

Good News

"Sharing the Light of Christ"



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Chances Are

Advent was full of song this year. We raised our voices to some of our favorite Christmas hymns all throughout the season, and we even had a thirty member Cantata Christmas Eve morning. We sang so joyously for joy comes in the morning – we live in a time in which darkness has been defeated. The Light of the world has come and shown us the truth.

But the truth wasn't always as visible as it is today. God wasn't always as clear as He is today. In the time of God's revelation as Jesus Christ, people were starving for the truth. They found the path to that truth, the path to God himself, had darkened. It was clouded with religion. It was clouded with ideas. It was clouded with tradition. The path to God was dark. Yet people knew they wanted to walk the path. They knew they wanted truth. They knew they wanted God. And there was hope that one day God would send a Messiah, a Savior, to come and rescue them from the darkness.

Jesus saw their hunger, their desire for God as he told his disciples, "Open your eyes and you will see the fields. The fields are ripe for harvest." Perhaps the song, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel is a similar song to what Jesus heard from the fields. Perhaps these are the words he saw in the eyes of those he approached. Perhaps this is the song the truth-seekers were chanting.

My prayer for your new year is that you are able to see truth. That through Jesus you are able to experience the presence of the Lord regardless of the circumstances this year has to bring. May you be a truth-seeker – one who hungers for the Lord.

On a separate note, we McMullin's thank you all for the wonderful gifts you have blessed us with throughout the Christmas time. We feel so loved and hope you feel loved by us as well.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Chance McMullin



May 2024 give you Peace, Happiness and Prosperity. That is our hope for You and WLCC.

A New Year's Resolution for all God's people comes from Ephesians 4:22-24, "Change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness."

2023 was a fruitful year for WLCC and its building of God's earthly Kingdom. We saw many baptisms; we received many new members who have confessed Jesus to be their Lord and Savior; we have seen a great growth in the Congregation's volunteering to assist in our attempts to disciple the community; there has been many Bible Studies and Prayer Groups to feed the hungry; our Sunday services have served the needs of those in the sanctuary as well as those we now reach by live stream. Thanks to our spirit led staff and ministry teams we are practicing our WLCC motto, "FAITH IN ACTION".

This past month we had a great Christmas Workshop, with record numbers of visitors and participants. We completed the security need of new locks on the church doors. Spiritual Growth is discussing ways to assist those who want to know Jesus better. The Christmas Cantata, decorating the Church, Advent Candle Lighting and helping with Grief Share Blue Christmas Service have occupied the Worship Team.

Since there was no Board Meeting in December, please read Secretary Report of Committee reports.

My New Year Prayer for WLCC is from John 13:34-35, "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Bucky Gazaway,
Moderator

Ministry Reports

Ministry Team Reports:

Property and Grounds - Ken Peterson No report given

Security - Gary Sundstrom No report given

Disciples Outreach - Helen Robinson

Disciples Outreach did not hold a meeting in December. Everyone was busy preparing for the Christmas Workshop held on December 9. The workshop was a success hosting over 300 people including 108 children. We were blessed with many gifts for the "free shops" for the children to choose for their parents/caregivers. We had 40 volunteers who cooked, wrapped, shopped and crafted. God bless everyone who shared in this event.

Connections - Mary Carlin

We discussed supply organization. Introduced a document organizer for new member, guest, and Disciple 101 documents.

Cabinet labels have been applied for the newly organized kitchen.

Reviewed the Disciples 101 schedule for 2024 and who will help with hosting.

Discussed upcoming events: Greater Lake Chorale (11/26) and Lake area Community Orchestra (12/12)

Connections team to host Christmas Fellowship Meal (12/17)

Discussed event and who will be leading teams for 2024 - Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Movie Showings at the Theatre, February Fellowship - Newlywed Game

We will discuss other events at January meeting

No meeting in December so that we can participate in other WLCC events.

Next Meeting January 18th @4PM in Library

Spiritual Growth - Kaycie Hall

The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team met on Monday Nov. 27th. We discussed our member of the month.

Due to no Spiritual Growth meeting in December we selected the next two months members that will be interviewed. We discussed the Letters to God booth at the Christmas workshop. We are going to purchase a mailbox Spiritual Growth can use each year in this booth. We also discussed ideas for the month of Advent.

We will be sending a weekly email out to all of the congregation containing content from DaySpring magazine to go along with the lighting of each Advent candle. There also was some discussion regarding individuals who are really wanting to know Jesus better. There were some great ideas put out there on what that could look like and Spiritual Growth's involvement in that. May we all pray that God will send a spirit of wisdom and revelation to us so that we can be certain of how to proceed and what new ideas to implement. This is so exciting and much needed! There will be no meeting the month of December. The next meeting will be January 29th at 3:00pm

Stewardship - Brian White— No report given

Worship - Pam Folker

Worship is preparing for the "Christmas Eve Services" both morning and evening events. The morning service will have the Cantata Members singing with Prayer, Narration and Communion. The Evening Christmas Service will be the Advent Candle Lighting, Receiving the Light, special music and message. Reverend Chance will also select each Advent Sunday a family to light the Advent Candle and pray the "People's Prayer and Lord's Prayer" The Sanctuary has been decorated for Christmas and the Children for the first Sunday of December did the "Hanging of the Greens". As always, the SpiritSeekers, Sound Booth and Worship Team work to prepare meaningful and spiritual services to the congregation and visitors. Worship will be working with the GriefShare leaders for the Blue Christmas Service on Monday December 18th.

CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship) - Gary Spano No report given

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) - Carroll Rinker No report given

Elders - Cindy Hoch—

Elders met on December 7th for their November December meeting and Christmas party. Fun was had with good food and Bible trivia. Next meeting will be January 25th 3:00

2024 KITCHEN SCHEDULE

Jan 21st

* Addison Gastel
* Danny Williams
Jennifer Bolton
Carmen Roeder
Ann Roland

Feb 18th

* Sharon & Lenny Hofer
Patty Daylong
Don & Nancy Witt
Bobbie Aubuchon
Jimmy Williams

Sunday Fellowship Dinners - 2024 - updated: _____

Sunday Fellowship Dinners 2024

Kitchen Teams

* = Team Leader(s)	Jan - 21	Feb - 18	Mar - 17	Apr - 21	May - 19 Fish Fry
*Addison Gastel	*Sharon & Lenny Hofer	*Carroll Rinker	*Mary & Dan Carlin	*Cindy Hoch	
*Danny Williams	Patty Daylong	*Gail Renick	Julie Putnam	Marilyn Rothove	
Jennifer Bolton	Don & Nancy Witt	Doug Riggs	Sandy & Dave Kerscher		
Carmen Roeder	Bobbie Aubuchon	Ken & Cindy Peterson	Wayne & Tricia Vandewater		
Ann Roland	Jimmy Williams	Carmen Roeder	Lee Ann Vanderpool		
Bill Easter		Karen Kuchenbrod			
Jim Braswell					
Jun - 23	Jul - 21	Aug - 18	Sep - 15	Oct - 20	
*Julie Putnam	*Tom & Julie Johnson	*Melanie & Terry Mathena	*Addison Gastel	*Sherry Haase	
Sherry Haase	Jim & Tammy Ham Iton	Tom Lime	*Danny Williams	Julie Putnam	
Mary Carlin	Deb DaSilva	Diane & Jonn Gilmore	Chris & Charlie Turner	Mary Carlin	
Jeff & Tenessa Rehmer	Bev Trowbridge	Julie Putnam	Carmen Roeder	Marilyn Rothove	
Mitch & Michelle Phillips	Mike & Pam Rezac	Dave & Mary Holloway	Debbie Doyle	Chuck & Pam Folker	
			Amanda & Jeremy Mullins	Judy Smith	
				Joe Proch	

Team Leaders

Nov - 17	Dec - 15
Thanksgiving Dinner	Christmas Dinner
Team prepares entrée	Team prepares entrée
*Betty Snitker/Mary Ellen	*Gary & Laura Spano
Melanie & Terry Mathena	Deb & Dave Salsbury
Judy Tooke	Greg Garrison
Julie Putnam	Sue & Joe Lanahari
	Bev & Gary Sundstrom

1. Make calls to team to confirm all will serve.

2. Work out roles - who sets up early, etc.

3. Clean up thoroughly, turn all off, take dishclothes to be washed

4. Tally money from donation box, seal in envelope, and

put in lockbox in mail room on office door.

Life happens and conflicts are inevitable. If you can not serve as scheduled, please trade with someone and let your team leader know asap.

New members joining during the year may be added only upon request of new member.

GriefShare

“Loss of a Spouse” - Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 2:00pm in the church Media Room:

If you have lost a spouse, this one session program can be a good start to your grief recovery. When you lose a spouse, you lose not only a part of you, but there are so many unexpected "secondary" losses that you likely will encounter. This program covers a lot of information to help you understand and deal with these losses, and your feelings/emotions.

This program has three parts: (1) a professionally made video featuring counselors, pastors, and lay people who talk about all the emotions, challenges, and tips to help you recover from grief, (2) a small group discussion of the video, along with answering your questions and concerns, and (3) a participant guide that has a note-taking section, and helpful and encouraging exercises for you to read and apply to your life.

This program lasts two hours and is fully sponsored by our church; there is no cost to attend this workshop. Although there is no cost to attend, we ask that you let us know of your interest as soon as possible. We need to ensure we have sufficient workbooks for all in attendance.

"GriefShare 13-Week Program" - Sundays, January 21, 2024, thru April 21, 2024 @ 2PM
(no class on Easter Sunday)

This is an in-depth program that consists of 13 sessions; each session is a different topic, so if you miss a session, it will not affect the other sessions. And you can make up any missed session by either watching it online, or by attending the missed session in another 13-week program (we offer this 13-week program twice a year).

This program is designed to help you heal from any loss of life ... a spouse, a child or parent, a sibling, aunts/uncles, grandparents, and even close friends. We understand that you may feel a bit uncomfortable attending but let me assure you that you will be joining other participants who share the same issues and concerns you may have. And all of the facilitators have been there, too, so we get it! We have experienced the uncertainties, the concerns, the pain, and the feelings/emotions you are probably feeling, so we are good listeners.

The GriefShare program consists of three parts: (1) professionally made videos each week, featuring counselors, pastors, and lay people who have all traveled the journey of grief recovery, (2) small group discussions of the video, and sharing tips, ideas, and listening to your concerns, and (3) a comprehensive workbook that features great note-taking sections, daily workbook exercises, and some great written articles about grief.

There is a \$25 registration fee for this program, to cover the cost of materials used (your individual, personal workbook, and a bound composition book that is used for notetaking and for journaling). Being an avid supporter of this program, WLCC reimburses the registration fee to those who complete the program. If you are financially challenged, please let us know as we have church-sponsored scholarships available for those who need it. We don't want anyone to miss this program due to financial reasons.

For more information, or to pre-register, please see the church office or Jim Braswell.
We look forward to working with you!

January Prayer

Bill Snitker	Ken Peterson
Bob Martin	Kent Elliott
Brooklyn Reynolds	Kip Mathena
Catherine Anson	Leslie Alford
Christina Biondi	Lisa Krause
Ciara Cheyenne	Lori Leach
Cole Smith	Mary Medellin
Dawn Putnam	Matthew Wilkey
Helen Smith	Noah Courtney
Jack Ladd	Rick Pace
Jan Fields	Russell Modglin
Jacque Higginbotham	Shawn Reynolds
Jan Kennedy	
John Gilmore	
Karen Swanson	
Kaylynnn Tilburg	

Names given for prayer are left in Bulletin and newsletter for 1 month, but you are always welcome to request that the name be added again. The Prayer Team continues to pray until asked to me removed.

Laurie Care Center & The Knolls

Stanley Field	Shirley Hunter
Richard Delaney	Todd Szilagyi
Don Bell	Marilyn Miller

Other Nursing Homes



Our condolences go out to Gail Renick, her husband Pete Renick passed away Dec 17, 2023.

Thank You



Thanks for your monetary donation to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Your support equips our team to meet the immediate and ongoing needs of hurting people, demonstrating God's compassion and faithfulness in times of suffering.

Dear West Lake Christian Church,
Thank you for your generous donation. You make it possible for us to do what we do.
Medical Missions For Christ

On behalf of the clients, staff, volunteers and Board of Directors of Citizens Against Domestic Violence, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation. Your support does so much for our shelter. Thank you for investing in CADV, IT MATTERS!

Thank you to everyone who gave me a gift this Holiday season. I love working here, and enjoy every friendship and look forward to many years here. Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas. Torina Haase

Thank you to those who remembered me with gifts during the Christmas Season. Wishing you all a Happy 2024
Scott H.

January



02 Dave Holloway	17 Sandy Schaefer
05 Margaret Haxel	18 Tom Johnson
06 Bobbie Aubuchon	21 Melanie Mathena
07 Barbara Byers	22 Bill Easter
07 Jimmy Williams	26 Mary Fiser
13 Shirley Todd	27 Mark Buman
16 Keith Schroeder	30 Amanda Mullins
17 Gary Satterfield	30 Bruce Schaefer

Happy Anniversary

1 Jim & Mary Lou Clary

New Members Address Change

Welcome New members— Their personal information can be found in Breeze, if you need their contact information please contact the office.

Brian Anson

DIRECT DEPOSIT

West Lake Christian Church

We now offer the convenience and option for you to have your tithe to the church automatically debited from the bank account you designate on the form.

Simply complete the required information, sign the form and attach a voided check from you bank. Please allow approximately 10 working days before the debit is made.

You may make changes or cancel the automatic deduction at any time, however we must have your signature authorizing the change.

You may place the form along with your voided check in the offering plate or give it to the church secretary.

If you do not want to use the electronic deduction option you may continue using the membership envelope.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office.

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Name and Address on Account

Please Check on of the following:

_____ Checking account

_____ Savings account

Bank Routing # _____

Bank Account # _____

Day of week/month: frequency (weekly, monthly, semi-monthly) and amount you want deducted from your account:

Signature: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date: _____ Phone #: _____

PLEASE ATTACHED A VOIDED CHECK

January

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Sunday Schedule
 9:00 A.M. CLASSES
 ⇒ CHILDREN-UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
 ⇒ ADULT-STUDIES DOWNSTAIRS
 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SUN	MON	TUE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 9:30 PRAYER BELL PRACTICE 4PM WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6PM	4	5 WATERCOLORS 9:30-12 MERRY WIDOWS 1PM	6
7	8 8:30 BKFAST AT CHANCES R CRAFTS 10AM-3PM MUSIC MINISTRY 2:30PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING 6PM	9 CWF MEETING 11AM BROWN BAG NOON	10 9:30 PRAYER BELL PRACTICE 4PM WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15PM	11 MINISTRY TEAM LEADER MTG 5PM BOARD MEETING 6PM	12 WATERCOLORS 9:30-12	13
14 GRIEF SHARE LOSS OF A SPOUSE 2PM	15 8:30 BKFAST AT CHANCES R CRAFTS 10AM-3PM MUSIC MINISTRY 2:30PM	16 BROWN BAG NOON CMF 6:00PM	17 9:30 PRAYER WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6PM	18 CONNECTIONS MEETING 4PM	19 WATERCOLORS 9:30-12 MERRY WIDOWS 1PM	20
21 FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL DISCIPLES 101 GRIEF SHARE 13 WEEK 2PM	22 8:30 BKFAST AT CHANCES R CRAFTS 10AM-3PM MUSIC MINISTRY 2:30PM	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE BROWN BAG NOON	24 9:30 PRAYER BELL PRACTICE 4PM WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15PM	25 ELDERS MEETING 3:30 PM	26 WATERCOLORS 9:30-12 MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS GIRL SCOUT LOCK IN	27 GIRL SCOUT LOCK IN
28 GRIEF SHARE 13 WEEK 2PM	29 SPIRITUAL GROWTH 3PM	30 BROWN BAG NOON	31 9:30 PRAYER WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6PM			

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**JANUARY EVENTS**

CRAFTS EVERY MONDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM

MUSIC MINISTRY EVERY MONDAY @ 2:30PM

BROWN BAB BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON

PRAYER GROUP EVERY WED. AT 9:30 AM- LOWER CHAPEL

MERRY WIDOWS SOCIAL GROUP MEETS EVERY 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY @ 1PM

WATERCOLORS EVERY FRIDAY 9:30AM- 12PM

STEWARDSHIP MEETING MONDAY JAN 8 TH AT 6:00 P.M.

CWF MEETING TUESDAY JAN 9TH @ 11AM

BOARD MEETING THURSDAY JAN 11TH AT 6:00 P.M.

CMF MEETING TUESDAY JAN 16TH @ 6:00PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- JAN 18TH

CONNECTIONS MEETING THURSDAY JAN 18TH- 4:00PM

FELLOWSHIP DINNER SUNDAY, JAN 21ST

DISCIPLES 101 FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MONDAY JAN 29TH @ 3PM

FEBRUARY EVENTS

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LAKE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SATURDAY FEB 3RD.

DISCIPLES OUTREACH MEETING MONDAY FEB 6TH AT 6 P.M.

BOARD MEETING THURSDAY FEB 8TH AT 6:00 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING MINDAY FEB 12TH @ 6PM

CWF MEETING TUESDAY FEB 13TH @ 11AM

CONNECTIONS MEETING TUESDAY FEB 15TH @ 4:00PM

FELLOWSHIP DINNER SUNDAY, FEB 18TH

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- FEB 20TH

CMF MEETING TUESDAY FEB 20TH @ 5:30PM

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MONDAY FEB 26TH @ 3PM