

Concordia CONNECTION

October 2018



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PASTOR'S NOTE



It's the season of apple picking and pie baking. For me, Fall is a time for homecomings; gathering with friends on cooler nights and anticipating guests and guesting for the holidays--these are my marks of Fall.

Fall is a season of homecomings at Concordia. After a Summer of gallivanting and vacationing, we settle into familiar routines of work and school and, for some, sports and other extracurricular activities. Regular worship attendance is part of this rhythm of living; I'm glad to see so many of you back in worship--even with the nightmare parking that blesses us these Sunday mornings amid dusty construction.

I am glad for other kinds of homecoming, too. I'm glad for the Uganda mission team, many of whom are going back to a place they call a spiritual home. This familiar place of mission with familiar faces, hearts and history is really special. I'm glad the Killians, the Gordons and others are getting back to their Kawete home.

I am glad for our Confirmation events at the end of the month. Families, along with their 9th graders, come home to Concordia and reaffirm why this place and our shared faith in Jesus is so important. Confirmation is not just about believing in God and His Son. Confirmation is an opportunity to say, "Thank you, God, for this Concordia home that teaches and stretches my faith in You."

I hope your homecoming in and home-going out is blessed these October days. And I look forward to greeting you at Concordia in the weeks and weekends ahead.

Warmly,
Pastor Seidler
Senior Pastor
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bret and May Kittle Jason Hongphu

The Kittles live in Ballwin and enjoy a variety of activities. Bret works as a software engineer and, in his spare time, does light woodworking, plays video games and is working on an open-source 3D printer. May is a great cook and hosts craft projects on the weekends. She is also a full-time accountant for Sapper Consulting. Their nephew, Jason Hongphu, is on an education visa from Thailand and is currently in the 8th grade at CCLS. He enjoys sports, cars and drawing.



Dakota Werner

Originally from Jackson, MO, Dakota was a member at St. Paul Lutheran Church; she attended grade school at St. Paul and high school at Saxony Lutheran. Living in St. Louis for the past five years while attending Maryville University, Dakota just graduated in May of this year with a master's degree in occupational therapy. She recently moved to the Kirkwood area and lives with two of her best friends. Dakota is currently employed part-time for a pediatric contracting company, where she works with children facing a range of diagnoses and needs. In her free time, she enjoys trying new restaurants, being outdoors and traveling. She is also excited to further grow her faith at Concordia.

ADULTS



Dear Friends in Christ,

What is your job description?

- Job? I don't have a job; I'm retired.
- Job? I'm currently unemployed.
- Job? Nobody calls what I do a job!

Bob Wagner, former NFL referee (*Ask him about his little infield chat with Warren Sapp sometime!*), regaled the September Lunch

and Learn crowd with stories from his 20 years in the National Football League as an on-field official. More importantly, he challenged us to make use of our Christian job descriptions: "Go, make disciples" and "love your neighbor." To paraphrase his words, "those seem like pretty good job descriptions" no matter what your age or life situation!

Concordia Older Adults take their job descriptions seriously. On **October 18**, we will host our annual Oktoberfest gathering. This year it will be touted as "Socktoberfest," as well, with an ingathering of new socks to assist veterans. Furthermore, that heart to serve our veterans will be on full display at our Veteran's Day Lunch and Learn on **November 15** as we focus on the unique challenges of women in the military and wives of our military men.

Concordia adults take their job descriptions seriously. When we are faithful in worship, we are a tremendous encouragement to the family of God at Concordia. When we are faithful to Christ as we labor in our vocations—resisting temptation, extending kindness to co-workers, guarding and protecting others and their property—we are fulfilling our job descriptions.

It is said that "74 is the new 65." What this points to is greater vitality and longevity for all of us. It also means that we are given more time to fulfill our "job descriptions" in order that we can have greater impact on those around us in the Name of Jesus. I can't help but be grateful for the impact of our Adults and Older Adults every time I look out the window and see the progress being made on our new Center for Christian Education. Thank you, Older Adults, thank you all adults, for taking your "job descriptions" seriously. Thank you for committing to the next generations of the Church!

JOYfully,
Pastor Meggers
Associate Pastor
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LUNCH AND LEARNS

Thursdays; 11:30am

October 18

Join us for the annual Oktoberfest in the Concordia Commons. Our Germany tour group, fresh from their travels, will be eager to share their adventures. Enjoy brats, sauerkraut, potato salad and so much more, including wine and beer. We will also be collecting new socks for homeless men in our area; thank you for helping those in need! Suggested donation for lunch of \$7.50 per person.

November 15

In line with this month's military theme, Kitty Bickford will tell of her experiences serving in the military, as well as those as a spouse of a military servicemember. Donations for the St. Louis Fisher House, established to provide "a home away from home" to the families and caregivers of military men and women during their time of need, will be greatly appreciated! More details to come.

TUESDAY, December 11

Gather with old and new-found friends in Concordia's Dining Hall for our annual Christmas party. Based on the theme **Emmanuel – God with Us**, this festive holiday event features a catered lunch from the Hawthorne Inn, devotion time, and so much more!

We are a fun group and a vital part of Concordia's ministry. Sign up on the Welcome Tab, at the Registration Center, or by contacting **Patty Wilson**, pwilson@CKhome.org or 314.822.7772 x 121.

WORSHIP ARTS



The month of October brings several special worship weekends and musical opportunities I'd like to highlight for you:

On **Sunday, October 14**, we are pleased to welcome the Amani Children's Choir from Africa to share their music and dance with us during our morning services. We are still looking for a few host families. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lisa Byers at smilingnews@hotmail.com. | amanichoir.org

The weekend of **October 20-21** is known as Witness Weekend. Throughout all of the services, our 9th-grade confirmands will share their personal faith statements with the entire congregation. It is an inspiring opportunity to hear these young people give testimony to their faith.

The following weekend, **October 27-28**, we celebrate Reformation and Confirmation. Reformation weekend recalls our Christian foundation, rooted in three principles: Faith Alone, Grace Alone, and Scripture Alone. Concordia's Confirmation service will be held in the Concordia Center at **11:00am**; please note that this is 15 minutes later than our normal Sunday service time.

Looking ahead, we celebrate All Saints' Day the weekend of **November 3-4**. During worship, we take a moment to reflect on and remember those in our congregation, or other family and friends, who have entered into eternal life this past year. While there is certainly solemnity to the remembrance, it is also a time to remember and give thanks for the lives of these saints. Please look for an announcement about submitting names of family or friends who are not members of Concordia; we will be happy to include them in our remembrance.

Lastly, Phillip Magness and I have several music groups up and running; it's never too late to get involved or participate:

SANCTUARY CHOIR

No matter which service you normally attend, we invite you to grow in discipleship through the art of singing by joining our Sanctuary Choir. You will be blessed, and be a blessing to others as well. Come join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm**. Even if it is on a limited basis, you are welcome to participate.

BRASS ENSEMBLE

We will be utilizing more brass in all of our worship services. Rather than meeting as a whole group weekly, rehearsals will coincide with available dates of play, which offers a lot more flexibility.

Contact **Phillip** at pmagness@CKhome.org for more information about Sanctuary Choir and Brass.

KIDS SONG

Our children's choir has resumed rehearsals on **Wednesdays at 5:00pm**. If your son or daughter would like to sing, let us know and we will get you connected. The kids will be singing in worship about once a month.

CANTATA CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

On **Sunday, December 16**, we have a great opportunity for singers and instrumentalists to join in our Christmas Cantata. Choir rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, November 7**, at **7:00pm**. Orchestra information will be sent out shortly. If you are an instrumentalist and interested in playing, please let us know.

Contact **Brendan** at bknorp@CKhome.org for more information about Kids Song and the Cantata Choir/Orchestra.

To God be the Glory!

Brendan Knorp

Director for the Worship Arts

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KIDSMIN

BIBLE GIVEAWAY

The weekend of **October 20-21**, during all worship services, we will hold a Bible gifting for children in kindergarten-5th grade; a portion of the service will be designated as a time for you and your child to come forward to the front of either the Concordia Center or Sanctuary to receive the gift.



If you have a child currently in kindergarten through 5th grade, your child can receive an age-appropriate Bible at one of our weekend services. Kindergarten-2nd grade will receive **Read with Me Bible**; 3rd-5th graders will receive **120 Bible Stories** storybook that can be used throughout their Jr. High Confirmation experience alongside a regular Bible.



Parents have the job of teaching faith to their children and encouraging the love of God's Word in their hearts. Pastors, teachers, and friends assist in the spiritual growth of children, but the primary nurturers of faith are parents. This Bible gifting is one way that Concordia supports you in this role. Please plan to attend one of the services that weekend so your child can receive his or her Bible.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

~ Deuteronomy 6:5-7

ONGOING KIDSMIN FAITH-BUILDING PROGRAMS

KidsMin Sunday is a wonderful opportunity each week to learn about Jesus and grow in faith. Our committed teachers look for ways to engage children in the Bible story and encourage them to live out their faith each day. Please join us!

9:20-10:20am in the Dining Hall (3 year olds-5th grade)

At **Concordia Kids Night**, we are digging into the life of Jesus and walking in His footsteps, from birth to Resurrection and Ascension. Each week, we discover that Jesus is a real person—a real friend—who makes a difference in our lives each day.

Wednesdays; 5:30-7:15pm (1st-5th grade)

Contact me for more information or visit our website at CKhome.org/children.

Rebecca Schultz

Children's Ministry Assistant
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CK YOUTH



High School Youth,
Next Summer, the Sr. Youth of Concordia will attend the LCMS Youth Gathering, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, **July 10-17, 2019**. If you have already registered for the Gathering, thank you. If you haven't yet registered, please know we want you to attend the Gathering with us. There is still time to register (deadline is **Monday, October 15**).

Let me introduce myself. I'm **Dale Kreienkamp**, a son of Concordia, and excited to be the lay leader coordinating our efforts to attend the Gathering. I'm a father of three, all of whom attended the Gathering, and I've been blessed to attend four times with Concordia youth. I've learned firsthand why this opportunity is important for your child. It's a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience because it only happens every three years, so for most senior high youth, they have one chance to go.

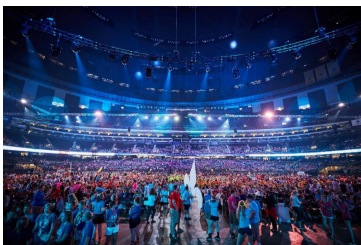
The Gathering trip isn't just about the five-day event we will be attending, although it is amazing. It's more about building relationships with other senior high youth and adults at Concordia. It's also about nurturing your faith life and keeping you connected to your church. All youth who are attending will be part of a "community group" made up of 5-7 youth and an adult leader. You will have input into who you want to be within your community group. You will develop closer relationships with your community group members, through social, spiritual and fundraising events in the year leading up to the Gathering.



Through the Gathering process, we want to help you build relationships and learn, most importantly that Jesus loves you. The leadership team is committed to making this a wonderful experience for you.



I also know there is an expense to attend the Gathering (approximately \$1,300). We are committed to keeping the costs down wherever we can, and we will have fundraising opportunities to help defray some of the costs. Yet, the reality is you will be responsible for most of the cost. Please don't let money be what keeps you from saying "yes." We are here to help kids who want to attend find ways to make this trip possible.



For more information about the Gathering, visit CKhome.org/NYG. If you have questions, please call me or any of the other adults on the Gathering leadership team:

Dale Kreienkamp*, 314-221-3212
Eric Binder*, 314-422-4152
Susan Dooling*, 314-974-5428

Darlene Gjervik, 314-223-2204
April Maldonado, 314-517-0085
Kerry Pozaric*, 314-313-4004

(*Previously attended the Gathering as an adult leader.)

Register at CKhome.org/NYG by **Monday, October 15**, and pay the \$150 deposit (all that's required at registration.)

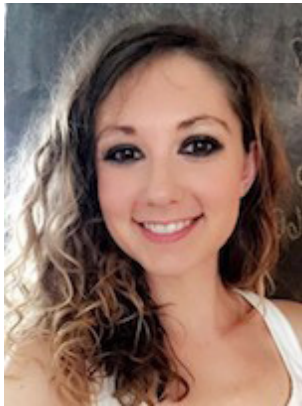
Hope to see you there!

Dale Kreienkamp

Gathering Lay Leader

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SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. – Psalm 139:13-14



TRUNK-OR-TREAT FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday October 21; 2:00-4:00pm

It's that time again! The Special Needs Ministry will again be hosting an inclusive and accessible, sensory-sensitive Trunk-or-Treat event for children and young adults with special needs and their families!

For many kids with special needs, trick-or-treating may not be an option due to sensory difficulties, anxieties, dietary restrictions or even the physical restrictions of their own neighborhoods.

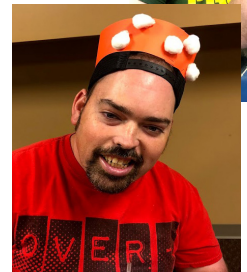
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out goodies, assist with the games or wish to donate to this event, please contact me at the email address shown or by calling/texting 314-374-0682.



BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Last month, I introduced you to our Bible Study for Adults with Special Needs class. This month, I am going to brag! During the second week of April, the class learned about the Great Commission. We discussed the work being done in Uganda, and the class made banks to take home and fill with their spare change as a donation to the mission. This last week, many of our learners excitedly returned, their banks filled to the brim with the pennies, quarters and even dollars that they had saved! They knew that every time they dropped in their change, they were helping to “make disciples of all nations” halfway across the globe.



ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE is capable of knowing, loving and trusting in Jesus, and **ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE** is capable of telling others about Jesus and sharing his love!

Jessica Crawford

Director of Children and Families with Special Needs
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BASIC ASL—THE FIRST 100 SIGNS

Wednesdays * 7:00-8:00pm

Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) isn't just used by individuals who are Deaf? ASL is one expressive communication option for hearing children and adults who are unable to communicate verbally.

In addition, there is much more to learning American Sign Language than just memorizing signs. ASL has its own grammar, culture, history, terminology and other important aspects. In this 10-week class, learners will get the chance to engage with the vocabulary in a conversational format and will quickly be able to put it to use on Sunday mornings and out in the community!

OUTBOUND MINISTRIES

Concordia Outbound Ministries met in September to review grant requests. Our ministry partners are doing amazing things to reach people for Christ and serve those in need.

Christ Community International (CCLS Uganda)	\$10,000	General Support for the School
Lutheran High School Angel Fund	\$10,000	Emergency Scholarship Assistance
Christ Community International (CCLS Uganda)	\$ 5,000	Medical Supplies
Humanitri	\$ 8,000	Jail Chaplaincy (Vince Stanley)
Shepherd's Center of Webster/Kirkwood	\$ 2,000	
Family Shield Ministries	\$ 1,500	
Kirk Care	\$ 1,000	
Gideons	\$ 1,000	
Missionary Support – Hank Rowold – China	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	
Total	\$39,500	

HUMANITRI

Rev. Vince Stanley, Concordia member, has served the Humanitri Jail Chaplain ministry for 12 years. He offers a compassionate ear to



those who are broken by the law and experience trauma from incarceration. Each year, more than



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13,000 inmates come through the St. Louis County Justice Center, 85% suffering substance-abuse addictions. He listens to their failures and speaks Jesus' deliverance to them, won on the Cross. Over the course of 12 years, Pastor Stanley has baptized 228 inmates, encouraged thousands of others in their faith, prevented countless suicides and brought many broken families back together.

Chaplaincy 2017 Statistics

Total Served: 3,574 (2,470 Bible Study; 1,104 Pastoral Care)

Baptized: 9

Distributed: 550 Bibles; 1,100 Devotions; and 450 Christian Books

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Your help is needed on **Saturday, October 20; 8:00am-2:00pm**. Lutheran World Relief will park a tractor trailer here at Concordia, and volunteers are needed to move boxed ingathering items from pickup trucks, cars and trailers and stack them in the larger box trailer. Concordia is one of the main collection points in the state of Missouri for this very worthwhile cause. With your help, Lutheran World Relief will make a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world by distributing the quilts, kits and soap that will be collected. Volunteer a couple of hours or the entire day; your help is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact **Cindy Redecker** at 573-579-7128 or cmredecker@yahoo.com.



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Relief**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Brigham Family

Excited to join Concordia as their children begin a new chapter in 7th and 4th grade at CCLS, the Brigham family lives in Oakville, MO. Chad is partner at Goldenberg Heller and Antognoli, practicing intellectual property, business and real estate transactional law. He also enjoys playing guitar, taking his wife out for dinner and exercising. Charisa is a full-time family calendar planner and mom taxi. She likes to spend her time spectating at her children's activities, working out and getting massages. Noelle loves theater and plays volleyball and clarinet; she is excited to play volleyball at CCLS—Go Chargers! Evan enjoys video games, playing guitar, making people laugh and volleyball. Their mini-Goldendoodle, Max, likes greeting every person he meets.



The Hertel Family

All the Hertels felt welcomed at Concordia! Karl and Heather have been married for almost seven years and have three children: Farah (5), Scarlett (4) and Gavin (19 months); Farah just started kindergarten at CCLS. Karl is a CPA and works for Price-waterhouseCoopers. Heather is in medical sales with Aspex Eyewear Group. They

love being outdoors, traveling, eating well and Cardinals baseball and are excited to be a blessing to Concordia.

Marjorie Moore

After living seven years in Florida, former longtime Concordia member Marjorie and her husband, Jack, have relocated to the Aberdeen Heights community in Kirkwood. Marjorie has three children and Jack has six; together they have 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Fifty years ago, Marjorie was instrumental in starting the Children's Message in worship here. She is looking forward to rejoining Concordia!



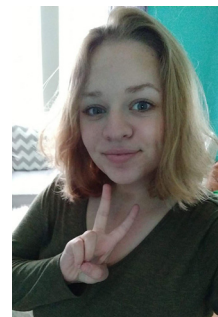
The Reinitz Family

Dean works at a marketing company downtown. Ashley works at Neels Pharmacy in Crestwood. They both grew up in St. Louis and are hoping to make some new friendships as the kids recently started school at CCLS this Fall. Elliott, 6, is in kindergarten and Jaina, 3, is in preschool. As a family, they

love to play games, do puzzles, watch movies and visit the park. Elliott plays tee ball and soccer and Jaina enjoys gymnastics.

Olivia Gailey

Baptized by Pastor Seidler on August 8 of this year, Olivia responded, "I am a now a child of the Most High." She comes from Decatur, AL, where she attended a private Christian school from 3rd-12th grade, and recently moved to St. Louis to attend Meramec Community College. Olivia is majoring in Graphic Communications because of her passion for art.



Aimee Heydt & Trinitee and Kelsi Mitchell

Aimee is a single mom of five children ranging in age from 5-20 years. She and her family recently moved into their own

apartment; such an exciting time for all of them! Aimee is a driver at Zipcare Transportation Services. Her two daughters, Trinitee and Kelsi, attended Vacation Bible School (VBS) this Summer and really enjoyed it! That is what led them to Concordia and they are happy to be here.

The Tucker Family

Adam is an attorney at Kramer and Frank, P.C. and Ellie is an attorney at Polsinelli, P.C. They have a 1-year-old named Simon and two dogs, Rudy and Lily. Simon attends the Goddard School in Creve Coeur, and his hobbies include putting everything in his mouth and splashing in any water, even the dog bowls! Adam and Ellie share the hobbies of camping and canoeing, skiing and golf. They are all so excited to be joining the community at Concordia. Thank you for welcoming them!



NIGHT TO SHINE

NIGHT TO SHINE IS FEBRUARY 8!

We are only four months away from an event that will become your favorite night of the whole year! But, in case this is the first time you are hearing about this and are wondering what I am talking about ... Concordia has been selected to host the **2019 Night to Shine**, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. This is an unforgettable prom-night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.



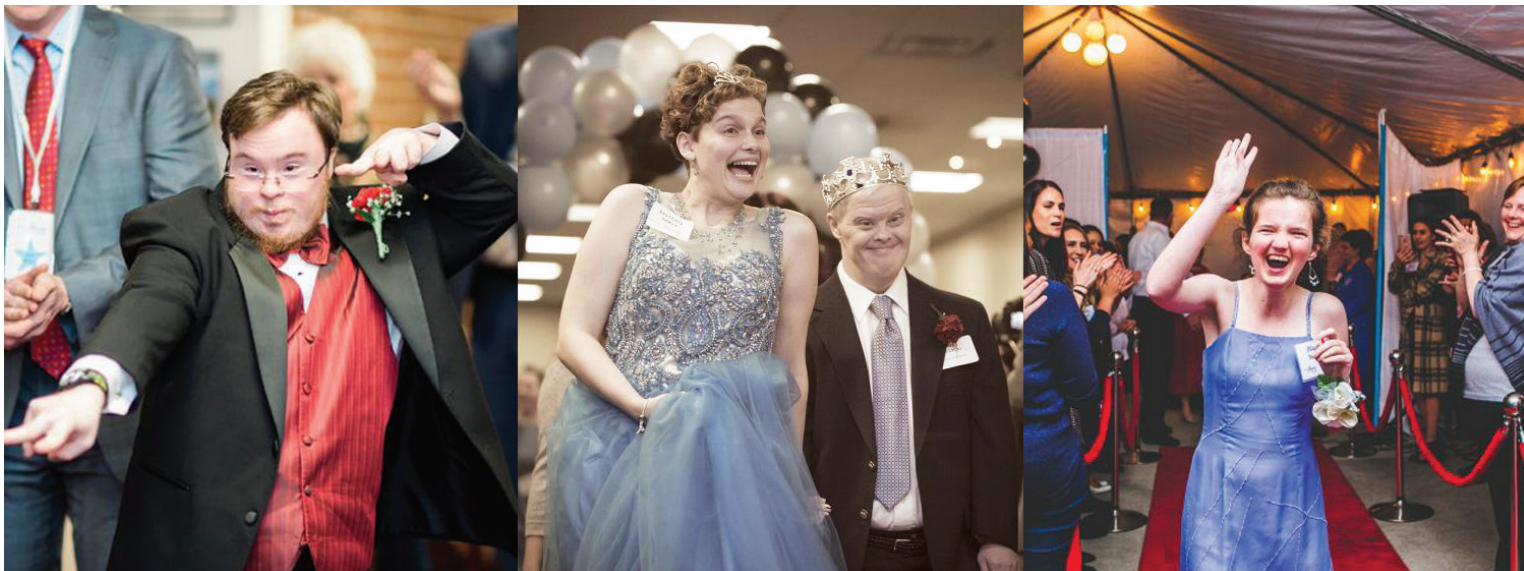
This first year, our goal is to welcome 100 honored guests through Concordia's doors. Do you know what that means? That means 100 youth and adults with special needs, along with their families who may not know how much their Savior loves them, will get the chance to learn—and know—just that!

This is where you come in, Concordia! **We need nearly 250 volunteers of all ages** to make this night a success. Would you like to volunteer, but don't really know how to help? There are 27 different volunteer teams for you to choose from and join!

- Want to be a part of the action? Consider being a buddy to one of our honored guests by joining the **Buddy Team**!
- Do you love singing karaoke? Join the **Karaoke Team**!
- More interested in loving on the families who stay to enjoy our separate parent event? Join the **Respite Room Team**!
- Are you very organized? Consider joining the **Photography Assistant Team**!
- Love popping balloons? Join our **Tear Down Team**!

There really is something for everyone; each volunteer team is absolutely vital to ensuring that our honored guests are showered with love and leave knowing that they have a Savior, named Jesus Christ, who loves and cherishes them!

To see a full list of the volunteer teams, along with their descriptions, or to register as a volunteer, please visit nighttoshinekirkwood.com or contact **Jessica Crawford** at jcrawford@CKhome.org or by calling 314-374-0682.



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