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Let us come into God's presence with giving.

Psalm

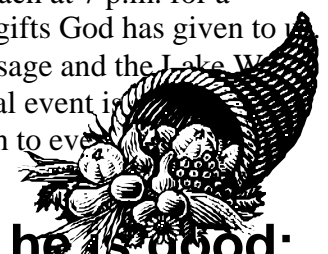
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Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner—November 15

Come join us for dinner! The Membership Committee will furnish the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. The congregation is asked to contribute salads, vegetables, bread or desserts. Plan on staying after the worship service and enjoy a wonderful meal and great company. The winning ticket for the queen size quilt will be drawn at the dinner.

Community Thanksgiving Service—November 22

Join us at Sunrise Bible Church in Sunrise Beach at 7 p.m. for a community wide celebration of the abundant gifts God has given to us. Pastor Nick Stutesman will be giving the message and the Lake West Christian Academy kids will sing. This annual event is sponsored by the West Side Ministerial Alliance and is open to everyone in the community.



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



Today, as I am writing this message, the sun is shining and gentle breezes are stirring the glorious autumn colors. We are so blessed to live here and enjoy the change of seasons. Each season lifts our souls as we look forward to the next season. God is good!

We are continuing to send troop boxes. However, with five boxes a month it has put a strain on our funds. With the current economic conditions we have decided to send boxes on a quarterly basis. There will be a donation box on the table in the narthex. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please support the troops if you are able! Thank you.

The CWF Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Olive Branch Restaurant in Gravois Mills on December 8 at noon. The charge for your entrée, salad, drink and dessert is \$12, which includes tax and gratuity. All ladies are welcome and invited to attend and enjoy "the most wonderful time of the year" with us, and share the camaraderie of Christian women. Please let Doris Yates or Mary



Reverend Reflections by Jim Stovall

“Measure once, cut twice. Measure twice, cut once!” Jesus once said, “No one would start out on a journey without first counting the cost.” “Be prepared!” Paul said, “Faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.” Hope is found in the wings of the eagle and she never fears to take to the skies.

In real life we may not get the things we hope for, but we make of life something far greater because we hope! Hope stands on high ground right there with love and faith. Even when we make of hope an object to be received, or a goal to be achieved, receiving or achieving does not end the process and we must make new goals to the point that we are hoping with the last breath.

When caught in a negative funk, some people might quit hoping, because “nothing seems to work.” Bogus! We don’t hope to make things work, hoping does not depend on success. We hope because hoping alone lifts our spirits and keeps moving us forward.

Hoping often is close kin to prayer, which clears the cobwebs and sets the failures and losses aside so the windows to the future are clearer. Prayer commonly does not get us what we want, but draws us closer to who we need.

Hope even has an identity. The church, in part, is a community of hope. People may think that they go to church to find hope, but really we are the community of hope. Sometimes churches do actual planning to go with this hope attitude. But hoping is always bigger, higher, wider and deeper than the planning.

I hope you have a great week.

We give thanks to you and praise your glorious



Laurie Care Center Worship Sunday, November 29

Join the Elders at 2 p.m. for an hour of song, communion, the Word and fellowship with our members and friends at the Laurie Care Center.



Stewardship

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service

The Pledge Card That's Still on the Table

On the 18th of October, the day set for pledging The Stewardship Committee was already hedging. The needs of the church had been pared to the bone. There wasn't a budget that they'd left alone.

The pledge cards were printed--and gone out by mail. With urgent requests to bring back without fail. The members all knew what had to be done. If by the next Sunday a victory were won.

The faithful responded as always they do
And brought in their cards with increases, too;
But some of the pledge cards got left on the table
And many of these were by those who were able.

The members whose pledge cards had not been sent in
Think procrastination is not a real sin.
Some said, "I'm not ready to make up my mind."
The Stewardship committee is used to that kind.

"I really don't know 'bout my income next year"
Is another excuse that they frequently hear.
Everyone knows that conditions may alter
And none will be pressed if his income should falter.

And even for those who cannot pledge a thing
The committee asks only your card to them bring;
For most of the work of the hard-working crew
Comes after we fail to do what we should do.

If you were the one whose job was to call
On those who had said not one word at all.
You no doubt would think as you looked at each name,
"I wonder whoever invented this game."

"The people I call on don't want me to call,
Yet they are the ones who started it all."
This story is sad but it isn't a fable;
The pledge card, you see, is still on the table.

Greater Lake Area Chorale presents

Lights, Laughter & Men

Sunday, November 29, 3 p.m.



Bring your family and friends
to this wonderful afternoon of music
and stay for refreshments following the concert.

Would you like a set of pre-printed offering envelopes for 2010?

Offering Envelopes



Call Sandy at the church office and let her know if you want monthly or weekly envelopes. They will be ready to pick up by early December.



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian love and deepest sympathy is extended to...

Ivene Burnett and family upon the death of her sister, Ruby Ferrell, on September 26, 2009,

Ruth Somers and family upon the death of her mother, Betty Locke, on October 1, 2009, and

Larry Chubbuck and family upon the death of his mother, Marie, on October 14, 2009.

Church Directory Additions

Please make note of these additions and changes.

New Address:

Emma Head
PO Box 1354
Laurie, MO 65038

Stan Field
32235 Lee Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037



Directory additions and corrections are an ongoing item in the newsletter. Please be sure to make the additions and corrections in your directory so that you will always have the most current information at your fingertips. Thank you! Sandy White

Come Shop, Shop, Shop!

We will have craft tables set up at the Fellowship Dinner on November 15 for you to make all your holiday purchases.

Thank you,
The Crafters



From Our Parish Nurse Betty Greenley

Breast Cancer



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

What is it?

Breast cancer is a cancer that occurs in breast tissue, usually either in the lobules (the glands that make milk) or the ducts (the tubes that carry the milk.)

Risk Factors

1. Older age
2. Menstruating at an early age
3. Older age at first birth or never having given birth
4. A mother or sister with breast cancer
5. Breast tissue that is dense on a mammogram
6. Taking hormones such as estrogen and progesterone
7. Drinking alcoholic beverages
8. Being Caucasian
9. A personal history of breast cancer or benign breast disease and/or treatment with radiation therapy to the breast/chest

Statistics

1. It is more common in women
2. In 2009, estimated new cases: 192,370 (women), 1,910 (men)
3. In 2009, estimated deaths: 40,170 (women), 440 (men)

Treatment

If a person has concerns about a lump in the breast or underarm area, they should contact their physician. The physician may suggest a mammogram, MRI or breast biopsy to make the diagnosis. If it is positive for cancer, the physician may refer the person to a surgeon or cancer specialist.

Resource: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics>

A NOTE OF THANKS...

Dear members of the church,



Thank you very much for the prayers you have said for me and the good wishes you sent in your letter. I am perfectly convinced that the progress I've made in the healing process is due to the earnest prayers so many people have said for me. May God bless you in return!

Thanks again—Yours in Christ, with love,
Betsy Stoelting

Dear Christian Friends,

Thanks so much for all the thoughts and prayers during my sister's death. The cards mean so much to me at this time. Thanks again.

God bless,
Ivene Burnett

Now that the History of West Lake Christian Church has been available since September 1, I thank everyone who contributed articles, gave suggestions, and advised me along the way. Rev. Jim Stovall was excellent help as were Nancy Caldwell and Sandy White.

It was a fun project although it took a number of months to finish. You may pick up a copy of the history in the church office.

Virginia Carlson

Everyone has been so kind and thoughtful to me since my accident. I have appreciated the calls, the cards, the time spent entertaining me and especially the loaning of equipment which has made life so much easier. This is truly a family.

Thank you. Carroll Rinker

The Fall Festival committee wishes to thank everyone for all the hard work which made our event such a success. Many people picked up the load to get donations for the auctions, donations for desserts, decorating Loehr Center, preparing and serving the food. Chief Hancock of the Gravois Fire Department organized the contributions to emphasize the purpose of this benefit. Members of many of the area churches contributed food, entertainment and personal effort to pull this off. Thank you all.

A note of thanks to all CWF members for your generous gift of \$1,500 for church expenses and \$1,500 for debt reduction. Your contributions throughout the year are greatly appreciated.



November

Birthdays

- 2..... Mary Elliott
- 3..... Larry Stealey
- 6..... Peggy Ekena
- 6..... Jim Sutherlin
- 11..... Angel Ramsey
- 12..... Cathy Bell
- 12..... Vickie Loehr
- 12..... Jeff Rehmer
- 12..... Carolyn Solomon
- 13..... Midge Hilker
- 13..... Shirley Smith
- 15..... Matt Mercer
- 15..... Shirley Stickler
- 15..... Kyle Storm
- 16..... Jane McKeown
- 18..... Jan Adams
- 19..... Pat Roberts
- 20..... Nancy Milburn
- 21..... Patricia McGuire
- 23..... Barbara Steck
- 24..... Janice Pinter
- 28..... Larry Chubbuck
- 30..... Jonell Blackmore

November Anniversaries

- 5..... Larry & Carlene Chubbuck
- 6..... John & Carolyn Solomon
- 8..... Richard & Marilyn Lyda
- 21..... Jack & Janette Mabry
- 23..... Mel & Jane McKeown
- 25..... Dick & Libby Frey
- 25..... Herb & Joyce Keck
- 25..... Jon & Sue Wentz
- 26..... Elom & Janet Carlson

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

Your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy were so much appreciated at the passing of my Mother. It is a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church family. May God bless you, for all that you do in his name. Thank you for caring. Ruth Somers

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mbn	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule</u></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study 101 9:15 a.m. Telling the Biblical Story Class 9:30 a.m. Joy Class and Parables Class 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</p>			<p>I will give thanks to</p>			
<p>1</p> <p>Grace Sunday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 9: 30 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9: 00 Musi kgarten 6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 4: 30 Youth Rec. & Meal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Community for Christ Food Drive Sunday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 9: 30 Prayer Ministry 7: 00 Board Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9: 00 Musi kgarten 11: 30 CWF 6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 4: 30 Youth Rec. & Meal Veterans Day </p>	<p>12</p> <p>9: 00 Mother's Day Out 6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>11: 30 Fellowship Dinner and Quilt drawing</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 9: 30 Prayer Ministry 6: 00 Stewardship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9: 00 Musi kgarten 6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise Newsletter Deadline 4: 30 Youth Rec. & Meal 5: 00 Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4: 30 Education 6: 00 Evangelism 6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>12: 30 Decorate the Church 7: 00 Community Thanksgiving Serv. @ Sunrise Bible Ch</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 9: 30 Prayer Ministry 4: 00 Cancer Support Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6: 00 Volleyball</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 4: 30 Youth Rec. & Meal 5: 00 Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11: 00 Community Dinner at Senior Center </p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office is closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>2: 00 Laurie Care Center Worship 3: 00 Chorale </p>	<p>30</p> <p>9: 30 Exercise 9: 30 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>Come, ye thankful</p>			<p>If you do not see your event on this calendar, it is not on the church calendar. Please contact the church office to get your event scheduled. Thank you!</p>	

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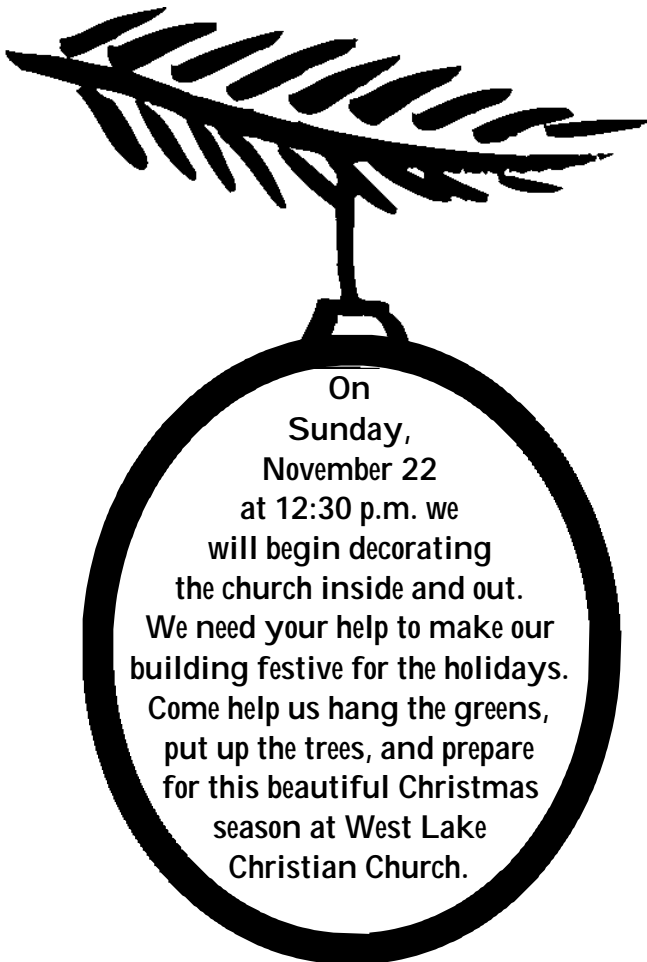
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Gwen Welch, Treasurer
Dona Johnson, Music Coordinator
Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse
Sandy White, Church Secretary



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Bell Ringers Needed!



Here we are once again with Salvation Army Bell Ringing in the wind. This year we will begin on Monday, November 23 and, as before, go thru December 24. Everyone has been so wonderful to help us with ringing the bells and I'm thanking each of you in advance for your assistance in passing the financial goal of last year which was over \$6,000.

I will have the sheets posted at the beginning of November. Have a blessed day.

Nancy Pate

Thought for the day:

“How far that little candle throws his beams. So shines a good deed in a weary world.”

-Shakespeare