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Kathy Hetherington **Evangelism**

Annette Meyers
Church In Society

Sharlotte Anderson Jerome Anderson **Membership**

Jody Anderson
Christian Education

1 Christine Craig
Memorial

The Sweetest Story Ever Told OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Have you been following along with our "candy coated" Lenten journey this season? This is where we have gone so far...

<u>First Sunday of Lent - 1 John 4:7-16</u> HERSHEY KISS The bottom line of our life is the fact that God loves each and every one of us. If we remember nothing else from this Lenten season, let's remember God's love.

Second Sunday of Lent - 1 John 2:15-17

REESES' PEANUT BUTTER CUPS

God reminds us to not be of this world. The world is a crazy and sinful place. He urges us to be liked minded in His teachings. Unless we are hermits, we will collide with this crazy world.

Third Sunday of Lent - Galatians 3:23-29

SMARTIES AND DUM DUMS

In this world we will find many different and individual people. God calls us to see people through His eyes. There will no longer be Jew and Gentile, Master and Free, Male and Female, Smarties and Dum Dums. We are all equal in God's eyes.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Romans 12:9-21 KITKAT BAR Just as a KitKat Bar is made to share, so is the Love of God. We need not be selfish with God's Love. Share. There is plenty more where it came from

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Acts 17:19-34 EVERLSTING GOBSTOPPER Paul tells the Greeks that they are foolish for worshipping so many different gods. We too must remember that there is just one God. Anything we worship above God (money, work, possessions, etc) are dead ends and take away from our relationship with God.









Thoughts, Prayers and Concerns

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers for these individuals as they fight cancer:

John Krewson, Pastor Tim's friend from school

Tim Whitmore, pastor at 1st Christian in Holden

Mike Holliger Harold Hetherington

TJ Palmer

Suzanne Ammons

Jessica Brown

Dennis Jones

Keri Smith

Jim Kindall

Lorie, Pastor Tim's high school friend

Erica (Vicki Kaufman's friend)

Sherri Royal's Daughter-in-Law's Brother, Jacob

Brian Purvis

Gary Grenzke

Ashley Powell

Andy Engelhart's cousin, Naomi

Prayers for **my Grandma, Donna Frederick.** She had some diabetic tests run.– Maxon Pipes

Prayers for **Sharon Minich and her family.** Her husband, Don, passed away March 18.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for **Lenny Grant.** Lenny is a friend of Debbie Reith. He recently had open heart surgery. The surgery went well and he is recovering nicely.

Prayers for **Dennis, Alice Leisure's Son, Dennis.** He is home and doing much better. Thank you for all your prayers thus far and continued prayers for a full recovery.

Prayers for **Tina Wessley and family.** Tina's Dad, Bill Rickert, passed away March 19..

Prayers for **Chuck Hinton** He spent a couple of days in the hospital.

Prayers for **Elaine VonSpreckelsen**. She spent some time in the hospital and had some tests run.

Prayers for Mary Lou Harrelson, Paula Jones' Mom. Prayers for continued health and life issues.

Prayers for **Jesse Mae**. She is a three month old girl with cancer. She needs a liver transplant. - Les Ann

Congratulations to **Kerri Young and Jessie Bond** on their marriage March 18th.

Prayers for **Sondra Schweighauser and her family** for life issues.

Continued prayers for those people named on our Starfish. Pray that God will intervene in their relationship with Jesus.

Ongoing Concerns

Sharlotte Anderson, June Dehn, Walt Reinhard, Lucy Nilson, Kyle Engelhart, Avis' Daughter in Law's Sister, Michelle. Jack and Alice Leisure, Helen Famuliner Our Church, Our Church Leaders, Our Pastor, Our Community, Our Youth Group, Our Starfish

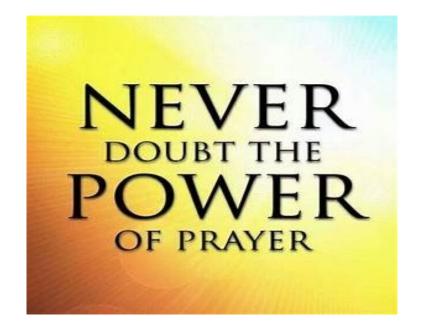
Shut in Concerns

Kristine Brock

Ridge Crest Nursing Home 706 S. Mitchell, Warrensburg, MO 64093

Evelyn Weber and Fred Eaglesfield

Lincoln Community Care Center, 205 Timberline Drive, Lincoln, MO 65338





PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

If you have a family member, friend or loved one who is serving active duty in the military, please contact the office to have them included in our ongoing prayers. If available, please provide us with a picture and any pertinent information you wish to share, such as: name, relationship to you, family, where they are serving, what capacity they are serving in, etc...

Please keep the following troops in our prayers:

Cesar Gutierrez, Dylan Wilson, Dameon Skaggs, Brandon Robertson, Weston Miekley, Gordon Snethen, Cathleen Gutierrez

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Birthdays



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Anniversaries

4/25 Bruce & Nancy Engelhart 4/30 Charlie & Bonnie Townsend



AMEN GROUP



On the first Saturday of each month, our men gather for breakfast, fellowship and a good time.

For more information contact Steve Baker

Next Meeting April 1 @ 8am

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEETING IS THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH*
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS April 11 AT 6 PM

CONTACT BOARD CHAIR BLAYNE PAXTON
WITH QUESTIONS

Seekers Bible Study is a women's Bible Study that meets every Tuesday morning at 11am.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

They are currently studying the Book of James.

Contact Patty May with questions or for

more information.

CLINTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH ELDERS

want to assist, support, and encourage the CCC congregation.

They want to be very inclusive to all members.

The Elders wish to be made aware of all members' and visitors' needs so they can further serve as spiritual leaders of our church.

ELDERS MEET THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 P.M.

NEXT ELDERS' MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 12

FELLOWSHIP IS BACK IN FULL FORCE

APRIL
FELLOWSHIP DINNER IS
SUNDAY, APRIL 16th
immediately following Worship Service
THE MENU IS A.
BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT
IF YOU WANT
EVERYONE, OF COURSE,
IS WELCOME

APRIL GAME NIGHT
WILL BE
FRIDAY, APRIL 28th
THE MENU HAS NOT
BEEN SET YET
BUT WILL BE ANNOUNCED
PRIOR TO THAT DATE.
OF COURSE EVERYONE IS
WELCOME TO GAME NIGHT

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

March 2nd meeting agenda:

I. Opening Prayer Elaine VonSpreckelsen

II. Sanctuary Lenten updates and camera purchase and installation was Board approved. Goal by Palm Sunday!

1. Becky Culler was thanked for the decorating of the sanctuary and the beautiful arrangement in

the entryway. We have received a lot of compliments.

2. Dan has called the gentleman regarding the camera installation but had not yet heard back from him by this meeting.

III. Ash Wednesday service and Palm Sunday and Baptisms

1. Approximately 63 attended Ash Wednesday service - lots of positive feedback. Next year, we believe the pancake supper should be held BEFORE the service so that chefs and servers can attend service and clean up after. Also, need to talk with Property and/or Kitchen committees regarding so many breakers blown. Maybe the wiring can be upgraded during the kitchen renovation.

2. Palm Sunday is April 2nd. Becky will obtain the palms. The children will pass out the palms to the congregation AFTER the baptisms so that those children being baptized can participate AND DUR-

ING the playing of the prelude.

- 3. Baptisms expected: 6 10. Pastor's Classes are being held after worship each Sunday through March 26th.
- IV. Short conversation on Guardian Angel's updates We need to get more volunteers.

V. Easter Sunday

Sonrise Service will be 7 am and regular service will be 10:15 am. Weather permitting, Sonrise Service will be in the courtyard. Major discussion regarding preparing community breakfast. We will work toward that goal for next year.

VI. Brenda Ford fill in pianist/organist April 16th for Debbie and Pastor Cliff Caton filling in for Pastor Tim on April 23rd

VII. Any other suggestions

Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be April 7th, 6 am to 6 pm, with half-hour slots for prayer. The Prayer Room (along with direction signs) will be prepared by the committee after our meeting April 6th.

VIII. Closing Prayer Andy Engelhart

Next meeting will be April 6th!



On Going Outreach

The Church In Society Committee invites you to help supply snacks for the students at the Tech School on an on going basis until further notice..



Students many times don't have an opportunity to bring food and many times don't eat breakfast before school.

Items needed are as follows:

- Individual bags of pretzels or chips
- Bags of individually wrapped Rice Krispy Treats.
- Individual bags of Goldfish or any other type of crackers or cookies.



We have a container available to put them in during the month of January.





PROPERTY COMMITTEE IN ACTION



Gum balls, gum balls, gum balls, they are everywhere on the front lawn of the church! Bill Martin came to the rescue to begin cleaning them up before mowing season. Thanks Bill!

However, not all the gum balls have fallen from the sweet gum trees so feel free to help pick up random gum balls all spring.



Lost & Found Update

Hooray, the lost turquoise earring was found – and the three pair of glasses that were in Lost & Found were claimed.

However, we still have a size 6 Hilfiger jacket, XL women's underwear, a blue umbrella, white shoe strings, a pair of black leather gloves, and a left black cycling glove. Quite an interesting collection! As always, claim any of these items from the green basket under the coat racks outside Holy Grounds. If they are not claimed by the July rummage sale, they will be for sale there.



CWF News

CWF executive committee met March 6. Sherri Royal has agreed to be the 2023 vice-president.

We are planning a trip in May to the New Theater in Overland Park, Kansas to see "The Million Dollar Quartet," in May. The actual date will be announced soon.

The annual rummage sale is July 14-15 this year. Begin gathering your treasures at home but please do not bring them to the church until early July. We do not have enough space for everyone's boxes of rummage.

Pat Bouse announced that pie making days will be the third Friday of the month from 9-11am this year. We will make pies from 9-11am on Friday, April 21. All are welcome whether you have made pies before or not – join the fun!

The CWF yearbooks are available. If you are a member of a CWF group, they are in the church office with your name on it.

If you are not a member and interested in visiting a group, see Lisa Wallace or Maryann VanDyke about specifics. All women are welcome and encouraged to get involved in the fellowship and learning opportunities through CWF.

The next executive meeting is Monday, April 10 to finalize the May trip plans and plan the bi-county CWF meeting to be held here.

Church In Society (CIS) Report
Thank You, Thank You to everyone that contributed to the week of compassion. Our goal was \$2000 and we exceeded it. As I am writing this, the total is \$3057 (\$1000 designated to Ukraine and \$100 designated to Mississippi).

We are planning a give a way on the church parking lot in June (exact date has not been set vet). These items will come from the Manna Harvest Warehouse in Warrensburg.

We will be doing the Ice Cream Social for the Olde Glory Days celebration over the 4th of July.

We continue to support: 1) H.O.PE. Project (3 homes for women that have served prison time)

2) Blessing Box (Supplies put in an outside stand for the public to take)

3) Animal Shelter 4) 7th Day Adventist Baby Pantry 5) Survival House (A shelter for abused women)

We have also taken on a new project. Jody Anderson contacted the School Nurse to see if there was a need for feminine products. We will now supply the Senior High and Junior High with these items.

CIS Committee is supported by 10% of the church income. Thanks again for your generosity. Annette Meyers, Chairperson, CIS Committee

PS...Please continue to bring snack items for the students at the tech center. They appreciate it.

Lenten Prayer Vigil – April 7

One of the most cherished activities of our church during the Lenten Season is our prayer vigil. Our prayer honors God and - God delights to have us talk to him through prayer. Here are some frequently asked questions related to the April 7 prayer vigil.

What is a Lenten Prayer Vigil? The Prayer Vigil is a 30-minute time slot to talk to God...or sing to God...or read to God.

Who may sign up? Anyone and everyone is invited to participate! You don't have to be a member of our church. You may pray as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. Please make time to participate.

When? 30-minute time slots begin at 6:00a.m. and end at 6:00p.m. on Good Friday, April 7

Where? At our church – in the church prayer room located on the "north - Sunday School hall" of the church. Not sure where that is? Come in the front doors and we'll have signs to the prayer room.

Why? During the Lenten season we remember Jesus' last days and his life of prayer. Our prayer honors God and God delights to have us pray.

How do you pray for 30 minutes? Thirty minutes of prayer may seem daunting. Have no fear! You also can read the Bible and sing or recite songs from the hymnal. Remember, praying is not always saying something-Listen to God! There will be resources such as devotionals and prayer books provided in the prayer room.

How? Sign-up in the church lobby.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Greetings from Membership

I don't know about you, but I must be having fun as time is just flying by! Hope you are having a good time, too. March is here and April is coming up real soon.

Let's talk long term first! The Red Roof Flea Market is on! By tradition, it is set for the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend., making it May 27 this year. This is an easy money maker for the church. We sell parking spaces in the Ohio Street parking lot and people set up and sell their wares in our lot. Rain or Shine! We will need set up and take down volunteers. Or maybe you want to sell some things or better yet, you are in the mood to do some bargain shopping. No matter what, put that day on your calendar as everyone who participates has good memories. Kathy Heatherington is in charge of this, so look for more information from her as we get closer.

We will be doing a new picture directory in what is shaping up to be most likely June. Details as we get them so stay tuned.

Even longer term, Membership would like to do another cookout. This will happen sometime during the summer. If you have ideas of a fun location or ideas to make it enjoyable for all regardless of age and ability, let any member of Membership know your idea or join us for our monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. More details later.

February's Game Night on March 3 was a hit! We had people playing games and conversating until past 10:30 PM! Not necessary to stay that late, but you are most welcome to do that should you wish. Game night is a come and go kind of activity open to people of all ages. Bring the kids, the grandkids, yourselves, the neighbors, whomever whether a member of our church or not and have a light meal and play board games! We have all kinds of games from Adventureland to Yatzee. Bring one you enjoy or join in. We play cards, too. FREE! Only way to top that is with ice cream, and who knows...

Next Game Night is March 31. Tacos.

Next Membership meeting is April 6 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Next Carry in (Fellowship Dinner) is April 16. Pasta Bar

Dear Church Family,
Sincere thank you for the cards,
calls, food and concerns.
Our church family
is so very much appreciated.
We love you all!
Bonnie and Charlie Townsend

A SHOUT OUT and
BIG THANK YOU
to those volunteers that helped
deliver Meals on Wheels
last month.
This is a ministry we took on
once a quarter and it couldn't
and wouldn't happen without
YOU!
Thanks Again for your help

Dear Church Family, Thank You for all the thoughts and prayers, notes and cards, and love sent our way during this difficult time.

~ Tina & Tim Wessley

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Bell Choir 9:30 a.m. Choir 8:45 a.m. Bible Reading 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Mondays

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Prayer 4:30 p.m. Community Café

Tuesdays

11:00 a.m.Seekers Bible Study

Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.to noon Monday through Friday Saturday, April 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THE SWEETEST STORY EVER TOLD OUR LENTEN JOURNEY FOR 2023

HERE IS THE REMAINING SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 2

WE WILL BE HAVING BAPTISMS ON THIS DAY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 7 @ 7pm

BRING YOUR TRIGGER OBJECT AND PLACE IT AT THE FEET OF JESUS

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 9

SONRISE SERVICE: 7am

TRADITIONAL SERVICE: 10:15am

DURING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WE WILL EXAMINE OUR SINFULNESS

AND OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US

ON THIS JOURNEY

April 2023





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We livestream our 10:15 Sunday service
there is a link on our website

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