



# NEWSLETTER

## Decision Day '22 - June 19<sup>th</sup>

As a part of our WITH Series, we will be having a special day where we focus on "United With Christ". We know making this decision is hard, and while we sometimes intend to make our decision to follow Christ, get baptized, or become a member, we just keep putting it off. We want to break down some of those barriers by challenging and encouraging you to make your decision. This is the day to join with others in making your decision public. If you want to be baptized by immersion, rededicate your life, or become a member of the church, this is the day to do it. There is a form on our website that you can fill out letting us know, but you don't have to fill out a form - you can decide that day if you choose.



## 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 Dowen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt

Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Dave Tecklenburg

## Summer Fun Events

### **Corn Hole!**

On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm, we will host our annual corn hole competition in the parking lot on the north end of the Fellowship Hall. First held last year, it was surprising how many people and teams attended - the level of competition was shocking! We will have burgers and hot dogs available, and cool drinks will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet by the office next week. There is a \$10 fee for each team to help cover the cost of the food and drinks. We had ten boards up last year, perhaps 20 this year?? BYOB if you have one.

### **Swim Night**

We have already rented the pool for a swim night on July 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9pm. There is no cost for the swim night for you and your family. Come and cool off at the LCC pool night!

### **Homemade Pie & Ice Cream**

On August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm, we will host a homemade pie and 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. What's not to like?

## STAFF

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker

Associate Minister - Ray Matteson

Youth Pastor - Kevin Dickenson

Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas

Church Clerk - DeEtte Hobden

Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

Custodian - Jimmy Marquez

The **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will be having a monthly **"Stay Connected Day"** from 10:00 - 11:00 on June 15, July 13, and August 17 in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome. There will be devotions, singing, and prayer time. Bring your own beverage. Come join us for some great fellowship!

# Ray's Reflections

## Como Ride 22

The annual Como Ride and Retreat will be August 18-21. The purpose of this ride is two-fold. One is to support the camp and help with debt or special projects. Every rider brings an offering to offset the cost, but also over and above. Many who do not go on the ride often help with this effort as well. Last year the offerings totaled \$12,000.00. That was amazing.

The second purpose is for fellowship and teaching. This year, Jeff Matteson will return to be our speaker and will challenge us in our walk with Jesus. Oh, yeah, there is a third purpose - we get to enjoy some fun riding through the amazing Rocky Mountains. Your prayers and support are appreciated. Please let Ray know if you plan to attend. A sign up can be found on our webpage.



## Our Online Platforms are Changing

- Over the next few weeks we will be changing over our online platforms. This will include: our website, our streaming service, our methods of online giving and messaging as well.
- Why are we doing this? Right now we are using at least four different companies to do all these things. We will be putting all these services under one umbrella or company called Subsplash. This will unify all these different efforts which will end up streamlining our work and it is going to save us over \$300.00 a month in costs.
- What will this mean for you? The biggest change for you will be the online giving aspect. That will require making some changes, but don't freak out please. It will be gradual and we will provide the help and training to make it as smooth as possible. One of the benefits is that the per giving transaction fees will go down for us and other giving options will be provided.
- One other benefit is that we will have our own church app. Work as already begun on developing this app. It will take a month or so before this app goes live, but it will include some features I am excited to get to share with you.
- Again, this will be a gradual roll out as it requires quite a bit of work and effort to make it happen, but we will seek to make it as smooth as possible.
- We will be demonstrating some of these things in our services and provide some videos on our website as well.

Ray's Sermon Series **"WITH"** (May 29<sup>th</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup>) will focus on what it means to have God with us.

Jun 5 - Nothing is impossible **WITH** God  
June 12 - The Father **WITH** us  
June 19 - United **WITH** Him  
June 26 - Seated **WITH** Him

## Kevin's ENGAGE updates

- CIY registration is due (with payment)  
May 31<sup>st</sup> - CIY is June 25-29
- COMO registration is due (with payment)  
June 20<sup>th</sup> - Camp is July 18-21

## Young At Heart

If you are 55 or older, come join us up in the mountains on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for a day of fellowship, worship, and a celebration of life!

DETAILS~ Speaker > Gene Barron  
Worship Leader > Bryan Myers  
Cost > \$30/person (Lunch & Dinner included)  
Time > Check in 9 -10AM  
Register online at: [www.campcomo.com](http://www.campcomo.com)

## Kelsey's Calendar Dates

- Prospector Camp (Grades 3,4,5)  
Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Vacation Bible School - Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. It takes many volunteers to run a great VBS! Please watch for the lists of needs to be posted by the office.

## Sermon Series July-August

During the heat of the summer, we will be focussing on various New Testament 3:16 verses. We will unwrap what they meant to the early church, and certainly, how they apply to the church of today - you and me. I encourage you to read through the verses and the context in which they were written to let the Holy Spirit speak truth into your life, not for knowledge, but for spiritual life change.

God's word is to be learned and memorized for sure, but it is designed to be lived out in the daily market place of life. This both transforms our lives, and the lives of our families and communities in which we live. We live to serve and serve to live.

## Office Hours Reminder

Please remember that Luann does not answer the phone or open the front doors on Monday morning. If ministry staff are here we certainly will take care of you. Otherwise, leave a message for the appropriate staff member and we will get back to you as soon as possible. The office doors are open and phones will be answered at 1pm on Mondays. Staff meetings are Tuesday mornings from 11:00-12:00, at which time doors will be locked and phones will be set to take messages. Regular office hours are Monday 1- 5pm, Tuesday 8-11am & 1- 5pm, Wed. through Friday, 8-12noon and 1-5pm.

## Summer Break For Bible Studies

As you are aware, all of our Wednesday evening Bible studies are taking a break for the summer. We will re-connect after Labor Day weekend. We encourage you to start a summer home study if you would like to lead one. We utilize RightNow Media online for much of our Bible study material. Many of the most respected Bible teachers are available online through RNM, and are free to use for all members. Come and talk to Ray or Ian about starting up a study, and we will guide you through the process.

## Revelation Bible Study

What has become an in-depth study of The Revelation Of John-we have only traversed the first five chapters, has ended for the summer season. We will re-start after Labor day with chapter 6. This study uses a simple, yet in depth study of each section or a complete chapter, with a question sheet to work through each week. We again will meet in room 111 on the first floor of the education wing from 6-7pm each Wednesday night. While the class is pretty full each week, we have room for a few more people. Come and join this great group of Bible students, as we learn about the context of the prophesy of Revelation, it's meaning to the early church, and it's application to our lives today.

## Scholarship Application

If your student intends to apply for a Christian college to study for a ministry position, there are applications available through the office. We have a strict set of parameters for the applicants, such as attending worship services at least 50% of the year, attending at least 75% of youth ministry events, actively being involved through the congregation's many ministries and maintaining a B average at college. Each candidate will be interviewed before a scholarship is given to ascertain their motivation for ministry, gain insight into how they are already involved in ministry, what they believe God is calling them to and why, and to assess their readiness for the experience. The scholarship amount will depend on your needs, your grades, and the leadership interview with each candidate.



## 2022 Wichita Women's Encounter

Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> through

Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Text or call Connie Akers with

Questions ~ 688-1639

LADIES! WE ARE HEADED BACK TO CUCHARA!

We have locked in the dates for a

**Fall Ladies Retreat!**

Mark your calendars for October 14-16 ~

More info. later!

ASSIGNMENT	6/5/22	6/12/22	6/19/22	6/26/22	
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Justin Homm	Mike Duffy	John Adams	Monty Coen	
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Pat Leonard	Mike Duffy	John Adams	Jim Ramsay	
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Ron Schmidt	Peter Jabo	Monty Coen	Ron Schmidt	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Rod thomas	Joe Baca	Jim Ramsay	Rod Thomas	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Albert Moreno	Peter Jabo	Ken Montoya	Albert Moreno	
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Brian Lauritsen	Terry DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen	Jason Herrera	
GREETERS - E	Wanda Simmons	Dave Tecklenburg	Shirley Sullivan	Sam Tecklenburg	
GREETERS - L	Zeke Forbes	Joe Baca	Jim Ramsay	Blake Carere	
COMMUNION PREP	Carol Ausmus, Joe & Alice Baca				

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

ASSIGNMENT:	<u>6/5/22</u>	<u>6/12/22</u>	<u>6/19/22</u>	<u>6/26/22</u>	
DRUMS	KEENAN	KEENAN	ELOY	ELOY	
KEYBOARD	KENNA	MARAH	JULIE	SUSANNE	
BASS	RYLAN	ZACK	DAVID	RAY	
ELEC. GUITAR	JOSH	ROD A	JOSH	JORDAN	
GUITAR	MARIAH	MARIAH	ROD T	MARIAH	
VOCAL	TALA	KATY	KATHY	AMBER	
VOCAL	CARISMA	LYDIA	JOY	JOAN	
SOUND TECH	BRIAN	KENNY	RORY	BRIAN	
VIDEO LATE	PAT	JOAN/DILLON	SHIANE/MARIAH	PAT	
LEADER	MARIAH	MARIAH	ROD T	MARIAH	
PIANO	BARB	SUSANNE	BARB	SUSANNE	
SOPRANO	SHELBY	SUSAN	SHELBY	SUSAN	
ALTO	CHAR	MELODY	CHAR	MELODY	
TENOR	ANSLEY	JAMES	ANSLEY	JAMES	
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON	
VIDEO EARLY	SCHMIDT	HOMM	HERRERA	SCHMIDT	



## Prayer Requests

David Payne  
Stan Wertz  
Tiffany Whisenand  
Betty Hoesli  
Donna Wishard  
Russ Hobden  
Eric Settles  
Richard Stickler  
Jim Cardinelli  
Vera Hammons  
LeeAnn Barden  
Truett Sires  
Sadie Aldridge  
Beverly Hazel  
Nancy Scriven  
Alice Mauch  
Lee Downen

## June Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | John Adams<br>*Claude & Joy Schultz   | 15 | Melody Harris<br>*Norm & Kay Arends              |
| 2  | Reed Herrera  | 16 | June Unruh<br>Taya Schmidt                       |
| 3  | Karen Courkamp  | 17 | Sue Ramsay                                       |
| 4  | Collin Sires  | 18 | *Brock & Mandy Sniff                             |
| 5  | *Sam & Sue Tecklenburg<br>*Don & Betty Filbeck<br>*Ian & Lori Blacker                     | 19 | Tyler Wertz                                      |
| 6  | Ida Heinson   | 20 | Heather Ramsay<br>*Ty & Tonya Kemp               |
| 8  | Ruthie Turner<br>Shawn Pelley<br>Kyle Miller<br>Sharleen Wertz<br>*Edward & Barbara Koehn | 21 | Tenaya LaTour                                    |
| 9  | *Rex & Kathy Harper   | 22 | Nina Denman                                      |
| 10 | Brian Lauritsen<br>Hannah Sniff   | 24 | *Kevin & Alicia Ridder                           |
| 11 | Shirley Sullivan<br>Gary Turpin<br>Treston Brown  | 25 | Marjorie Clevenger                               |
| 14 | Dick Ramsay<br>Kayla Moreno   | 26 | John Lefferdink<br>*Wayne & Kathy Stiles         |
|    |   | 27 | Betty Glover<br>Lydia Herrera                    |
|    |   | 28 | *Jack & June Wolfe<br>*Rod & Julie Thomas        |
|    |   | 30 | Edward Koehn<br>Luann Tecklenburg<br>Marah Brase |

## Memorial

In Memory of:

Dee Bigge

From:

Curtis & Diane  
Alexander

*Our Sympathy For The Loss Of A Loved One*  
*John DeForest passed away on 5/3*

## Congratulations

Logan & Felisha  
Smith!

They were married  
in a beautiful  
ceremony on  
Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Rodeo Bible Camp

This youth camp for kids interested in rodeo will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. We have been asked to take a turn providing meals for the 40 to 60 kids involved. This would be a great opportunity for a study group/ministry team to serve together. Sign up on the clipboard by the office.

Contact Savannah Mauch if you have questions.  
(507)829-6992

## BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:30-4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We had a record low drive in April, so please consider donating to make the June drive better. The need is always high as blood can only be stored for 42 days, so if not used in that timeframe it must be disposed of. Call the church (336-5343) for an appointment ~ Walk-ins are always welcome!

\*As always, we could use help with the lunch served to donors!

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

[www.lamarchristian.info](http://www.lamarchristian.info)

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, May 15, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall for our May Meeting. The following were in attendance: Don Colclazier, Deleta Dowen, Les & Nancy Scriven, Judy Weber, Ray, Susanne, and Kara Matteson, Niles & Rosella Voigt, Kay Slough, Alice Mauch, Cody Laughlin, Susan Gourley, Larry Tracy, Jimmy Marquez, and Betty Clark. Good crowd! We got things ready to eat and visited and Ray offered our blessing and we ate the good food brought in. YUM YUM!

Shortly after eating Alice gave our devotions. She spoke on why we Christians should be the happiest people and that we should smile a whole lot more than we do. HAHA. That hit the spot - she sure had some good thoughts to bring up, and we do need to look more happy because of our God and show people how good it is to be a Christian. Thank you Alice. Nancy Idler will bring devotions next month. We laughed a lot! After we cleaned up we had two tables of Round-a-bout. At one table it was Cody, Les, Nancy, Deleta and Alice. I think Cody won the first game and I didn't get the name of the second one, but I think it was Nancy and Deleta. At the other table it was Kay, Judy, Niles, Rosella and Betty. Niles won one and Judy won one. We had a good time. Several left early. The Larry I mentioned is Susan's brother who has moved to Lamar to live with her since his sickness. We welcomed him and Cody and told them we would be good to them tonight but after that they would be on their own. They didn't seem to mind at all. It was good to have Jimmy with us again. He didn't stay too long. Thank you Jimmy for putting our tables and chairs up and taking them down for us. We appreciate it.

Our sweet Luann had surgery on her foot and had gone up to have her stitches out but they told her they couldn't come out yet - we missed her being there to welcome all of us. Keep her in your prayers- she is doing fine but can't wear a shoe yet. Also keep Bev Hazel in your prayers - she has had pneumonia and was in the hospital. She is home now but still recovering. Also Alice had to have another procedure done with her heart. Keep her in your prayers.

We missed some of our regular folk but hope they can be back next month.

Our next Senior Saint's meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2022 starting at 5:00PM. We always invite anybody who would like to come to come! It's a good bunch of seniors and we know you would have a good time and you sure wouldn't leave hungry. Just bring something to share - doesn't have to be fancy. We seniors eat almost anything...

Kevin and Rebecca will be moving to Lamar very soon. We are looking forward to having them here with us. Please make them welcome. We are very fortunate to have them join our ministry here at LCC.

Well about out of news. Don Deaton used to tell me that I could write a whole page and say absolutely nothing - Ha Ha! Not true I am sure! Stay tuned for more Senior Saint's news next month.

Nuff for now.

Betty Clark, Reporter