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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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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

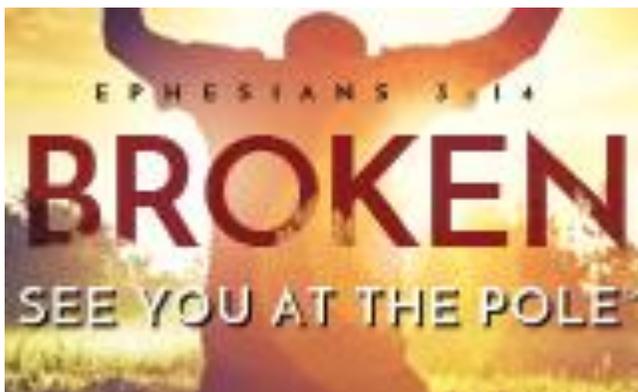
September 16 at 10am - This meeting is the Annual meeting to vote on the Leadership of the church and for the 2018-19 Budget

WORSHIP ON THE ROUND

Sunday September 23

Sunday school at 9am

Worship at 10am



Wednesday

September 26

Events will be held at the
**Crestwood, Mayo & Paris High
Schools at 7:30am**

Nate's News

Every Wednesday night until November 14th we will be looking at the promises of God and I hope that you can come study them with me as we dive into Scripture to see what they are and how we can stand on these promises. The time each Wednesday is from 6 to 7 PM. If you miss one week, that's ok because you can come to the next week and not miss out. So I hope to see you there!

Senior Adult Bible study every Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM, we will have coffee and refreshments each week as we continue to go through the book of Philippians. This is a great way to connect and to dive into God's Word!

This Sunday is Back to Church Sunday and as we gather there will be a call to belong to not just church where we can connect with others and build each other up, but also to commit to belonging to God's kingdom where we can be sons and daughters. There are many ways people see the church because of past disappointments, strained relationships, or being let down. They often get in the way of what church really is and will always be, which is a family of imperfect people who love Jesus and each other. We have a need to belong and God has set up this body of Christ to fulfill that need. So let's come together this Sunday to know how we can belong and be known.

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, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Shirley Furry, JT Piper, Noel Jewel, Steve Guymon, Don Reed, Bev Duzan, Shelly Harper, Mary Strole, Steve Strole, Bill Henness Jr., Judy Hale, John Sims, Dennis Wallace, Jennifer Ellege, Rosemary Linton, Sharon Pitts, Mary Burba, Naomi, Maggie, Mary Gosnell, Diane Stewart, Rayleigh Ike, Kara Ike, Don & Brenda Reed, Perry & Dixie Walls, Tony Alexander, Randy Landsaw, Brenda Lorange, Gary Hancock, the Ingle family, the lost, abused children & animals, our government & President, Kerri Duzan, the family of Shirley Bishop, Len & Sharon Hathaway, Ruth Anderson, Linda Gosnell, Gene Calvert, Bill & Gin Henness, 89 unspoken

Alicia's Awesome Announcements

This semester at youth group, we are talking about the characteristics of God. Most students can struggle with making sense of these characteristics because they pull what they know and relate it to God. The other night we talked about how our stories (our lives) effect our view of God. Although many students come from relatively good homes and therefore have a relatively "good" view of God, still a lot of students who do not have good homes can have a relatively negative view of God. "How do I know that God is trustworthy when everyone around me is not? How do I know that God is good when I see so many bad things happening in the world?" These are just some of the things our students will be wrestling with as we talk about more of these characteristics over the next several weeks.

Please continue to be in prayer for our students and sponsors this semester!

Spenser's Spot

Release. This word was on my heart as a group of 8 of worship leaders from Lake Ridge went down to Experience Conference. I typically always attend this conference alone as a time to breathe and come back renewed. However, this year I chose to open it up to any vocalists or instrumentalists from Lake Ridge and 7 joined me as we heard amazing speakers, worshipped together, and grew closer not only to God but each other. It was an amazing trip but the common thread that seemed to run through was a need to surrender everything to God. Cast aside your anxieties and release control. Trust in Him. This can be one of the hardest things to do as we all think that we know the right answers. We know the perfect way to handle each situation, what should be done, and we know that the results can only be bad if it's not done our way. However, God has a plan. He knows that each of us needs and when we need it. Whatever situation that you seem to find yourself in, release control. Trust Him to take care of it in the way that He needs to. Release.

KEN'S KORNER

Just want to thank all the members who came out to vote for me to become your Children's Pastor. Serving the children in the body of Christ is an honor and I do not take it lightly. God is moving in a great way in our children's lives. We want our Children's Ministry to be exciting and instructional at the same time.

Looking ahead, we are beginning to prepare for Trunk 'R Treat which will be Wednesday, October 31, 5-8 P.M. We will need volunteers to decorate their trunks for the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Family Life Center. We will need candy to be brought to the church beginning the first of October for the event. Also, don't forget, volunteers will be needed that night. Let's all pitch-in and make this outreach to our community a successful one.

We are also practicing for the children's Christmas program on Wednesdays at 5:30-6:00pm for K-6th graders. Anyone musically inclined that would like to help us, please contact us. Merge is at 6-7pm for K-5th graders.

Working together with the parents, we will lead children to Jesus and teach them how to apply the Word of God in their lives on a daily basis. Our memory verse this month is II Timothy 1:7 and we are teaching on overcoming fear.

A special donation has been given to the Children's ministry to purchase a puppet "family." I'd like to thank the anonymous donor for the funds. I'm looking forward to incorporating the puppets into the children's lessons.

Let us know if you would be willing to be a volunteer in the Children's Ministry. God blesses those who minister to His children.
Thanks, Ken

PRAYER SISTERS SIGN UP

Ladies, the sign-up sheet for this next year is on the FLC Bulletin Board. Please take time to sign up. Share a year of prayer with an LRCC sister.

A HUGE THANK YOU

From the Missions Ministry to all those who financially supported the Pinehaven Mission trip team

Also to everyone who donated items for Brenda Buell for Tracy's Heart Ministry. We gathered two (2) large boxes of food and medical supplies for her to take back with her to Heart for Central Africa. Lake Ridge always is generous in their giving when we have a need.

Lots of activities for the Senior Adults in the month of October.

1st - Myers Theater in Hillsboro, IN, on October 13, we will be going to see "Murder at Café Noir" at the noon meal. We have moved this from evening to noon meal for those who wish to attend the early show. This will be a Lula theme meal. Reservation deadline is Oct. 1 and the cost is \$42

2nd - Pontoon Trip. We will be going to Mill Creek Lake on Wednesday, October 17. We will take advantage of the beautiful fall weather for a tour of the lake and sack lunch. Hope we have a great attendance. Reservation deadline is October 11 and the cost is \$10 per person

3rd - Beef House on October 27 at noon, we will be going to see the Odd Couple for the noon performance. Reservation deadline is Oct. 19 and the cost is \$45. Hope to see you.

Also I know it is very early, but we need to be thinking about Christmas play at Beef House on December 15 at noon. This will fill up very quickly. Last year we waited too long to get into the noon performance. Since these fill up real fast, reservation deadline is October 27 and the cost is \$45.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact Chris in the office with money for any or all of these activities.

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.

GET INVOLVED

We are in need of someone to be the Coordinator for the Community Kitchen meals that are served each Monday.

We also need someone to help with the Library. If you are interested in either one of these, please contact Nate.

We also have several Fridays open to provide cookies for AA. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the FLC.

Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 16. Our 8:00 and 10:30 services will be specifically designed to welcome people back to church, so now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "You Belong Here," based on Romans 15:7. The fact is that 75% of Americans admit to feeling deep loneliness. In addition, the number of Americans with no close friends has tripled since 1985. That's why we are here – for people to get plugged in, form friendships, and have the chance to serve together in the community.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

Sept. 16 at 10am – Annual Congregational Meeting

Noon – Elder's Mtg.

1pm – Women's Ministry Mtg.

Sept. 18 at 1:30pm – Brookstone Friends

7pm – Brotherhood at Kansas Christian

Sept. 23 at 9am – Sunday school

10:30am – Worship on the Round

Sept. 25 at 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE



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