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From the Pastor-

“You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.” John 15:16, NLT



Have you seen the wonderful independent TV program *The Chosen* produced by Dallas Jenkins? If not I hope you will! In fact it is going to be our Fall Wednesday Pastor’s Bible Study beginning October 6th. In it Jenkins portrays the disciples being called and walking with Jesus. As I’ve been preparing for this study I’ve been thinking about what it means to be chosen by Jesus.

John 15:16 is an important verse in my spiritual life. (Many years ago I was part of a Tres Dias weekend. It is similar to The Great Banquet or Walk to Emmaus. This verse was the theme verse for that weekend.)

This passage reminds us that God’s gracious love seeks us out. We aren’t Christians because we found Jesus. It isn’t our initiative that causes us to become Christian. Even when we respond because we are “seekers” who are looking for something, the very hunger in us is the result of the Holy Spirit wooing and drawing us to him. We are first responding to God’s gracious invitation.

It also reminds us that being chosen doesn’t stop with us. Sure we receive the joy of salvation—and that is good news. But we are also invited to become part of Jesus mission to redeem and renew the world. We are invited to go out and produce lasting fruit in the kingdom. We are called to share the good news of God’s love with others. Fruit bearing includes the great harvest of souls for the kingdom and the fruit of the Spirit (the very nature of God) in our own character.

The good news is far better than many people perceive. It isn’t just fire insurance that keeps us out of hell. We are chosen to walk with Jesus and be part of his Kingdom. That is reason to rejoice.

Remember that you are chosen!

Blessings and peace,
Beth Ann

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New Prayer Requests

- Don & Frances Shelhart
 - Rev Brian Beeks
 - Jeff Smith
 - Rich Wild
 - Jenny Meager
 - Diana Geisler
 - Justin Geisler
 - Ann Boonstra
 - Hazel Hall
 - Russ Atkinson
 - Jake, Molly Finnegan and children
 - Family of Barb Pomeroy
 - Unspoken request
 - Becky & Ed Hanawalt
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Nursing Homes:

McKinney Place: Beverly Hess & Beverly Vietti

Millers Merry Manor: Sally Mauck

Milner Community Healthcare: Bev Bartunek

Woodbridge: Mike Doering & Charlotte Sibley

Military Service:

Braxton Baker

Jacob Kaley

Alex Karnafel

Mickey Karnafel

Oakley Lewellen

Joshua Lyons

Tim Strubell



Trustee Report- Steve Longenecker, Chair

1. Replaced faucet in nursery
2. Completed replacement of AC compressor in Fellowship Hall air handler unit
3. Completed mold remediation in parsonage
4. Fire alarm system serviced/repaired
5. Contracting work on lights in arch of Sanctuary and safety light over front steps
6. Replaced flood light on front of education building



Finance Report– Jerry Miller, Chair

The Finance Committee met recently. Church Treasurer Elaine brought both bad news and good news. The bad news is that we have incurred some maintenance expenses for the church that we not anticipated for 2021. The good news is that we have more than enough money in reserve to cover these extra costs.



The annual budget process is going on this month, which will be followed by our stewardship campaign in November. Our church is truly blessed by the many faithful givers who year after year support the ministries of First Church.

Birthdays

Oct 1 Beth Ann Cook
Oct 4 Scott Peattie
Oct 7 Justin Geisler
Oct 8 Marjorie Miller
Oct 9 Rachel Geer
Oct 11 Paulette Waltz

Oct 14 Jackie Danhauser
Joseph Leffert
Oct 16 Mary Stuart
Oct 18 Bindi Baker
Oct 19 Kirk Hamilton
Jane Williams

Oct 24 Donald Shelhart
Oct 25 Sharon Jones
Oct 26 Athena Eisan
Oct 27 Hayley Hess
Oct 29 Tim Rich
Oct 30 Sawyer Black



Anniversaries

Oct 7 Sean & Mitzi Rogers
Oct 14 Bill & Linda Stillwell
Oct 19 Herb & Mary Ann Bowman

Oct 21 Mitch & Laura Karnafel
Jennings & Carly Hall
Oct 25 Milt & Chris Hess

Oct 30 Mike & Helen Gray

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor

Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Parlor, Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary

Wednesday: Dial-up Devotion & Prayer, 2 PM, Call 605-313-5919, Code 635572
Bell Choir, 5 PM Sanctuary



October Event Schedule

Fri, Oct 8: LCM Grandparent's Day

Wed, Oct 13, 9 AM: JOY Circle, Fellowship Hall

Thurs, Oct 14, 6 PM: AD Council

October Daily Bible Reading

1 Zechariah 11-14	9 Matthew 18-20	17 Mark 8-9	25 Luke 8
2 Malachi 1-4	10 Matthew 21-22	18 Mark 10-11	26 Luke 9
3 Matthew 1-4	11 Matthew 23-24	19 Mark 12-13	27 Luke 10-11
4 Matthew 5-6	12 Matthew 25-26	20 Mark 14-16	28 Luke 12-13
5 Matthew 7-9	13 Matthew 27-28	21 Luke 1	29 Luke 14-16
6 Matthew 10-12	14 Mark 1-3	22 Luke 2-3	30 Luke 17-18
7 Matthew 13-14	15 Mark 4-5	23 Luke 4-5	31 Luke 19-20
8 Matthew 15-17	16 Mark 6-7	24 Luke 6-7	

Take Care– Heather Platt



Sciatica symptoms include pain, tingling, numbness and/or weakness that travels from the low back to the buttocks, down the back of the leg and possibly into the foot. It is caused by a compression or irritation of spinal vertebra and the sciatic nerve down in the lower back or lumbar region.

Usually sciatica is self-limiting after several weeks and does not require specialized treatment but if your symptoms do not resolve or worsen, seek medical help. Once you have a diagnosis of sciatica and you feel a flare up coming on you may want to try applying heat or ice. Usually ice is applied for approximately 20 minutes and repeated every couple of hours. Others use heat and many people find relief by using the heating pad set on low or medium placed at the lower back for 15-20 minutes per day.

Another important thing to do is to take a 20-30 minute walk each day to help with inflammation surrounding the sciatic nerve. Make certain not to stay seated for prolonged periods and make the effort to get up move about or stretch.

Many people successfully manage to reduce sciatica flare-ups by practicing routine stretching exercises. Stretching to lengthen the spine and develop good posture will reduce stiffness and inflammation. Others will schedule routine massage therapy appointments to improve blood flow, relax muscle tension and reduce pain.

As always, eat a healthy diet, get routine exercise, stretch and stay hydrated. Prevention plays a big role in our overall health.

Important Reminders

At this writing, 2 of the counties that border Cass County are experiencing **RED** Covid levels. Please remember *everyone is required to wear a mask when entering the church building, regardless of immunization status*. This includes LCM families and staff, First Church members and staff, and all visitors. We must do everything we can to keep the people in our facilities safe from needless risk. If you do not have a mask, one will be given to you.



Thank you

First Church is fortunate to have so many dedicated and gifted volunteers. Thanks to the team who organized the Homecoming Celebration weekend, to everyone who helped with set-up and tear-down, the worship service, musicians, sound techs and everyone who prepared, cooked, delivered and served the food for the meal and evening concert. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!



Little Childrens Ministry: Belinda Jordan, Director



Fall has arrived! This means that winter will soon arrive, and the children will require more play options indoors.

Thankfully, we have ordered all the equipment and supplies for the new indoor playground. Funds for the items were made available through the *Come Back Stronger 2* grant. The current indoor playground has not been used since April of 2020. This was in part due to COVID, and the playground having too many small items to properly sanitize. The *Come Back Stronger 2* grant has allowed us to purchase larger items so the children can continue to develop large motor skills. The new playground will include a trike track, tumble mats, individual bouncers, Happy Hollow house, and other surprises. We will begin preparing the playground once all the equipment has arrived.

As of now, LCM plans on having Grandparents Day on Friday, October 8th. Preschool grandparents will be invited at 9 AM for breakfast treats and drinks. Toddlers, Tigers, and Infant grandparents will be invited at 2:30 PM for afternoon refreshments. Each group usually has a short performance.

Along with October comes Halloween and Trick-or-Treating. LCM plans on having our annual Trick-or-Treat in the hallways on Friday, October 29th. The children will be asked to wear their costumes and each class will have the opportunity to Trick or Treat from classroom to classroom. It is safe, warm, and fun for all!

October also includes fall break for school children and our Breast Cancer Awareness Mission. Fall break is October 14th-October 22nd (14th and 15th e-learning days). Money raised from the mission will be given to the Logansport Fire Department to distribute to the agency that they are donating to.

Children 3+, staff, and parents are required to wear masks in the hallways. Staff will continue wearing masks in their classroom. We continue to follow other COVID guidelines such as temperature monitoring, not allowing families into the classrooms, social distancing during meal times, etc. It is our goal to keep all LCM staff and children safe!

October Bible Verse: *"Fear not, for I am with you"* Isaiah 43:5

Almighty God,

We come to you today and give thanks for all our teachers. Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom, serving and instructing the next generation of this land. We thank you for them all now. Father, please fill their hearts with courage by your mighty Spirit. Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary. Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgements when guiding and helping others. Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety come it will not overwhelm them. Fill them with your joy, so the passion they have for children may become an infectious passion that spreads. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, Amen.



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- **Sunday Services:** 800 E Broadway, Logansport IN, 46947
- **Worship:** 8:15 AM & 10 AM * Face masks required until seated
- **Live Streaming:** 8:15 & 10 AM on FaceBook Live @ Logansport First United Methodist Church

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- **Media Coordinator:** Luann Hamilton

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- ◆ **Administrative Assistant:** Stormie Riveria, Email: lcmsec@comcast.net

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- **Our Bishop:** Bishop Julius Trimble
- **Conference Superintendent:** Rev. Lori Blinn
- **Associate Superintendents:** Rev. Rob Seewald & Rev. John Randall

Church Cluster:

- **Crosswind UMC:** Pastor Tim Powers
- **Main Street UMC:** Pastor Doug Thomas
- **Wheatland Ave UMC:** Bert Stover
- **First UMC:** Pastor Beth Ann Cook



Our Mission

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

REACH...EQUIP...SEND