

COME & CONNECT

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LOVE ALWAYS WINS

I can remember the first time I saw my wife. Lauren and her friend were visiting Concordia University in Austin. As a young guy, I recall thinking that she was a very attractive young woman and that I would like to get to know her. Being introduced through a friend, the four of us hung out that night as they were checking out the university. The following year Lauren started attending Concordia and after some months, the two of us started dating. The love that I have for Lauren now is much different than the feeling I had for her the day I met her. Over the years of dating and now 13 ½ years of marriage, my love has changed. We think of love as something defined, yet it changes, grows, and takes on different forms.

Jesus talks about how we are to “love God” and “love others” in Matthew 22 and Mark 12. He sums up the whole law by saying we are to just love God and love others. Jesus explains that the point of the law is to love. Like my love for my wife, my love for God changes. There are ups and downs in how I am connecting to Him. There are times I am clearly in the “head-over-heels” stage and sometimes I feel I am connected yet love is missing. Throughout the Bible, we see story after story of people falling in and out of love with God.

The people of God have fallen in and out of love with Him throughout the ages. As His people fall away, God goes after them wooing them back to Him. It is neat to think of God coming after us as we start to fall away from Him. He runs after us over and over again. The story of humanity and God is a true love story; one where the loving God goes after the falling away of humanity, who seem to always look for love in different places. And God keeps going after humanity, after you over and over again. Love always wins...

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Chris Nietubicz

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“WET CEMENT” AUXANO SESSION

Tuesday, February 19

Fellowship Hall

DINNER - 5:30 – 6:00 PM

DISCUSSION - 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join us for the second “Wet Cement” session, as we hear more in depth on the next part of the vision planning process.

The last “Wet Cement” session was such a success due to the amazing turnout and we hope more will join us this time. Your input is essential to this process. So come make your mark during this time of important discussion and fellowship!

Childcare will be available.

For more information prior to this event, please contact the Church Office.

NURSERY WORKER

**** Are you, or anyone you know, interested in a part-time paid position? ****

Two nursery caregivers are needed to help co-staff our Church Nursery.

These are paid positions from 7:30 AM until 12 NOON on Sunday mornings.

It will be shared with an alternating schedule.

Please call the Church Office at (979) 542-2918 if you are interested.

COMING SOON:

The season of Lent is fast approaching, and with that, we will be introducing a reading guide to help you work through our Lenten Sermon Series each week:

EXODUS

This guide will help you to know which chapters of the book of Exodus to read in your Bible each week, in preparation for the upcoming Sunday or Wednesday sermons.

The guides will also contain some questions to help review and reflect on the readings.



LWR QUILT-A-THONS IN FEBRUARY
 We had a wonderful turn out in January and will have TWO Quilt-A-Thons this month, February 5th and 19th, to complete as many quilts as we can for shipping in April. Please make 60" x 80" quilt tops or 64" x 84" quilt backs (twin flat sheet). Knitting and crocheting help will also be available.

OTHER FEBRUARY EVENTS:

10 SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS
2 PM - VIRGINIA MCKAMIE'S HOME

Join us for domino games followed by a devotion and meal at 4:30 PM. We will carpool from the Church Office parking lot at 1:45 PM or you may go directly to Virginia's. Call Virginia at (979) 716-1090.

11 CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
6 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Parents of second year confirmation students are asked to attend a meeting to discuss upcoming Confirmation plans and details for the day. Robes, flowers, and more will be discussed.

12 DORCAS CIRCLE
6 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Dorcas Circle's project for the evening will be marking Bibles for distribution in the area. Everyone is invited to join.

18 MOM'S NIGHT OUT
6 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Calling all moms, come join us for a fun night of fellowship and crafting. Please call the Church Office to sign up. We will be giving a preview of the new Bible Study planned and look forward to seeing you there!

19 "WET CEMENT" SESSION: PART 2
5:30 PM - DINNER
6 PM - DISCUSSION

For those who are able, join us for this important time of discussion and fellowship. This second part will go into further detail of what the Auxano team has been working on this far.

24 NEW MEMBER RECEPTION
9:15 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a special reception to welcome our newest members who have either transferred or are now being received by Adult Confirmation. We are so glad to have these new members join our Church family! Refreshments will be served.

WEEKLY MEETS:

MONDAY:
10:30 AM – LifeLight Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Room)
6:30 PM – Men's Bible & Basketball (ILS Gym)

WEDNESDAY:
4:15 PM – Jr. High Youth
6:00 PM – Sr. High Youth

THURSDAY:
6:30 PM – GriefShare
6:45 PM – Adult Handbells
8:00 PM – Chorale