

COUNTRY EVANGELICAL COVENANT

CROSSROADS

JULY 2009

Rock Your Crocodile Dock!

An exciting bayou adventure is coming to Country Covenant—it's VBS!

Join us during the week of **August 10-14**
between 6 and 8:30pm.

Come for music that will rock your dock...
Come for Bible stories that will come alive...
Come for exploration activities that will open hearts
and minds...

***It's going to be a rockin' time
at Crocodile Dock!!***



Sundays in July

July 5	Communion Sunday Collection for Centro de Informacion
July 12	Morning worship Afternoon service at Rosewood Care Center
July 19	Pastor Paul Bischoff
July 26	Pastor Paul Bischoff

**Quarterly
Church
Business
Meeting**

**Sunday, July 19
with potluck
following
morning worship**

VBS Needs

Everyone can have a part in making this a successful event. Your time and talent are valuable. Think about where you might fit in these areas:

Registration table—greet, take info forms, and make name tags (2–3 people)

Crew leaders—leading a crew of 6–7, moving from station to station (6–7 people)

Station leaders— (4–6 people)

Crawfish Crafts—help Pam Altepeter with creative crafts

Dockside Drive-in—assist Penny & Natalie Horsman with Chadders' Theatre

Bible Bayou—Bible stories acted out with Cyndi Voss

Gator Games—active outside fun!

Rocky's Preschool Playhouse—will meet in the nursery (2 moms & 2 helpers)

Snack Shack—(aka kitchen) creating light supper, 6-6:30pm (4–5 ladies or guys)

Remember our VBS week is August 10-14. Prayer is most important. Start praying now!

Men's

Breakfast

July 11 is the date of the next **Men's Breakfast**. In June many brilliant men attended, along with some who were not so...

Rose Garden Restaurant in Hampshire is still the place. Join in on the fellowship and conversation.

All men are welcome. Mark your calendar for **8am on Saturday, July 11th**. This is a great time to enjoy some good food and friends.

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Parents...

The job of parents is to give their children roots and wings:

Values to keep them grounded and courage to follow their own dreams.



Friends to Celebrate in July

Birthdays:

- 1—Emily Voss
- 2—Hildegard Schulze
- 3—Marston Swanberg
- 12—Bob Matson
- 14—Arlene Bagg
- 24—Dawn Rebeck
- 29—Zayden Raymond
- 30—Elijah Harder
- 30—Max Mowers

Anniversaries:

- 2—Bob & Linda Matson
- 8—Larry & Jeanette Dieckman
- 9—Mark & Peggy Fodge
- 12—Richard & Rita Moore
- 20—David & Betty Swanberg
- 21—Roger & Susan Gilbert



In May we sold the aluminum cans we had collected for \$132.79. It was decided to give the money to Sunday School to add to their Heifer International project.

A letter was received from Heifer International thanking us for this gift. They say,

“It is no exaggeration to say that **your support** and kindness make our work possible. Entire communities are transformed by Passing on the Gift, a time honored cornerstone that makes Heifer’s work so unique. Thank you once again for being Heifer International’s partner for a better world—one family at a time. Together, we can end hunger while caring for the Earth!”



Outreach Opportunities

Centro de Informacion

In June we gave \$206 to Centro de Informacion. Centro’s buying power at the Illinois Food Bank greatly increases the amount of food our gift can purchase by 5 to 8 times!

Thanks for your participation.

Russian Radio

Our May contribution to Russian Radio Ministry was \$100.00.

Centro de Informacion

Centro’s mission is to empower Hispanic people with the ability to effectively integrate into our greater community through the facilitation of information, education, and citizenship. As you can see, they are much more than only a food pantry!



Financial Update

May Info:

Income	12,159.60
Expenses	4,976.43
Difference	7,183.17

Year-to-date Info:

Income	52,965.15
Expenses	47,163.64
Difference	5,801.51

“If you want to feel rich,
just count all the things you have that
money can’t buy.”

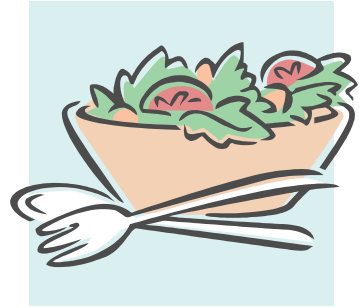
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Women Ministries

All women are invited to a **salad luncheon on July 18.**

Beginning at 10:30am, Lori Schultz will demonstrate “locker hooking.” Locker hooking is a simple craft that creates durable and attractive items—hot pads, rugs, purses, etc.

We’ll have the opportunity to make a small project, and for the little amount of \$5.00 you’ll go home with a fun new item!

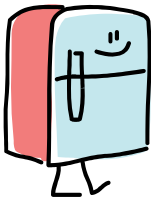


Following Lori’s demonstration, we’ll have lunch. Please bring a salad to share. And let Betty or Bev know if you will be there, and if you’d like to make a project.

Thank you

to all who contributed money
for the new kitchen refrigerator.

It’s all paid for!



Bonnie Siems has offered to take on the
responsibility of finding Nursery care givers.

If you are able to serve in the nursery,
please contact Bonnie.



Wise words...

Don’t mistake knowledge
for wisdom!

Starting in June, we will have Children’s
Church again. The children will participate
in the service until they are dismissed
prior to the sermon.

Opportunity to Help

On **Saturday, July 11**, a **Family Bowl-A-Thon** will be held as a fundraising event for Chris and Tanya Adamson. Chris and Tanya and their three children lost their home in Kirkland to a fire on May 11.

\$30 per 2 player team Advance Tickets

\$35 per 2 player team Cash at the Door

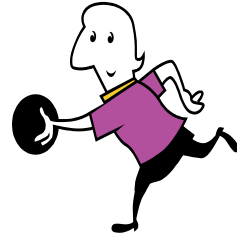
In addition to bowling, there will be a **Raffle**, a **Bake Sale** and a **Silent Auction**.

Come to Four Seasons Sports in Sycamore at 7:00pm for some bowling, lots of fun, and a great opportunity to help support friends.

All proceeds will be donated to the Adamson family.

To order advance tickets, call 224-848-0031.

For more info, contact Chris and Clarissa Bartlett.



Keep saving those aluminum cans!
When you have a bag full, drop them off at Lynn's house or bring them to church.



Did you know the CROSSROADS is posted on the Country Cov website? Would you prefer to read it on-line or have a paper copy?

We'd like to get your thoughts. Please tell a council member.

Question: When does the parking lot turn into an outreach opportunity?

Answer: When it becomes a Farmers' Market!

Wouldn't the corner of Rt. 47 and McDonald Road be a great spot for a Farmers' Market? We're looking at the possibility of having one on a couple of Saturdays in the fall. If you would be interested in setting up a table for your produce, crafts, baked goods, etc. please contact Linda Palm.





CROSSROADS

the "Pull Out and Post" page

July Prayer List

Include this Country Cov friend in your daily prayer time...

July 1	Dave Altepeter	July 16	Pat Lang
July 2	Clarissa Bartlett	July 17	Linda Leach
July 3	Tim Bergman	July 18	Coralie Mazzoni
July 4	Paul Bischoff	July 19	Marion Mitchell
July 5	Sarah Flory	July 20	Harwood Moore
July 6	Ewa Chomcyk	July 21	Terry Mowers
July 7	Nina Coomes	July 22	Payton Pederson
July 8	Jesse Delask	July 23	Brittney Raymond
July 9	Jeanette Dieckman	July 24	Dawn Rebeck
July 10	Nathan Fulton	July 25	Kurt Richardson
July 11	Mindy Gourley	July 26	Sara Schramer
July 12	Noah Harder	July 27	David Slater
July 13	Janet Hartmann	July 28	Lori Schultz
July 14	Verna Homewood	July 29	Bonnie Siems
July 15	Larry Howlett	July 30	Duane Slayton
		July 31	Char Sportsman

Summer Chicken Salad

- 3 c. cooked chicken, chopped
- 2 c. seedless green grapes
- 1 c. sliced almonds
- 1/2 c. celery, diced
- 1 tsp. minced onion
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. whipped cream or Cool Whip
- 1 c. Miracle Whip

Mix chicken, grapes, almonds, celery, onion, & salt. Add cream & Miracle Whip. Chill and serve.

Church Basement Ladies

A celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, **Church Basement Ladies** features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church about to undergo changes in 1964.

This is a musical comedy that mixes the silliness of *Nunsense* with the homespun humor of *Prairie Home Companion*.

Church Basement Ladies will be coming to The Hemmens in Elgin in August. If you're interested in joining a group for the performance on Saturday, August 15, contact Mary Ebert for ticket info.



www.countrycov.org

Have you gone to the Country Covenant web-site lately? It's updated and among other things you can even hear that sermon again!

"CROCODILE DOCK"

VBS coming to Country Covenant

August 10-14

Plan to be part of this fun experience!

This is a check...

It was heard that some people aren't reading their newsletter fully.

Special notice: Hildegard is pregnant. Wish her Happy Birthday—July 2 is the day!

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