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## LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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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## Coffee House Night of Worship August 19 at 6pm



Pray for our students, teachers and administration as  
they head...



## Nate's News

The other day we as a family, went shopping for the traditional school supplies and I always find it odd that they love to buy the supplies, but when it's time to use them they start to do a little complaining. They want to buy the new pencils, paper, and folders, but as the school year begins they despise homework and getting up earlier. We love new things, even as simple as a new pencil, but eventually that newness wears off and we begin to despise what was once something we were excited about and couldn't wait to buy. I think this plays out in all of life. As things just become a normal way, we start to take all of it for granted. In our marriages, in our families, and in our church we get excited about it at first, but then it becomes maybe to normal and we stop investing in them. This week I have been challenged to renew my thinking when it comes to all that I am apart of and reinvest what is important, but maybe have let slip into something I just take for granted.

## **Our Sympathy**

To the family of Roseanne Hancock. She was the mother of Gary. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

**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, Alicia, Chris and families, Spenser, Chrissy and boys, Brenda Rhoads, Gary & Linda Hancock, Sharon Pitts, Randy Rhoads, Melinda Armetrout, Kara Ike, Linda Gosnell, Judy Rush, Ernie Rhoads, Bev & Olen Duzan, Lenny Magers, Steve Guymon, Randy Landsaw & family, Bruce Brown, Don Reed, the Ingle family, Bill Henness Jr., Jimmy, Alie, Roxanne, Leanna Reedy, Judy Hale, Janice Aydelotte, Sue Blackwood Edmunson, Donny Mackessy, Don Reed, John Sims, Dennis Wallace, Shelley Harper, Jennifer Ellege, Mary Strole, Alan Dean, the family of Dean Speece, the family of David Shotts, the family of Marge Bennett, school children's safety and teachers, Rosemary Linton, for a nephew, Ron & Diana Stewart, Pastor Charlie Sturgell & Peggy, Larry Carr, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Brenda Lorance, 78 unspoken

## **THANK YOU'S!**

We wish to thank our Lake Ridge family for all the prayers and kindness shown to us over the past several months. We are improving (God is so good) and Kerri has signed up for some online college classes.

Blessings to all of you. *Bev & Olen Duzan*

Thanks for all the donations for the Compassionate Clothing Closet. Thank you also

to all the people who helped work in June too.  
*Donna Ingle*

## Alicia's Awesome Announcements

I'm going to be really honest, this summer started out with some pretty intense anxiety. Youth trip after youth trip; youth event after youth event. And it being my first EVERYTHING, I didn't know much of what to expect. But I have finished my first summer as a youth minister with an inconceivable amount of joy. Not exhaustion, not burn out, but joy and passion for what I do. I absolutely loved having the opportunity to pour into these students in the ways I have. They have for sure made me a better youth minister, a better person, a better Jesus follower. I also absolutely loved watching Jesus change their lives. We all have been praying for these students and let me tell you, it made a difference. I ask that you continue to pray for them as school starts. They are going back into the war zone. And they need more prayer than ever.

Our theme for the year of 2018 is "SEEK". These students are experiencing what it means to seek after Jesus. To seek a relationship with Him. Our verse is out of the book of Jeremiah: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart," (29:13). My prayer is that they continue to ask questions, continue to explore their doubt, and continue to seek a real and authentic relationship with the God who made them.

I am grateful for all of your prayers, support, and encouragement, not only for me but for these students. I cannot wait to see what God will do this fall.

**BELLS!!** Do you love to hear the bell choir? Would you like to know more about playing the bells? You are invited to join us for an open workshop where you can learn about playing in the bell choir. Put on a pair of gloves for a hands-on experience with the bells. Find out the proper way to ring and some of the different techniques we use. We will be there to help you see what it is all about on Sunday, Aug. 19, and Tuesday, Aug. 21, both at 7:00 p.m. Come either or both nights. If you are interested but these dates don't work for you, contact Patty Berry at 822-4694 and we will see if we can find a time to meet.

## Spenser's Spot

We're excited to have a simple night of Coffeehouse Worship here at Lake Ridge. We'll be gathering in the Foyer. Connection Cafe will be open with coffee available for everyone. It'll be a great night of simple acoustic worship, singing praises to Him. We hope you'll join us Sunday, August 19th at 6pm.

It's not too late to join the choir for Christmas at Lake Ridge. We are still looking for more guys to join the choir and help fill out our sound. This year, there are fewer practices for the choir and less music to memorize. Sheet music and practice tracks available for everyone. If you would be interested, let me know!

I want to thank everyone who signed up for childcare or meals for the musical. We were able to fill all of the meals and nearly all the childcare spots. If you would be able to help, we still have an open spot on Wed. Nov. 28th and Fri. Nov. 30th. We are also needing volunteers to help with childcare for the shows. If you would be able to help fill these spots, please let me know!

Mark your calendars for Worship on the Round! This unique worship service will take place September 23rd at 10am with Sunday school at 9am that day. Hope to see you there!

## **SENIOR ADULT'S**

September 6 is going to be a great day for those 55 years old and older throughout the Oil Belt Camp area. It will be their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Senior Adult Day. Speakers will be Terry Stine, President of St. Louis Christian College and Comedian, Jeremy Nunes. There will be food, singing, laughter, fellowship and so much more. The Sr. Adult Ministry will cover your registration. Early registration is less by Aug. 31. It will be \$3 more after that date and at the door. Time is 9:30am-3pm. Please call the office or sign-up on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center. If we have enough, we'll take the church bus.

Change in scheduling for Myers Theater. We are planning on going this Saturday, Aug. 18. The reason why is because they have a special of buy one and get one half price. That is a savings on \$21 on the second ticket. They have this special for the opening weekend. We will then cancel the performance on Sept. 8. We will meet at the church at 4:00 on Aug. 18. Sorry for the short notice but it just came up this weekend.

As most of you know, we want to go see Triumphant Gospel Group on Sept. 13 for the 11:00 Illinois time show. We need to know immediately if you are interested in going. Cost is \$42.00 which includes lunch and show.

We also have several events for October including shows at the Myers Theater and the Beef House and also a pontoon trip at Mill Creek to see the fall foliage. Details later.

## **MISSIONS UPDATE**

The recent mission trip to Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch was a HUGE success! A LOT of work got done while the team was there and we have the pictures to prove it! There will be a presentation of the trip next Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Auditorium aka Sanctuary and you don't want to miss it! The Love Offering collected for them was a total of **\$6,910**. THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE! Mark your calendars to plan for the next trip in July of 2020.

For the rest of this month, we are collecting items for Tracy's Heart ministry, headed up by Brenda Buell of Heart for Central Africa. Below is a list of common, everyday items that we have in plentiful supply that they can't get overseas. So, on your next shopping trip, plan to pick up a few things on the list to help those less fortunate than we are and drop them off in the 'little red basket' in the Family Life Center hallway, please and thank you! ☺

### MEDICAL-RELATED:

- Ibuprofen, Extra Strength Tylenol
- Antibiotic ointment, Cough drops
- Hand sanitizer, Anti-bacterial wipes
- Nyquil/Dayquil capsules, (generic is fine)
- Children's cold remedies & pain relievers

### FOOD-RELATED:

- Spam, canned chicken or beef
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Zatarain's Jambalaya w/cheese rice mix
- Tuna Helper
- Baby Ruth (snack-size) candy bars
- Original Fig Newton Fig Bars
- Small packets of artificial sweeteners
- Granola bars (ones with nuts, chocolate chips, or plain oats and other grains...

**Please, none 'coated' with chocolate!**

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](mailto: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.

### Attention College Students or Parent of a College Student

Do you have a student going off to college soon? If so, would you please call the church office or send an email with their address? We'd like them for two reasons. 1) So Women's Ministry can send them a college care box around finals. 2) So they can receive the Ripple 2x's a month. If they don't want a Ripple, that's ok, just let me know they don't want it. But I do need it for the Care Boxes even if they still live at home. Thank you.

*If your Birthday or Anniversary missing please don't get upset! It only means we don't have it on file. Regular attendee's names may be missing because we don't have your birthday or additional information on file. When you join the church, a membership profile sheet is filled out for that information. Please notify the office of additions or corrections!*

### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Lake Ridge will host the canteen at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, cookies and/or brownies and volunteers are needed. We need six people to each furnish three dozen cookies or brownies. Two volunteers for each work shift are needed. Work schedule hours are 11am-1:30pm, 1:30-4pm and 4pm to closing, 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet for refreshments and workers is on the Family Life Center bulletin board. Any questions, please call Katie Marlowe, 465-8367.

Donors appreciate the goodies and service. Thanks!

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Vermilion United Methodist Church will be hosting a course of Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey, beginning with a free preview session on September 4 at 6:30pm at the church. This is a nine-week course that will meet for 90 minutes each week. If you are interested in enrolling in the course, check out the link at <http://www.fpu.com/1069630> or contact Norm Wilson at 217-822-6676 for more information

Aug. 19 at Noon –  
Elder's Mtg.

At 6pm – Coffee  
House Night of  
Worship

Aug. 21 at 7pm –  
Brotherhood at  
Success Christian

Aug. 27 at 11:30am-  
5:30pm – Red  
Cross

Bloodmobile at  
the KC Hall

Aug. 28 @ 9am – RIPPLE  
DEADLINE



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