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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

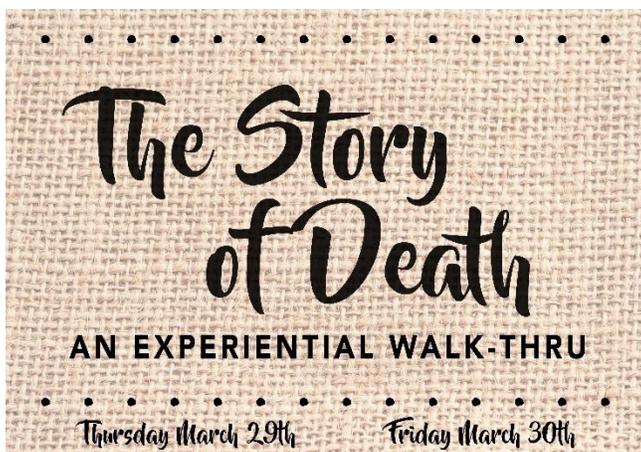
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Laugh All Night
March 18 at
6pm

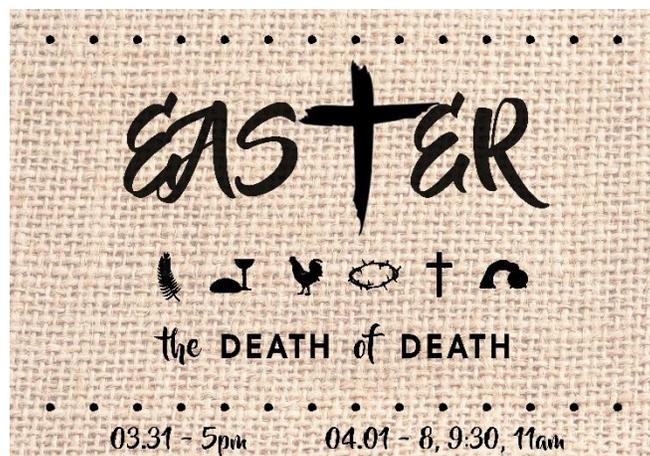


SUN MAR 18 - 6:00 PM - LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN



Easter Worship
March 31 at 5pm
April 1 at 8am, 9:30am, 11am

Easter Walk Thru
March 29 and 30 at 4-8pm
Please call the church office to sign-up
for a time
Childcare is available for the first few
groups



Nate's News

I have a question for you, where is your favorite place to be on earth? The beach, in the mountains, Disney World, or maybe you would pick your house, but you probably wouldn't pick where you work. What if you were at your favorite place but you were by yourself? That's right no one else could be with you and so the question changes. Is your favorite place on earth because of the place or who is with you when you are at that place? The people in your life make life what it is. It is not a question of where you are, but who you are with. Now I come to the gut wrenching point that I continue to tell myself; Heaven will be eternity with our Father, and what a sight that will be! But wouldn't it be even grander for those you love to be there with you. I challenge you to pray for those who need Jesus so they may join us in our favorite place. Pray and tell!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Justin & Amy Cary on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Lynn Ann. She was born on March 8 at 4:22pm EST and weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20.5" long. She was welcomed home by big brothers Keaton and Christian and Grandma Jennifer McCarty.

FOOD DROP

We are sponsoring the annual food drop on March 31st. We ask that all those interested in assisting with this project to please meet at the Kroger Parking lot by 10 a.m. on the 31st to help distribute the food throughout Paris. Contact Verne See at 217-712-0441 with any questions.

EASTER LILIES

Sign-up sheets for the Easter Lilies is on the Auditorium and FLC bulletin boards. Please order by March 19. The cost is \$15.00 and may be purchased in Honor or in Memory of someone. Please take them home after the Easter services.

Sarah's Synopsis

SuperStart went well last weekend. We took 19 children and 9 adults to Indianapolis for the 4th-5th grade CIY convention. The kids (and adults!) had a great time and learned about forgiveness.

Merge will be canceled on March 21 & 28. Please make other arrangements for your children after school! We will meet all of April with April 25th being the last Merge for this Semester.

VBS is less than 3 months away! The dates this year are June 3-8th and our theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." Volunteer sign-ups will be coming soon.

Thank you all again for your love and support while my family and I are in this period of transition. I wanted to share how proud I am of my husband, Tommy. He has been accepted into Duke University's Master's Program in their Divinity school! It is an elite program and quite an honor to be accepted. We do not know yet if this is where we will be heading as their tuition is quite high. We are looking into more financial aid options and jobs in North Carolina. It would be a great honor for him to study there if things work out. I know God will take care of us whether we return home, continue schooling, work for a university or find him a ministry.

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, Rayleigh Ike, Bev Duzan's family, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Donna Ingle, Marion Pate, Marion Pate, Linda Edwards, Mary G., Mary B., Naomi, Spenser & Chrissy and babies, Devon Kindred & family, Verne & Marilyn Bear, those battling this flu and influenza, the family of Dale Adams, Brenda Rhoads, Lennie Erwin, Pat Pinnell, the Duzan family, Chelsea Plew & family, the family of Jayce Cunningham, 43 unspoken

Spenser's Spot

I was having a conversation with someone from the Worship Team about worship ministry and they brought up the concept of freedom and its impact on one's ability to worship. The ability to feel free to worship how you feel led. I've been thinking about that a lot and came across this short devotional excerpt from an anonymous author.

"For many of us, freedom has become synonymous with personal independence — the ability to make our own decisions and choose our own path in life, to do whatever we want, whenever we want. It's what I call "outside freedom." But this is not the freedom that Jesus promised us. When Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah, He said that He had come to Earth to "proclaim freedom" (Luke 4:18). And on another occasion, He said, "*If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed*" (John 8:36). Jesus was not setting us free to do whatever we wanted; He was freeing us to do what we ought to do. He was liberating us to walk in relationship with God and to be the kind of people He created us to be. This spiritual freedom is what I call "inside freedom" — the ability to obey God and choose His will for our lives."

We have been given freedom to obey God and choose His will. When we gather together on Sundays, we have been freed of the things that bind us. We can let go of our struggles, place our hardships at His feet, and praise God. We can join our voices together and surrender to Him. We are brothers and sisters in Christ who should not hinder each other's freedoms. We shouldn't be thinking about what other people are doing or whether we're the only ones worshipping in a certain way. We are free to worship. Some people may feel led to lift hands, some may kneel at the cross, some may sit and meditate. But God has given us the freedom to obey Him and simply choose His will for our lives. So when we gather, if you feel that tug on your heart

to worship in a certain way, just lean into it and worship with the freedom that God has given us.

SENIOR ADULTS

For anyone wishing to attend theater productions, we have a large selection to choice from.

There's still time to go to the Community Theater in Terre Haute for comedy performance of "The Foreigner". Date is March 17 at 7:00 Illinois time. We will be stopping at MCL for supper before the play. Meal time will be 5:30 Illinois time at MCL. Cost is \$15 per person. Please let Judy Benton know you are going ASAP.

In April, we will be going to Beef House in Covington, Indiana for "Always Patsy Cline." Mark your calendars for April 14, 2018 at 11:30 am Illinois time for the doors to open and show starts at 1:00 pm Illinois time. This is a great show to see with lots of great music. Make your reservation by March 29. Cost is \$45 per person.

Lots more for all year. Please plan to join us for these plays, and will be posted on the office bulletin board. Please call the office or Judy Benton at 812-243-6231 to reserve your ticket for one or more of these events.

BROTHERHOOD

Tis' the season to be rejoicing. Not only is March 20th the first day of SPRING, it's an opportunity to gather and bring to mind, our LORD JESUS and HIS death and resurrection: Acts 10:33, "*Now therefore we all are present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.*"

Todd Harper will lead us in our praise to God. Brett Hammond, minister at Kansas Christian will bring to our hearing a message from God's Word. Oh yes, refreshments following.

We gather together, COME JOIN US at 7pm March 20, Paris Christian Church, 1400 S Central, Paris, IL

Tom Armour, Minister Paris Christian Church

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Just a reminder that Faith in Action is sponsoring a Trivia Event on Friday, March 23rd at the KC Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Sandwiches, chips, tea, coffee, lemonade, water and desserts available for sale. Competition will begin at 7pm. This will be a family – Fun event. Come out, enjoy the evening and support FIA. There is no admission charge. Hope to see you there!

**Mar. 18 at Noon – Elder's Mtg.
6pm – Laugh All Night
Mar. 19 at 6pm – Mission Ministry Mtg.
Mar. 19 & 20 at 6pm – Easter Choir
Rehearsal
Mar. 20 at 7pm – Brotherhood at Paris
Christian
Mar. 27 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE**

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, mark your calendars for Wednesday April 25 for Lincoln Christian University's Christian Women's Conference "Joy in the Journey." 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 due by April 17. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the FLC or call the church office.



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