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Annual Summer Kickoff!

Our May Fellowship Dinner on Sunday the 15th, is our annual Fish Fry. Cindy Hoch and her team of helpers will provide everything. We just need you to come and enjoy!

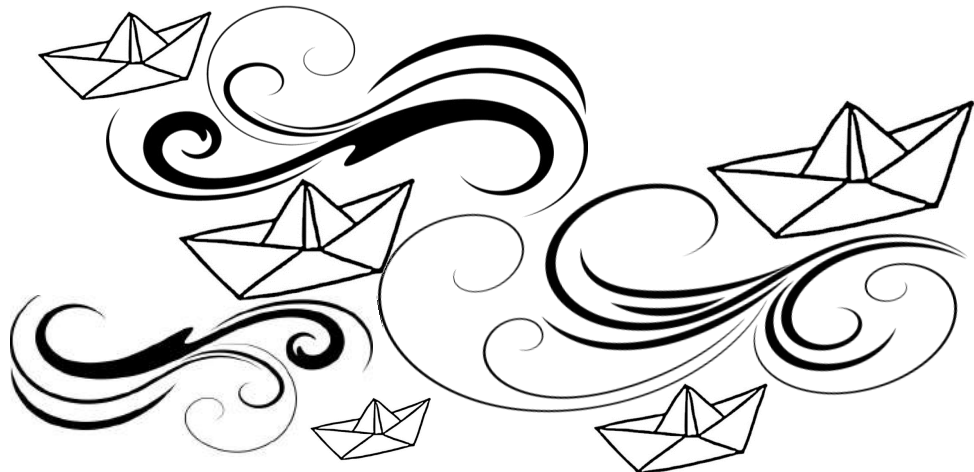
Bring your family and friends and stay for a great lunch after the worship service. Donations will be accepted to help cover the costs.



Pentecost Special Offering

Sunday, May 15, 2016

A *Second Wind* of the Holy Spirit works through you and other Disciples to keep the new church movement on course toward starting 1,000 new churches in 1,000 ways. Join the new church fleet with your gift (above your regular giving) to the Pentecost Special Offering. An insert and special offering envelope will be in your bulletin on Sunday, May 15.





If all we do is complain

Like the changing of the seasons each day of life brings forth something new. For a moment it is the joy that comes as we welcome warmer days and the return of our snowbirds from their winter havens. There is the return of our weekend neighbors and perhaps an opportunity to meet a new friend. Or a chance to spend time with friends and family upon the water, laughing, loving, just enjoying life.

There are so many things that life brings that we look forward to with great anticipation, and there are those other things. Things like the sadness that comes in saying goodbye to one of our own as they move to be closer to family. We see the pain that grief ushers in and we see those we care about struggling to understand the loss of a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a friend, a loved one.

Life is full of many, many wonderful moments, but it is also full of those moments we would rather not have to face. I am just glad I do not have to face these troubled times in life alone. We are reminded by the Psalmist that through all that life brings we find in God a place of comfort and hope.

⁵ *Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.*⁶ *He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.*

⁷ *My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.*

⁸ *O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:5-8*

Love in Jesus,
Kelly

★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER

The community is invited to be a part of a local National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 5 at Lake Christian Academy in Sunrise Beach. Millions of people will gather to pray at thousands of events throughout our nation. Join us at noon on Thursday when prayers for our country will be simultaneously spoken, which will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other.

If all we do is complain, who wants to be around us?

There seem to be a growing number of people (many of whom claim to be Christians) that are constantly against something like the latest movie, a court decision, TV show, or mad at the homosexual community or some other special interest group. This just seems to be the new normal. Just being critical changes very little. After all, as Christians we should be known as being for something. We have the greatest story in the world, but instead of focusing on that story, we continually get distracted by turning our focus on negative issues.

Yes, I know, as American citizens we have every right to vote our conscience and speak in the public square. We also have the right to campaign against candidates or issues with which we disagree.

Maybe because we've focused so much of our time against the entertainment industry, political parties, the culture, the media and other groups, the world is simply turning us off because we're just singing the same old song.

I have discovered that being against something really gets people's attention. Creating an enemy - Hollywood, the gay community, abortion clinics, liberals or others - really gets people worked up. By contrast, being for something really doesn't get much response. Can you name something positive in the news lately?

It's normal for the mainstream news organizations to report on negativity, because it's all about ratings, and negative, sensational stories seem to score higher ratings, so why would they change? Bad news sells and this rings the cash register.

Are we supposed to reach the lost or complain about the lost? If all we do is complain, who wants to be around us? After all we have the greatest story in the world. How can or will you share it?

Kent Elliott
573-789-3845

(When was the last time you heard a cash register ring?)



Baby Bottle Campaign

The Pregnancy Help Center is asking us to help with their annual fund raiser by taking an empty baby bottle and bringing it back filled with change or a check. A box of baby bottles will be in the entryway on Mother's Day, May 8. Please pick one up, fill it with your donation and bring it back to church by Father's Day, June 19. If you wish to write a check, make it out to the Pregnancy Help Center.

There were bunnies galore at the April meeting of CWF. Hostesses Mary Ellen Flinn, Diane Gilmore and Betty Snitker entertained us in great fashion. Virginia Carlson gave her last program for the CWF before her move. Her years of faithful attendance and service will be remembered for a long time.

Another successful Mother-Daughter Luncheon was totally enjoyed by all who attended. Our speaker, Susie Oberdahlhoff, shared her often time humorous experiences as a city girl turned farmer's wife. If you missed her presentation you really missed a great time. Reserve the date, April 22, 2017, to attend next year's Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

We were happy to see a water softener installed for the Loehr Center to safeguard the dishwasher. We are continuing to explore improvements to the kitchen area.

Easter treats for veterans who live at Laurie Care Center were prepared and delivered. It will be our delight to continue sharing treats with this group during the year.

Our major fund raiser will be coming in June. Under the able direction of Sharon Hofer, Treasures & Treats will take place on June 10-11. Look for more information in the bulletin and June newsletter. Start saving donations for this important event now.

Our CWF will miss the presence of Doris Yates. She was a vital member of the CWF as our Treasurer and co-director of the Craft Group. Beyond our group, Doris supervised the decorations in the church and was the wedding coordinator. Her shoes will be hard to fill.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 11:30 a.m. The hostesses will be Diane Gilmore and Joyce Keck. Our program will be presented by Greg Kissell. He will be doing a reprise of a program he did for the men's group entitled "What Happened After the Birth of Jesus." We are going to open up the program time to all who would like to hear this presentation, including men!

All women of the church are members and are encouraged to be a part of this active group. See you there.

Carroll Rinker, President

Laurie Care Center Worship Sunday, May 22



Come join the Elders at 2:00 p.m. in the Activities Room for worship with our members and friends who live at the care center.

Food & Fellowship Ministries



Invite neighbors, friends and family and come attend our weekly and monthly dinners!

Supper & Soul potlucks each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Kitchen Teams (*Leaders)

May 4: *Susan & Jack Chapman, Norma Johnson, Rick Pace, Tom Haywood, Cheryl Knapp

May 11: *Nancy & Ed Milburn, Nip Mohler, Lenny & Sharon Hofer, Mel McKeown, Pam & Gary Cummins

May 18: *Norma Johnson, Rick Pace, Joyce & Herb Keck, Nancy Caldwell, Greg Kissell, Diane Miles

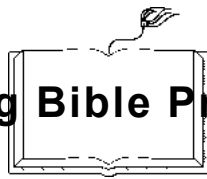
May 26: *Beckie & Mike Huckriede, Mike & Sue Thrans, Charles & Chris Turner, Ed Mock

Fellowship Dinner potluck on the third Sunday of each month following the worship service.

Kitchen Team (*Leaders)

May 15: *Gil & Cindy Hoch, Kathie Williams, Mel McKeown, Carroll Rinker, Jack & Susan Chapman.

Applying Bible Principles



Applying Bible Principles

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10).

How would people describe you? Are you one who “loves” money? Is your life marked by a continual inordinate concern about and striving for money? If so, then perhaps you are one who truly “loves” money.

Money is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. What matters is our attitude towards it. If we view it as a means to an end, a means of exchange, and something God can use in our lives to bring glory to Himself, then we probably do not love money. On the other hand, if we are always wanting more and more money, if we will do just about anything to obtain it, and if we think about money more than anything or anyone else, we likely are guilty of loving money. In that situation, it has become a “god” to us, and we bow at its altar in continuing service in order to obtain more and more of it.

If you are determined to get rich, no matter what, before you continue that lifestyle, read Paul’s admonition to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Consider Solomon’s counsel in Proverbs 11:28 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-11. And think about the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 6:24, who said, “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

Or as Jesus would say, “He who has ears, let him hear.”



Thursday, May 12,
10:00 a.m. in the church library.



The following names have been in need of our prayers. Please call the church office if you would like a name on the prayer list. Names will be taken off the list after one month, but you are always welcome to request that the name be added again.

Lena & Ehren Anderson - Bobbie Aubuchon’s grandchildren
Stacy Bennett - Maggie Houdek’s niece
Carolyn Bowling - Dir. Medical Missions for Christ
Virginia Carlson
Terrie Cooper - Ed Cooper’s sister-in-law
Courtney Field
Angela Flores - Clara Rosche’s daughter
Mike Harris
Mike Jones - friend of the Hofers
Joan Ledford - Maggie Houdek’s neighbor
Matt Martinez - Huckriede’s friend
Cathleen Olaughlin - Nancy Merriott’s sister
Judith Richardson
Pat Roberts
Linda Thomsen - Maggie Houdek’s sister
Saundra Tree - Nancy Merriott’s mother
Kellie Trevino - Jan Fields’ daughter
Carol Welch - Ron Rothove’s niece
Ernie Wickham - Marilyn Rothove’s brother-in-law
Camrynn Woodward - Gerri Beard’s great-granddaughter

The Knolls & Laurie Care Center

Helen Blackwell
Maxine Ellis
Stanley Field
Bill Sell
Lorene Wilcox



Our Christian love and deepest sympathy is extended to Marilyn and Ron Rothove upon the death of their son, David Rothove, on April 15, 2016.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Charles Wallace and Piggy Lippitt upon the death of Charles’ grandson, Aaron Wallace, on April 18, 2016.

Blood Drive May 26

The Elks Lodge in Laurie is sponsoring a blood drive for the Red Cross on May 26 from 1-5 p.m. To make an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code ElksLaurie or contact Craig Jackson at 573-489-2450. More information about this event is on the bulletin board in the entryway.



The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday, May 30,
for the Memorial Day Holiday.

From Our Parish Nurse

Betty Greenley



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

Heart Attack and Stroke

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most of them start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath. This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can also occur without chest discomfort.
- Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has one or more of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately. Get to the hospital right away. If you are having symptoms, and you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. Don't drive yourself unless you have no other option.

Stroke Warning Signs

Stroke is a medical emergency. Every second counts, because time lost is brain lost! Know these stroke warning signs and share them with others.

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don't delay! Call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number immediately so an ambulance - ideally with advanced life support - can come. Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's important to take immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

Thank you to our church family for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers for us during this time of grief. It is a comfort to know so many people care so much. We are blessed to have a wonderful Pastor and church family. May God bless each of you.

Ron and Marilyn Rothove

Dear friends,

I write to express my deep appreciation of your recent donation to the Invest An Acre program. Your contribution will help feed your neighbors in need, but also so much more than food - you are providing them with hope as well.

Leah Ray, Sr. VP of Development, Feeding America

Dear friends:

Thank you to your members for your very kind donation. Your support of local mission not only helps those in need, it also lets us at LAMB House know we are fulfilling your expectations.

Maureen Berry, Corresponding Sec., LAMB House

Dear Friends at West Lake Christian,

We couldn't do what we do without good people like you who decide to do something by supporting us financially. Thank you. God is using your gift to bless our ministry and our community.



Carolyn Bowling, Medical Missions for Christ

Dear West Lake Christian Church,

Thank you for your monthly support of Community for Christ Outreach Center. It is a wonderful blessing to our lake community.

Renee Williams, Director



Charles and Mary Ellen Flinn are proud to announce the graduation of granddaughter Katie Hesketh from the University of Colorado in Boulder (Health);  grandson Colin Sanders will graduate from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO (Surgical Nurse); and  granddaughter Clare Sander will graduate from Smithville High School in Smithville, MO (going to Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville).

- 2..... Ruth Robin
- 4..... Gilbert Woodward
- 7..... Jonathan Flieger
- 9..... Ed Milburn
- 11..... Larry Magill
- 14..... Don Bell
- 15..... John Stack
- 16..... Larry Jepsen
- 17..... Joe Sandhaus
- 24..... Marilyn Miller
- 28..... Cheryl Alderson



- 1..... Tom & Anita Hohnecker
- 11..... Charles & Ada Wilson
- 21..... Keith & Janet Robinson

If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please notify the church office.

Church Directory Additions

New Members:

Helen Smith joined 3/27/16
573-374-4822
1252 Grand Point Blvd.
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

Judy Smith joined 3/27/16
573-374-8503
33500 Dustin Rd.
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

Eve Powell and Chip Winters joined 4/17/16
573-525-1367
1340 State Rd. F
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

Please be sure to make these additions in your directory so that you will always have the most current infor-



Kevin and Verna Flieger are proud to announce the graduation of their son, **Jonathan Flieger**, from Versailles High School on May 19. Jonathan will be attending a technical college for welding.

Kevin and Verna invite you to a graduation party for Jonathan on Saturday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the Flieger farm.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship		Fellowship			Service	
1 Sunday Mornings 8:00 Partners in Prayer 9:15 Parables Class 9:30 Children 10:30 Sanctuary Worship	2 9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team	3	4 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Sou1	5 10:00 Music Committee ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER	6 9:30 Exercise	7
8 Community For Christ Food Drive	9 9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team	10 11:30 CWF	11 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Sou1	12 10:00 Board	13 9:30 Exercise	14
15 11:45 Fellowship Dinner 	16 9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team	17 1:30 Church Growth	18 9:30 Exercise Noon Newsletter Deadline 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Sou1	19 CMF	20 9:30 Exercise	21
22 2:00 Laurie Care Center Worship	23 9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team	24	25 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Sou1	26 9:00 Newsletter Folding 4:30 Happy Hour 6:00 Elders	27 9:30 Exercise 6:00 Dominoes	28
29	30  Office is closed	31				

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Marilyn Rothove, Financial Associate
Email: Marilyn@westlakechristianchurch.org
Dona Johnson, Music Coordinator
Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse



Preparing For Our Treasures & Treats Sale

It’s time to start cleaning out your closets, kitchens, and garages! We appreciate any and all donations for our Treasures & Treats Sale that will be held on **Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11**. We can use your clothing, kitchen supplies, tools, furniture, books, toys, knick-knacks, craft supplies, seasonal items, jewelry, and outdoor items. We ask that no electronics or paint be donated.

We also need a lot of help during the week before the sale to set up, display, and mark the items for sale. Any amount of time you can give will help. We will start setting up and accepting donations on Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.



Baked goods may be brought in Thursday, June 9 or early on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. We need lots of homemade baked items, and the more variety the better!

So, while you are spring cleaning, save your items to donate to our Treasures & Treats Sale.

