

# LUTZ

## Love Letter

April, 2019



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# The Ultimate Sacrifice

The celebration of Easter is absolutely central to the life of the church and to faithful Christians. Why? Without the new life of Christ touch every aspect of who we are and what we do, we are simply going through religious motions, playing religious games, and puffing a religious veneer over lives that are just like anyone else's.

To live lives touched by the Resurrection means many things, but I'd like you to think about these two:

- ♦ It means that we **live unafraid of death and all that it brings with it.** Many live in such a way that they will do ANYTHING to avoid pain, aging, illness and death. They go to extraordinary lengths to deny the inevitability of it, fooling only themselves and a few select others who are in on the game. We use drugs to lessen the impact of what's coming, or we choose inappropriate and (ultimately) damaging lifestyles, or we try to fool ourselves into acting or looking (sort of) much younger than we are, or we are simply paralyzed by fear into a kind of stupor that keeps us from doing or being anything.
- ♦ It also means that we **live free from sin's power.** Has someone done something to you that still controls your heart and mind? Have you done something that has clouded or affected your whole life? Have you taken a road of temptation that leads only to damage to you and others? Have you allowed prejudice or fear to warp your heart so that you cannot love and forgive?



Easter isn't just about eggs, bunnies, jelly beans and hollow chocolate Easter bunnies, and dressing up. It's about the **new life we have in Christ**, in which we are set free to love, forgive and serve, and thereby find a sense of peace and joy in all that we do. By grabbing hold of the cross, we share in Jesus' victory over sin, death and all that would destroy us.

Please join us as we prepare for and celebrate Easter. **Palm Sunday** is April 14th, and during Holy Week we offer a **Maundy Thursday** service at 7pm, and a **Good Friday** service at 7 pm also. **Easter Sunday** begins with a sunrise service at 7 am, a Traditional Service at 9 am, and ELEVATE at 10:30 am.

We hope you join us!

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Jody*





Hello Lutz Community Church,

Quick Review and Summer Camp Prayer Requests:

We have had an amazing school year thus far in student ministry and we are looking forward to the remainder of the school year! We've had some weekend retreats for our high school and middle school students, as well as our weekly times of hanging out. Our leaders are visiting schools, going to students' games, practices, extracurricular events, and investing in their lives.

This summer we are hosting 3 different summer camps. Two are for high schoolers and one is for our middle school crew. I would love for our church community to lift up prayers for our upcoming summer camps that reflect our desire to see students grow closer to Christ and look at the many facets of what living life in faith entails.

Future Oriented Prayer Requests:

I would love to invite our church community to lift up these prayer requests for our student ministry.

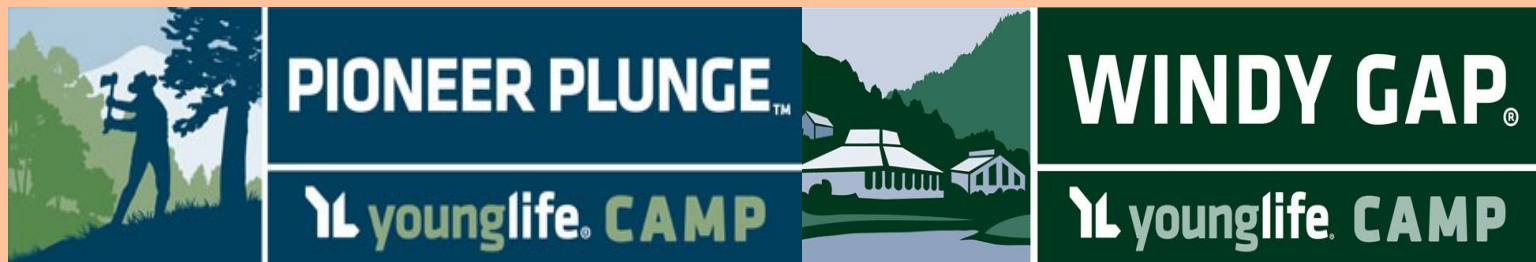
1. Since we live in an area that has many schools within a relatively small geographic space, it is difficult for leaders to actively engage them all. Please pray that God will continue to lead us to reach as many as possible for His kingdom. Pray that God will direct us towards the schools that he wants us to reach out to for the next school year, and that He will clearly open up doors for that.
2. I would love our church to lift up opportunities where we can draw people into the life and mission of our church and for innovative ideas to emerge that help this church live into its mission.

That's all for now,  
Adam

**Middle School Camp: Southwind  
Ocklawaha, FL, June 1-5**



**High School Camps  
Pioneer Plunge: Weaverville, NC, June 23-29  
Windy Gap: Weaverville, NC, July 7-13**







# YOUTH MINISTRIES



**9TH-12TH GRADE**

**MONDAYS**

**BLISS CENTER**

*This month's  
meetings:*

*April 1, 8, 15, 22,  
29  
7-9pm*



**wyldlife**

**6TH-8TH GRADE**

**FRIDAYS**

**BLISS CENTER**

*This month's  
meetings:*

*April 5, 12, 19, 26  
6-8pm*



psalms

Saturday April 6 @ 4pm  
Leo Erny Hall

A night filled with joyful song!

songs

Thursday, April 11, 6:30pm

Rice N Roll (19243 N Dale Mabry Hwy,  
in the Lutz Lake Fern Publix plaza)

Women's Night Out

Please RSVP with Ellie Karp 813)760-  
4808 or

Denise Beaird (813)843-0433

YOU'RE INVITED

Women's  
Gathering

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | 9-5:30 | BLISS CENTER  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BARBARA HANSEN  
813-792-8368





**Easter Lilies**  
**\$7.50 each**

HELP MAKE  
*the*  
SANCTUARY  
BEAUTIFUL!

**ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 7**

**Girl Scout**

**Saturday, April 13**

**8am-Noon**

**Sanctuary parking lot**

**Clothes | Furniture | Toys | And so much more!**

**YARD SALE**

Next outing:  
Thursday, April 18

**The  
Lunch  
Bunch**

**Franky D's**

**Third Thursday of the month**


**11:30am**





# **PALM SUNDAY**

**TRADITIONAL 9AM | ELEVATE 10:30 AM**



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**


**APRIL 18 | 7PM | SANCTUARY**





good friday

**APRIL 19  
7PM  
SANCTUARY**



LOVE  
STARTS HERE

Celebrate Easter Sunday  
with us!

Sunrise Service: 7am  
Traditional: 9am  
ELEVATE: 10:30am





# A Note from the Preschool

Church Family,

Spring is here and with it - a bloom of excitement! The preschool students have enjoyed field day and are looking forward to a very special Easter treasure hunt.

They are taking field trips to Dinosaur World and Publix. The classes will be working in their gardens and exploring God's nature all around us. They are busy little bees.

Spring also brings us many new families as we are preparing for the next school year. It is always a pleasure to show new families around our beautiful campus and encourage them to join us. The church and preschool make a great difference in the community.

Many Blessings,  
Danielle Volinsky  
Preschool Director





## **Save the Date! JULY 14-21, 2019**

This is a very special opportunity for an enlightening and life-changing experience in a developing country. Every day you will be with ordinary people who are joyful in their faith and daily life. Although they have material poverty, they have spiritual wealth. If we have an opportunity to worship with them you will experience unbelievable joyful noise that will warm your heart and soul.

Do you not speak Spanish? No worries, there are translators available and even the most rudimentary knowledge of Spanish helps. Do you think you're too old or your child is too young? We have had ages from 11 to 90 join us on our mission. All ages and abilities are welcome! The opportunities are endless. The Hondurans are most appreciative that you cared enough to come to their village. Don't miss out!

There are many ways you can participate in the Mission Trip:

- 1) Join the Mission Team
- 2) Sponsor someone who will join the Mission Team
- 3) Make a donation to provide funds which will be used to provide assistance for those who cannot afford the full cost of the Mission Trip or cover costs of unexpected or unknown needs that arise or we become aware of while on the Mission Trip





Our local homeless  
need **YOU!**

Do you want to join a  
Faith in Action Street  
Ministry team? Do you  
know someone who  
does?

# Faith in Action

**Contact a Weekly team leader to join their week's team:**

**Week One – first week of the month**

**Shirley and Marc Knapp 813-713-2395**

[marc.j.knapp@gmail.com](mailto:marc.j.knapp@gmail.com)

[shirleywknapp@gmail.com](mailto:shirleywknapp@gmail.com)

**Week Two – second week of the month**

**Sherry & Jim Hays 813-909-7314**

[shays@gte.net](mailto:shays@gte.net)

**Linda Shanks 813-394-1363**

[llwshanks@gmail.com](mailto:llwshanks@gmail.com)

**Week Three – third week of the month**

**Jeanette Moon 813-765-8989**

[jeanette.61@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanette.61@hotmail.com)

**Weeks Four & Five - Fourth & Fifth Week of the month**

**Alayne & Chuck Berkins 813-240-0239 or 813-220-9609**

[arberkins@gmail.com](mailto:arberkins@gmail.com) or [ccberkins@gmail.com](mailto:ccberkins@gmail.com)





**Jill Bossi 4/4**

**Mike Ingram 4/14**

**Ellie Karp 4/5**

**Barbara Jordan 4/16**

**Mike White 4/5**

**Princess Layne 4/21**

**Sue English 4/9**

**Ted Moore 4/29**

**Kevin Grimsley 4/12**

**Kevin Adams 4/22**

**Gayle Hill 4/14**

**Olly Cassar 4/29**

**Mike & Renee White 4/2**

**Johnnie & Luanne Huneycutt 4/3**

**Josh & Kayla Stanley 4/16**





STAY  
**UP TO DATE**

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Check out what's going on around the church with our live time calendar!

<http://lutzcommunitychurch.org/calendar>

