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Sunday Worship Gatherings: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Wuzzles & S.P.L.A.T. Zone 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Youth: Encounter 4pm and Engage 6pm Sundays
Church office hours: Mon-Thurs. - 8am-5pm; Fri. - 8am-noon. Closed Friday afternoons

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Community Bell Choir Concert Saturday April 28 at 4pm Paris Fine Arts Center



Free Concert

Sunday May 6th at 6pm at the church

For more info, see the Facebook event Carrollton at Lake Ridge

Nate's News

It happened in a split second, and in that moment if another decision was made instead of the one's that were, I am not sure I would be typing this article. I was driving the church bus with the junior high and there was two other vehicles of ours behind me as we were going home together. We were getting ready to exit off of interstate 69 onto 465 around Indianapolis and there was a long line of traffic in front of me and the rest of the lanes were moving pretty good. What I didn't notice is that the long line of traffic had come to a stop and in that split second, the truck in front of me slammed on its brakes and went off to the shoulder of the highway. If it hadn't I would have ran into them. Then as I slammed on my brakes, so does the two following me, and everyone gets stopped in time. We all had to make split second decisions. I don't know how the person in front of me knew what to do when they did it or how we all made the stop just right, but I do know that God's hand was in the situation the whole time. I saw on the news another bus that had a wreck and many of them didn't survive, which brought a lot of questions to my mind, but all those questions makes me try to figure out God. Our faith can be deepened with questions, but the moment I try to take God's position from him, is when I have misplaced my faith and wanted to understand because I am more focused on myself than trusting in Him. We can question why things happen, but we can't demand to understand why we ended up ok and those in Canada didn't. It all comes down to trust.

Baptism & Memberships

Congratulations to Ryne Boren on his recent baptism on April 8. Ryan is a 4th grader at Wenz School and is the son of Jonathon Boren and Megan Williams. Cards may be sent to 228 W Elizabeth.

Shaun Williams also joined the church on April 8. He lives at 228 W. Elizabeth with his

wife Megan and children, Chloe, Alaina & Ryne. He works at Terminix.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Beverly Duzan with the loss of her daughter-in-law Penny. Her husband is Beverly's son, Denny.

To Kay Blizzard with the loss of her mother, Emogene Hall.

To Sandy Willett with the loss of her mother, Fern Steen

Also to the families of Pat Pinnell and Johnny Adams.

May you find peace in God at this time of loss.

Spenser's Spot

Our theme for the year is Surrender. As I've been thinking about this recently, I read an article about the origin of the hymn "I Surrender All." Though it occurred over a hundred years ago, the feeling of needing to give up things to follow Christ's calling holds true to many today.

"Surrendering it all to God is not easy. Many of us have struggled with this decision. The author of this beautiful hymn, Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter, definitely struggled. However, from his struggles came a beautiful hymn that shares the sentiment of so many. DeVenter was born in 1855. At the age of 17, he accepted Jesus into his heart. However, he continued to struggle with surrendering it all. Van DeVenter lived with his in-laws and worked as a painter, before teaching art in the public schools of Sharon, PA. Over the years Van DeVenter mastered thirteen different musical instruments, along with singing and composing music. He became very involved in the music ministry at the Methodist Episcopal Church he attended. Van DeVenter began to struggle with the call upon his life. He was torn between continuing his teaching career or leaving and entering evangelistic ministry. His friends greatly encouraged him to enter evangelism, because of his fervent faith, "I Surrender All," Van DeVenter describes the

day he surrendered. "The song was written while I was conducting a meeting at East Palestine, Ohio. For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, he caused me to sing." The song born in his heart was, "I Surrender All."

Alicia's Awesome Announcements

This past weekend, 20 junior high students went to CIY Believe this past weekend and it. Was. Awesome. The whole weekend was about how God is WITH us. In fact, His will is With. He desires to be with us, despite how many times we rebel against Him.

The first night they opened it up by telling the story of "With". From the very beginning, God wanted to be with us. He designed it that way. But then sin got in the way. We sinned and messed it all up. But despite that, God worked to make a way for us to be with Him, by sending His Son, Jesus. This was powerful for our junior high students. They witnessed everything from worship, to dancing, to tell this story. And they ate it all up.

The second day, we talked about what it looks like to be in a relationship with God. How the Holy Spirit was sent to live not only with us, but WITHIN us. Now God is with us wherever we go, through whatever we face. They had all received carabineers and every session, they put a tag on them. These tags were there to remind them of the weekend, but also, just like a rock climber uses a carabineer to climb, they gave us one to remind us to remember that God is always with us through whatever we face.

After a weekend like this, it can sometimes be hard to tell whether the students have gotten anything out of it. I saw them worship, listen attentively to the speaker, and get involved with the small group experience, but did they really get anything out of it? The next day during Sunday school, I asked them that very question. And I got a resounding yes. I was able to follow up with them, ask them about what they were going to do next as a "Kingdom Worker" and encouraged them to continue to explore this relationship with our Father. Thank you for your prayers. They were felt and answered.

PRAYER CONCERNS *Please pray daily for those listed. We ask that you copy these requests onto your own private list for two weeks. Remember: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:17 – Our military, the homeless, missionaries, our church, Abigail Alexander & family, Rayleigh Ike, Nate, Sarah, Alicia, Chris and families, Spenser, Chrissy and babies, Rayleigh Ike, The family of Penny (Denny) Duzan, Judy Alexander Bob & Rosemary Linton, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Mary G., Mary B., Naomi, Devon Kindred & family, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Brenda Rhoads, the family of Pat Pinnell, the family of Johnny Adams, 17 unspoken*

The Duzan family would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards and love shown to us. Pen went to heaven on Good Friday. Please continue to pray for our granddaughter (Kerri). She is in her last phase of the tough chemo and is fighting well. God Bless - Olen, Bev & Denny

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, there is a Christian Women's Conference "Joy in the Journey," that will be held on Wednesday April 25 at Lincoln Christian University. Guest speakers are Mandy Harvey, an award-winning singer, songwriter and motivational speaker and Gwen Smith an author and volleyball enthusiast who lives in sunny North Carolina.

Registration is \$35 and is due by April 17 and we plan on carpooling. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the FLC or call the church office. Registration is \$40 April 18-25.

INFORMATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG.

The elders will be available for an open forum meeting on Sunday April 15 at 3pm in the sanctuary for discussion to answer questions and concerns about By-law proposed modifications.

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or the monthly sermon post cards or have an address change or even a phone number change, please contact the office at 217-465-5614 or email us at office@lakeridgechurch.org before the next Ripple goes out. Please let us know as soon as possible so that the church is not charged \$.50 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.

Iron Sharpens Iron, a men's day will be happening on Saturday, April 21st in Champaign, IL. This is a one day conference and we will be leaving the church at 7:00 AM. The cost is \$50, and we would like for you to register on the bulletin board outside the FLC if you would like to go. This event will take place at New Horizon United Methodist Church, if you want more information you can go to RPMFM.org. It will be over around 4:55PM.

SENIOR ADULTS

The season says it spring, but I think Mother Nature is confused. We are still continued to go to the theater. I have lined up the year with shows we intend to see. We hope we have a lot of interest in the shows. The next one is on June 9 – "She Love Me" \$40 Evening Show at Myers. We're also planning a Mother Day Lunch and something special for Father's Day. More dates will be announced later.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study for women will be held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning May 9 and run thru Aug. 8 from 6-7pm. We will be studying "Women of the Word" by Jen Wilkin. The cost is \$6 for the book. Please sign-up on the bulletin board and get your money to Jennifer by May 1 to ensure your book will be in on time.

APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE

We will be having an Appreciation Open House for Sarah & Tommy on Sunday April 29 at 1-3pm here at the church. All are invited.

April 12 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
April 14 – Senior Adults at the Beef House
April 15 at noon – Elder's Mtg.
3pm – Informational Congregational Mtg.
April 17 at 7pm – Brotherhood at Hume
April 21 at 11:30am – Sr. Adult Spring Luncheon
April 24 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE
April 28 at 4pm – Community Bell Choir Concert at the Paris Fine Arts Center
April 29 at 1-3pm – Appreciation Open House for the Moehlman's



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