



# NEWSLETTER

## APPRECIATION FOR THE HANDICAP RAMP CREW

THANK YOU to the guys who volunteer their time to the ramp ministry! They have built over 50 ramps for people in all age groups and circumstances - sometimes working in terrible weather.

The average cost of a ramp is \$500-\$1000 paid by you - the congregation! What a blessing!

### Handicap Ramp Crew (led by Chris & Sam!)

Sam Tecklenburg	Norm Arends	Monte Ausmus
Chris Wilkinson	Scott Crampton	Scott Curley
Ken Smartt	Mike Brooks	Claude Schultz
Jared Crabtree	Martin Schlott	Albert Moreno

\*Special thanks to Home Store, BMS, and Smartt & Ausmus Farms for donations and discounts!

## MISSION

We are seeking to be a Church that loves God and loves others by making disciples, connecting them to the body, and equipping them to live a lifestyle of worship by serving God and others for Kingdom work.

## BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya, Rod Thomas  
Deacons - John Adams, Lee Downen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt  
Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Dave Tecklenburg

## Homemade Pie & Ice Cream

On August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm, we will host a **HOMEMADE PIE & ICE CREAM NIGHT!**

We will have a contest for the the best chocolate, vanilla, and fruit flavor ice cream. The pie contest will feature peach, pecan and a fruit pie.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY STAY CONNECTED DAY

The last Wednesday Stay Connected Day is August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00AM in the fellowship hall.

Remember to download the church app on your phone to get prayer chain messages! Call the church office if you need help.

## 2022 Women's Encounter

Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Text or call  
Connie Akers  
with Questions ~  
688-1639



## Men's Encounter

Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Rick Akers with questions ~ 688-2774

## STAFF

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker  
Associate Minister - Ray Matteson  
Youth Pastor - Kevin Dickenson  
Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas  
Worship Director - Mariah Hartshorn  
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

# Ray's Reflections

Como Ride '22 is happening this month ~ August 18-21. I believe this is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the ride. That's pretty amazing! Many lives have been touched and many thousands of dollars have been raised to help the camp ministry. This year it looks like we will be down some in numbers as far as riders, but we are still anticipating another great ride and retreat. Please know that we invite anyone who wants to come up for the weekend. You can drive a vehicle - we don't care! Think about joining us. Jeff, our son, will be doing the teaching again this year and he does a great job! Two other ways to help and support us: 1) Through your prayers. We value greatly your prayers as riding does come with some risks. Also please pray for spiritual impact in each person who attends. 2) Your financial support is also appreciated. We pay for our expenses and try to raise as much beyond that as possible to help the camp fulfill their ministry and do special projects. You can give online or just mark your gift for the Como Ride. Thanks for what you do in helping this to be a great weekend.

## Fall Is On the Way

Fall is on the way, but you do not want to fall away. You do not want to fall behind. You do not want to fall out of fellowship. I'll bet you want to get back involved and growing in your faith. So plan now to join a group study or help us start some new groups. We will be announcing the groups that will kick off in late August or early September, but why not help us start some new groups? If you would like to be a part of a group or even facilitate or host a new group, please sign up by Luann's office or stop, call or text Ray (608) 898-7712.

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In June, a group of ten kids and four adults set out for adventure-filled days at Camp Como and we had a blast! The kids were anxious to get there and once settled into their cabins, they quickly set off to explore and play. The playground and gaga ball were the most popular places to be during free time and provided a good opportunity to meet other campers. The sessions provided a fun and active praise time followed by a speaker that touched on the main teaching points of camp- courage, commitment, community, and celebration. Our other time during the days were packed with activities such as rock-climbing tower, a craft, BMX biking, archery, hiking, and zipline. We all came home tired, but with many good memories! I am grateful for the kids that joined us- Everly and Charlie Homm, Presley and Nolan Vallejos, Kayden Ridder, Zerek Rankin, Nick Marquez, Felix Thomas, Paycen Williams, and Lavetta Harbert. And many thanks to the other sponsors that came along- Shelby Homm, Jeff Wittman, and Keenan Thomas.

**KEVIN**

CIY this year was a blast! This year we took 15 high school students to Glorietta Adventure Camps in Glorietta, NM. The theme for this year was Broadcast. Throughout the camp we discussed the many parables of Jesus and applied each to our lives all while swimming in the lake, going to the local coffee shop, or playing spikeball. Students responded well to each night's message and even felt convicted enough to begin their own bible study to continue the community and friendships they built at CIY (they are currently working through Mark). To further prove the impact of this year's message we had four students give their hearts and lives to Jesus. Those students were; Cortney Bellomy, RaLei Voss, Alex Dashner, and Josh Anderson! Make sure to encourage those students as you see them!

Camp Como was again another fantastic camp. This year we took ten students to camp! The theme this year was Courage, the bible story used was David's. This being a middle school trip, courage was a fantastic topic to cover as many students often struggle with confidence even outside their faith. Some things to highlight from the trip would be the food, zip lining, the cemetery trip, archery tag, and the new relationships and connections formed within our students. While doing all these fun things the camp tied it all together with David's story and how we can not only learn from it but are still being blessed by it. The impact left on our students I believe will be one that will hang on for sometime to come! This being my (Kevin) first year at camp with these students and here at LCC, I honestly wasn't sure on what to expect, so I didn't have ANY expectations! However, I was blown away by each of the students whether at CIY or Camp Como and how they responded and took their time at camp not simply as a vacation, but as an intentional time and moment to connect and learn about God. Seeing this leads me to believe that this will be a great year of ministry for the students and next year's camps will be even better!

## News from Ian

**Sermon Series** - We are continuing the 3:16 New Testament series through September, so we encourage you to continue to look through the various texts with 3:16 verses in them and read ahead. Please read the entire chapter for the context of the verses.

**Thank You** - The leadership wants to thank an anonymous donor for a generous gift for the congregations ministry. We will use the gift wisely to strategically improve our mission and ministry impact in Prowers County.

**Revelation Study** - Ian will continue the Revelation of John study on September the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in room 111 on the first floor of the education wing. We will continue with chapter 6. There is room for about four more if you want to pick up this hour long study.

**New Local Mission Ministry** - The eldership are developing a new mission to the state halfway house in Lamar. Each week, we will be providing a nutritious meal for those from the center who work at jobs in Lamar and who do not have lunches provided by state or local authorities. We are also praying that we will be able to start a weekly or monthly Bible study to spiritually encourage all those who are sent there for rehabilitation and trained in various life skills as they prepare to re-enter public life. We also hope to be able to pick up the residents up to attend Bible studies on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in driving a van to transport the residents to and from the studies, let us know. As we develop more plans and details we will keep you informed. We will need ministry teams to aid in preparing pre-planned meals for the residents. Please let us know if your ministry team or just a group of men and women want to prepare the meals on a rotation basis.

**India Mission** - David Barber is going on a short term teaching mission with Team Expansion in the fall. While David has his funds secured, we are encouraging the congregation to donate to the trip to aid others who are also going with their funding and to help in the teaching mission. If you wish to give, you can do that through our new giving app, or write a check designated for India mission. Thank you for your generous support as always.

**Thank You** - I want to thank the Elders who are involved in ministry every day. They provide counsel, encouragement and support for the staff. They are all involved in ministry every week. They spend copious amounts of time in prayer and Bible study. They listen with open hearts and minds. They discipline and disciple where needed—staff or member of the congregation. They dream and visualize how to influence the community to become Jesus followers. They pray and work on ways to take us from being self-serving, to ones who biblically serve the community as priority. The Elders prepare meals, lead studies, go to pray in people's homes, and they meet often to talk about mission and vision in ministry. They discuss ways to encourage the congregation to reach out beyond the safe walls of the building to those who need to hope of Jesus. They simply love as Jesus does, and that is what we need. So please lift up the eldership in prayer every day. Encourage them in word and action. Partner with them in ministry. Ask them how you can serve them. Ask them how you can partner with them. Ask them what they need you to pray for them. Ask them how they are doing spiritually. Work with them every week in missional ministry. Love your Elders!

**LCC Hosts** - Every fall LCC has many out of state students who come to Lamar for two years of college classes. Each student misses their homes, pets, home cooked meals and families and would love to have a Prowers County family adopt them for the college year. This entails inviting them over for lunch once in a while, offering to take care of laundry, having them over for a games night, stay the weekend, attending their sports activities and as much as you choose. Lori and I have had students over for several years, and we have been blessed to get to know students from Hawaii, Maine, Texas, Maryland, and all over. We still hear from some of the students once in a while. Most of the students are happy to attend church services, and several have been involved in our ministries. If you want to get involved in the ministry, contact LCC and they will forward you information to the appropriate staff member. Around 200 students would love an adoptive Prowers County family. They are fun to host.

**Where Does My Giving Go?** This question is asked of me every once in a while, so here is the answer. All giving goes into a central bank account that represents all the ministry needs in the congregation. These needs form our annual budget that provides funds for ministries such as missions, men's, women's children's, youth, adult, facility, salaries, insurance, camp scholarships, college scholarships, transportation, office equipment, worship and more. Each ministry sets its own budget in October of each year. The planned budgets go to Ian who plots them all out, and he then takes those figures and plans to the Elders for prayerful discussion with ministry leaders if needed. After discussion they bring a revised budget to the board for discussion and prayer. With minor adjustments the budget is approved for the next year, and implemented on January the 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Fall Ladies Retreat!

October 14-16 will be here before we know it! The cost is \$75 per lady (this includes Friday & Saturday lodging, all meals Saturday, & breakfast Sunday. We will eat dinner out Friday night on our own dime!). Please talk to Luann or Lori B. if cost is an issue. Google "Yellow Pine Guest Ranch Cuchara" and check it out! Beautiful place to get away and nourish your soul!

ASSIGNMENT	8/7/22	8/14/22	8/21/22	8/28/22	
DEVOTION LEADER - E	John Adams	Rod Ausmus	Rick Akers	Monty Coen	
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SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Jimmy Marquez	Lee Downen	Monty Coen	Bryan Herrera	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Joe Baca	Shane Dashner	Norm Arends	David Barber	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Jason Herrera	Dustin DeWitt	Rod Thomas	Albert Moreno	
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Terry DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen	Rick Akers	Brian Lauritsen	
GREETERS - E	Jack Turner	Rod Ausmus	Andy Hammer	Don Colclazier	
GREETERS - L	Jill & Alice	Glen Smith	Rick & Monica	Ken Smartt	
COMMUNION PREP	Janice England & Kay Arends				

### TRADITIONAL > THURSDAYS @ 6:00PM / CONTEMPORARY > THURSDAYS @6:30PM

ASSIGNMENT:	<u>8/7/22</u>	<u>8/14/22</u>	<u>8/21/22</u>	<u>8/28/22</u>	
DRUMS	KEENAN	ELOY	KEENAN	JOSH	
KEYBOARD	SUSANNE	ALICIA	MARAH		
BASS	RAY	EMILY	DAVID	ZACK	
ELEC. GUITAR	ROD T	JOSH	ROD A		
GUITAR	MARIAH	MARIAH	MARIAH	MARIAH	
VOCAL	AMBER	HEATHER	CONNIE	ANSLEY	
VOCAL	JOAN	EMILY	MARAH	CARISMA	
SOUND TECH	BRIAN	KENNY	RORY	BRIAN	
VIDEO LATE	HARRIS	JOAN/DILLON	SHIANE/TAYA	HARRIS	
LEADER	MARIAH	MARIAH	MARIAH	MARIAH	
PIANO	VICKI	BARB	SUSANNE	BARB	
SOPRANO	SUSAN	SHELBY	SUSAN	SHELBY	
ALTO	MELODY	CHAR	MELODY	CHAR	
TENOR	JAMES	ANSLEY	JAMES	ANSLEY	
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON	
VIDEO EARLY	HOMM	SCHMIDT	HERRERA	HOMM	

## Prayer Requests

David Payne  
Shane Bryant  
Betty Hoesli  
Donna Wishard  
Russ Hobden  
Richard Stickler  
Beverly Hazel  
Vera Hammons  
LeeAnn Barden  
Truett Sires  
Sadie Aldridge  
Lucille Dawson  
Les Scriven  
Alice Mauch  
Tim Courkamp  
Linda Turner  
Barb Koehn  
Donna Bowie  
Kanny Baker  
Martha Thompson  
Albert Reifschneider

## Memorial

In Memory of:  
*Steve Wertz*

From:  
*William &  
Leslie Barnes*

## Needleworkers Meeting Again!

Bring your handiwork to the fellowship hall every other Wednesday (started July 27) at 1:00 to enjoy the company of other ladies in a climate controlled place ~ even if you don't have a project you are welcome to come visit!

## August Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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| 1  | Wayne Schultz<br>*Bryan & Char Herrera   | 18 | Ken Smartt<br>*Rory & Kathy O'Neill                               |
| 2  | *Zeke & Sheila Forbes  | 19 | Lori Blacker<br>Wesley Sires<br>*Bill & Leilanie Kisamore         |
| 3  | Todd Brown   | 20 | Betty Clark   |
| 4  | Mary Cass<br>Laci Coen   | 22 | Dustin DeWitt<br>Bill Kisamore                                    |
| 5  | Ray Gilbert<br>*Darrell & Glynda Pool<br>*Garrett & Sharon Headrick<br>*Grant & Laura Hobden | 23 | Joel Souders<br>*Chris & Vicki Wilkinson<br>*Jim & Heather Ramsay |
| 6  | Kailey Evans<br>Liz Rehfeld  | 25 | *Carroll & Barb O'Neal  |
| 8  | Dottie McCaslin<br>Kevin Ridder<br>*Joe & Janet Harbert                                      | 26 | Jennifer Hawkins<br>*Bryce & Michelle Hiigel                      |
| 11 | Layton Homm<br>*Mitch & Mary Cass<br>*Allen & Janie Campbell                                 | 28 | Jason Gass<br>Zachary Scriven                                     |
| 12 | Eric Settles   | 29 | Lisa Steed<br>Connie Vallejos                                     |
| 14 | James Souders  | 30 | *Mark & Sheryl Carrigan   |
| 15 | Jason Adams<br>*Shane & Joy Dashner  | 31 | Albert Reifschneider  |
| 16 | Rylan Herrera  |    |   |
| 17 | Jim Ramsay<br>*Russ & DeEtte Hobden<br>*Gary & Lori Hammer                                   |    |   |

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

If you are in the age group of 18-30, we encourage you to start participating in our Young Adult Group. Their fall start date is August 28<sup>th</sup> with a **NEW MEETING TIME** on Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm in room 111 upstairs. They not only have Bible study, but get involved in fun projects too.

Don't miss out on this growing ministry!

For questions, call Danny or Brittani Barrett at 691-9399.

## Mitch McVicker Concert September 6

Many of you remember Rich Mullins and his Dove Award hit single "My Deliverer". Mitch McVicker co-wrote that song with Rich. After a tragic accident, Mitch is back writing and performing songs, carrying on the legacy Rich left behind. Mitch's unique style of performance will be here on Tuesday September 6 at 7pm in the sanctuary. Come and enjoy an evening of musical talent and inspiration. Please be in prayer that this event will reach many people in our area.

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Lamar, CO 81052  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:00AM - Blended  
10:30AM - Contemporary  
Sunday School - 9:15AM  
Children's Church - 10:30AM

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Return Service Requested

## **SENIOR SAINTS**

The purpose of the senior adult ministry of Lamar Christian Church is to share in Christian fellowship and encourage each other in spiritual growth, while striving to be a blessing to the church and community.

Senior Saint's met at 5:00PM on Monday, July 18, 2022 in the fellowship hall with the following in attendance: Judy Weber, Niles & Rosella Voigt, Kay Slough, Pat Leonard, Alice Clark, Alice Mauch, Deleta Downen, Susan Gourley, Les Scriven (Nancy was out of town), Nancy Idler, Don Colclazier, Susanne Matteson, Kara Matteson, our newest and youngest member - Alice Thomas (Susanne's granddaughter) and Betty Clark. Ray and his grandson had a ball game. Good crowd. We visited and got things ready to eat and Niles offered our blessing and we ate the good stuff brought in. Yum!

Shortly after eating Betty brought the meeting to order and asked for any business, which there wasn't. Nancy Idler will do devotions for August. Thank you Nancy (Alice thought she would do a good job and volunteered her). Thank you Alice. Betty brought a devotion from the little book "The Wonder Of Prayer" by Colleen Townsend Evans. It was on Prayer of course. We all know how very valuable prayer is in our lives. The Scripture was 1 Peter 5-7. Thank you Betty.

Then we cleaned up and put things away and had 3 tables of Round-a-bout. One table Alice C., Alice M., Susan and Nancy I. Nancy won one and Alice C. Won one. The second table was Niles, Rosella, Kay and Deleta. Kay and Niles won one and Rosella and Deleta won one. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> table it was Pat, Judy, Les and Betty. Judy and Pat won one and Les and Betty won one. Oh what fun those crazy seniors have. I do want to inform you if you come and play Round-a-bout - try not to be at Pat's table. OH, OH that little man took ME off every chance he got and enjoyed every time. He's a menace!!!! But I still love him and will let him come back.

Les is still in his sling and uncomfortable - keep him in our prayers. Alice is awaiting some time to have some procedures done that can't be done right now. Keep her in your prayers. Bev is doing better but is not up to par yet. Please keep her in your prayers. Keep our Country and State in your prayers.

Our next Senior Saint's meeting will be Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Anybody is welcome. Just bring a dish to share and come prepared to laugh a lot and have a good time.

Thank you sweet Luann for all you do for us and Thank you Jimmy for all you do for us. You both are VERY special to all of us.

No more news - stay tuned next month for more exciting Senior Saint's news.

Nuff for now.

Betty Clark, Reporter

P.S. Betty read a Thank You from the Pool family for the donation made in memory of Hazel Pool.