### **Annual Celebration Service**

October 2015

1. Kool + the Gang - "Celebration" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GwjfUFyY6M

- 2. Worship connects our thankfulness to its proper source.
- 3. OT examples of celebrating the "mighty acts of God"...
  - Oral tradition
  - Feasts and Festivals
  - Songs
- 4. What songs do we sing? What festivals do we have? What stories do we tell?
- 5. Erin tells some stories.
- 6. Greg tells some stories.
- 7. Rob tells some stories.
- 8. Life Group with Luke and Stacey Larochelle.
- 9. Love Offering for Elsie Thiessen.
- 10. Thank you staff!
- 11. Skit Guys: The Pastor's Chair <a href="https://skitguys.com/videos/item/the-pastors-chair">https://skitguys.com/videos/item/the-pastors-chair</a>
- 12. LT NOMINEES: Cynthia McHale, Jen Greggain, Leanne Kropp.
- 13. BUDGET: Ray
- 14. AFFIRMATIONS: Leadership + Budget
- 15. Skit Guys: Fall Back Reminder

https://skitguys.com/videos/item/back-to-the-church

# **Study Notes**

### DISCUSSION

1. How do Kool and the Gang get it right in their song, "Celebration?" How might they get it wrong? Check out the lyrics at this link: http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/koolthegang/celebration.html

2. How would you describe the relationship between thankfulness and worship and celebration?

## INTO THE BIBLE

There are 7 songs of celebration in the Old Testament. Feel free to explore any or all of the following: Exodus 15; Num. 21:16, 17; Deut. 32; Judges 5; 1 Sam. 2; 2 Sam. 22; Song of Songs.

How do these stories relate to our story today in Christ?

#### APPLICATION

How do you celebrate the "mighty acts of God" in your life? What songs do you sing? How do you celebrate Christmas and Easter? What stories are you telling?

There are two kinds of Christian stories: a positional story and a progressive story. Our positional story (the one that positions us in Christ) tells the story of our coming to faith in Christ. Our progressive story tells of the ongoing story of our journey of faith along a discipleship pathway.

Share a story (either positional or progressive) with someone(s) this week – rehearse it in your LIFE GROUP.