



Next Meeting

There is no October meeting, but coming up is the

Talent Show and Craft Fair!

November 14, 7:00 PM
Zion Lutheran - 101 S. Railway St. Mascoutah

Talent Show:

- Get your acts together to present to the group. Excellent prep for those upcoming holiday recitals and performances!
- Please note - since we will be in a Sanctuary, the church has asked that all acts be appropriate to the room.

Craft Fair:

- Bring your crafts and items to sell!
- Bring your money to buy! Christmas is coming, and the crafters usually have wonderful things for which they are raising money through their labor.

Upcoming Meetings

December - no meeting

January 16 - 6:00 PM - International Potluck.

- Pick a country, present a display, bring food to share (representing that country, if possible)
- CASH AWARDS for the top three displays!
- Note the earlier time.

SCCCHHE Bonfire

The long-anticipated (and frequently rescheduled!) Bonfire is next week! The Manascos are graciously opening their awesome home and property to the group for a wonderful fall bonfire with s'mores, hot dogs, lots of hot drinks, hayrides, ultimate frisbee, food, and more!

What to bring:

- Side dishes
- Lawn chairs
- Any yard games you want to play
- bug spray

- flashlight
- fishing poles

We are providing pulled pork, hot drinks and cookie smore fixins.
No pets. We have plenty.

Date: Friday, October 18

Time: 3:00 PM.

Place: 3605 Black Quarter Rd. New Athens IL 62264

Phone: Melissa Manasco - 618-660-0891

English Country Dances

October 25, 7:00 - 9:15 PM (doors open at 6:30)

Turkey Hill Grange, 1375 IL-15, Belleville, IL 62220

\$5 per person or \$20 per family. Invite your friends!

Contact [Zoe Quinn](#) for more info.

MO History Museum Homeschool Days

The Missouri History Museum is now offering special events just for homeschoolers!

They are usually the 3rd Mondays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

As always, your faithful and humble Coordinator has posted all info on the [calendar](#) on the SCCCHE website, but to bypass that just go straight to the Mo History [website](#).

East St. Louis cleanup day

Pastor Willie Stallworth has been organizing an annual cleanup day for the Lansdowne Community of East StL. This year we are meeting on

Saturday Oct. 26, 9:00 AM
4200 Caseyville Ave, East St. Louis 62204.

Work to be accomplished will be tree trimming/removal, shrub removal, painting, home cleaning, yard cleaning. Bring cleaning supplies, yard tools, with proper gloved, long pants, etc.

If you can come, **PLEASE EMAIL ME ASAP** so I can notify Rev. Stallworth so he can schedule and organize things.

If you cannot come, send money to me, give it to Nancy at TLC, or mail it directly to the address above. Make checks out to "Lansdowne Community Initiative."

Field Trips

Next trip:

Ultimate Ninja Obstacle Course

Dec 12 @ 1:00 pm
104 Long Rd.
Chesterfield, MO

\$10.90/person
2 hours - parents and under age 3 are free
Contact [Wanda](#) for more info

Drama

Mark your calendars! Drama performances are on November 16!
More info next month.

Coordinator Article

Humility

Last month's 'word of the month' for Mascoutah public schools was 'self-esteem.' I'm not sure what exactly their definition of that term was, but I would guess it's the opposite of HSLDA's character trait of the month – 'humility.'

But can we really blame them? After all, many kids today struggle with depression and the suicide rate is very high. Should not some effort be made to help the kids? Certainly, but the ways of the Lord are always better than mans ways. Here are a few verses:

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” - James 4:6

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Luke 14:11

“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility consider others as better than yourselves...” - Phil. 2:3

So how does this work? If we have a problem with suicide and depression, will not further humility only add to the problem?

Certainly not. “Lean not upon your own understanding” but trust in the Lord, for his ways are sure. We must have a binary approach to this matter. In our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God we must behave humbly. But at the same time we should consider the awesomeness of the universe and realize that God is so amazingly powerful that he created it all in a moment with a spoken word--- yet God loves us so much (even though we are rotten sinners) that he came down to rescue us from our sin to be his precious children. So in one sense we must behave as if others are better than us, and in the other sense know that God himself loves us and calls us his children.

Our esteem, therefore, should not be 'self-esteem' but rather 'God-esteem', who considered us worthy because of the worth He put into us. The worth that is now in us is of more value than anything in the universe. We are children of God!

Not only that, but God will glorify us, perfect us, and allow us to dwell with Him forever. Here's an amazing verse: (KJV - it's so much prettier)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."
1 John 3:2

"We shall be like him...." I hope you ponder that part. We shall be like God himself! That was the proud desire of Satan, who boasted that "he would be like the most high" yet was thrown down in his pride.

But God gives us the right to 'be like the most high' if we are humble and follow Christ.

But not yet. Our exaltation will not happen during our lives. We must wait for it patiently and humbly.

In the meantime live humbly. Be open to the wisdom of other Godly people who may know more than you, and think of yourselves as a servant of your fellow man, seeking ways to be a blessing to others.

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