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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers
Nate Alexander, Senior Minister
Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister
Sarah Moehlman, Children's Minister
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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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January 28 - Family Sunday

IF Gathering is coming to Lake Ridge!

Ladies, we hope you will consider joining us...

February 9th - Dinner at 5-6pm, Conference from 6-9pm

February 10th - Breakfast at 8:30-9am, Conference from 9am-5pm

There will be live worship from our praise band throughout the weekend,

T-shirt, amazing speakers, FOOD

and a rejuvenating time of being together as ladies!

Register today at <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifparis>

Or at the IF table on Sundays in the hallway by the FLC or by calling the church office at 217-465-5614

March 2 & 3

To sign up or for more information,
see Sarah



April 6 & 7

See Alicia to sign up or for more
information



**Faith in Action Chili & Soup Cook-off - Sat. February 17
4:30-7:30pm - Lake Ridge FLC - Tickets: Donation**

Nate's News

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."
Zephaniah 3:17

What a reminder through this minor prophet that our God is with us, and he not only rescues us from our sin, but He rejoices over you, He loves you, and He sings over you with exultation, with praises. God is proud of His children, but so often we think of God only in a view of being against us, and only seeing our faults and failures. In those moments when life gets heavy for you, and we only think of the wrong, why not let this be the verse you place in your heart that will remind you of our God who sings over you.

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, Spenser & Chrissy, Sarah, Alicia, Chris and families, Rayleigh Ike, Bev Duzan's family, Pat Ormiston Family, Edith Howard Family, Ian Winkler, Steve Guymon, Rosemary Linton, Chuck & Sue Liffick, Donna Ingle, Sharon Pitts, Tyler & family, the families of Dan Roberts, Mick Myles, Janet McGill & Terry Burch, 34 unspoken

Valentine Luncheon

The Senior Adults will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a Valentine Luncheon at Tuscan's on Wednesday, February 14 after the Bible study at Lake Ridge. Meal will be Dutch treat at 11:30am. You can go thru buffet or order off the menu. Please let us know, by Wednesday, February 7 if you plan to attend.

Come and join us for Lunch.

BABY SHOWER

Everyone is invited to an Open House Baby Shower honoring the Adventurers and Parents-To-Be, Chrissy and Spenser Carrell. The open house will be on Sunday, February 25th from 1-2pm at the Step Station 14793 E 1200th Rd. Paris, IL. Turn right on 1200th Rd. off of north Route 1 after Pools. Chrissy and Spenser are registered at Walmart and Target.

Sarah's Synopsis

On January 14th, I read the following letter to the congregation.

As some of you may know, my husband, Tommy, has been going to seminary at Lincoln Christian University. In May he will graduate with his Masters! He has reached the point in his program where it is no longer necessary for us to live close to the school as he can do most of his work online. He would like to continue his education at another school in the fall. Schooling is what brought us to Illinois and what will most likely move us on. However, if he does not get accepted or receive the necessary financial aid, it is our hope to move back to Michigan to be closer to family. To that end, he has started applying to ministries and other jobs.

While it saddens me to think of leaving Lake Ridge, I look forward to the possibility of being a stay at home mom and living closer to family. I have greatly enjoyed my time here as your Children's Minister and am not leaving because of any ill will or hardened feelings. On the contrary, you all have always been very good to my family and I. When the time comes, it will be very difficult to leave you and your children.

To be clear, this is not my letter of resignation. I want to leave you all in the best possible manner and that means allowing time to hopefully have a replacement lined up before I leave. Though I do not know when, or even where we will be moving, I do know that day to be coming sooner or later.

All regular programming and events will continue on as normal for the children. I pray that you continue to support me as your Children's Minister until the time that we leave.

Our Sympathy

To Mike Burch and Kris Myles with the loss of their fathers. May you find comfort in the Heavenly Father's arms.

Spenser's Spot

As we have begun preparing for Night of Worship, the following question comes to mind. Why do we worship? But the truth of the matter is that we are worshipping. We are focusing our attentions on something. We are dedicating our time and resources to something at all times. We live in a world of hustle and bustle. All it takes is looking at our calendars to see where we dedicate our time. But it's all about the heart. Are we worshipping God through these activities or are we worshipping the activity? Music is not the only way to worship. But in this hectic world, sometimes we need to break from our regularly scheduled programming and spend some time lifting praises to Him. Focusing our eyes and our hearts on Him. We hope you can make it to Night of Worship on March 4th at 6pm. We will have a great time of worship followed by an open time of fellowship with coffee and cookies!

We have a few other times to connect coming up!

March 18th - Laugh All Night Free Comedy Concert

May 6 - Carrollton Free Concert

Oil Belt Men's Night

February 9, 2018

The Elm Street Worship team will be leading worship and Danny Wolford, Senior Pastor of FCC Greensburg, IN, will be bringing a message to challenge us to "Man-Up: Act Like Men!" Supper is at 6pm, Program at 7pm, Cost is \$20. Contact the office or register on Oil Belts website or call the camp at 618-662-2822.

CHILI AND SOUP COOK-OFF

Plans are being made by Faith in Action for their 14th annual chili and soup cook-off. This fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 4:30-7:30pm, at Lake Ridge Family Life Center. Menu will include all you can eat chili, soup, hot dogs, veggies, cheese, assorted desserts and drink. Take out will be available. As in the past few

years, tickets will not be sold. However, donations will be accepted at the door.

Eighteen (18) chefs are needed for this fun-filled competition. All chefs need to prepare three (3) gallons of chili or soup and need to have it ready to serve by 4pm. Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st and second place chili and 1st and 2nd place for soup. The top vote getter will be named Grand Champion Chef. He or she will receive a trophy and have his or her name engraved on the Grand Champion Cook-off plaque.

Fliers and entry forms are posted on the church office bulletin board as well as on the main and Family Life Center bulletin boards. For questions, information or to enter the cook-off, you may call Linda Cearlock, FIA director at 466-6388 or stop by the office at 239 W Wood St. If any chef would like to share his or her recipe, please send it to the FIA office so copies can be provided to the cook-off attendees.

Also, Lake Ridge has been asked to furnish two (2) pounds of shredded cheese and three (3) dozen servings of dessert. Donated items need to be at the church by 10am on Sat. Feb. 17. Please call Katie Marlowe, 465-8367, if you would be willing to donate either cheese or dessert.

This event will be an all-you-can-eat chili and soup night of fun, food, and fellowship. Join the fun and help keep the "ACTION" in Faith in Action! Thanks for your support!!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be starting a new Bible Study for Women that will be meeting at two different times. The book is "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. The evening study will begin on February 13 at 6pm and the daytime will begin on Thursday February 15 at 10am. We will be meeting in the Lego room for 8 weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the FLC and indicate which study you will attend and if you will need childcare.

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 \$.49 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.

Birthdays...

- 1 - Lennie Erwin
- 2 - Carol Winkler, Debbie Griffin, Tommy Moehlman, Cole Decker
- 3 - Jaclyn Strohm
- 4 - Barbara Marshall, August Griffin, Harli Rhoads
- 5 - Mailey Strader
- 6 - Marilyn Bear, Marcus Switzer, Abby Andrews
- 7 - Bev Duzan, Drake Bartos
- 8 - Carrie Collier
- 9 - Dave Nebergall, Linda Rigdon, Jonathon Williams, Linda Griffin, Danielle Sass
- 10 - Johnny Adams, Kristin Mooneyham, Taylor Foley
- 12 - Jean Hewitt, Richard Cole, Shelby Kuper, Teresa Switzer, Nita Stewart
- 13 - Jan Knuth, Jennifer McCarty, Reese Decker
- 14 - Sheri Henson, Luke Hale, Klaire Alexander
- 15 - Nicole Ballew, Tina Campbell Hefner
- 16 - Betty Redden, Taylor Reed, Tony Ferrante
- 17 - Ryne Boren
- 18 - Spenser Carrell, Beth Lewsader
- 19 - Kody Waggoner, Preston Porter, Dave Bailey
- 20 - Jim Ingle, Chad Cline, Becky Redmon
- 21 - Ron Nugent, Naomi Payne, Dana Ball, Cindy Bouslog, Jerry Blumthal, Brody Bishop,
- 23 - Dennis Wallace, Jenia Kennedy
- 24 - Ian Theirl
- 25 - Jim Lindley
- 26 - Bev Strow, Elizabeth Englum
- 28 - Annette Burch, Hannah Lamb, Loraine Horsley, Gina Gladding, Destiny McCrocklin

Anniversaries...

- 8 - Brent & Greta Pitts
- 14 - Michael & Brande Ritchey
- 15 - Ron & Cheri Mattingly
- 27 - Todd & Chelsea Abu-Seir

Just a reminder, if school is closed or dismissed early because of the weather, any church activity will also be cancelled. If in doubt, call the minister or person in charge or the church office.

- Jan. 28 – Family Sunday**
- Feb. 5 @ 7:15pm – Prayer Team Mtg.**
- Feb. 8 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.**
- Feb. 9 & 10 – IF Gathering**
- Feb. 12 @ 6pm – Mission Ministry Mtg.**
- Feb. 13 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE**
- Feb. 17 @ 4:30-7:30pm – Faith in Action Chili & Soup Cook-off**



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FEBRUARY 2018 SERVING SCHEDULE



Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
2/4	Jodi, Olivia & Ian Theirl	Ron & Nila Nugent
2/11	Lennie & Mary Lou Erwin	Steve & Lisa Rigdon
2/18	Vern & Karen See	Mike & Crystal Hays
2/25	Greg & Sheri Henson	Family Sunday

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation
2/4	Greg & Sheri Henson	JP & Sheila Piper	Lennie Erwin
2/11	Randy & Sandy Colter	Todd & Shelly Harper	Dennis Kelsheimer
2/18	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Ron George
2/25	Steve & Carol Winkler	Doug & Betsy Mace	Family Sunday

Date	Communion to the Sick	Date	AA Cookies	REMINDER: If there is a conflict with your Ministry time, please find your own replacement to fill in for you. We want to ensure all Sunday morning ministries are covered each week. Thank you for serving!
2/4	JP Piper & Ron George	2/2	Katie Marlowe	
2/11	Lennie Erwin & Dirk Haddix	2/9	Sherryl Inman	
2/18	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	2/16	Michelle Haddix	
2/25	Mark Gladding & Darin Tevebaugh	2/23	Jan Nebergall	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
2/4	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Family T –	
2/11	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson & Kathy Collier T – Kristin Mooneyham &	
2/18	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman & Harli Rhoads T – Elaine Good &	
2/25	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman & Mary Jo Becher T – Maddie McCarty & Amy Rose	

FEBRUARY	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – December Promised Monthly goal - \$2,303.33	
Communion Coordinator	Verne Bear	Keith Hefner	Monthly amount received	4,795.00
Communion Preparation	Jeremy & Hannah Brewington		YTD Commitment Goal	4,606.66
			Actual Income YTD	7,764.00
			Difference	+3,157.34

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00 worship	10:30 worship	Total worship
12/31/17	72	64	164	229
1/7/18	84	92	232	324
1/14	85	64	196	260
1/21	91	89	240	329

General Budget needs \$9,029.54	Missions	Building	Expenses for the week
8,573.54	2,385.00	10.00	6,246.63
10,470.75	917.00	187.74	4,994.85
5,245.00	222.00	0	5,807.07
7,872.55	415.00	80.00	N/A