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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.

Small Groups, Sr. & Jr. High Breakout – During the week during fall & winter months

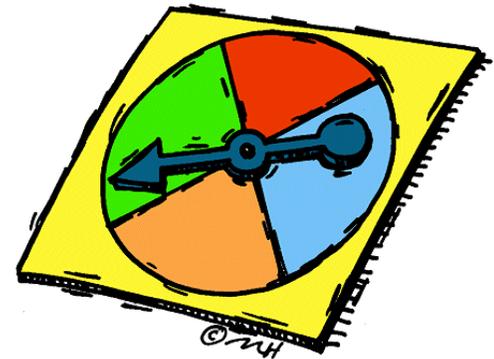
Church office hours: Mon-Thurs. – 8am-5pm; Fri. – 8am-noon. Closed Friday afternoons

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GAMES, GOODIES AND GIRL TALK

The name says it all. This is a time for the women of the church to get together and have a chance to know one another better. Join us on Friday January 30 in the Family Life Center. Time: 6ish-9ish. Babysitting will be provided.



Youth Events

Super Start – March 13 & 14 for 4th & 5th graders

Registration is \$60. Deadline is Feb. 27

Jr. High Believe – March 27 & 28 for 6th, 7th & 8th graders

Registration is \$70. Deadline is March 1

Register for these trip by seeing Nate or calling the church office.

WINTERJAM @ Indianapolis – March 20th

This is for all ages. Come fill a bus – limited seating available.

Cost is \$10 for the bus and \$10 entrance fee at the door

We will leave LRCC at 3:45pm

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the FLC

Thriving will not be easy and some days we might actually be able to do more than just survive, but we have learned that if we grow deep into God's Word than we will be able to thrive. Personally, I have been blessed through this past series and it has helped me grow.

Now we move on to a new series about love, which makes sense because of Valentine's Day, and how we as followers of Christ live in a world that goes against our ways and thoughts. We will be looking at some tough issues which may make some uneasy, but our goal is to hunger more for God by letting go of some of our thoughts and actions that the culture has put in our minds instead of God instilling them in us.

This past weekend we have voted for our new youth minister to be Tyler Harkness. We want to continue praying for his family to prepare to come as soon as all the details get worked out. There will be some areas where we will help extend a warm welcome to them so just be on the lookout for those to come in the future.

I have a new email address here at the church so if you need to communicate please send it to: nate@lakeridgechurch.org

Our Sympathy

To Richard Cole and family with the loss of his father and to Katie Marlowe with the loss of her sister. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

Leadership Conference at Lincoln Christian College is Sat. Feb. 21st. Please Let Nate know if you are interested in attending by Feb. 16.

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, government, Abigail Alexander & family, Ed Hess, Dale & Marion Pate, Naomi Payne, Donna Ingle, Ron Bouslog, Norma Shewmake, Mary Gosnell, Maggie Fritz, Devon & Dylan Kindred, government, the homeless, military, Judy Claypool, Israel & America, Harvey Brown, Diana Stewart, Nate Alexander, Spenser Carrell, Jonathan Alexander, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Bill Carreon, Clara Young, Brad Payne, Jane Furry, Anna McEwen, Elaine Wilson, Elders, Deacons & Staff, those traveling, family relationships, Prayer Revival & Dave Butts, Mike Maloney, Leanna Reedy, Phoebe & Joe Johnson, Dani Simpson, Steve Strole, Linda Hancock, Ray Sollars, Billy Webb, Mike Hobson, Judy Rush, Michael Blanton, Dave Benton, Pete Voel, Sharon Wilkens, Jake Meister, Ryan Taylor, Suzie Mathews, Butch Bennett, Stacey Wolfe, Dennis Throckmartin, Diane Quick, Oliver Hays, 67 unspoken requests

It is finally here! I have officially started my last year in my Master's Program. 1 year from now I will be graduated and officially done with school, at least for now. I will have been in school for around two decades. But now it will soon be coming to an end. There's an overwhelming sense of excitement and great quantities of homework procrastination that has already begun! However, I know that in the end it will be worth it. The class I am taking now is entitled "Worship Programming." It's all about the worship service from the perspective of what's in the service, what the Bible says about what should and shouldn't be included, etc. My first assignment last week was to write out an order of service and why each element is included, etc. We were even tasked with selecting certain songs and we had to explain why each song was chosen and why it was included in that specific point in the service. Now for many this would seem like a daunting task giving very real specifics about each element. However, this is an aspect that is already a very real part of the ministry here at Lake Ridge. Weekly, I select songs for specific reasons was easily able to identify why each element was included in the service. I chose songs and was able to explain what elements of that song were important to this part of the service, etc. I absolutely love worship ministry and am blessed to be able to do this for a living. There are some weekends in which myself or other band members are uncertain about a song or set, etc. However, there's a reason that every element is included and God uses it all. Before I started writing this article, someone came into my office and was sharing with me about how one of the songs this past weekend had really touched one of their family members. I didn't ask which song or even which service they attended this weekend. I've heard it before. There are weekends where songs that the band is uncertain about is the very song that touches the heart of someone in the congregation. God uses every element. The next time you are wondering why something is being done in service, just know there's a reason and God is using it. It may not be for you. It may be for the person next to you or the person across the aisle. But God is using it. He is an amazing God and He blesses us continually!

Men's Night

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Friday February 6 at 6pm with a Steak Supper. The church van will leave at 4pm.

Guest Speaker is Matt Proctor, President of Ozark Christian College, Music by Jonathan Goodman and Red Brush. Cost is \$15. Please register by Jan. 30 by calling David Gorman at 217-251-7272 or call the church office.

Join the Fun!

The 11th annual Faith in Action Chili Cook-off will take place on Sat. Feb. 21, from 4:30-7:30pm in the FLC. Chili makers are encouraged to enter their favorite pot of chili for competition. There is no entry fee! Each contestant will be asked to provide three gallons of their favorite chili. All who attend the dinner will cast a vote for the chili they consider to be their favorite. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries receiving the most votes in three categories of "mild", "hot" and "unique." Medium will be categorized at "mild".

Only 18 entries can be accepted. Deadline for submitting entries is Monday, Feb. 16th. So don't wait too long before you submit your entry.

The dinner menu will include all you can eat chili, hot dogs, veggies, cheese, dessert and drink. Carry-outs will be available. No tickets are being sold however, a donation will be accepted at the door.

This event is one of two major FUNdraisers sponsored by Faith in Action. All proceeds will go to support the work of this organization in Edgar County. Flyers giving more information and sign-up sheets for the completion are posted on the bulletin board in the main foyer at the Family Life Center. You may also contact Nila Nugent at 466-6388.

BE READY FOR AN EVENING OF GOOD-HEARTED FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

THANK YOU, Lake Ridge family for remembering us at the time of my sister's death. All prayers, cards, calls, memorial for Marie and all other remembrances were deeply appreciated. I know prayers were definitely answered on the day of her funeral. Many thanks to those who attended Marie's visitation and funeral. Her immediate family was amazed that you would take the time to travel to Palestine to pay your respects. THANK YOU, GOD, for our special Lake Ridge family! Katie & Dick Marlowe

Faith Promise Focus

Now that it's a new year and we're all getting into the swing of a new routine or back to a familiar one, let's not forget about our missions and missionaries on the field and our 'Faith Promise' to them.

Choices Pregnancy and Health Center – ministers and provides accurate information, compassionate care and practical assistance to those affected by a possible crisis pregnancy.

CMF International (Todd & Tonja Hancock) church planters in Puebla/Cholula, Mexico (currently on furlough in the US).

Faith in Action – an organization that provides non-medical assistance and services to those with chronic illnesses/physical impairments.

Heart for Central Africa (Brenda Buell) – ministry to the people of Bukavu, Congo, through Tracy's Heart, and Sawmill Project.

HIS Ministry – takes the word of the Lord and His love to others through speaking, concerts, missions, and Christmas for Kids.

Int'l Disaster Emergency Services (IDES) – Global outreach organization that provides benevolent aid in 5 areas of ministry: Disaster Assistance, Hunger Relief, Medical Care, Evangelism and Community Development.

Lincoln Christian University – our closest Christian College, located in Lincoln, IL, with the goal to *nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and around the world.*

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp – a facility in Flora, IL operated year-round to serve all ages for summer camps, retreats and special events.

Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch – a residential 'Kid & Cattle Ranch' in St. Ignatius, Montana for young people age 18 and under that provides a stable and secure environment in which they can attend school, thrive and reach the potential that God has given them.

Training Christians for Ministry (TCM) – a training institute in Eastern Europe that educates Christian men and women for Christian leadership in their own (home) communities.

Senior Adults

In our 10:30am Tuesday Bible Study, Noah received the word to start; are you on board? Last week, we had 13 on board, with their Bibles, coffee cups & refreshments.

And speaking of PIE, yes, Kansas Christian had Pie at their January Brotherhood meeting! Lot of delicious Pie---We had 12 there to help eat their Pie, but the Brocton Christina Church had more pie eaters than Lake Ridge! Our February Brotherhood Meeting will be as Paris Christian as they and Chrisman switched months on us!

This season, still being winter and not liking sitting in snow filled ditches, let's stay with our Tuesday Bible Study and Brotherhood meetings until the Groundhog says Spring is here!

Continue praying for Tyler, Kelly and girls, as they transition from the state of Kansas to their new home in Paris! Semper Fidelis

FEBRUARY 2015 SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30	Reminder: If school is closed or dismissed because of the weather, all church events will also close.
2/1	Brenda Rhoads & Family	Jeremy & Hannah Brewington	
2/8	Tony & Judy Alexander	Mike & Annette Burch	
2/15	Dick & Katie Marlowe	Tony & Cathy Ferrante	
2/22	Gary & Linda Hancock	Mark & Debbie Hefner	

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	Date	8:00 Communion Meditation	10:30
2/1	Greg & Sheri Henson	JP & Sheila Piper	2/1	Jim Ingle	JP Piper
2/8	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	Bill & Deanie Clark	2/8	Randy Colter	David Gorman
2/15	Dick & Katie Marlowe	David & Judy Hale	2/15	Verne Bear	Chad Cline
2/22	Gary & Linda Hancock	Doug & Betsy Mace	2/22	Todd Harper	Todd Harper

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!
2/1	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	1/30	Jennifer Gher	
2/8	Lennie Erwin & David Hale	2/6	Krista Bradford	
2/15	JP Piper & Darin Tevebaugh	2/13	Sherryl Inman	
2/22	Chad Cline & Daniel Mooneyham	2/20	Jan Nebergall	
3/1	Dick & Katie Marlowe	2/27	Nancy Neal	

Date	NURSERY SCHEDULE	
	8:00AM	10:30AM
2/1	Chris Ike & Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran, Nicole Gale T – Greta Pitts, Mindi Milner
2/8	Nancy Rigdon	I – Kathy Collier, Shawn Simpson T – John & Cyndi Calhoun
2/15	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Penny Duzan & Karla Gorman T – Elaine Good, Carol Cline, Lydia Switzer
2/22	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman, Michelle Haddix T – Josh & Ellyn Andrews

December	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – January Promised Monthly goal - \$275.83	
Communion Coordinator	Verne Bear	Daniel Mooneyham	YTD Commitment	\$827.49
Communion Preparation	Cliff and Nicole Gale		Actual Income YTD	\$8,572.00
First Time Cookie Baker & Taker			Difference	+\$7,744.51
			Actual Monthly	+\$3,232.00

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00	10:30	Total
01/4	120	92	283	375
1/11	127	101	243	344
1/18	135	104	240	344
1/25	128	95	276	371

General Offering	Missions	Building
Budget needs \$8,507.15		
\$7,574.88	\$778.00	\$50.00
\$7,239.19	\$568.00	\$80.00
\$6,351.59	\$1,426.00	0
\$8,669.78	\$1,646.00	\$80.00

Birthdays... 1 - Lennie Erwin 2 - Carol Winkler, Debbie Griffin, Grace Simpson 3 - Jaclyn Davis Strohm 4 - Barb Marshall, August Griffin, Harli Rhoads 5- Joan Campbell, Mailey Gorman 6 - Marilyn Bear, Marcus Switzer, Abby Andrews 7 - Bev Duzan, Drake Bartos	9 - Dave Nebergall, Linda Rigdon, Linda Griffin, Jonathon Williams 10 - Johnny Adams, Kristin Mooneyham, Taylor Foley 12 - Richard Cole, Teresa Switzer Shelby Kuper, Kenzie Knuth, Nita Stewart 13 - Jan Knuth 14 - Sheri Henson, Luke Hale Klaire Alexander, 15 - Nicole Ballew, Tina Campbell	16 - Betty Redden, Taylor Reed, Ken Whitkanack 17 - Warren Ormiston, Ryne Boren 18 – Spenser Carrell 19 - Kody Waggoner, Dave Bailey, Preston Porter 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 Dunn, Loraine Horsley, Gina Gladding, Destiny McCrocklin Anniversaries... 8 - Brent & Greta Pitts 14 - Michael & Brande Ritchey 27 – Todd & Chelsea Abu-Seir
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