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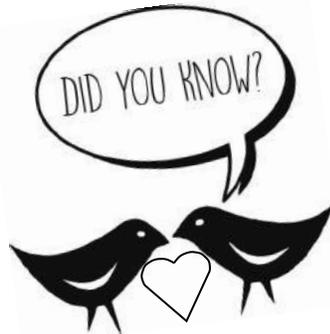
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Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCDs) from IRAs

In December 2015, Congress passed a law allowing you to give up to \$100,000.00 to charity directly from your individual retirement account (IRA) when you are over 70 1/2 years old without counting the distribution as taxable income.

This type of charitable gift is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This could save you on taxes especially if you can't itemize deductions. To do this, you need to get a Letter of Authorization form from your investment company to fill out. There will be information you would need from the church on that form. The information will depend on whether you wish to have them mail a check to the church or have it direct deposited to the church's checking account.

Marilyn Rothove, the church's Financial Associate, will be able to assist you in filling out the form. If you have any questions, you can contact Marilyn on Mondays or Thursdays at the church or call her direct line at 573-207-8861.



ELDERS PLAN A SOUPER SUNDAY!



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, our Elders are asking the congregation to bring cans of soup with a dollar bill (or higher) wrapped around it with a rubber band. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national event to turn our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving. The soup and money will all be donated to the Community For Christ food pantry in Sunrise Beach.

**Let's all help make this a Super,
Souper Bowl of Caring!**



Thank You Everyone,

For the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food that you have showered upon Nancy and I as **we** (couldn't have done this alone) recuperate from my hip replacement surgery. A special Thank You to all who have stepped up and made sure everything was taken care of for our worship services during my absence. Hopefully by the time you read this I will be back in the swing of things.

Love in Jesus,
Kelly

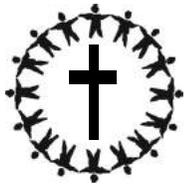
The need for charity

The ancient English word for selfless, agape-type love is charity, points out John Orrberg in *Love Beyond Reason* (Zondervan). It means expressing love in the form of pure gift, though it now has condescending connotations. "No one wants to be a 'charity case,'" Orrberg writes. "But in the final run, the ultimate love comes to us as a gift."

Agape love is necessary in human relationships too, writes C.S. Lewis, because only the lovable can be naturally loved." He notes, "All who have good parents, wives, husbands or children may be sure that at some times they are receiving charity, are not loved because they are lovable but because Love Himself is in those who love them."



FROM YOUR
MODERATOR
Carroll Rinker



I'm sitting on my couch looking for inspiration on what to write. A little bit of sun is beginning to peak through the clouds. I know that we have many more days of winter before spring arrives, but I know that it will.

As I think back over the past year for our church, I am just amazed at how much we have accomplished. Some of those accomplishments are easily apparent as in the increase in attendance and membership. Others are not as obvious. The ways that we have reached out to serve the community are numerous. Many individuals volunteer to serve food, provide clothing and monetary assistance to those in need. Volunteers at Laurie Care Center and Senior Center bring a light to many people. The Christmas Workshop was a fun way to bring the community into our church. The Church Growth Committee has been really busy sponsoring and supporting projects that reach out beyond our walls. The Communications Committee keeps the public informed about our ministries. A new sign at the corner of 5 Hwy and O will give the community an easier way to find us. And the Worship Committee has gone above and beyond in providing us with new music that reinforces Kelly's message each week.

Each of us plays an important role in the life of the church. Your presence is essential. Kelly works very hard at inspiring us to become better people. Just like we know spring will come, the seeds that Kelly plants on Sunday mornings and throughout the week will soon bloom within us.

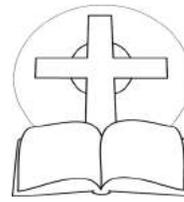
What will you do for God's service?

Carroll Rinker

Supper & Soul Services

Our mid-week worship services of Supper & Soul, will start up again on Wednesday, **March 8 at 6:30 p.m.** See you in 1 month!





These gray winter days make it hard to get excited about getting out. That is one reason groups like CWF are so important. It gives us a chance to get out and reconnect with friends and make new friends. Sharon King provides us with humor and insight in her inspirations. Other speakers provide us with knowledge about the community. CWF is working on several upcoming events. The first will be our annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon scheduled for April 22. This year's theme will be Seasons of Our Lives. Hostesses will choose a life event as the inspiration for the table decorations. If you are interested in hosting a table, talk to Carroll Rinker.

Sharon Hofer will continue to guide the Treasures and Treats Sale scheduled for June 16 and 17.

Working on crafts will resume on Monday, March 6. Diane Gilmore and Mary Ellen Flinn have been busy getting new projects ready for us to make. The only thing missing will be you if you don't join us. Believe me, it takes no special artistic talent to be a part of this rewarding activity! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is February 14 with a potluck lunch at 11:30 AM. Hostesses will be Carol Easter and Carroll Rinker. Hope to see you there.

Carroll Rinker, President

God's Word has more to say about money and material possessions than about heaven and hell combined. Obviously, how we as His children handle what God has entrusted to us is a very important subject to Him.

Money is also the only subject about which God says, in essence, "Prove Me. Trust Me. Try Me." He does not issue that challenge concerning any other aspect of our Christian walk of faith. Not about prayer; not about sharing our faith with others; not even about salvation. Just money.

God said to Malachi, the prophet, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this . . . and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Some promises in the Bible are unconditional in nature. They are going to be fulfilled, regardless of what we might or might not do. Others could be described as "if . . . then" promises. *If* we will do our part, *then* God will do His part. This passage from Malachi 3:10 is one of the latter. If we will bring our tithes to God's storehouse, then He will open for us the windows of heaven and pour out for us such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The question is whether we really believe God when He makes a promise like this. If we do, we will take Him at His Word. We will accept His challenge and "test" Him by giving to Him as He directs. And *if* we do that by faith, *then* we can be confident that God will meet that "test" by providing all that we need – and more.

Love is taking a few steps backward, maybe even more . . . To give way to the happiness of the person you love.

----- A.A. Milne

<p>CWF MEETING</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:30 a.m.</p>
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 IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers

Prayer List

Thelma Boice
 Kim Bruner
 Ivone Burnett
 Helen Caldwell
 Kelly Caldwell
 Larry Clark
 Lura Driscoll
 Angela Flores
 Betty Foose
 Carolyn Garrison
 Gene Green

Jeff Harris
 Jane Hyde
 Dona Johnson
 Roy Johnson
 Donna Killion
 Ken Kimminau
 Marty McGinnis
 Jane McKeown
 Eva Millard
 Alene Reed
 Alice Reeder

Deb Rieke
 Judy Rockwell
 Bruce Schaefer
 Helen Smith
 Latricia Vaughn
 Larry Voorhees
 Lorene Wilcox



Laurie Care Center
&
The Knolls Residents
 Helen Blackwell,
 Helen Caldwell,
 Maxine Ellis,
 Stanley Field,
 Freida Shackelford,
 Lorene Wilcox.

The above people 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.



- 1..... Verna Flieger
- 3..... Judy McGinnis
- 3..... Jan Robinson
- 4..... Joyce Keck
- 8..... Bill Rosche
- 10..... Rick Pace
- 11..... Kent Elliott
- 13..... Bob Lindsey
- 15..... Sheri Blackwell
- 17..... Peggy Proch
- 20..... Sheryl Sandhaus
- 23..... Cindy Peterson

- 3.....Walt & Lynn Hicklin
- 16..... Larry & Mary Jepsen
- 20..... Gary & Judy Smith

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

Ministry News

ELDERS & DIACONATES!

An Elder and Diaconate Training will be held Sunday, February 12th at 2:00. Please plan on attending and call Lisa Harris at 214-693-9250 if you have any questions.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: While Kent is out of town, Norma is facilitating a study of Women of the Bible. This is a study for both men and women of God's interaction with key women of the Bible and what lessons we can learn from them. Each lesson stands alone so come regularly or when you can. It starts at 9 a.m. and is held in the downstairs corner class room formerly used as Choir room.



IT'S ALL ABOUT ME



There is a deep sense of unease in our rapidly changing world. We all know something has been lost but don't know why or where it all leads. Popular culture says *it's all about me* - that the end justifies the means, - that love means self-satisfaction, - and that status and appearance are what count. And this ultimately self-destructive perspective has thoroughly infiltrated some churches as confusion replaces conviction.

Our distorted view of God is at the root of all of our problems.

We've created a god in our minds who *only faintly* resembles the God of Scripture. These mental idols comfort our emotions, but they are powerless to deliver us from evil or transform our lives. The way back, the path of hope, starts with knowing God for who He really is.

"THE REAL GOD" (coming this spring)
Kent Elliott



Thanks for letting us play our winter concert at your church. We enjoy doing it for the holiday season. We also enjoyed the cookies afterwards.

Sincerely,
Lake Area Community Orchestra members

Dear Christian Friends of WLCC,
I want to thank you so much for the Christmas gifts. Each gift was so special and very much appreciate. It is so awesome to have loving friends as ourselves. We thank God for each of you and pray you are always blessed by God.

Again, thank you for everything you have given us at the Christmas season and thank you for your prayers throughout the year. May God Bless you Always.

In Christian love,
Roy and Dona Johnson

We hope all is well at West Lake. We enjoy reading the newsletter and see that all activities are well planned and organized.

Sending our love,
Keith and Jan Robinson

Letters of appreciation for our monthly donations were received by the following organizations:

- Feeding America (Invest an Acre)
- Habitat for Humanity (Lake of the Ozarks)
- Medical Missions For Christ Clinic
- LAMB House
- Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV)



THANK YOU WLCC
PRAISE TEAM
FOR ALL YOUR HARD
WORK AND BEAUTIFUL
MUSIC!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

West Lake Christian Church

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Fellowship Dinner & White Elephant Auction

To Benefit Week of Compassion



On Sunday, February 19, following the worship service, we will have our monthly Fellowship Dinner followed by a **White Elephant Auction**. We need you to bring in wrapped "White Elephant" gifts which will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to **Week of Compassion**. If you are unable to stay for the auction, special offering envelopes for WOC will be available in your bulletin on that Sunday. **Please remember to bring a dish or two filled with your favorite foods for the Fellowship Dinner, then stay and bid for a good cause!**

Week of Compassion

For 7 decades, Week of Compassion has been responding to people in need! Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.



They seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Whenever you give to "Week of Compassion" you extend the Love of Christ by helping heal and provide help to those who are hurting, hungry, thirsty, and in need because of natural disasters, war, or

You are here

With them in their time of need.



How observant are you?
On each page is a hidden heart(s).
Try finding the hearts throughout
the newsletter. 

There are 38 hearts
altogether. Answers are below.

Cover (2): 1-in the O of Good News, 1-between the birds of Did You Know?, Pg. 2 (2): 1- in Agape Love, 1-at beginning of Moderator Column), Page 3 (4): 2 at the top of the L's in Fellowship & 2 at CWF Meeting announcement), Page 4 (16): 1 around the "IN" at top of page, 15 in the Birthday & anniv. Clip art), Page 5 (4): 3 hearts around "God is Love" and 1 to the left of Thanks to Our Musicians), Page 6 -none, Page 7 (3): 2 on the present by the Elephant & 1 in directions of this game), Page 8, (2): 1 upside down by mouse hole, 1 at top of church steeple) Page 9 (3): 1 in b of February, 1 on 14th box, 1 in Special dates of Feb. 14), Page 10 (2): 1 lefthand corner of Label & 1 by Heart Attack)

Operation Christmas Child, the Christmas boxes for children around the world, is coordinated by the Church Growth Committee as an outreach project.



This year, we are trying to get a head start and take advantage of sales throughout the year. We will begin collecting items starting on March 1.

Watch for notices and boxes that we will set out. Begin praying for those children as well as the ones we sent boxes to already.

Here is a reminder of the categories:

- WOW items, toys, personal care items
- School supplies
- Clothing and accessories
- These items must be new and fit into a shoe Box

Happy Collecting!



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THE CARRAWAYS: Steve and Robin have been at the lake since 2007. Steve runs Laurie Quick Lube and Robin takes care of their "family" . . . a horse, a cockatoo, 2 cats and a hedgehog!!

Robin wasn't shy in helping us as she jumped right in when we needed help with updating some of the directories after worship services!

THE PETERSONS: Ken and Cindy are originally from Rochester, MN and have been married for 38 years. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Ken retired from the Marines in 1999 after 24 years of service. He has been working for the Department of the Army since then. Ken hopes to retire again in January of 2018.

Their move to Sunrise Beach in July 2016 was their major 9th move . . . "And hopefully will be our last." said Cindy.

Cindy has worked several jobs since moving to Missouri in 1995 to include the Credit Union, Post Exchange and the American Red Cross, but has been working as a Histotechnician and loves her job. Ken enjoys working on his 1968 GTO convertible, golfing, being outdoors on the water. Cindy enjoys much the same (except golf), reading, crafts and going to flea markets. They also enjoy playing cards and games.

Welcome

Steve & Robin and Ken & Cindy!



Be on the look-out for a new feature in the newsletter . . . Yes, we've already begun, "**From the Church Mouse**" will feature new members and members already here so you can get to know them better!

Church Directory Changes & Additions

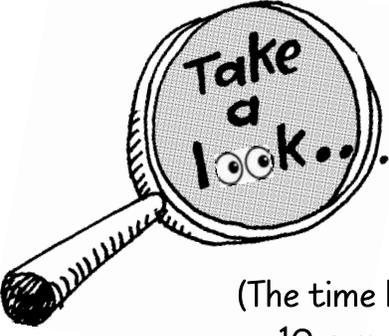
New Members:

Steve & Robin Carraway
P.O. Box 1680
Laurie, MO 65038
573-374-1015
carraway@charter.net

(when using email, please call to advise them to look for email)

Ken and Cindy Peterson
594 Porter Mill Spring
Sunrise Beach MO 56079
573-372-8280
Ken.Cindy.1978@gmail.com

Please be sure to make these additions in your directory so that you will always have the most current information. Thank you. Jan Martin



New time
for
BOARD MEETING!
Thursday,
February 9th
@ 11 a.m.

(The time has moved from
10 a.m. to 11 o'clock)
Copies of the monthly Board Minutes
and Financials are always available
in the church office.



February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday Schedule</p> <p>9:00 Women of the Bible 9:00 Peter: Jesus' Friend 9:15 Children's Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Worship</p>			<p>1 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team</p>	<p>2 9:00 Bible Study "before Amen"</p>	<p>3 9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>4</p> <p></p> <p>Cub Scout Lock-in Fri, 4:30 p.m. - 8 am. Saturday</p>
<p>5</p> <p></p>	<p>6 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer</p>	<p>7 11:30 CWF Mtg.</p>	<p>8 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team</p>	<p>9 9:00 Bible Study "before Amen" 11:00 Board Mtg.</p>	<p>10 9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p></p> <p>Community for Christ Food Drive</p> <p>2 p.m. Diaconate Training</p>	<p>13 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer</p>	<p>14 1:30 Church Growth Meeting</p> <p></p>	<p>15 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team</p>	<p>16 9:00 Bible Study "before Amen"</p>	<p>17 9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 11:30 Fellowship Dinner & White Elephant Auction*</p>	<p>20 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer</p> <p>Newsletter Article noon Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team</p>	<p>23 9:00 a.m. Fold Newsletters 6:30 Elder's Mtg.</p>	<p>24 9:30 Exercise 6:00 Dominoes</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Special Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African American History Month Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 5 Valentine's Day, Feb. 14  President's Day, Feb. 20 Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb. 26 			

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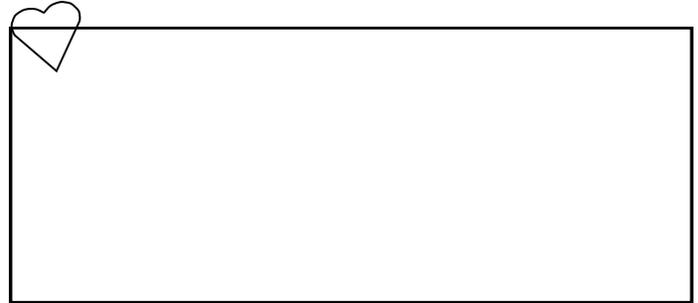


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From Our Parish Nurse

Betty Greenley



Heart Attack



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

WHAT IS IT?

A heart attack occurs when an area of the heart does not receive enough oxygen because the blood flow is severely reduced or cut off completely. This may permanently damage the heart.

Symptoms include:

- ⇒ Chest discomfort (uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain)
- ⇒ Upper body discomfort (pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach)
- ⇒ Shortness of breath
- ⇒ Other signs (breaking out in cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness)
- ⇒ Women’s most common symptom is chest pain or discomfort, but they are more likely to experience shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back/jaw pain.

RISK FACTORS

- Those that cannot be changed
 - Increasing Age
 - Male Sex (gender)
 - Heredity (including race)
- Those that can be changed by life style changes and medications
 - Smoking Tobacco

- High Blood Cholesterol
- High Blood Pressure
- Physical Inactivity
- Obesity and Overweight
- Diabetes Mellitus

Treatment

If symptoms occur, call 911 to begin treatment as soon as possible and to transport you to the hospital. Many tests may be done to determine whether you have had a heart attack or not. If you have had a heart attack, the doctor will try to correct the blockage with medication or a procedure called a cardiac (heart) catheterization

Prevention

Making changes in your lifestyle will reduce your chance of having a heart attack. This may include stopping smoking, watching your diet (eating foods that are low in fat and cholesterol), exercising, losing weight, decreasing stress, reducing alcohol consumption and controlling your diabetes. If you have problems with your diabetes or have high blood pressure, see your doctor for medications to control them.

Resource:

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