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## LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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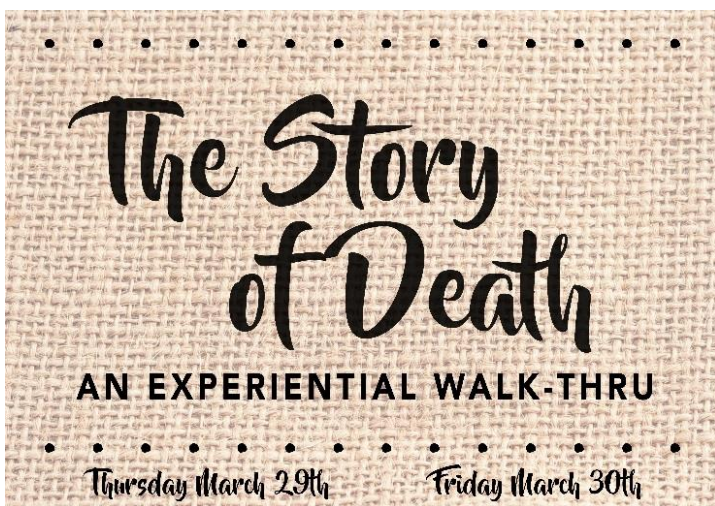
The members are ministers  
Nate Alexander, Senior Minister  
Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister  
Sarah Moehlman, Children's Minister  
Alicia Cater, Youth Minister  
Chris Pantle, Office Secretary

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

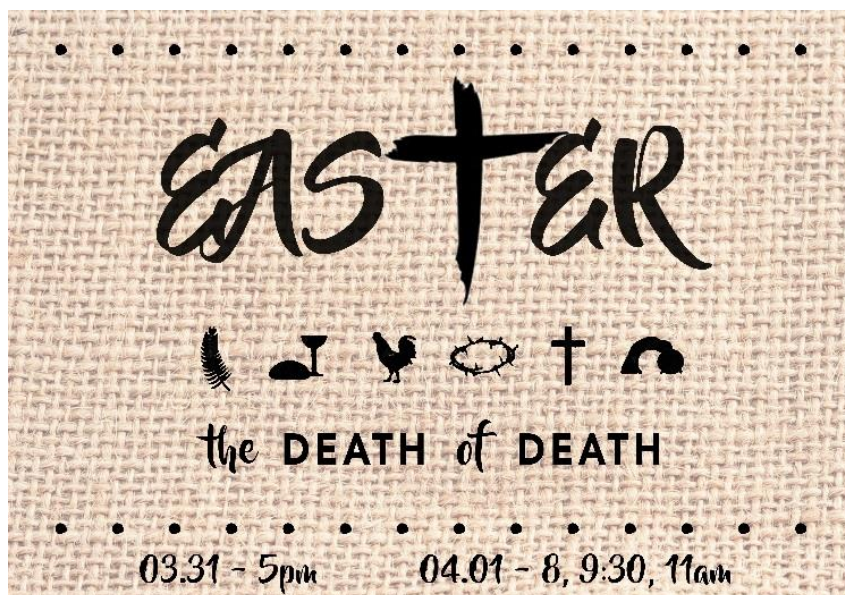
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**Easter Walk Thru**  
March 29 and 30 at 4-8pm  
Please call the church office  
to sign-up for a time  
Childcare is available for the  
first few groups

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



**The church office will be closed April 2**

## **Nate's News**

I came into the office today and on my desk there sat a note that was written by a very special someone who just wanted to let me know that they loved me. My daughter made my day as I saw this note, but the real impact is that she took the time to show her love through a simple note. She remembered me at some point last night and decided to let me know how much she loves me. I can't help but think on this week as we once again come to focus on the importance of what Jesus did on Good Friday and then as Easter is celebrated on Sunday. God sent His Son to the world so we could see how much He loves us, a note to you that says I love you. How much will you let that impact your life? Do you cherish the reminder this week, or will you let something come to distract you? Maybe you've gotten the note so many times that you don't notice it this year. I hope I continue to get notes from my daughters, and I hope you keep cherishing what happened when Jesus walked out of the tomb. Love you, your Father!

Iron Sharpens Iron, a men's day will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Champaign, IL! We will be leaving at 7 AM from the church and the cost is \$50. This is a one day event where men are encouraged and I hope you can come! If you are interested or would like to sign-up please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the hallway of the FLC or contact the office. If you have any questions please see Nate for more details!

## **FOOD DROP**

We are sponsoring the annual food drop on March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> to help distribute the food throughout Paris. Contact Verne See at 217-712-0441 with any questions.

## **Sarah's Synopsis**

I am happy to announce that Tommy has accepted Duke's offer! This means sometime in the near future we will be moving to North Carolina. We are still figuring out all the details but when we have a plan figured out we will make an announcement. Until then, all normal programming for the kids will continue as planned!

VBS is coming up! The dates are June 3-8, 2018. After Easter I will have volunteer sign-up sheets available. Keep your eyes open for those!

Last Merge will be on April 25

**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, Bev Duzan's family, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Donna Ingle, Marion Pate, Linda Edwards, Mary G., Mary B., Naomi, Devon Kindred & family, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Brenda Rhoads, Lennie Erwin, Pat Pinnell, the Duzan family, Paisley & Bailey Erwin, Harold Daves, Judy Alexander, the family of Clifford Shanks, 36 unspoken

## **Alicia's Awesome Announcements**

Hey everyone!

Believe is just around the corner and all of the students are getting really excited. We have 21 students going, which is the most we've had in a while! We will be traveling to Anderson, IN where we will hear what it means to be in a real, authentic relationship with Jesus. We're excited about the opportunity to take these students to Believe and we would appreciate prayers for safety and that the students would get a lot out of the weekend. We leave April 6 and get back April 7. Thank you for your prayers and support! We are excited to see what God will do!

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Come and help Bill Clark celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 2-4pm at Lake Ridge Christian Church – Splat Zone. Cards only – no gifts.

## SENIOR ADULTS

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. Please call the office or Judy Benton at 812-243-6231 to reserve your

Join us for the Senior Spring Lunch on Saturday, April 21 at 11:30am in the Splat Room. As we need to know, how much to prepare, please let us know by Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend by calling the church office at 217-465-5614 or email office@lakeridgechurch.org. Bring a Friend!

## COLLEGE CARE BOXES

Believe it or not April is coming and that means that it's time to start collecting goodies for our college student's care packages! We will begin this right after Easter and go thru Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any leftover Easter goodies (or want to go grab some next week when they're ½ price), this is a perfect use for them! Our college students appreciate having sweet and salty snacks and fun items while they are studying for their final exams. You can also donate towards the purchase of items to send. We have approximately 28 students on our list this year! Look for baskets in the hallways after Easter to put your goodies in. As always, thank you for your generosity!

## BELL CHOIR CONCERT

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 28 at 4pm. The LRCC Bell choir will be participating in the Community Bell Choir Concert that will be held at the Paris Fine Arts Center. Hope you can come.

## Community Event

Good Friday Service on March 30 at the Cornerstone Baptist Church at noon.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Do you still have a book from the church Library? That's ok, but if you are finished, please bring it back so others can have a chance to read it. Not sure if you do? Can you please look? Thank you.

## 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 and is due by April 17. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the FLC or call the church office.

## SAVE THE DATE

Carrollton will be here on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. They will present a free concert. For more info, see the Facebook event Carrollton at Lake Ridge

### **Calvary & Easter**

*A song of sunshine through the rain  
Of spring across the snow;  
A balm to heal the hurts of pain;  
A peace surpassing woe.  
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,  
And be ye glad of heart,  
For Calvary and Easter Day  
Were just three days apart!  
With shudder of despair and loss  
The world's deep heart is wrung,  
As, lifted high upon His cross,  
The Lord of Glory hung--  
When rocks were rent, and ghostly forms  
Stole forth in street & mart;  
But Calvary and Easter Day,  
Earth's blackest day and whitest Day,  
Were just three days apart.  
--Author Unknown*

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.

### April Birthdays...

- 1 – Tei Laumeyer
- 2 - Robin Likens, Heather Dunn, Kim Stewart, Isabella Gosnell
- 5 - Janet Justice, Shirley Furry, Brayden Shockley, Porter Hale
- 6 – Kim Lorange
- 7 - Brianna Burch
- 8 - David Switzer
- 9 - J.T. Piper, Baylor Likens, Mary Johnson, Kelly Milbourn
- 10 - Gregg Whitkanack, Morgan Collier, Kay Taylor
- 12 – David Gorman
- 14 – Melissa White, Corey Pitts
- 15 – Jordon Hale, Dave Bailey
- 16 – Trudy Arrasmith
- 17 - Krista Bradford
- 18 - Michael French, Jacob Harper
- 19 – Dakota Strader, Hunter Reese
- 20 - Breanna Hutson, Laela Rigdon, Mallory Pine, Paula Marrs, Noah Woods
- 21 - Halie Stewart Mitchell
- 25 – Deveney Gill, Natalie Hernandez
- 26 - Jennifer Alexander
- 27 - Isabella Duzan
- 28 - Melissa Hancock, Alison Williams, Shaterica Entrican, Lauren Bowers
- 29 - Jacob Griffin, Karlie Gates
- 30 - Shelley Winkler

### Anniversaries...

- 3 – Todd & Michelle Creech
- 4 - Gerald & Diana Meeks
- 9 – Gene & Erlene Calvert  
Spenser & Chrissy Carrell
- 16 - Randy & Sandy Colter
- 17 - Steve & Carol Winkler
- 22 - Bill & Virginia Henness

*Is 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. When you join the church, a membership profile sheet is filled out for that information. Please notify the office of additions or corrections!*

### **Easter Services:**

- March 29-30 – 4-8pm –  
Easter Walk Thru**  
**Mar. 31 at 5pm – Easter  
Worship**  
**April 1 at 8:00, 9:30 &  
11am – Easter  
Services**  
**April 2 – THE CHURCH  
OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED**  
**April 6-7 – Jr. High  
Believe**  
**April 10 @ 9am – RIPPLE  
DEADLINE**  
**April 12 @ 6pm –  
Stewardship  
Ministry Mtg.**  
**April 14 – Senior Adults  
at the Beef House**



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## APRIL 2018 SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
4/1	Terry & Bonnie Higginbotham, Gene & Janet Justice	9:30 – Brent Bishop Family, Carol Jones, Michelle Fancher 11:00 - JP & Josh Piper, James & Kim Stewart Family
4/8	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	Doug & Betsy Mace
4/15	Bill & Gin Henness	Dick & Donna Brinkley
4/22	Jim & Jackie Holloway	Verna Smith & Jane Brown
4/29	Gene & Janet Justice	David & Karla Gorman



Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation
4/1	Elders	Elders	Staff
4/8	Greg & Sheri Henson	Todd & Shelly Harper	Dick Marlowe
4/15	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Vern See
4/22	Randy & Sandy Colter	Dick & Donna Brinkley	Greg Henson
4/29	Steve & Carol Winkler	JP & Sheila Piper	Ron Stewart

Date	Communion to the Sick	Date	AA Cookies	<b>REMINDER:</b> 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!
4/1	-----	3/30	Jan Nebergall	
4/8	Greg & Sheri Henson	4/6	Connie Simpson	
4/15	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	4/13	Michelle Haddix	
4/22	JP Piper & Keith Hefner	4/20	Ashley Shear	
4/29	Lennie Erwin & John Huston	4/27	Jan Nebergall	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
4/1	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Family T – Mary & Derrick Johnson	
4/8	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson & Kathy Collier T – Kristin Mooneyham & Britan Mace	
4/15	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman & Harli Rhoads T – Elaine Good & Carol Cline	
4/22	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman & Mary Jo Becher T – Maddie McCarty & Amy Rose	
4/29	Jodi Theirl	I – Nila Nugent & Karen Littleton T – Krista Bradford & family	

APRIL	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – February Promised Monthly goal - \$2,303.33	
<b>Communion Coordinator</b>	Randy Colter	Mark Gladding	Monthly amount received	2,664.00
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Kenneth & Sandra Hall		YTD Commitment Goal	9,213.32
			Actual Income YTD	13,519.00
			Difference	+4,305.68

### FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00 worship	10:30 worship	Total worship
3/4	104	98	226	324
3/11	94	77	227	304
3/18	101	97	236	333
3/25	95	73	212	285

General Budget needs \$9,029.54	Missions	Building	Expenses for the week
11,540.00	960.00	580.00	8,590.97
11,168.71	467.00	---	7,466.99
6,880.12	1,335.00	4,080.00	6,112.33
4,529.00	402.00	---	N/A