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## KOINONIA

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

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Growing up in New Jersey, if there's one thing I miss is spending many days at the beach and swimming in the ocean. There is typically a current pulling you parallel to the beach to the north. The lifeguards place flags that the swimmers are supposed to stay between, which will keep them a safe distance from the large rock piles that separate the beaches.

Whether you are swimming around or trying to stay in one place, you'll discover that every minute or so you need to swim or walk to the south—the current will keep pulling you northward out of the designated area. If you are not paying attention, you might drift past the flag and hear the lifeguard blow his or her whistle.

After Easter of 2025, we went through a five-week sermon series to share a new Mission and Vision with the church. As we talked about at the time, a well-defined mission statement is a tool that can keep a church on the path that God leads us on. However, mission statements are only a means to an end. Mission statements, if forgotten and relegated to a slogan that fills space, serve no purpose.

While it's possible to forget such a statement and still be doing the things God has called us to, it's much easier to drift off mission. In the church, there is a current that continually works against the church's mission—and the current tends to pull in one direction: an inward focus in which we forget to reach the lost in our communities. Usually, the drift is not intentional. In fact, we are often just as busy at church as we were as before.

Measuring this drift is often difficult, since much of the work of a church on-mission is individual—a ministry and witness that each of us fulfill in our

day-to-day lives. As it's been about a year since we shared this mission, I'd like to share it here again. I'd challenge you to pray about your role in this mission. Were there things the Holy Spirit challenged you to do or change last year when we shared it? As we approach the slower days of summer, we need to be more mindful of drift than ever. I hope all of us get some rest and relaxation this summer. But I pray we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus this summer as well. I pray that we remember the work that the Holy Spirit is still calling us to do.



### Mission

Making disciples who grow, serve, and witness through word and action.

### Vision

To see a Spirit-empowered church of all generations making disciples who make disciples.

### Discipleship Map

**Who:** We are all called to be disciples who make disciples.

**What:** We obey Jesus in love, embracing His command to make disciples.

**When:** We make disciples from conversion onward, our witness deepening as we grow in Christ.

**Where:** We make disciples locally, regionally, cross-culturally, and to the ends of the earth.

**Why:** We make disciples because this was the mission that Jesus gave His church.

**How:** We grow as disciples through worship, God's Word, prayer, intergenerational community, service, and incarnational witness.



## JUNE PRAYER TIMES

**Wednesday, June 3**  
7:00 pm

**Thursday, June 4**  
11:00 am



Keen-Agers is for those at NAC and in the community  
50 years of age and older

The June meeting of the Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers  
will be on Thursday, June 25 at 11:00 am.

The meal will be Slider sandwiches, sides, chips.  
Please bring a dish to share.

The program will be by Cathie Rhodes .

**\* \* Food Pantry item is: CONDIMENTS, PEANUT  
BUTTER, JELLY**

We invite everyone 50 and over to join us.

Hope to see you June 25<sup>th</sup>.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, June 8, 2026

7:00 pm



**Wednesdays:**  
**June 3, 10, 17, 24**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

For ages 3 – Completion  
of Grade 5



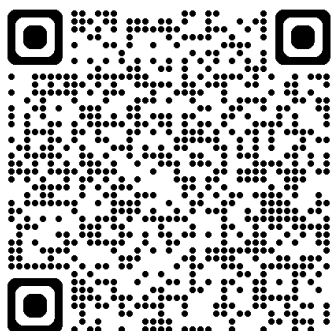
Day 1: The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

Day 2: Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49)

Day 3: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Day 4: The Lamp Stand (Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 4:21-22; Luke 8:16)

To register – scan the QR code below or paper  
copies can be found on the shelf in the small  
narthex.



Each night at VBS, the kids will enjoy:  
Prayer, Bible Lessons, Memory Verses, Music,  
Crafts, and Snacks

# Save These DATES



Saturday,  
June 27th



Wednesday, July 22, 2026  
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join us for a FREE, fun-filled evening with:

ANIMALS

HOT DOGS on the grill

KONA ICE



Saturday, July 19, 2025  
6:30 pm

Join us for fun and fellowship as we pack items that have been donated into shoeboxes.

Our goal is 100 boxes!

*Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child.*

We will once again be collecting items to fill shoeboxes for OCC. A sign-up sheet is available on the shelf in the narthex. Please sign under the item(s) you would like to donate. Please read the sheet carefully. Ex: if you sign on the line under box of crayons - be aware you are signing up to bring 5 boxes of crayons for each line you sign. Do NOT sign in any of the greyed out sections.

Boxes will also be available soon if you would like to pack individual boxes yourself.

