salisbury, Ollie Hall, Yvonne Mead, and Joss Esch.

National Day of Prayer, May 2



Our nation has been called to prayer and Comins Community has responded by joining our hearts and voices in prayer throughout the day on Thursday, May 2. Prayer guides are available at the Information Center. If you haven't reserved your 30-minute prayer slot, you can send an email or call the church office to be added to the list. You can simply pray when it suits you best. Check the internet for access to broadcasts of national prayer that evening. <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

Missionary Collections

Our missionary focus in May is His Love Family Resources as they kick off their annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Bottles are available near the Information Center for you to take home to fill with your loose change, dollar bills, and/or checks. Your generosity has always been appreciated. Plan to return your filled bottles by Father's Day in June.



The Chosen Ranch

A Christian Home For Children Needing A Second Chance

In June we will share with Chosen Youth Ranch and the work they do with homeless young men and the teens in Lincoln. They can always use paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper as well as toiletry items young men would use (razors, shaving cream, body wash, deodorant, etc). Jamie Bullis hopes to give us a ministry update on Sunday, June 2, and be with us for Fellowship Meal.

J.O.Y. Time Plans

Share some sunshine this spring by attending J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Time. Everyone is invited no matter your real age, but we gear our activities to those who are enjoying retirement years. Pastor Kevin prepares the entrée for the meal, and you are invited to bring something to complete our lunch. Here are the meal plans for May and June:

- May 8 Share Some Joy & Chicken Tetrazzini
- May 22 Dominoes & Baked Potato Bar
- June 12 Movie & Brats & Kraut
- June 26 Dominoes & Lasagna

Watch your bulletin for more information about these fun mornings and possible other events.

Women in Mission to the Finish Line!

Our Women in Mission invite all ladies to join them as they strive to complete beautiful quilts and comforters for August's relief sale. They meet the second Thursday of each month, 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. They share a carry-in lunch and enjoy a fun day of quilting, tying, and conversation. They would love to welcome some new faces ~ all ages are welcome. Talk to Joan Salsbury, Nancy Bugg, or Linda Dice if you have questions.



Northern Michigan Relief Sale - August 2-3

Mark your calendars now for this annual event. We will need help prepping for the sale and will be asking for helpers throughout the two-day sale. Watch your weekly bulletins for your opportunity to be involved.



Summer Vacation from Game Nights

Most people enjoy being outdoors during our long summer evenings so we will not have game nights at the church in May through August. As an alternative, consider inviting someone to your house for an evening around the campfire or a dessert by the lake or in the park. Build some new friendships here at Comins Community.

Clothing Closet ~

Change Up Your Summer Wardrobe!

Clothing donations continue to come in each week. If you have clean, quality clothes you no longer need or wear, consider donating them to this ministry. The "store" will be open twice each month – the second and fourth Fridays from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Sign up to help on these Fridays at the Information Center ~ volunteer help is vital to keep things in order and welcome those who come to shop.

Independence Day Parade and Picnic



July 4th falls on a Thursday this year and Clinton Township will again host a parade at 11:00 A.M. and Comins Community Church will offer a free lunch afterwards. Debbie Hobbs will need help with meal prep and

serving so if you are in town this year, please consider lending two helping hands. The Outreach Committee will also need help with the float and parade presence. Let's represent our church well in our community.



Vacation Bible School

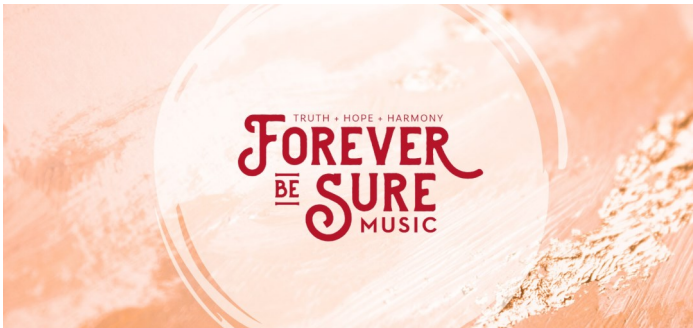
June 17-21, 2024

4 year olds - 6th grade (in the fall)

Everyday our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible? At this VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life. Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on The Great Jungle Journey!

Children can register online through Comins Community facebook page or website.

Begin praying now for our VBS staff and for each child that comes that they will have a heart ready to learn and for their families. VBS Director, Joan Salsbury



Join us for a
MUSIC CONCERT

With original music and testimonies
Wednesday, June 12th
7:00 PM

Check out their music at FOREVERBESURE.COM

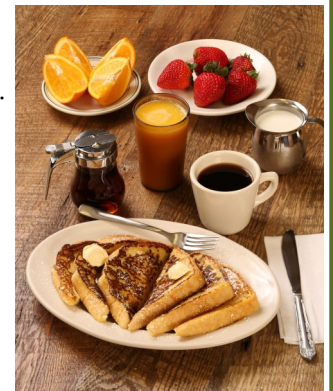
Blood Drives

Several blood donation drives are scheduled for Oscoda and Montmorency Counties. Versiti Blood Centers of Michigan run these collections. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 866-642-5663 or visit versiti.org/MI. Here are the dates and locations to consider:

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| May 7 | Noon-5:30 P.M. | Atlanta High School |
| May 20 | 2:00-7:00 P.M. | Kittle Hall, Mio |
| May 22 | 2:00-7:00 P.M. | Kittle Hall, Mio |
| June 6 | 11:00-3:30 P.M. | Catholic Church – Lewiston |
| June 10 | 1:00-6:00 P.M. | Fairview Mennonite Church |
| June 24 | Noon-5:15 P.M. | Mio AuSable School |

Saturday Breakfasts!!

Gals meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. for their carry-in breakfast and the guys meet the third Saturdays at 7:30 A.M. for their breakfast buffet. Good conversation accompanies the tasty food. If you have never attended, consider adding these fellowship times to your calendar.



Deadline for July / August Newsletter

Articles, calendar dates, and other submissions for the next newsletter are needed in the church office by Tuesday, June 25. Please consider enhancing our newsletter with tasty recipes, creative writings, and book reviews.