La Junta Nazarene News

August, 2022

Alas, It's August

Once again, it's happening. Once again, even though we tried hard, August is happening. May was good, June was better, July started out OK but then it turned kind of "August-y" and now we have the real thing. All we can do is pull out our fans, crank up the air and pray the power, or our AC units, don't give out.

I grew up in a climate where August and April were almost the same thing. We never put our hoodies in a box under the bed for next year, we wore them year-round. But not here, not in the Arkansas Valley of Colorado. In this valley, August is its own animal, and all you can do is roll up your sleeves and tough it out.

Having lived in the Arkansas Valley now for three years I have learned that there is one good, redeeming thing about August – watermelons! Forget their homely, second rate, yellow fruited cousin – the cantaloupe. Watermelons, and AC, are the only things that make August bearable. A great watermelon can sure put a touch of joy in my heart on a sweltering August afternoon.

On Sunday mornings we are spending time with the Apostle Paul examining the letter he wrote to the church at Philippi. Four short chapters, written from prison in Rome with the unique reputation of being, "The Epistle of Joy". Chapter by chapter, verse by verse, we will be trying to understand a little about joy and how we might find a touch of it in our own lives. The title of this sermon series is WHEN LIFE HANDS YOU LEMONS. I hope life has not handed you lemons, but if perhaps it has, maybe you can join us. In the meantime, forget those nasty cantaloupe. August is all about the amazing watermelon!

Pastor Mark

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Terry Mills 2nd **Elijah Medina** 3rd **Rachelle Singleton** 4th **Bob Bryan** 5th **Brenton Martin** 5th **loe McClain** 5th 6th **Kaleb Malden Stephen Edwards** 8th **Lyle Bickel** 9th **Sue Waits** 12th 13th **Hunter Reynolds Kylie Krueger** 13th **Alizeh Frazier** 14th 14th **Denise Balicki Kristy** Malden 17th **Ty Addington** 18th **Evan Gamboa** 20th **Keegan Martin** 20th **Kodey Hoss** 24th **Alvin Gallegos** 25th **Tyson Kurtz** 26th **Charlie Grasmick** 27th



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>August 1 - 3</u> Sport's Camp 5:15 -8:00 pm Age 2 - 6th grade Registration 5:00 pm

<u>August 21st</u> Sunday School Board & Teacher's Potluck and Meeting 12:00 noon See graphic!

<u>August 28th</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOLI Church Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School Rally to follow!

> <u>August 28th</u> 12:00 noon "Messy Days" Grades 1st - 6th See Graphic!

Tithes & Offerings July Giving \$20,054.36 (4wks) <u>Monthly Expenses</u> <u>\$19,561.00</u> THANK YOU

for giving!

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:15 am Nursery & Classes for all ages Cafe Fellowship 10:15 am

> Worship 10:30 am

Kinder & Children's Church (Age 3 - 5th grade) Nursery is available

> Youth Group 6:30 pm

Watch the Worship Service Live Stream on Facebook or YouTube @ LaJunta Nazarene

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Website www. lajuntanazarene.org

BREAKFAST & Sunday School Rally August 28th 9:00 am

Everyone is invited!

There will be a sign up sheet.

Following the breakfast, we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of praise, teacher recognition and somthing special for the children.

Sunday School

Board & Teacher's Potluck & Meeting

August 21st 12 noon

Meat & Drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or two to share.



Sunday School Classes as of Sept. 4th

<u>2-3 year olds</u> Bethany Callister

<u>Age 4 - 4th grade</u> Nancy Jones & Mariah Gallegos

<u>Grades 5th & 6th</u> Angie Hoss & Charlotte C.

<u>Grades 7th & 8th</u> Chris Berg

> <u>9th - College</u> Brianne Bond

Adult Options

<u>Class of Hope</u> Jan Schooley

<u>Home Builders</u> Kimberly Gallegos

<u>Templebuilders</u> Velva Addington

Come for Fellowship & Spiritual Growth! Messy Days for kids! Aug. 28th 12:00 noon 1st - 6th grade Bring extra clothes to get messy in.

Pizza.

drinks

and

messy

fun.







CONFIDENCE

August 1 - 3, 2022 5:00 pm Registration 5:15 pm Supper 5:30 - 8:00 pm Activities begin (Potty Trained) 2 yr. olds -(Entering) 6th Grade

Colorado District Family Camp

September 2-5 Golden Bell Camp

Lodging options Lodge, Cabins, Rv & Tent Sites Prices range depending on lodging & meals

Worship led by Kingdom Rock Church Speaker: Pastor John Huddle Saturday Night LUAU Sunday Night Bonfire Adventure activities, zipline, fishing, swimming and more.

Register on the Colorado Nazarene District Website conazarene.org