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**Sunday Worship Service**  
**Bible School**

**9:15 AM**  
**10:45 AM**

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### *Chris Luzio's Communion Meditation*

So, what exactly is a "Galactic Starveyor?" "Starveyor" sounds like a word someone made up. At its core, I guess that could be said of any word though. The word "cheeseburger" didn't exist until someone made it up. Anyway, this week at VBS, kids will become Galactic Starveyors as they search the heavens and the Scriptures in order to discover the truth about what God has etched into His handiwork. What do we discover when we study the cosmos and the Word of God? In short, we discover purpose; we discover promise; and we discover relationship.

The relationship began with Creation. The entire universe and everything in it was created so that we might have relationships with one another and with Him. Everything, from atoms to aardvarks, from red pandas to red giant stars, from the ice on Saturn's moon Enceladus to the introduction to the book of Ecclesiastes, everything exists so that we may be in relationship with our Creator.

When we disobey God, the relationship is broken. This is the reality of sin, and as much as we try to point fingers and blame everyone and everything else, our sin makes us guilty and damages our relationship with the Holy One. But God loves us so much... He wants us to be in relationship with Him so much... He cares for each and every one of us so much that, even before the creation of the universe, He made a plan to bring us back into relationship with Him.

The restoration promised in the Prophets saw its fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ. God's one and only Son paid the penalty for our sin. When the Son of God died on the cross, light from the Sun died too. There was darkness, but the veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom... Jesus provided a path for redemption and the relationship was restored. (Continued inside)



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### SERVING THIS SUNDAY-6/11/17

Greeters .....Rick & Janet Polley  
Visitors' Stand ..... Gary & Lori Gredzieleski  
Communion Meditation .....Jack Stucki  
Chris Luzio  
Ushers .....Duane Carrell  
Gary Gredzieleski  
Otto Huber  
Chuck McLaughlin  
Jack Ruebush  
Connor Bales

#### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers .....Marilyn Wenneborg  
Grace Hunley  
Infants ..... Kileen Huber  
Courtney Bales  
Sunday School  
Toddlers .....Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Kristin Polley

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-6/18/17

Greeters .....Debbie Sanner  
Visitors' Stand..... Judy Marlow  
Communion Meditation.....Mark Huber  
Chris Luzio  
Ushers ..... Duane Carrell  
Gary Gredzieleski  
Otto Huber  
Chuck McLaughlin  
Jack Ruebush  
Connor Bales

#### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers .....Nikki & Anna Hunley  
Infants ..... Dixie Williamson  
Reagan Formea  
Sunday School  
Toddlers .....Julie Divjak  
Infants .....Bonnie Ruebush

## Let Us Pray For...

--Nancy Barry and family at the passing of her brother.  
--Friend of Beryl in hospital with lung problems.

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK



### *(Communion Meditation Continued)*

This is not just what kids will discover this week as they become Galactic Starveyors, but it is also what we reflect on when we take Communion. We acknowledge our Creator and His desire to be in relationship with us. We recognize that our sin removes us from that relationship but that, through Christ's sacrifice, we can be restored to our Creator. Not only that, but, because He rose again, we have hope in salvation and an eternal relationship.

In this week's Galactic Starveyors memory verses, in Colossians 1:15-16 we find that "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him." Jesus was given power over the whole of the universe. It was all created through Him, by Him, and for Him. Despite of all of that... or perhaps, more appropriately, because of all of that... He chose to be obedient to the Father's plan, chose to give up His rights, and chose death on the cross, so that we could have that eternal relationship with Him. We do this in remembrance of Him.



Our men spend time with their families and in the Word of God, not in batting cages! So we didn't mind getting whooped 24-7 last week in softball. Please plan on playing for the next three Sundays before we have a break for July 4th. All games are at 3:15. We'll either get better or provide a confidence booster for others!



Our week of VBS is off to a fantastic start! We had 54 kids attend our first night! Thank you to all who are participating to bring the gospel to young ears in a fun way.

Setting the stage is important for any event, very literally for VBS. A huge, galactic thank you to Nikki and Julie for their decorating vision and coordination. It would not have been possible without the assistance of Chris and Rhonda Luzio, Casey and Erica Blakley, Lou Ann Kunzeman, Kellie Willey, Tina Huber and Marilyn Wenneborg. Some of these individuals juggled schedules and spent 20-40 hours here at the church last week. Serving our Lord is what we do and thank you for living it out in a very practical way.



### **Jr. High and High School Students**

Below are the dates for our summer swim and studies. They coincide with the High School Girls book study at Edgars, so all swimming will start around 2pm when the girls are finished at Edgars.

The dates are 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/26, and 8/2. We can swim until around 5pm each day, or whenever you need to leave. Looking forward to some fun swims!



It's not too late to register for camp, and our CCC 50% discount is still available. Please see me if you need the discount code. Reagan Formea, Abbie Divjak and Grace Hunley will be attending High School camp next week. Then, Courtney Bales, Maddy Edmiston and Emily Hughes will be attending Niners camp starting on the 18th. Also, Zachary Morrison will be starting Discovery Camp II on the 19th. Please keep our campers in your prayers!

# VBS



Paul Hunley is organizing games for the kids all week during VBS. This is one of their favorite breakout sessions! Here, Cooper Formea and Lily Divjak are helping the kids compete for victory!



We are all becoming Galactic Starveyors this week. The original club was started by Anna Hunley, Madison Bales, Courtney Bales and Jake Divjak. They are performing skits throughout the week centered around the daily theme. Kids love them!

