

August/
September 2021

Seminary Church
285 N Seminary Street | Roanoke, Indiana 46783



Sunday Service

10AM

In SANCTUARY

**And live-
streamed**

on Facebook

Sunday School

9am

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As you may know, I became the Pastor on July 1st. I am excited about all God is going to do here as we move forward in His purpose and plan for our church. I believe with all my heart God has called me "for such a time as this", and I still believe in the power of God to transform and change lives for His glory!

I wanted to take this opportunity, thanking everyone who has come out to church the past weeks. Sincerely, it has been great to meet you!

If you haven't made it out to church yet, may I humbly ask if you would consider returning to worship with us at some point soon? Or if you prefer, perhaps tuning in to watch our Facebook Service online? Perhaps you would simply like to speak with me by phone or at the church, or even in your home. I would consider it an honor to share some time and fellowship with you. Please call me at 317-526-6222 or by visiting me at the church office to arrange.

I believe people need connection now more so than ever before. As you know, Seminary Church has faced tremendous challenges over the past months as it has done its best to navigate the pandemic. Doubtless, all the decisions made have not been perfect, but the church has tried to seek the mind of God and sought His wisdom.

As we have returned to worship together, again, we've tried to do so with a sense of care while striving to gain some semblance of "normalcy." We often hear that people can't wait to "get back to normal." If you're like me, you hear opinions and facts (that seem to change as much as opinions) on a daily or weekly basis. But I won't bore you or entertain you with my opinion on the whole thing.

My goal as Pastor of Seminary Church is to do my best to provide an atmosphere where people are welcomed, regardless of where you may stand on these issues. If you feel it best to attend church with a face covering, then please do! If you are still in a place where you don't feel quite ready to return; we do understand. If you feel safer staying at home watching online, we get it. You are a member of our church and therefore we will find ways for the church to come to you.

However, if you are out and about doing other things such as shopping, sporting events, etc., why not consider joining us for worship as well! We are sending this letter to everyone within our church, including those of you who have been with us every week.

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Seminary at a Glance



Seminary Pastor Chris Dourson and wife Chelsea provided Friday night's entertainment at the Roanoke Farmer's Market July 30th that was enjoyed by all.

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Multiple volunteers worked Seminary's Kids Games at the Farmer's Market. Volunteers from Seminary included Claudia, Grayson, Landon, Libby, Tyler and Matthew.

Seminary will again participate in the Farmer's Market in August 27 and volunteers will be needed again for kids games. The Women of Faith are having a Bake Sale that evening. More details to follow but everyone's help is needed for success. Contact Terri at the church office if you can help in any way.



Food Pantry



Community Food Pantry

The emphasis for the Months of July, August and September is: Canned fruit and condiments.

Thank you for all you do to help others. Stay safe and healthy...

Claudia Houck



Senior Dinners

St Joseph Catholic Church is planning on starting Senior Dinners Thursday September 16 at noon. Meals include salad, entre, dessert and coffee for \$4. Meals will be served every Thursday except during the holidays.

We are looking for a number of those from Seminary that are interested in these meals.

Please contact Carilyn Dearduff if you are interested in participating. Phone (260) 437-8612.



Ann O'Briant and Sara Perkins strip wallpaper borders in the new parsonage during ongoing renovations to the home. A new interior staircase to the second floor has been installed and general cleaning continues. As always, the crews are team players. More team efforts pictured are Fall Festival Float preparations and Parsonage landscaping.





Crafty
Corner
Memories



Community Calendar Ahead

Farmer's Market thru Sept 10 Friday nights 5-8pm

August 27 Support your church nite .Games for kids will be available. **Seminary will be sponsoring two: Duck Shoot and Apple Toss. We need volunteers to work these two games 6-8 pm, both dates.**

Seminary Women of Faith will be holding a Bake Sale August 27; all women of the church are encouraged to participate. To help contact Terri Bartrom (260)433-5758.

Fall Festival Sept 9-11 Sept 8th Wednesday night Community Prayer Service

Thursday night

Little Mr & Miss Contest 1st prize \$50 towards school book fees

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\$500 scholarship Queen \$250 runner-up

Participants from Whitley, Allen and Huntington County

Friday night

Antique Tractor Parade

Tractor Pull—Food Vendors—Amusement Rides

Saturday

Kid's games

Parade

Craft Vendors

Demolition Derby

Cake Auction

Book Sale— St Joseph Catholic Church



Crafty Corner meets every other Tues at the church for craft ,fellowship and lunch. Next meetings are August 24, September 7 and 21.

Sharing talent is the focus for this group; throughout the year many afghans , prayer shawls, blankets and associated items are made lovingly for others.



Don't forget to link your Kroger card to Seminary Church: when doing so the church gets a % of your purchases back in cash. See Vicky Eisenhut for details.



JOB BOARD

Immediate openings, fulltime, parttime, and substitutes M-F 7 am – 5:30 pm; Bright Beginnings Childcare Ministry in Roanoke is looking for childcare assistants to work in the childcare at Seminary Church. Qualifications include minimum age 21, high school diploma or HSC, caring personality, friendly, and ability to work effectively with children, ages 1- 12. Background checks and drug screen required. Complete application at <https://roanokeseminarychurch.org/bright-beginnings-daycare>. Send resume to roanokechildcare@outlook.com

The SPRC Committee is suggesting one way we can all become more acquainted with Pastor Chris and Chelsea once they move to Roanoke is to have small gatherings this summer. Therefore we are asking for volunteers to host between 5-10 people for small gatherings and to provide light refreshments. These gatherings can take place in homes or outside. These gatherings can be over coffee, breakfast, lunch, or dinner, just for ice cream, or with a light snack.

Please contact me by email (Vicky.ironhat@live.com) or call or text ([260-433-6800](tel:260-433-6800)) to volunteer as a host. Thank you in advance for your assistance in welcoming them to our church family!

If you desire to contribute to the newsletter have your info to Terri in the church office no later than the 15th of the month-**please**. We are trying to resume monthly newsletters post Covid restrictions and will continue to email where possible per Parish Council.



We are blessed to have new talents gracing our church. You will soon see more from Chelsea, Chris and others from our congregation.



Seminary Women of Faith held their annual Dinner Out at Halls of Coventry in Fort Wayne on July 19th; Many were unable to attend due to vacations or travel., but the event was enjoyed by the ones in attendance.

The next meeting was





August 9th , 1:30pm at the church. Budget, missions and Bake Sale plans for August 27th discussed. Carilyn Dearduff gave the lesson and Pat Swaider was refreshment hostess.



WOF Luncheon



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 WOF 1:30p	10 CC 10-2 Jane M Janet S 	11 Katlin C	12	13 Lori C Barb M 	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 CC 10-2 Quickery 	25	26 UFO 9-2	27 FM Kids Games WOF Bake Sale	28 Smeltzer Wed Lane Y
29 Friendship Sunday Dinner	30 Advisory Bd 6:30pm Thomas 	31				

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Crafty Corner	8 Praise Night in the Park	9	10	11
12	13 WOF 1:30 Marv & Diana	14 Doug & Janet Pat S Shane	15	16 Senior Lunch Sam & Merry	17	18
19 Frank & Deb	20	21 Crafty Corner Kash M	22	23	24 Peggy K	25
26 Keith H	27	28	29 Brenda C	30		

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If you haven't made it out to church yet, and feel safe in public spaces, may I humbly ask if you would consider returning to worship with us at some point soon? Or at least, perhaps tuning in to watch our Facebook Service online? The Word of God is still true when it shares the following: Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV) "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." The truth is during these unusual times, we need to stick together more so than ever before.

You are a part of our church family, and we want to see you. We are strongest that way because, truly, we are better together!

Hope to see you Sunday!

In Christ,

Pastor *Chris Dourson*

& Your Pastoral Care Team

