



Circuit Rider

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The Bloomfield Bridges of Our Lives
Pastor Jerry

I recently read – for forty-five minutes of increasing fascination – the story of an utterly exhaustive investigation of a pointless object. Writer Tyler Vigan, on his regular drive in the Twin Cities, noticed a pedestrian bridge over I-494. He had noted it in passing (get it?) and wondered why it was there, but one time he pulled off the highway at that point and actually saw the base of the bridge. It led to a lawn (not even a sidewalk) next to a Taco Bell. So he walked across the bridge to see where it led: to a warehouse. The employees at the warehouse said that they hated the bridge, never used it, never even ate at Taco Bell, and had no idea why it was there.



Thus began Vigan's months-long search, which he catalogs exhaustively on his website at tylervigan.com. It took him to public records searches in St. Paul and Kansas City, Missouri. He did interviews in neighborhoods, studied old newspapers, read minutes of town council meetings, and generally devoted an incredible amount of time and effort to figuring out the pedestrian bridge to nowhere. (By the way, I've never met Mr. Vigan, but I love him. I am so glad to share the planet with people who ask "Yeah, but why?" and then refuse to give up until they find answers.)

Anyway, he figured it out. Back the 50s and 60s, when the Eisenhower Interstate System was being built across the country, a plan was put in to make the bypass loop around the Cities. But every stretch had to be approved by the township it went through, which meant that every town council had to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the additional traffic and either approve, reject, or approve with conditions. Well, on this stretch just west of the MSP Airport, the planned bypass



Bridges But Not Buses

This footbridge that crosses Minnesota Route 494 between Richfield and Bloomington, in crossing busy highways, parochial school students in Minnesota, as in many areas of the U.S., are not allowed to ride public school buses designed to protect schoolchildren from traffic hazards.

went between Bloomington and Richfield. Bloomington at that time was only sparsely populated, but Richfield on the north was one of those communities that sprang up after World War II, filled with former GIs (and their wives and six kids) who got mortgages through the GI Bill and bought identical 1000 sq ft homes in new subdivisions. In that community was a Roman Catholic Church with a school. Largely through the stubborn advocacy of the Catholic women of Richfield, the bypass route was approved on the condition that a pedestrian bridge be built at that point to permit children from Bloomington to walk to school in Richfield. Which they did. The picture on the left was sent to Mr. Vigan after he published his story by one of the children who

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**"CHRIST
FOLLOWERS
LIVING GOD'S
LOVE"**

**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**

**9:00 AM
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OR 106.3 FM), AND
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AND YOUTUBE

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A COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP

We seek to be a community of expectant, God-centered worship, through word and sacrament and God's gift of music – offering together our utmost for God's highest.

Everything Old Is New Again: The Problem Church of Corinth

Saturday-Sunday, September 30 - October 1*

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship with Communion*: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM,
Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Message: "Room at the Table"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Saturday-Sunday, October 7-8

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and
YouTube. **Radio broadcast 1042 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.**

Sermon: "Spiritual Gifts"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-12

Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and
YouTube. **Radio broadcast 1042 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.**

Sermon: "Passion or Order"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1-12; 37-40

Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and
YouTube. **Radio broadcast 1042 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.**

Sermon: "The Gospel of Resurrection"

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Saturday-Sunday, October 28-29: Fifth Sunday Together

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and
YouTube. **Radio broadcast 1042 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.**

Sermon by District Superintendent PyungAn "Peace" Kim

Theme: Our Goals and Values

*Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. United Methodists serve Open Communion, welcoming all to join Christ's table, because that's what he did, too.

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used that bridge every day and who for some reason had kept this clipping.

An absolutely reasonable and useful bridge, in fact. But times changed and the neighborhood changed and demographics changed (the Catholic Church is still there, but now advertises Spanish masses), so today the bridge is about as useful as a hood ornament in a salvage yard.

So what are the Bloomfield Bridges in your life? What are the things that you acquired or information you learned or habits you developed earlier in your life for very good reasons, which now lead nowhere in particular? This doesn't mean that those things are bad; at one time they may have been as valuable and useful as a bridge that helps children get safely to school. But sometimes things change and the old structures that were built for a valid purpose end up with no more reason to exist, taking up space in our lives that could be used for something else. Do you have any of those? Maybe you could let some of them go and maybe come up with new resolutions for what you could do with that space.

I have one new resolution anyway. Next time I'm in the Cities, I gotta find that bridge.



Sunday Radio Service Is Changing!

Beginning October 8, our radio
broadcast will be at 10:42 am
on AM 880 and 106.3 FM!

Facebook and YouTube broadcasts
will still be live at 9:00am.

RADIO SERVICE SUPPORT \$165/week

☐ September 10

☐ September 17

☐ October 1

☐ September 24

☐ October 8

☐ October 15

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please send your new
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office: **adminsec@lakestreetumc.org**.

Because your issue does
not go to the post office,
there is no Address
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changes that come back
to the church. We
appreciate your help to
keep our database up to
date.

November Circuit Rider

Deadline is
Wednesday, Oct. 18 for
Thursday, Oct. 26
mailing

Be sure to send your news
to Ellen Prellwitz at
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A COMMUNITY OF INCLUSIVE WELCOME

We embrace all of God's children as persons of sacred worth regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, national origin, culture, tradition, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other difference real or perceived, and welcome all people into the life of this congregation.

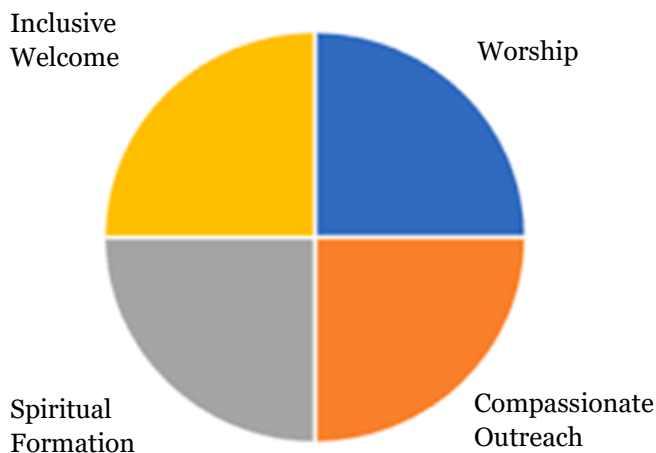
5th Sunday Together—Your Piece of the Pie

By now you should be getting used to the fact that on those months when we have 5th Sundays we try to mix it up a little: do something different in worship, and then have something special during our Coffee Fellowship. Our youth and children's classes generally take the week off, so that they can be a part of the larger church fellowship that week.

Well, we have a 5th Sunday this month, October 29, and we are devoting that Sunday to pie. During worship, we will take some time with a pie chart—presenting our church's four stated Goals and Values one by one. Those Goals and Values are to be:

1. A Community of Inclusive Welcome
2. A Community of Worship
3. A Community of Compassionate Outreach
4. A Community of Spiritual Formation

(For more complete descriptions of what these Goals and Values involve, see the headings at the tops of the pages in this newsletter.)



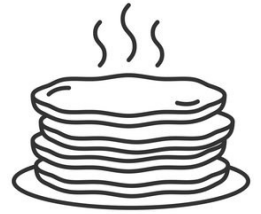
On a pie chart, it looks like this.

Our sermon that Sunday will be brought by our new District Superintendent, PyungAn "Peace" Kim.

And all this talk about pie made the Welcome and Worship Team hungry. So, for our Coffee Fellowship that day . . .

Pancake Breakfast

October 15



Coffee Fellowships This Fall

Coffee Fellowship is one of the constant parts of our welcome ministry, as well as a constant responsibility. (And on this subject, a huge thank you to Winnie Doxsie, who bears the week-by-week responsibility of recruiting hosts and making sure that each week is covered.)

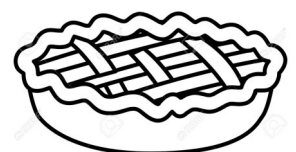
This fall, each Sunday's Fellowship is being hosted by a different committee, as someone from that group introduces their purpose during worship, and then the group hosts the Coffee Fellowship. Each week there will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers for next year, or even just for more information. Members of the team will be available to answer questions.

In October, we will be hosted by the Welcome and Worship Team on October 1, the Accessibility Toward Inclusion Team (ATIT) on October 8, the Finance Committee on October 15, and the United Women of Faith on October 22. (See column to the left, on our 5th Sunday, October 29.)

Pie Social! October 29!

. . . Let's have some pie!

Research has shown that people who have birthdays in October love pie. Let us celebrate together with them. Bring a favorite pie to share!



A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

*Our time and talents and resources are not gifts for our enjoyment but a calling to serve others,
particularly the marginalized and those without other defenders.
We seek to serve God by serving God's children in our community, our nation, and our world.*

October Loose Change Offering: Imani Yako

In May, Lake Street's United Women of Faith hosted a missionary speaker, Josephine Kilde, who works in Nairobi, Kenya. She and her husband work for the non-profit organization, Imani Yako, whose mission is to transform their community by empowering the mind, body, and spirit through education, skill development and wellness. The organization believes education "is the most powerful weapon ... to transform marginalized communities." One of their top priorities right now is to dig a well. The Maasai people of Kenya and Tanzania are traditionally nomadic, but as their lands are increasingly co-opted by the governments of those nations, they are being forced to change their way of life. This well will make it possible for more of these shepherding people to stay longer in one area. To learn more, go to <https://imani4change.org>.

Community Table Volunteer Report

Lake Street UMC volunteers prepared and served a meal of hot dogs with all the fixings, lettuce salad, fruit salad and Crumble cookies for dessert. We served 90 guests from the community on Wednesday, September 13. Thanks to Glen & Val Bryson, Bobbie Liedl, Greg Wallace, Al & Jill Weisenbeck, Susan & John Glenz, Joanne Ures-Halvorsen, Steve Blashford, Denny Peterson and John Melrose.

Volunteering at the Community Table is not only a great volunteer activity, but also an excellent way to get to know Lake Street members as well. To volunteer, please contact Peter Nelson at petermnelson@sbcglobal.net Or sign up on the Connect Card. Our next dates to volunteer are October 18 and November 15 - 9am-2pm.

Community Table



Our next dates to cook and serve at the Community Table are:

October 18 (9:00-2:00pm)
November 15 9:00-2:00pm)

Volunteers may sign up for the whole time or for the first or second half. To volunteer, contact Peter Nelson.

Beacon House Hosting

Our congregation hosts the evening meals at Beacon House next during the week of
December 10-16.

If you can make a meal for unhoused

families, contact
Kent Gierhart at
715-864-2056.



ARCW Wish List for October: Canned Fruit

You're invited to join others from Lake Street in supporting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry during the month of October by donating canned fruit. Your donation will assist over forty area families affected by HIV/AIDS. Place your donated item in the ARCW box outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to the folks who generously donated 30+ Macaroni & Cheese during August. AIDS Resource Center staff continue to send thanks for your monthly support.

BUY SCRIP THIS YEAR

For 2022 all Scrip earnings went to help those who are food insecure. That means we have providing over \$3000 to helping others in hard times.

As the New Year begins, think about making Scrip a part of your regular shopping. A percentage of your regular grocery or gas expense can be use to support the church and its ministries.

**Buy Scrip.
Support
LSUMC**



A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

We seek to be a place where all God's children, of all ages and abilities, can grow together in knowledge and faith, through study, through participation in worship, and through service to others.

Confirmation / Youth

A month into the new year, and our confirmation / youth classes are well under way. On Sunday mornings, we are meeting at about 10:15 am (depending on how long-winded the pastor was in worship) in the Fireside Library for 45 minute lesson. We have had four students in person and three more joining us by Zoom. In that class we are currently discussion morality and faith: Are they the same thing? Or can they be separated? What is the appropriate approach to morality for a follower of Christ? Or is there more than one?

Meanwhile, in the fast-track version of Confirmation, we had our first Cooperative Confirmation Intensive class on Saturday morning, September 16, at Hope UMC, beginning at 9:30. Two students from Lake Street, two from Hope, and one from Pleasant Valley came together to cover the entire Old Testament in three hours. Next month, on October 15, we will cover the entire New Testament, and we should have another student joining us from Jim Falls.

All these classes are open for new students at any time. Confirmation is not like a TV series where you can't miss an episode. We'll get everything in somehow. If you have a youth at home who is ready for the next steps in their faith, come join us.

Sunday Morning Book Study

The regular Sunday book discussion group, which meets after worship (10:15 - ish) in the Office Conference room is currently reading *Saving God from Religion: A Ministers Search for Faith in a Skeptical Age*. All are welcome, even if they haven't read any of the book. The discussions aren't always that close to the book either.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Just like last year, we will meet downstairs in the education wing (Rooms 102-103) at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. In our first unit, we will be looking at the story of the Exodus, from the books of Exodus and Numbers in the Old Testament.

- October 1, God Calls Moses
- October 8, The Plagues of Egypt
- October 15. No class, but children sing during worship.
- October 22, The Passover
- October 29, Children join whole church for pie social (5th Sunday Together)

Just like last year, class will not meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, so that the children can be part of the Pancake Breakfast team (and also eat pancakes).



Classes are for grades 1-5. Preschool will be provided for younger children.

Men at Prayer: Thursdays @ 7:30am

A weekly time of praying together and studying scripture verse by verse, chapter by chapter.

Followed by "After-MAP"
at The Goat Coffee House on
Water Street.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith

United Women of Faith will not be holding their usual monthly meeting, because Lake Street UMC is the venue for the Annual UWF meeting of the whole

Wisconsin conference. We have plenty to do in October already. See below.

Wisconsin UWF Annual Gathering – Lake Street UMC *Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story*

Friday, October 13

- Volunteer Service at Hope Village, Chippewa Falls
- Explore Eau Claire – Various activities are planned (lunch at 11:45 at Cowboy Jack's)
- 6:30 p.m. – Worship and speakers at Lake Street:
Sarah Aiken-Felling, "Acupressure for Resiliency"
Kerri Parker, "How to Have Difficult Conversations"

Saturday, October 14

- Worship and speakers:
Sarah Aiken-Felling, "Acupressure for Resiliency"
Heidi Careaga, "Using the UWF Website"
Mike Cohoon, Founder, Hope Village, Chippewa Falls
- 5 breakout sessions in afternoon
 - * Kathy Hardke, *Our Who Lives. A program on faith and sexuality for all ages.*
 - * James and Whitney Kilpatrick, "Kairos Prison Ministry"
 - * Margaret Murphy, "Why Gardening Is Good For Us"
 - * Deb Pattee, "Shaping Destiny: Stories of Trauma and Resiliency."
 - * Gayle Klitzke, "Ministries of the Chippewa Valley Coalition"
- Closing worship, with installation of new officers, and Communion

October Birthdays

Suzanne Heabler 10/8

Chuck Grandy 10/27
*91 years old

Jerry Morris 10/29
*60 years old

Happy Birthday



STAMPERS

... will meet **Thursday, October 19th in Room 202 at 1:00 pm.** We occasionally hear from our friends who receive our cards and the latest was from Calgary, Alberta. Snail mail is still important!



Fund-Raising Opportunity for UWF

Wanted: *original* ink jet cartridges, new or used. Please gently wrap them (can use the container the new one came in) to avoid damage. A collection box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall along with a list of acceptable cartridges. The program is "Empties4Cash" if you would like more information.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

We continue to share garden produce from the "Sharing God's Blessings" table set up in the Fellowship Hall. As tomatoes and cucumbers begin to appear in greater profusion than you can use or preserve, bring them by the church. In our church's commitment to inclusion, this is a new ministry to those members who suffer under the crippling disadvantages of not being able to keep plants alive (you know who you are).



Moreover, when the zucchini plants start to produce and, once again, you ask yourself why you planted so many, this year you don't have to resort to dropping them in unlocked cars or on doorsteps in the middle of the night. Bring them here. All vegetables are welcome.

Foundation Grant Report

This year, the Lake Street Foundation's ministry grants to the church added up to \$23,007.69. Much of this money is designated for specific ministry areas, and the rest is undesignated. So far, funds from these grants have been used for:

- Worship: New Advent Candles (\$138.04) and handbell gloves, pads, and desks (\$713.75).
- Inclusive Welcome: Final bill for the Chancel Lift (\$3,000.00), new iPad for homebound worship (\$286.98), a new ice freezer (\$142.00), and new water pitchers (\$293.57) for the kitchen.
- Spiritual Formation: A plaque designating recipients of the Olson-Maser Scholarship (\$189.95).
- Outreach: 25 backpacks with essential supplies for the homeless, through Community Table (\$1,173.00), other toiletry items for the same backpacks (\$346.22), contribution to underwrite roof repairs on the Nueva Canaan Metodista church in El Alto, Bolivia (\$2,200), grant to The Community Table for new office computers (\$6,000).
- Other expenses.
 - * Book-keeping adjustments: Zero-ing out the deficit Staff Appreciation Fund (\$118.30) and completing funding on Room 202 air-con (\$509.52).
 - * Building and capital improvements: New concrete steps from parking lot to 4th street (\$3,400.00), outdoor garden expenses (\$600.00)

Total used: \$19, 571.48.

RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

Memorials and Special Gifts received through September 19

MEMORIALS

In Craig Heabler; Donors: Memory of Gary and Joanne Martin, Karen Tayler, Norman and Caralou Erickson, Richard Bergman, Carol Fawcett, Marshall Wick, Jeff and Jan Voss, Judy Sheu, Marty Fisher-Blakeley, Rita Houser, Jon and Diane Case, Al and Jill Weisenbeck, Marlene Arntson, Ray and MaryKay Francis;
Undesignated.

In memory of Craig Heabler;
Donors: Jennie Stratton, Brad and Jan Smith, Greg and Brenda Wallace, Marlene Arntson, Don and Sharon Southard, Kathy Anderson, Carol Mooney, Carol Lamarinde, BJ Keepers, Dick and Linda Keepers, John and Margaret Melrose, Dave and Jackie Kruse, Jack and Suzanne Wilfong, Jerome and Katie Kroll, Lloyd and Florence Shepherd, Rose Mary Wollum, Barb and Peter Nelson, Tom Bauer;
Designated for: Radio Ministry.

SPECIAL GIFTS for Radio Ministry

Donors: Jeff and Jan Voss in honor of their 40th Anniversary on September 3rd when they were married by Rev. David Kruse;
Donors: Paul and Virginia Hilbrich.

Financial Report through August, 2023

In August, after two positive months, we dropped back a little bit, ending the month about \$2,000 behind where we were in July. We are still about \$10,000 ahead of where we expected to be at this time, which is good, but that's not saying a whole lot. We tried to be very realistic in our budget projections, which in budget-ese usually translates as "pessimistic."

We still have a solid cash balance, which is what enables us to ride these ups and downs without fear, but the Finance Committee is also keeping an eye on that cash balance. It is currently over \$200,000, but it has crept down in recent months. All these things are being considered by our various teams – and particularly our Finance Committee – as we work on a budget for 2024.

But here is the good news. Our mission of "Compassionate Outreach" is not dependent on the ups and downs of our day-to-day financials. This month, for instance, your Church Council approved and sent a grant of \$6,000 to The Community Table, to help them upgrade the computers in their office. (The software that they use to run their ministry had upgraded so many times that their old computers were no longer able to support the programs.) This money came from the Lake Street Foundation Grant that came to the church earlier in the year.



Lake Street United Methodist Church

| | Operating Fund | | Building Fund | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Aug 2023 | Budget Aug 2023 | Aug 2023 | Budget Aug 2023 | Aug 2023 | Budget Aug 2023 |
| Offerings and other income * | \$ 240,678 | 240,585 | \$ 5,190 | \$ 880 | \$ 245,869 | \$ 241,465 |
| Expenses | 204,954 | 218,584 | 70,005 | 62,051 | 274,959 | 280,635 |
| Net of Offerings less expenses | \$ 35,724 | \$ 22,001 | \$ (64,815) | \$ (61,171) | \$ (29,090) | \$ (39,170) |

* Excludes parsonage investment gain/loss because it is not included in budget

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY

Church Conference, 2023

October 29, 11:15am

One of the regular events in every United Methodist Church is the annual Church Conference. This is a meeting - held usually in the Fall - when the various committees report to the church on the preceding year, and certain business actions are taken, such as approving clergy compensation for the coming year. All members of the church have a vote. According to our *Book of Discipline*, this meeting must be presided over by the District Superintendent or by a Full Elder who has been approved to do so by the DS.

This year, because our DS "Peace" Kim is preaching at Lake Street on October 29, we will hold our Church Conference on that day, after our pie social (see p. 4). Assuming that we won't be eating pie for longer than an hour, let's guess that the conference will begin around 11:15. It normally takes about 30-45 minutes.

Exactly where we will hold the conference is still undecided, and one factor in that decision is whether we will have any of our members joining us remotely, by Zoom. If you are interested in being a part of this annual meeting, but will not be able to join us in-person, *let Pastor Jerry know as soon as possible* so he can create a Zoom meeting and send you the link.



The End of Offering Envelopes

Many of you may have noticed this: the Sunday morning offering plate is not what it used to be. As the plates get passed down the aisles, it appears that most people are just putting in their "Connect Cards." Don't worry; people are still giving to the church. It's just that there are a lot of different options for doing so. Every month between a third and a half of the money given to the church is given online, either through the giving portal on our website or by an automatic transfer set up through the giver's bank. Many others - especially since the Covid shut-downs -- just mail a check to the church every month. Still others take advantage of IRS rules and give their entire pledge to the church out of their mandatory retirement disbursement (thus not having to pay tax on that amount).

As a result of all this, fewer and fewer are using the traditional booklets of offering envelopes that we have mailed out at the beginning of each year. But as that number drops, we have a problem. The envelope pads are already expensive (we paid \$642 last year @ about \$2.80 each), and even mailing them out using bulk rate added another \$257.00 to the cost. But we have to have at least two hundred items to qualify for the bulk rate, and we no longer have that many. To mail envelopes by regular mail would be about \$700.00. That's a lot to pay for the convenience of pre-printed envelopes.

Our Finance Committee has voted this year to discontinue the pre-printed envelope tradition. We will not be mailing out, or even ordering, envelopes for 2024. But, as noted above, there are other options. When Covid hit and we didn't have offering plates at all for over a year, we figured out new ways to give. We can do it again.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Mission Emphasis: Imani Yako 9:00am Worship with Communion (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1) <i>Sermon: "Room at the Table";</i> <i>Text: 1st Corinthians 11:17-34;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Book Study (Conference Room) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) | 2 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Rooms 101/102/103/202)  | 3 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101) | 4 9:00am UWF Exec Comm (Conference Room) 9:30am WI Conference ICD Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 10:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:15pm Ellesi Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) | 5 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 9:30am WI Conference ICD Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 6 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room) | 7 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 2:00pm Wedding (Morgan Webster and Brent Deaver) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook |
| 8 Mission Emphasis: Imani Yako 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; <i>Sermon: "Spiritual Gifts";</i> <i>Text: 1st Corinthians 12:1-12;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Book Study (Conference Room) 10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM & 106.3 FM) 10:45am AT-IT Team (Conference Room) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3514 (Rooms 101/102/103/202) | 9 9:00am Fireside Library in Use for Pastor Jerry Zoom Workshop 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 3:00pm Staff Parish (Conference Room/on line) 6:00pm Welcome and Worship Team (Fellowship Hall/online) 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Rooms 101/102/103/202) | 10 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 6:00pm Communications Team (on line) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101) | 11 9:30am Room 202 In Use (UWF Work Committee) 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) | 12 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 10:00am WI Conference UWF Annual Meeting | 13 8:00am WI Conference UWF Annual Meeting 10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd) 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room) | 14 8:00am WI Conference UWF Annual Meeting 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook  |
| 15 Mission Emphasis: Imani Yako 8:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:00am Baptism: Liam Harvey Bolton 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; <i>Sermon: "Passion or Order";</i> <i>Text: 1st Corinthians 14:1-12; 37-40;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 16 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) | 17 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 5:30pm Trustees (Room 202/on line) 6:30pm Finance Committee | 18 Circuit Rider Deadline 9:00am The Community Table 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:15pm Pack 128 Committee (Room 202) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) | 19 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 1:00pm Stampers (Room 202) | 20 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room) | 21 8:00am Room 202 In Use (Amateur Radio Testing) 9:30am Confirmation Intensive (Hope UMC) 10:00am Fireside Library In Use |

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| 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Book Study (Conference Room) 10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM & 106.3 FM) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) 3:00pm IM Church (Fellowship Hall) | | (Fireside Library/online) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101) | 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) | | | (Huntington's Disease Support Group) 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook |
| 22 Mission Emphasis: Imani Yako 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; <i>Sermon: "The Gospel of Resurrection";</i> <i>Text: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Book Study (Conference Room) 10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM & 106.3 FM) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3514 (Rooms 101/102/103/202) | 23 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 6:00pm Church Council (Fellowship Hall/online) | 24 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101) | 25 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 11:00am Missions Team (Fireside Library) 1:30pm Room 202/Fireside Library In Use (Early Memory Loss Support Group) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:15pm Ellesi Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) | 26 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 8:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (Sewing Guild) 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 9:30am Circuit Rider Assembly (Room 202) | 27 10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd) 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room) | 28 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook |
| 29 Fifth Sunday Together Mission Emphasis: Imani Yako 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; <i>Message by District Superintendent PyunAn</i> <i>"Peace" Kim with selected Scripture texts;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Book Study (Conference Room) 10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM & 106.3 FM) 11:30am All-Church Conference (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) | 30 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ADRC Brain and Body Class) 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Rooms 101/102/103/202) | 31 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101) |  | |  | |



Lake Street United Methodist Church

337 Lake Street Ste A
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26 September 2023

Dear Lake Street Church Members:

Every fall, United Methodist churches review their membership records. This is not, as some think, an attempt to get rid of “dead wood,” but rather an attempt to make our records bear some connection to reality. Every year we find some people who have moved away or have joined other churches or for whatever other reason wish to remove their names from our rolls – indeed, some are surprised to find that they’re still on them.

This has never been a particularly easy task – going through attendance and giving records to find those who have not had any connection to the church in several years, then reaching out to them – but in the post-Covid era it is almost impossible. We know that a significant number of people are now faithfully worshiping with us by Facebook or YouTube, but we have no idea how many or who those people are. All we know is that not being present in person does not necessarily mean that someone is not regularly worshiping, praying, and growing along with us.

And so I thought I’d start by simply asking everyone who is on this newsletter mailing list. If you are a member and still receiving *The Circuit Rider*, but you have moved on from Lake Street in any way and wish your name to be removed from membership, would you take the time to let us know that? Simply write to pastor@lakestreetumc.org, or call the church office at 715-832-6603.

Again, we are not trying to drop anyone from our roll. Yes, we want all our members to be active in the congregation and growing in faith, but we also understand that every faith journey goes through different stages. God is patient, and we can be too. But we do want to know if there are those on our rolls who are already seeking God elsewhere. If that is not you, you may ignore this letter. If it is you, we’d like to hear from you.

Yours,

Jerry

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