

Stewardship Article for July Newsletter

I hope everyone is well into enjoying summer no matter what your favorite warm weather activities are. Please be sure to make time to participate in LCOC ministries and other ways throughout the community that you can do God's work by making new connections and doing all you can to bless others (B-bridge with boldness; L-listen with openness; E-eat with friendliness; S-serve with compassion; S-share with conviction) and in return be blessed. We are preparing for the four Thursday evening Family Faith & Fun Nights beginning July 12th and we can use your help in a variety of capacities such as serving food, helping with story-time, and assisting the children in fun crafts and activities to reinforce the stories and scriptures. No previous experience needed-just willing hearts and hands! Please contact Jo Ann Rudy or me to be part of this wonderful experience.

We will also be ramping up by the beginning of July to make sure that we collect and have ready 100 backpacks with the appropriate school supplies for children at Neabsco Elementary whose families may not be able to provide them. Think of the excitement you'll bring to these children who are eager to learn. Nothing better than the wide smiles and bright, shining eyes of children learning new things and working with their own brand-new supplies. Lists of supplies needed by grade level will be supplied. It is ideal to donate the backpack and the supplies, but whatever way you can help will be appreciated.

Stay tuned for more ways to serve, bless, and be a blessing through possible summer and fall festivals, I Walk for ACTS, Operation Turkey, Untrim-a-Tree, Breakfast with Santa, LCOC's 50th Anniversary in 2019, and so much more. All of these are marvelous ways to share with others and grow in our talents, faith, and fellowship while providing opportunities to make new connections towards our goal of 50 new, actively engaged at LCOC. People want to be part of something bigger and are often just waiting to be asked. Please be part of this!

As you are out shopping, **please consider continuing to purchase a few extra items to help us provide even more support to ACTS over the summer.** Lists of needed items and bags are always available in the narthex.

Please continue to share your gifts and talents as the Spirit leads in the variety of ministries provided through LCOC. Thank you also for your generosity in your financial commitment and consider using the Vanco option which can be accessed online at:

<https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco> if you haven't already done so. Please consider becoming a Thrivent member as well and if you already are a member and use Thrivent products, make use of the Action Team funds that are available to help fund LCOC's ministry projects. This seed money really makes a difference and helps us increase the scope of our service projects.



Let us continue to grow our generous compassion as we are blessed and are a blessing.

With love,

Patti Beattie