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Elder Retreat

All Elders are invited to an outdoor retreat on **Saturday, April 16**. Cindy Hoch, chair of the Elders, is also inviting all the Diaconates to be a part of this retreat. We will be going over training for new Elders, hearing motivational scriptures, having a Q & A time, and sharing communion together. There will also be time for just enjoying being in nature in the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks.

We will gather at the home of Cindy and Gil Hoch, 155 Meadowbrook Dr., Sunrise Beach, at 10:00 a.m. and will end around 2:00 p.m. Bring a potluck dish for the picnic lunch and lawn chairs. Hot dogs will be furnished. Call Cindy at 286-6752 if you need directions or have any questions about the retreat.

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

presenting



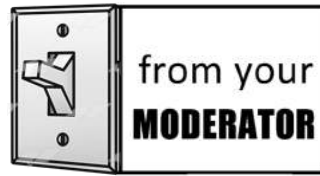
Saturday, April 23, 2016

11:30 a.m. tea Noon luncheon Program to follow

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$5 children under 10

Tickets need to be purchased or reservations made by Monday, April 18.





Most sports teams have a star player. Get the ball to him or her and they'll score. Get them up at bat with two on base and they will hit them home. The sports commentators keep extensive statistics on each player that they'll pull out during a lull in the play. It's all about the numbers; each person playing to advance his own career, to increase his averages. At least that's the way it seems sometimes.

But once in a while you see a team that plays together with a kind of magic. It's not about one person scoring big, but it's every team member doing his utmost to move the team forward to win the game; to get the ball across the line; to score.

Church is a team sport.

Each player on the field or the court has a role to play. When each plays that role well and aggressively, keeping his eye on the ball, the whole team benefits. When one player just goes through the motions, the team is crippled. And if a key member of the team is injured or just doesn't show up for the game, the whole team suffers. The team fails to score.

A healthy church has a lot in common with a finely oiled sports team. **Church shouldn't be just a spectator sport with a few players entertaining the crowd.** Church – especially a small church – relies on each person actively doing what he or she does best. Church is a team sport.

Let me ask you: **“What's your role in your congregation? What are you doing to move the ball forward? What have you been asked to do that might further your effectiveness as a willing servant of the Head of the Church?”**

Some of you are wonderful, indispensable team members that help your church do Christ's work! Thank you! But your pastor longs for the day that others will submit to the discipline of being faithful members of a team, a team that has the goal of glorifying God and bringing people to Christ.

Love in Jesus
Kelly

Smile at Strangers

Mary and I have been fortunate to be able to spend the last couple of winters in South Florida. Part of our routine is to walk each morning and when we do we meet lots of other folks doing the same thing.

It has been our practice to smile at and say “Good Morning” to a lot of them coming at us. Now this might sound easy in Laurie, Missouri, but these folks around here are really not very friendly. (That is putting it mildly.) Until I say “Good Morning”, most will not even look at you or acknowledge that you are there. They walk the same way—like they own the side walk, and would not move over for anyone.

Some of the folks we meet even start to look familiar. (Have we been here too long?) The amazing thing is that sometimes they even remember that this is that strange couple who keeps saying “Good Morning” to them and they even almost make eye contact. We have been doing this so long that there are actually several who say “Good Morning” first! I told Mary they were probably from Iowa.

So what church message is in this rambling? A little smile and a friendly “Good Morning” may be just the thing someone needs. Maybe you could even do that with a phone call or a note. There are hard things that we should do as Christians, but a smile and “Good Morning” is a really good start. Try it.

Kent Elliott
573-723-2071
Have a good April

PS: I have thought about giving some a hug because they really look like they could use one, but maybe that should wait till next year?

PS2: I like the old German proverb that says: **“Too soon old; too late smart.”** And I think that describes my Christian life.

Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF News

The craft group is off to a terrific start under the direction of Diane Gilmore and Mary Ellen Flinn. You should see the angels they are making! It looks like there are some needlework projects that are just calling for new volunteers!

Thank you to all those who helped make the Newcomers Luncheon a successful project. It takes a lot of people to pull off such a big fund raiser for us.

Tickets are available for the Mother-Daughter Luncheon on April 23. This event sells out quickly and tickets must be purchased no later than April 18. See a CWF member, Carroll Rinker, or call the church office.

Start saving those great items for the annual Yard Sale. If you need someone to pick up larger items call Carroll Rinker at 286-5105.

Those Teddy Bears have been seen disappearing from the sanctuary! If you have any to donate, contact Diane Gilmore. We know that the Teddy Bears are great comforters and are hard at work in the community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 11:30 a.m. All women of the church are members and are encouraged to be a part of this active group. See you there.

Carroll Rinker
President



So neither the one
who plants nor the
one who waters is
anything, but only
God, who makes
things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV

Greater Lake Area Chorale presents



"The hills are alive..."

Sunday, April 10
3:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors
to an afternoon of wonderful music
performed by local singers,
and stay for coffee and cookies
in Loehr Center after the concert.

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)

April 6: *Susan & Jack Chapman, Norma Johnson,
Rick Pace, Larry & Mary Jepsen

April 13: *Nancy & Ed Milburn, Nip Mohler,
Lenny & Sharon Hofer, Mel McKeown, Pam &
Gary Cummins

April 20: *Norma Johnson, Rick Pace, Joyce &
Herb Keck, Nancy Caldwell, Greg Kissell, Diane
Miles

April 27: *Beckie & Mike Huckriede, Mike & Sue
Thrams, Charles & Chris Turner, Ed Mock

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

Kitchen Team (*Leaders)

April 17: *Greg & Donna Kissell; Shelby Conley,
Lisa & John Harris, Don Scott, Sharon King

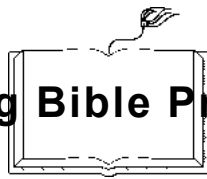
Kitchen Orientations:

Monday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Other times by arrangement-call Norma at 573-207-0546

Applying Bible Principles



Applying Bible Principles

“ . . . if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them. Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards “things.”

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an open hand, and “refresh” others with their bounty (Proverbs 11:24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this kind of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works — our different attitude and perspective — and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matthew 6:33).

As others observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to “things,” especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?



Thursday, April 14
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.

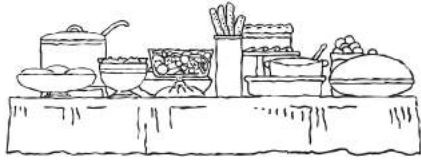
Lena & Ehren Anderson - Bobbie Aubuchon's grandchildren
Brian Arnold - Jim Arnold's great-grandson
Stacy Bennett - Maggie Houdek's niece
Myron Blackwell
Trevor Bloom - Muff Mitchell's grandson
Michael Browning - Kathie Williams' nephew
Virginia Carlson
Terrie Cooper - Ed Cooper's sister-in-law
Carol Easter
Courtney Field
Angela Flores - Clara Rosche's daughter
Carolyn Garrison
Mike Harris
Jerry Head
Nancy Heston - Dolly Mills' daughter
Joan Ledford - Maggie Houdek's neighbor
Matt Martinez - Huckriede's friend
Ginger Norman - Kissell's friend
Cathleen OLaughlin - Nancy Merriott's sister
Bill Reynolds - Renick's friend
Linda Thomsen - Maggie Houdek's sister
Saundra Tree - Nancy Merriott's mother
Kelli Trevino - Jan Fields' daughter
Carol Welch - Ron Rothove's niece
Ernie Wickham - Marilyn Rothove's brother-in-law
Aiden & Amanda Williams
Mick Williams
Camrynn Woodward - Gerri Beard's great-granddaughter

The Knolls & Laurie Care Center

Helen Blackwell
Maxine Ellis
Stanley Field
Bill Sell
Lorene Wilcox

Copies of the monthly Board Minutes and Financials are always available in the church office.

Invite a neighbor. Bring your family. Come!



Potluck Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, April 17
after worship service.

Need an excuse to go fishing?

Now is the time to start catching lots of crappie for our annual Fish Fry at the May Fellowship Dinner.



From Our Parish Nurse

Betty Greenley



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

Exercises From the Heart ♥ For the Heart.

Not all of the exercises you do for your heart involve heavy manual labor. Your heart can grow younger and healthier if you can adopt the right attitude. Do the “exercises” listed below with your mind, not your body. These activities can have a profound effect on both maintaining good heart health and healing a sick heart.

- ♥ Nurture those you love. To love deeply gives you courage, to be loved deeply brings you strength.
- ♥ Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and challenges. They can build character and make you stronger.
- ♥ Don't blame others. Believe your life is your responsibility and take control of it.
- ♥ Be honest. This is one of the best ways to simplify your life.
- ♥ Be loyal and supportive.
- ♥ Treat everyone you meet as you want to be treated.
- ♥ Hold puppies, kittens, and babies any time you get the chance.
- ♥ Do what you have to do whole-heartedly.
- ♥ Never let the odds keep you from pursuing what you know in your heart you are meant to do.
- ♥ Have a grateful heart.
- ♥ Be generous. A universal law of life is that you get what you give.
- ♥ Be forgiving of yourself and others. It is hard to be lighthearted when your heart is burdened with grudges.
- ♥ Always try to be a positive and enthusiastic person.
- ♥ Work at something you enjoy and that is worthy of your time and talent.
- ♥ Know that real success and happiness are not based on material possessions, power or prestige, but on relationships with people you love and respect.

Based in part on the writings of H. Jackson Brown.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

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.

You can be sure 100 percent of your donation goes towards helping people in your community.

Leah Ray
Senior Vice President of Development
Feeding America



- 2..... Kyle Flieger
- 2..... Krista McGinnis
- 6..... Beckie Huckriede
- 10..... Bob Yates
- 15..... Olive Lindsey
- 16..... John Harris
- 16..... Sharon Hofer
- 16..... Martha Stack
- 18..... Pete Renick
- 19..... Donna Kissell
- 20..... Kevin Flieger
- 21..... Kyle McGinnis
- 22..... Betsy Garvin
- 24..... Kathie Williams
- 27..... Mel McKeown
- 28..... Jo Herndon

Attention Future Graduates!



If you or a relative are graduating from high school, trade school, university, or college this spring, please let the church office know so we can acknowledge your accomplishment and share in your joy.



- 2..... Ellis & Nancy Clark
- 2..... Kent & Mary Elliott
- 4..... Mike & Susan Thrans
- 7..... Roy & Connie Reimers
- 10..... Bob & Olive Lindsey
- 10..... Larry & Ruth Magill
- 14..... Bruce & Sandy Schaefer
- 22..... Kelly & Nancy Caldwell
- 22..... Arnold & Louise Hancock

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



We welcome
Tom Haywood

who was Baptized into the Faith and joined West Lake Christian Church on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016.

Church Directory Additions

New Members:

Melvin and Doris Bayless joined 3/6/16
573-374-6737
319 Camden Rd.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Tom Haywood joined 3/27/16
573-280-6811
306 Carefree Lane
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

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

April 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship		Fellowship			Service	
<p><u>Sunday Mornings</u></p> <p>8:00 Partners in Prayer 9:15 Parables Class 9:30 Children 10:30 Sanctuary Worship</p>					<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team</p> <p>10:30 Kitchen Orientation</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30 Kitchen Orientation</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Community For Christ Food Drive</p> <p>3:00 Chorale Concert</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 CWF</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 Board</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00-2:00 Elder Retreat</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Noon Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1:30 Church Growth</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CMF</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:30 Mother-Daughter Luncheon</p> 
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Crafts 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Team</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Newsletter Folding</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:30 Happy Hour 6:00 Elders</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Exercise 6:00 Dominoes</p>	<p>30</p>

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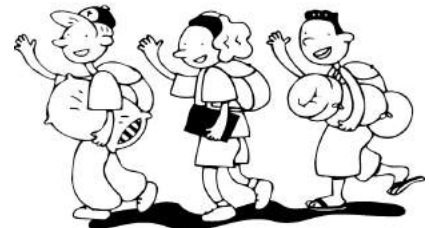
“Come as you are...leave a changed person.”

The purpose of Faith Adventures Camp is to provide a Christian environment for young people, which is affirming, accepting, forgiving, Biblically-based, and submersed in prayer.

Faith Adventures Camp runs July 25-29, 2016
and has something for all age groups.



CYF: 9th-12th grade
Chi Rho: 6th-8th grade
JYF: 3rd-5th grade
Try It Camp: K-2nd grade (7/28-7/29/16)



More information and registration forms are in the church office.