



Kimball Communicator

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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Purpose of Life



FROM THE PASTOR

Purpose in Life

In *A Man Called Peter*, the biography of Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall, his wife, Catherine Marshall recounts a strange incident that happened to Peter early in his life. He was working in the English village of Bamburgh, sixteen miles from the Scottish border. One dark and starless night, walking from a nearby village, Marshall was making his way through moorlands. He was having great trouble seeing the path, for the blackness was inky and eerie. Suddenly he heard his name: "Peter!" There was urgency in the voice. "Yes," Marshall replied, stopping and listening. There was no reply, and he resumed his walking.

Suddenly the voice came again, even more urgently: "Peter!" He stopped dead still, trying to peer into the impenetrable darkness, and he stumbled and fell to his knees. Putting out his hand to catch himself, he found nothing there. As he cautiously investigated, feeling around in a semicircle, he found himself to be on the very brink of an abandoned stone quarry. Just one step more would have sent him plummeting into space and to certain death.

That incident made an unforgettable impression on Peter Marshall. There was never any doubt in his mind about the source of the voice. He felt that God must have some great purpose in his life to have intervened so specifically.

Whether you have had such a dramatic incident of God's providence and care in your life, you must know that God has a purpose for your life. That purpose may change as our circumstances change: As we find ourselves in school or in the workplace or in the home. That purpose may change with our age: in childhood or in adolescence, in young adulthood, middle age or our retirement years. But make no mistake about it...wherever we are in this life, God is reaching out for us and urging us on to our purpose in life.

I have a small plaque on my desk that reads: "You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ, who dwells within you, has something He wants to do through you, where you are right now. Believe this - and Go in God's grace, power, and love."

It's my prayer for each of us that we will remain open to God's gentle "nudging"...as God urges us to pick up our crosses and follow where he leads the way!

"For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing." Deuteronomy 2:7

Peace and Love, Pastor John

SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube

STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,
Senior Pastor

Liz Fisher, Deacon

Mrs. Gail Mosher,
Church Office Manager

Dr. Don Simmons,
Music Director

Keith Sutton,
Parish Administrator

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

Mabel Brown,
Parish Worker Emerita



HERE & THERE... THIS AND THAT

• October 29 REFORMATION SUNDAY

We will celebrate **Reformation Sunday** on Sunday, October 29th, with one service at 10:00 am. Five of our young people – Gracie Matheny, Abbey Schmitt, Taylor Murph, Von Blocker and Paul Smith will be confirmed at this service. Please remember to wear **RED!** We will have a luncheon for our confirmation students and their families after the service. Pastor John and Deacon Liz will send that information out around the beginning of October.

• October 1st LUTHERAN MEN'S BREAKFAST

Lutheran Men will meet for their monthly breakfast on Sunday morning, at 7:15am. Please join us for a wonderful time of faith, food and fellowship – all Men of the Church are invited to this time together!

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS IN OCTOBER



Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church is a generous group of people committed to following Christ. We have seen this commitment to the congregation...but also to the community, the NC Synod, the ELCA, and to causes around the globe. It is a church obedient to God's command to be generous – in what we do and in how we give.

I am constantly amazed at all the ways you give to the causes of this congregation – whether it's to Carver Elementary, Lutheran Disaster Relief as they help victims of this year's violent storms, to our preschool, children's and youth ministries, our quilting program, CVAN, CCM...and the list just goes on and on.

My family learned to be givers – right here in this place...some 30+ years ago. I followed the example of David and Diana Keck, who every year increased their giving to the Church and the Church's work, both here and around the world. I learned about giving from men and women – Saints! – like Jim and Lida Alexander, Ken and Nell Alexander, Marvin and Evelyn Brothers, Henry and Margaret Coulter, BJ and Ruth Dysart, Harvey and Helen Freeman, Kathleen Gribble, Jim and Mary Harris, Flay and Elsie Kiser, a whole bunch of McCombs!, Dale and Annabelle Norris, Charles and Helen Ridenhour, Nancy Rutledge...and many, many, many others. These men and women – and many of you reading this article – gave (and give) willingly, sacrificially, cheerfully.

In our life together, Anne and I have tried to model generosity – to be examples to our daughter and to the congregations we have served. We strive to give 12% of our income to the church. Yes, there were times – ARE times – when this is difficult to do. We all have a myriad of commitments and responsibilities. But because I preach generosity...I do try to live it. We try to do what we can to make Kimball Memorial a thriving, vital community and to support God's mission in this wonderful congregation. We know that this is a church that depends on lots of people participating. The ministry is great here, and the potential to do even more is huge. Potential becomes reality when people step forward and participate.

Thank YOU for your generous participation.

This past summer I watched our parish involved in so many things – helping Carver elementary by helping with their annual trip to Lutheridge and volunteering in so many ways: sponsoring a Day Camp and a Mission Trip, assisting numerous individuals with rent, food, clothing. Most importantly, during the summer and in every season, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel, made real in Our Savior, Jesus Christ. I am fortunate enough to hear about and to see your good works: serving people in crises, homebound and sick folks being loved, visited and cared for, children afforded opportunities for growth and learning and service. Generosity is shown here in so many ways.

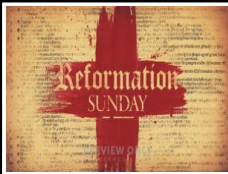
Please know that your gifts make a difference. We celebrate generosity in this congregation. It is the way and calling of Jesus. May God strengthen us as we strive to follow Jesus with



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

our entire life. Amen.



October 29th Marks the 506th Anniversary of the Reformation

Kimball Memorial will join with over 5,000 ELCA Congregations in the USA on Sunday morning, October 29th, as we celebrate the Anniversary of Martin Luther's Reform of the Church and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. There will be one service on that Sunday – at 10:00 AM . We hope to have a wonderful crowd to celebrate the passion and pageantry of this special day wear RED as a reminder of the fire and spirit of Luther and other reformers of the Church – a Reformation that continues to this day!



Tuesday Morning Book Club

Date: October 3rd at 10:00 am
Location: In the Church Parlor.
Book: *The Last Thing He Told Me*

Tuesday Night Book Club

Date: November 7th at 6:30pm
Host: Sally Peterson
Book: *Orphan #8*
Author: Kim van Alkemade

Friday Night Book Club

Date: November 17th at 6:30pm
Host: Tim and Fran Patterson
Book: *Lessons in Chemistry*
Author: Bonnie Garmus

Our Sincere Thanks!

thank you
Thank you to Jessica Troutman who has been keeping our nursery for the past two years. Jessica has resigned that position, but will be able now to be with us in worship. We are currently using parish volunteers in the nursery as we are seeking a full-time person. We will keep you posted on our progress.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

It's with great joy that we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship recently:



- **The Blackwelders (John and Mary)** joined us by transfer. John is a graduate of UNC Charlotte and is employed as a Grower at Metrolina Greenhouses. He loves all sports and also enjoys traveling. Mary is a graduate of Edinboro University and is a Business Administrator for Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Indian Land, South Carolina. She loves music, sports and traveling wherever John wants to take her! The couple has two grown children (one in Arizona and one in Pennsylvania) and four grandchildren. John and Mary share their lives with a six year old Redbone Coonhound named Beau - adopted from the Humane Society a year ago. Mary and John are at home at 8604 Heron Glen Drive in Charlotte (near Concord Mills) 28269 (803-984-4946). They were sponsored by Keith Garver.
- **John Wyatt Cauthen** joined us via Holy Baptism. The son of Randy (R.E.) Cauthen and Amanda Cauthen, John Wyatt was born on May 28, 2017. He is a first grader at Cox Mill, and loves cars and plays soccer for the city of Kannapolis. joining him for his baptism were his Grandparents, Randy Cauthen and Jean Cauthen; Aunt Kerrie Dill; Grandparents Billy and Robin Morgan and Great Grandmother Jeanette Hyman.



Pastor John's Fall Bible Study

Pastor John's Fall Bible Study will begin later this Autumn. Please watch your bulletins and the upcoming November Newsletter for more information.



GIFTS THAT GIFT THE GIVER

By Stephanie Burke and
Rev. Keith Pearson, ELCA Foundation

One Christmas, years ago when I was a child, I tearfully told my grandmother how a close friend I'd given a gift to had gone the whole blessed holiday without giving me a thing. She flicked her newspaper, turned one page, and said, "Just remember, the Bible says it's better to give than to receive."

I had two immediate thoughts: First, I needed to find a more empathetic grandmother ASAP and second, this particular one, a pastor's wife, seemed to "quote" the Bible when it felt awfully convenient. I had evidence, after all, having searched scripture after she declared "Jesus tells us Cleanliness is next to Godliness" when my room was particularly messy (Note – Jesus did NOT say this, I checked.) But she had me this time: A quick search showed that, while we may not hear it straight from Jesus' lips, we do hear it from Paul, specifically in Acts 20:35. ³⁵ *In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Unreciprocated childhood gifts aside, how do we live out Paul's two thousand-year-old admonition in the here and now? We *have* to have a place to live, we *have* to provide for the needs of ourselves and our loved ones, not just now but *also* in the future, *AND* we have to plan for retirement! Given how far every single dollar has to stretch, is it even possible to ensure we and our loved ones are taken care of while also helping our neighbor?

ABSOLUTEY!

It may be hard to believe, but there are several ways to give that allow the donor to give **while still receiving a guaranteed income or other benefits for a period of years or even a lifetime**. It may even be possible (and I am not making this up) to have that income continue to an heir for a second lifetime!

Continued...

Here are a few examples:

- **A Charitable Gift Annuity** is a planned giving tool that provides fixed payments to the donor or beneficiary of their choosing *for life*. The remainder then benefits ministries and/or other charities.
- **A Charitable Remainder Trust** provides a stream of income for a specified period of years or even a lifetime with the remainder going to the church and/or other charities.
- **A Life Estate Gift** allows the donor to give away a home or other property but retain the use of it for the remainder of their life.

These are just a few examples of how planned giving can enable you to give more generously than you may have ever imagined, and if you'd like to find out how any of these or other options could work for you personally, it would be my pleasure to talk with you. It *is* possible to be blessed in your giving while still responsibly taking care of the needs of you and your loved ones. After all, Jesus tells us, "I have come that you might have life, and have it to the fullest."

And he really said that. I checked.

Stephanie Burke is the ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner for the Carolinas. Her services are available at no charge to those interested in leaving legacy gifts to local congregations, other ministries of the ELCA and charitable causes important to them. She can be reached at 704-293-9436 or Stephanie.Burke@elca.org.



**ENDOWMENT
FUND**



GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL!

- Congratulations to Don and Kay Simmons, the cast, crew and all who made “Sarah’s Song” a success. This was a wonderful event, not just for our church but for the community. Thanks to all who supported this endeavor.
- A thank you to all who participated in making the Youth Brunch a success. This was a meaningful event in which the youth shared experiences from their Summer Mission Trip.
- Please remember our September Donation Campaign for Blessing Box items, as this month comes to a close. These donations are important and appreciated.
- We would like to welcome our new Parish Administrator, Keith Sutton, who began working earlier this month to assume Gail’s responsibilities as she retires. Keith, a Rowan County native, is married to Christiane and together, they share two children. For the past 16 years, he has worked in Church Administration at both Calvary Lutheran and St. James Lutheran in Concord. Keith is excited about being at Kimball and looks forward to working and serving together.
- If you haven’t already, please take a moment to view the new display in the Narthex, which highlights the history of the Boy Scout program here at Kimball. A special thanks to Bob Boynton, Betsy Smith, Bob Hill and Mike McCombs for their collaboration on this project.
- The Columbarium Chapel has been painted in preparation for the niche cabinet installation. This phase is projected to be completed by the end of the year.
- Please mark November 19th on your calendar for our annual “Thanks and Thanksgiving” service and meal. More details to come on this special event.

Peace and God bless!

YOUTH PROGRAM MINISTRY



Sunday October 8th, 2023 HS/MS Youth to collect coins/cans for LWR/CCM

Our Youth Group will be walking in the annual Cabarrus County CROP Walk on Sunday, October 8th. All of Kimball's proceeds for this event will be directed toward Lutheran World Relief and our local CCM food organization. At both worship services on October 8th, our youth will be collecting spare change in addition to cans of food. We appreciate your gifts of both food and coins to this year's Walk. THANK YOU in advance for your help as we walk for World Hunger!

HS/MS Youth Sunday October 22nd

Our HS/MS Youth will meet from 4:00-6:00 pm on Sunday October 22nd. We will gather for Games, Dinner and Devotions and we hope you can join us.

Kingdom Kids/3-5th and Preschool Fall Festival Wednesday Evening October 25th

We will host our annual Fall Festival on Wednesday evening, October 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. We will provide dinner and a fun evening. Please see the back for Needs and more details!

Faith Formation for All Ages

We will continue our Faith Formation until Oct. 22nd from 10-10:45 am. Hope you can join us!

J.O.Y. Group

Join us for a Trip to Old Salem on Tuesday October 23rd. Tickets are \$27 dollars for a self guided tour and for all the open venues. We will meet at the church at 9:15 am, tour, have lunch and be back at church by 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

Important Dates Coming Up:

- ELCA Youth Gathering
July 15th-22nd, 2024
- Lutheridge Campfirmation/GW Carver and open to any youth: June 16-22nd, 2024

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>
7	Lauren & Craig Nichols	6
8	Khammany & Sengpheng Saycocie	47
12	Sam & Jane Falls	38
20	Tim & Huyla Jackson	50
25	Chris & Jennifer Ridgell	26

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Bob Pergola, Khammany Saycocie, Wyatt Hamilton
- 3 Frankie Overcash
- 4 Sally Peterson
- 5 Anna Everhart, Liam Guy, Beth Gribble, Tate Falls (V)
- 6 Paula Brandle
- 7 Wayne Mosher (V)
- 8 Randy Triage
- 9 Joel Dodson
- 10 Betsy Ellington-Boynton (V), Mike McCombs
- 13 Manisengphet Brown, John Glass
- 17 Rick Teumer, Jim Perkins, Kara Voelker
- 18 Sylvia Sloop, Morgan Guy
- 19 Jack Smith, Diane Marlin
- 21 Christopher Bame, Kirsten Brock (V), Darian Miller
- 22 Matt Fisher, Lisa Butcher, Kerrie Cauthen
- 23 Brenda Brown
- 24 Aiden Barton (V)
- 25 William Henry, Shane Little
- 26 Carrie Ann Taylor, Todd Anderson
- 27 Brad Hunsuck, Judy Sloan, Lisa Robinson
- 29 Cookie Athanaelos, Dylan Brock
- 30 Jenny Jones
- 31 Sarah Teumer, Heidi Lee



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Caremoor

- Aileen Triage
- Bettie Overcash

Spring Arbor of Albemarle

- Mary Dorton

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown, Jean Davis, Louise Propst

PRAYER REQUESTS

Have someone in need of some prayer? Add them to our prayer page!

Military

Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Utah), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD) Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (California), Mike Peterson (Virginia), Keith Lee (NC)

Kimball Members

Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Jim & Susan Harris, Judi & Bob Hill, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Mary Jo Snipes, Gaye St. John

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

LECTORS

8:30 am

1 Mary Jo Snipes
8 Jodie Hott
15 Tim Patterson
22 Peggy Lynch

29 One Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Darian Miller

11:00 am

1 Liz Wise
8 Emily Clamser
15 Huyla Jackson
22 Kathy Hunter

PROJECTION (VIDEO)

8:30 am

1 Andy Robinson
8 Howard Bentley
15 Nathan Carpenter
22 Andy Robinson

29 One Worship Service
at 10:00 am
David Taylor

11:00 am

1 Alexis Nichols
8 Gavin Carpenter
15 Tiffany Winn
22 Nathan Carpenter

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

8:30 am Debbie Troutman

11:00 am Anne Futterer

GREETERS

8:30 am Jenny Jones

11:00 am Shirley Miller

SOUND (AUDIO)

8:30 am

1 Tim Patterson
8 Keith Garver
15 Patrick Little
22 Liz Fisher

29 One Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Nathan Carpenter

11:00 am

1 Milton Matheny
8 Abby Carpenter
15 Bo Phongsas
22 Gavin Carpenter

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday
Tim & Huyla Jackson

ACOLYTES

8:30 am

1 Riley Dodson
8 Palmer & Asa Russell
15 Delaney Little
22 Lucy & Charlie Miller

29 One Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Hunter Murph

11:00 am

1 Kemry Cauthen
8 Aubrey Whitcomb
15 Luna Hardister
22 Harrison Woodle

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am

1 Donna Taylor
8 Cooper Hinson
15 Lauren Nichols
22 Nick Bronson

29 One Worship Service
at 10:00 am Liz Fisher

11:00 am

1 Sally Peterson
8 Anne Futterer
15 Lindsay Daugherty
22 Whit Whitley

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Donna Taylor / Melissa Little

11:00 am Tony Lippard / Ben Hesley

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 am Doris & Rick Teumer

11:00 am Liz Wise & Robin Ballard



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



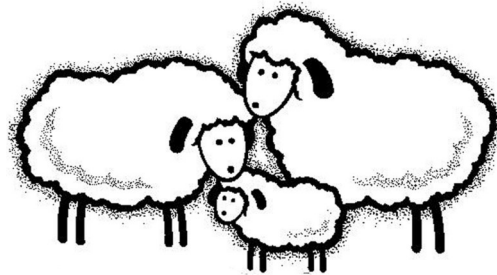
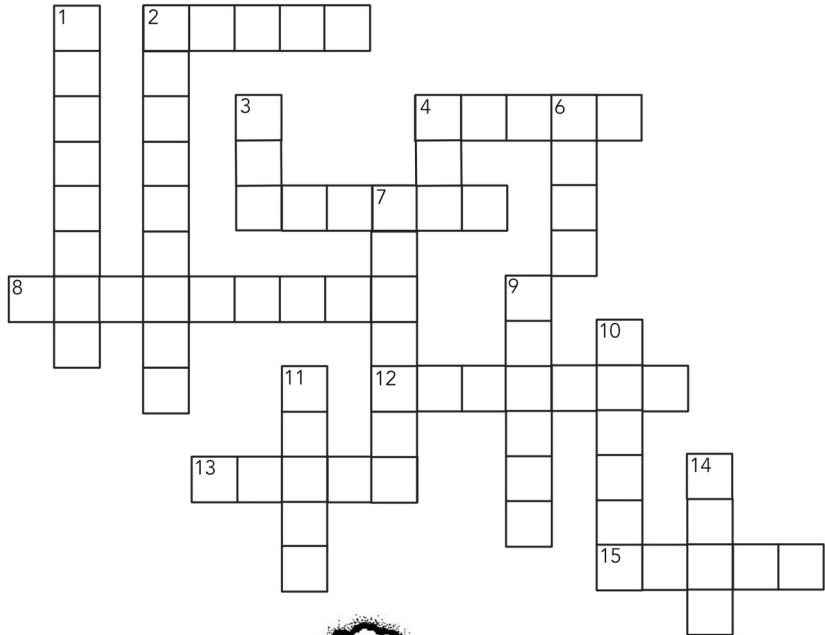
What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

Puzzle!



ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2023						
1 7:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Adult SS 10:00 am Faith Formation and Parents/Young Adult SS Class 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:15 pm Handbell Practice	2	3 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Book Club	4 2:00 pm Executive Council meeting 6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble	5 5:00-5:30 pm Samaritan's Table Drive-Thru 7:00 PM Property Team	6	7
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22 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Adult SS 10:00 am Faith Formation and Parents/Young Adult SS Class 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:15 pm Handbell Practice 2:30-4:00 pm MS Confirmation @ Kimball 4:30-6:30 pm HS/MS Dinner and Program	23 9:15 am J.O.Y. Group trip to Old Salem	24	25 3:00 -6:00 pm Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC 6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble 5:00-7:00 pm Kingdom Kids / 3-5th Grade and Preschool Fall Festival	26 5:00-5:30 pm Samaritan's Table Drive-Thru	27 Noon-5:00 pm Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC	28 10:00 am-2:00 pm Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:00 am One Worship Service	30	31				



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KIMBALL LUTHERAN FALL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 25TH FROM 5-7PM

We hope you can join us for our annual Fall Festival, which will be held on Wednesday Evening October 25th from 5-7pm.

- This event is for our Kingdom Kids, 3-5 Grades and our Preschool Staff and Families! We need help with Hosting our event and will ask for HS/MS Youth helpers along with plenty of volunteers. If you are able to:
 - Candy Donation
 - Host a Trunk (Decorate your Trunk to hand out Candy)
 - Dinner Helpers (Hot Dog,

You can come dressed in your costumes and we will have fun games, crafts and a hot dog dinner with the fixin's. We hope you can join us for this fun event

HS/MS Helpers and Volunteers please arrive around 4:30pm if available.