# **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**

#### FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our Fall Bible Conference will be held the weekend of November 3-5. The guest speaker, Dr. Andrew Snelling, is a geologist and researcher affiliated with Answers in Genesis. He is an active speaker on topics such as the flood, fossils, the Grand Canyon, and the radioactive dating of rocks.

Sessions will take place on Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Snelling will also speak at our Sunday morning worship service, followed by a Q&A session with Dr. Snelling and Pastor Joe in the sanctuary.

The Saturday morning session will also feature separate children's programming for all kids up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Friday's dinner and Saturday's lunch will be provided free of charge. Registration is required for all events on Friday and Saturday. Please register on the Church Center app or at www.auc.org/fallbibleconference.

# **MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

## ED AND PENNIE LOCHMOELLER

Ed went on the AUC Bolivia mission trip in late July and early August. It was spiritually enlightening and personally rewarding. Being with an AUC missionary and seeing his mission field firsthand was a pleasure. Then, to work beside Raul Torrejon in Kids Clubs, Street Evangelism, and at the Word of Life Center was a reward as God worked through our team members. There is a passion among the believers there to reach the young people as they are the future leaders. But there is also a great need for Jesus. It provided a closer connection with one of our missionary families and ministries while providing a better perspective for praying for them. Ed enjoys working with the Body Life Committee of AUC. It seeks to develop more vital fellowship and encouragement among our church family members in various ways. Pennie is actively involved on the Events Committee of Woman's Ministry and serves as a devotional leader at one of the Life Groups. Please pray for us to be strong and courageous for the Lord as we serve Him at AUC. You may send a word of encouragement to Ed and Pennie at <u>ed.lochmoeller@auc.org</u>

# THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2023 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OCTOBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** 2 Corinthians 1:5 "For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."

# **OCTOBER IS PASTOR & MINISTRY STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH**

We are blessed with Pastors and Ministry Staff whose priorities are to serve the Lord and to serve us. The Elders and Deacons encourage you to express your appreciation to all of our Pastors and Ministry Staff.

#### NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 9AM- 2PM

Considering finding out more about AUC or becoming part of the church family? Join us for our membership class on Saturday October 21. Pastor Joe will share doctrines, practices, and functions of the church that are helpful to know before applying for membership. Register online or through the church office. Contact the office if you need nursery care.

## FALL FESTIVAL DONATION NEEDS | OCTOBER 28 | 12-3PM | PROVIDENCE PARK

The AUC Fall Festival is approaching soon, and we need donations and prizes to give out to kids from the community who attend. We are looking for individually wrapped candy (like you would give on Halloween), small toys, stickers or sticker books, matchbox type cars, small stuffed animals, small dolls, hair goodies, etc.- anything that kids would love to get as a prize! Bins for donations will be in the gym, the hallway outside the gym and the nursery hallway. The other thing we need is you!! We still need a lot of volunteers to make this outreach happen, so if you haven't signed up to help, please sign up in church center on one of the clipboards in the gym.

## FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 3-5

Our conference speaker, Dr. Andrew Snelling, will present several sessions throughout the weekend related to Scripture, fossils, rocks, and the flood. For a detailed schedule and to register, please visit auc.org/fallbibleconference. Registration is required for Friday's dinner, Saturday's lunch, and the Saturday morning kids' program.

Please take a moment to 'Check In' to the morning worship service and Bible School either through the Church Center App or at the Welcome Center. You can also submit donations to the church through the Church Center App. If you need help visit the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, check out our Missionary Wall located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.

#### STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

Please keep praying for our candidate and the search committee as they continue the interview process. We have a candidate coming October 20-22, please be in prayer regarding this visit.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

You've been so generous with your donations that we're reopening in October! We will be open Tuesday October 17 from 6:15 to 7:15PM, and Sunday October 29 from noon to 1PM. A few items are still needed: cans of tuna, shelf stable milk, peanut butter and jelly, bags/boxes of rice, cake mixes and frosting. Thank you in advance.

## HELP NEEDED | CHILDCARE FOR HOMESCHOOL MEETUP

Homeschool Meetup is now 15 families - Praise the Lord! Due to the number of kids attending, there is a need for two adult volunteers to play with the 2-4 yr. olds while the older kids are in the gym. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 12-1:30PM. If you are able to assist, please contact Sarah Graham (sarahgraham7474@gmail.com).

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Our new middle school choir will begin meeting on Sunday, October 29 after Bible School. The choir will sing at a few special Christmas services and potentially other times during the year. No previous singing experience is needed. Contact Pastor Michael if interested.

## FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER | NOVEMBER 23 | 3PM

We'd love for you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner! Members and regular attenders are invited to the Chapel at 3PM on Thanksgiving Day. We ask everyone to contribute something, so please see Carolyn or Fran Heron to sign up by November 19 and let us know what you'd like to bring.

#### **MISSIONS HELP NEEDED**

AUC missionaries Toby and Sara Shannon will be in Aldan on November 1 and 2. Neither of our missionary apartments are available during this time. We need some someone to provide lodging for these two nights. They will be leaving on Friday morning Nov. 3 so that Toby can fly to Peru later that day. If you can do this or have questions, please contact the church office or Dave Gingrich (302-475-5239 or dmgingrich@aol.com).

# **STUDENT MINISTRY**

# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM

Students are welcome to join us every week for Bible Study on the Student Floor. We've gotten off to a great start and will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

# AUC STUDENTS PANCAKES, PJ'S & MOVIE | OCTOBER 20 | 7PM

Come in comfy pajamas, enjoy pancakes, and watch the movie, God's Not Dead.

#### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30AM | CHAPEL

Our teacher for this week is Bill Davis. Coffee is provided.

#### MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S FALL DINNER | OCTOBER 20 | 6:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our speaker will be Casey Torrejon. Cost will be \$15. Please register online or contact Pennie Lochmoeller or Loretta Stott. **Registrations must be received by October 15th.** 

#### SIDE BY SIDE

Our Women's Mentoring Ministry is kicking off on November 19. If you're interested, please fill out a profile sheet and place it in the box provided at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery. You can also sign up online using our Church Center app throughout the month of October. You may request to be matched or choose someone you already know. This ministry is for all women (college age and up) who regularly attend AUC. **Mentors need to be church members.** If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kiker at dawnk55@verizon.net.

#### MINNESOTA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Warren and Barbara Day serve at a food shelf where it is very cold and many of the people who come need warm gloves, hats, etc. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministries table across from the Nursery. Donations will be received through November 26.

#### **CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS**

Women's Ministry will once again be collecting items for Christmas Gift bags for our sick and those unable to join us in person. A list of suggested items is available at the Women's Ministry table. Please place items in the bin at the table now through October 29.

#### **JOYFUL STITCHERS**

Do you knit or crochet? Join us Tuesday 10/17 and every 3rd Tuesday at 1:00PM. We will meet in the Large Conference Room. We work with an emphasis on charitable donations. Bring your project , start a new one, or learn to crochet. If questions contact Bonnie Sharp, 610-724-7431.

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Jack & Audrey Smith, Beloved Parents **REMEMBERED BY ::** Suzie Smith