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Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School *Where Kids Go Wild!*

Start your summer with a great Serengeti adventure at Messiah Lutheran Church's VBS, June 13-17, from 9:00 until Noon.

Serengeti is fun for all ages from our youngest group of 3 year-olds to our older groups of 5th grade students. This fun filled adventure at Serengeti Trek will include plenty of action as children will enjoy making crafts, playing exciting games, experiencing stories, eating tasty snacks, and singing catchy songs as they learn about God's love for them. Serengeti Trek is an exciting way to make new friends while learning important lessons of God's love for us.

You can register at Messiah, 11522 Telge Road or call us for a registration form, at 281-890-3013. Children will receive a Serengeti T-shirt, make a different craft each day, receive a Serengeti Trek Bible Book, get daily snacks, and collect Bible Buddies each day to remind them of the daily treasure verse. CD's and Tapes of the songs that will be learned are also available. As always, scholarships are offered; just let us know when you register that you would like to be considered for one. We encourage you to register early; do not let your children miss out on this great adventure.

On Friday evening, June 17, there will be a special closing program to celebrate the end of a fun filled week. The children will sing some of the new songs they have learned and share some of their favorite memories from the week. We encourage family and friends to join in this celebration.

We look forward to seeing you at Messiah the week of June 13-17 from 9:00 AM until noon. Reserve your spot today and bring a friend!

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

SPRING INTO HEALTH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE & HEALTH FAIR

(Houston, Texas—June 16, 2005) Come out and be a part of this effort toward a healthier community. You will be exposed to better diet tips, a variety of screenings, community resource guides, children's attractions and a community blood drive.

The Health Fair & Blood drive will take place on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest, 11297 Fallbrook Dr., in the 290/1960 Jones road area. For more information please call 281-517-1008.

Health screenings will include blood pressure, blood sugar testing, cholesterol, body fat, bone density, pulmonary function testing, vision screening, children's fingerprinting, child car seat safety check, fire safety, breast cancer awareness, Heart health, pet safety, pool safety, women's health, foot screenings, dental health, children's games and much more.

All attendees will be eligible for one of many door prizes. Please join us in donating the gift of life if you are in general good health and over 17 years of age.

Happy Father's Day!

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Kitchen Quickies

Celebrate Cuban Cuisine

(NAPSA)-Tampa's cuisine reflects its location and heritage with local specialties like fresh seafood and Cuban fare. But the king of all Tampa eats is the Cuban sandwich, which the Columbia Restaurant has been serving since its days as a lunch spot for Ybor City's cigar factory workers. This year, the restaurant celebrates 100 years of fine Spanish/Cuban cuisine.



Cuban Sandwich

Columbia Restaurant Recipe

Ingredients

- 10 inch loaf of Cuban bread
- 4 thin slices smoked ham
- 2 thin slices fresh pork ham
- 2 slices Genoa salami, cut in half
- 2 slices Swiss cheese
- 3 sour pickle slices (may also use dill)
- Yellow mustard

Preparation

Slice bread down middle lengthwise. Layer ingredients to cover bottom half of bread in the following order: ham, pork, salami, cheese and pickles. Spread mustard on top half of bread. Cover bottom half and slice sandwich diagonally. Heat in oven or serve at room temperature.

For more information, go to www.VisitTampaBay.com.

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Helpful Hints

Summer Tips for Dog Owners

- It's hot out there! Be sure to take extra precautions with man's best friend.
- Walk dogs only when it's cool, either early in the morning or in the evening. To avoid burning their pads, don't walk them where it would be too hot for you to go barefoot, such as sand or sidewalks.
 - If you have to keep the dog outside, be sure there is plenty of shade and plenty of sources of water that won't tip over. You might even consider a small plastic pool a dog could splash in. And if you have a swimming pool, make sure to train the dog to be familiar with the location of the stairs.
 - In July, since fireworks and thunderstorms can scare dogs, keep them inside with a radio playing on low.
 - Never keep a dog in a parked vehicle when the outside temperatures are above 80°F. It can be deadly. Never travel with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Their paws can be burned on the bare metal and the animal can easily fall or slide out.
 - Watch for signs of heat stroke: vomiting, glazed eyes, and disorientation. Move the animal to a cool spot and apply ice packs to its head, neck and chest. Administer small amounts of water or ice cubes and rush your dog to the veterinarian.



Health & Safety

Emergency Action For Choking

Seeing someone choking can be alarming. To be an effective aid to the person in need, remain calm and do the following:

1. Encourage hard coughing; this may be enough to clear the airway.
2. If the victim cannot cough, help to bend him over until his head is lower than his lungs. Slap him sharply with the heel of your hand between the shoulder blades. Repeat if needed.
3. Once the obstruction is dislodged, hook it with your finger, being very careful not to push it back down the throat.
4. Try the Heimlich Maneuver: Clasp the victim from behind and place your fist between the navel and sternum. Grasp your fist with your other hand and give four quick thrusts by squeezing and pulling inward and upward into the abdomen. This usually forces the object out.



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Texas Events

June 1-12—HOUSTON: Reflected Light: The Art of Mary Shaffer Presents an exhibition of intriguing glass installations by this internationally acclaimed artist. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. E-mail: hccc@craftthouston.org • www.craftthouston.org 713/529-4848

June 1-Jul. 4—HOUSTON: Notes from a Child's Odyssey: The Art of Kermit Oliver Oliver blends contemporary and classical elements to create a unique vision of the world in a style of painting he calls "symbolic realism." The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. www.mfah.org 713/639-7300

June 1-Aug. 7—HOUSTON: Gold! The Natural History of a Golden Metal Presents the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of gold objects, nuggets and bullion ever assembled. Houston Museum of Natural Science. www.hmns.org 713/639-4629

June 1-Sep. 7—CLEAR LAKE AREA: That's Really Weird! Takes a broad look at weird and unusual events and items in outer space. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Road 1. www.spacecenter.org 281/244-2100

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—KEMAH: Rock the Dock Concert Series Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

June 3-5—HOUSTON: Spring Repertory Program Includes the premiere of Sandpaper Ballet and the classic The Firebird. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

June 4—GALVESTON: AIA Sandcastle Competition More than 75 teams build extravagant sand sculptures and castles utilizing wit, imagination and their finest sand-sculpting skills. East Beach on Galveston Island. 713/520-0155

June 4—GALVESTON: Artwalk Wine stroll takes people through art galleries, antique shops and boutiques. Historic Strand District. 409/763-2403

June 9, 11-12, 17-19—HOUSTON: Maninyas & Giselle Maninyas is an intimate abstract work about relationships. Giselle tells of a beautiful peasant girl who falls in love with a young aristocrat disguised as a commoner. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

June 11—KEMAH: Classic Car Show See automobiles from the 1920s through the 1970s. Kemah

June 17-19—GALVESTON: The Jubilee Banjo Band — Celebrates Texas High-energy show band presents a performance to "put a smile on your face, a tap in your toe and a song in your heart." The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

June 19—GALVESTON: Juneteenth Celebrates African-American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. Includes Freedom Celebration Parade, Annie Mae Charles "Young Folks Picnic," arts show/block party and fireworks. Galveston Island. 409/744-1491

June 19—HOUSTON: Juneteenth Celebration Event includes blues, gospel and jazz performers, along with a variety of activities aimed at raising awareness of African-American heritage. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.org 713/284-8350

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Benign Blood Disorder Treated With Minimally Invasive Surgery

HOUSTON – (May 6, 2005) – “Hands-free” or laparoscopic removal of the spleen may be the best treatment option for individuals with certain blood disorders, say experts at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston.

Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP) is a blood disorder in which the body’s immune system attacks and destroys blood platelets, cells that prevent bleeding by forming blood clots. Due to the decrease in blood platelets, individuals with ITP often bruise and bleed easily. Because the spleen is the main sight of platelet destruction, removal of the spleen, a procedure known as a splenectomy, is often necessary. According to experts, ITP, which tends to affect younger women, is the most common cause of a splenectomy.

Traditionally, splenectomies have been performed through open surgery, an invasive procedure that prolongs hospital stay and recovery. Recently, however, a laparoscopic method of the surgery has gained popularity.

“A splenectomy is a procedure that is ideally suited to be done laparoscopically,” said Dr. John Sweeney, associate professor of surgery and chief of the General Surgery Division of the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at BCM. “Unlike other procedures that remove and reconstruct tissue, a splenectomy only entails extraction of the spleen.”

The spleen, which is located under the left rib cage, has several functions. It acts as a filtering system for the body by destroying foreign particles in the blood and also protects the body against certain bacteria. Although the body benefits from these purposes, Sweeney, who currently performs 30 splenectomy procedures laparoscopically at BCM each year, says patients can live a normal life without a spleen.

“The body’s other immune systems will compensate for the spleen’s absence, he said. “However, patients must be vaccinated against certain infections before surgery.”

During the operation, four small incisions are made under the left rib cage. Using long surgical instruments, a camera and a video monitor, the spleen is removed and the incisions are closed.

“The patient is usually required to stay in the hospital for a couple of days, but is back to normal activities within a couple of weeks,” said Sweeney.

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Meredith Gate	2197	\$141,500	\$142,100	\$65	14
Red Mulberry	2404	\$164,400	\$161,000	\$67	36
Blisswood	2737	\$179,900	\$173,000	\$63	54
Southern Magnolia Cir.	2575	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$75	71

RESALE HOMES PENDING CLOSING IN SUMMERWOOD

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	\$/SQ.FT	*DOM
Cambridge Eagle	2056	\$179,900	Not Known	\$88	16
Red Mulberry	2860	\$169,900	Until Closing.	\$68	36
Blisswood	3914	\$259,900		\$66	104
Rock Dove	3410	\$259,950		\$76	12
Lady Jane Ct.	2748	\$170,000		\$62	252
Blisswood	4433	\$299,900		\$68	47
Barbstone	4070	\$328,000		\$81	116
Eastern Redbud	2127	\$150,000		\$71	25
Summerwood Lakes	2660	\$205,900		\$77	97
Chartley Falls	3082	\$259,900		\$84	191
Sandhill Crane	3166	\$285,000		\$90	67
Hunters Lake Way	3787	\$318,855		\$84	235
Windy Stream	4193	\$361,665		\$86	19

RESALE HOMES LISTED FOR SALE IN SUMMERWOOD

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Yaupon Holly	2162	\$155,000	Lady Jane Ct.	2585	\$169,900
Meredith Gate	2542	\$163,900	Kings Head	2545	\$175,000
Kings Head	2448	\$174,321	Summerwood Lakes	2710	\$200,000
Summerwood Lakes	3524	\$272,500	Ryaneagles	2829	\$224,900
Blisswood	3176	\$219,000	Sandhill Crane	2980	\$232,400
Hartshill	3582	\$239,900	Chartley Falls	3503	\$299,900
Tealstone Falls	2975	\$258,900	Jessica Falls	2796	\$270,900
Sandhill Crane	3166	\$225,000	Blisswood	3324	\$295,000
Coopers Hawk	3200	\$294,000	Barbstone	2875	\$204,900
Chartley Falls	2905	\$319,000	Winding Manor	3335	\$274,900
Windy Stream	3902	\$349,000	Lampson Manor	3883	\$418,000
Chartley Falls	3627	\$399,000	Cambridge Eagle	2478	\$159,900
Eastern Redbud	2209	\$164,900	Red Mulberry	2810	\$176,900
Bufflehead Ct.	2344	\$177,000	Red Tailed Hawk	2386	\$179,900
Bentridge	2521	\$194,750	Red Tailed Hawk	1905	\$179,900
Bentridge	2794	\$195,000	Chalfield Ct.	2750	\$189,900
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Stone Gables	4335	\$386,000	Chartley Falls	3357	\$424,900

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COOL SUMMER SALADS



Fresh Broccoli Salad

1 bunch fresh broccoli
6 green onions
½ lb. fresh mushrooms
1 (2 oz.) jar pimentos
1 green pepper
1 tomatoe
1 cucumber
Salt & Pepper
1 (8 oz.) can water chestnuts (drained)
1 (8 oz.) bottle Zesty Italian salad dressing

Chop vegetables. Add salt, pepper, and salad dressing. Chill 8 hours or overnight.

Seven Layer Salad

Layer following vegetables in 8 x 10 dish in this order:

1 head lettuce, broken up
1 cup chopped celery
1 small can sliced water chestnuts, drained
½ C green onions, thinly chopped
1 box frozen English peas (do not cook)
1 pint real mayonnaise (spread over top)
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