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FEBRUARY-2018



YPM SNACKS

YPM will be serving up Superb, Super Bowl Sunday Snacks for purchase on February 4th! Help us maintain the tradition and purchase your healthy, lovely snacks following church.

We will also be gathering together during fellowship time to discuss dates of our next mission trip. Come and join us, get the details, and share your enthusiasm! Help us plan fundraising and consider how to engage the greater community in the mission of God!

UPCOMING INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES

The youth are planning Karaoke time after fellowship on February 18. Get your songs selected and join us for some fun!--We will be having our regional youth group meeting on March 11 at Portage Presbyterian. We will gather at one and have a light meal around 2:30.

On March 18 we plan to volunteer to provide Sunday hospitality at the Pres House in Madison. Beginning at 3:30pm, we will set up the chapel, greet folks who bring a meal and help set up. We will join them in worship at 4:30, then wash dishes, wipe tables and clean up from 6:00-7:00. Worship at the Pres House is described as: Students and young professionals attend worship at Pres House from a variety of backgrounds including different religious backgrounds, race, ethnicity, gender identity, socio-economic backgrounds, political persuasion, or sexual orientation. Some are Presbyterian, many come from all kinds of different denominations, and others have little or no church experience. All are

welcome! You are not expected to think, dress, act, or believe a certain way to participate in the worship and community life at Pres House. Bring all of who you are and find yourself among friends. Their meal service is describes as: Eating together is a sacred act at Pres House, one we consider to be a central part of our worship experience. Every week we celebrate the Lord's Supper and we continue that feast when we head down to Lower Hall for dinner. Local churches prepare a home-made meal and people are invited to sit down and share food and conversation. Through this regular rhythm of breaking bread with new and old friends, we experience the tangible grace of Jesus that invites all people to his table.

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My Friends,

We began this year by talking about God calling us to shine brightly in the darkness. For many people this last year has been very difficult. There have been hurricanes, fires, mud slides, legal battles and health battles. At times it can feel overwhelming. We are those who are called to shine the light of God's love in that darkness, to alleviate suffering, to uplift the downtrodden, and to sit with those who grieve.

It's a big order and it's humbling. God has called us to care for and love God's very own children, to be active in the world and to seek the good of those around us, our neighbors, our friends, our families, and our enemies. How much are we supposed to love? "Give them the shirt off your back," Jesus answered. But what if they hurt us? "Forgive them over and over and over," Jesus answered. Well, who are my neighbors? "They are the ones you vilify and oppress," Jesus answered.

These are difficult answers! It's so much easier to love and care for the people we know, who are good to us, who we...well, the ones we love, but Jesus asks us to stretch our heart's capacity to love and he promises that he will work in us and with us so that we might do exactly that.

Our world has grown increasingly divisive this year, but for the most part, this division has not reached into the beautiful Lodi valley. Mostly we are still very comfortable and secure. It is wonderful and good that we are in such a good place, and we want to celebrate that, but we don't want to stay there. We have been blessed that we might be a blessing! God has asked us to care for all of God's beloved children! Our mission to the community and the world is as vital and as important as ever. But first, we will spend some time in retreat and preparation. We will take time to reflect on our relationship with God. This year during Lent we will focus on the Sweet Darkness of Retreat and Restoration.

Usually lent is a time when we reflect on our brokenness, our need for God's salvation, and we spend time in penitence and preparation. This year we will remember that times of retreat are also times of renewal and that God works in us even at our lowest, because God has good things planned for us. We will remember that Jesus took time to retreat and renew himself, to pray, to meditate, to be with God. We will talk about the need to recharge and rejuvenate as we prepare to burn brightly this year. For we are not blessed so that we can pat ourselves on the back, and we do not retreat to the mountain to save ourselves, but so that we can be a blessing to those around us, so that God can work in us and send us back out into the field. If this is to be a year of burning brightly with the Love of God, let us prepare by stoking the fire!

May you be filled with the love of God, and may it light you up so that all the world can see,

Rev. Cyndi Wunder

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Feb. 4 Diane Lukins
Feb. 11 Jean Spataro
Feb. 18 Open
Feb. 25 Open

USHERS

- Feb. 4 Richard and Vonda Lee Schmidt
Feb. 11 Diane Lukins and Sandy DeSelle
Feb. 18 Russ and Judy Richard
Feb. 25 Howard and Dorothy Richards

GREETERS

- Feb. 4 Sandy DeSelle
Feb. 11 Mark and Laurie Fryman
Feb. 18 Herb and Linda Damsteegt
Feb. 25 Karen Wickham

COUNTERS

- Feb. 4 Dudley Mehlretter and Diane Lukins
Feb. 11 Rod Hanson and Herb Damsteegt
Feb. 18 Ron Nelson and Jean Spataro
Feb. 25 Rod Hanson and Diane Lukins

ACCOMPANISTS

- Feb. 4 Anna Salzman
Feb. 11 Rana Hughey
Feb. 18 Jean Mulcahy
Feb. 25 Jean Mulcahy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in February and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

- 2/4** BRENDA NELLEN
2/7 BECKY MCINTYRE
2/8 DARLENE LLOYD
LISA BENDER
2/14 MAE STOCKS
AMY WENGER
2/15 ERIN LECKWEE
2/18 CAMERON TRITT
JORDON BAUER
2/27 CHANCE RICHARDS
CHASE RICHARDS
2/28 JEAN MULCAHY
2/29 SARAH WENGER



(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **MARCH** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, February 21st at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Bring a sack lunch and join us for a discussion of the Sunday sermon scriptures. Give your input and grow in your faith. This group also has the function of being a prayer ministry where we raise up those in need within our church and community and seek out ways to be a ministry together. Please consider joining this small group. Everyone is welcome. We meet each Wednesday at 11:30. Please join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are still in need of Sunday School teachers. The sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall. Our children are the future, come and help prepare them to be leaders in the church and faithful followers of Jesus!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS COMING IN MARCH

Another 6 week adult study class will begin on Sunday, March 4. The study is entitled Temptations in the Desert and will be co-lead by Dorothy Richards and Marcia Brown. This study examines the story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness after his baptism and offers important instructions for us as we consider our Christian life. This study discusses ways the temptations that Jesus faced are still real for us today.

We will need to order study guides for those wishing to participate. Please sign up on the table in fellowship hall. Guides cost \$5.00 if you wish to contribute. We hope you will join us as we seek to study and grow in our faith. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS

Youth Group this year will be held at Lodi First Presbyterian Church. On the first Sunday of each month, a program will be held at church from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and led by Pastor Cyndi. A second adult volunteer will be needed each "first Sunday" to help facilitate the meal for the youth and to be on premises for the duration of the program. The "third Sunday" will typically consist of an intergenerational activity (see Sunday School schedule). Please let Cyndi know if you are willing to help.

Youth interested in attending should RSVP each month to Cyndi by emailing to pastor@lodifpc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All students K-12 are welcome to join us after fellowship until 11:15 each Sunday morning. We will gather for a brief welcome and prayer before separating into our K-5 and 6-12 grade classrooms with dedicated, weekly curricula. Sunday School will be held each Sunday until late May, with exceptions for scheduled intergenerational activities. If you have an interest in teaching or participating as an adult discussion leader, please see the schedule below and speak with a member of the Christian Education committee. You can also use the sign-up forms in Fellowship Hall. In order to provide consistency for the "little ones", we are asking the teacher volunteers to commit to a 12-week session for the K-5 classroom. The 6-12 grade teacher assignments will be week-by-week, as in the past. See below for the current schedule of teachers and planned intergenerational activities.

K-5 CLASSROOM

Feb. 4 – Feb. 25:
DeAnn Richards

March 4 – May 20: VACANT

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

The youth in the Sunday School program would like to announce a new initiative for this year's youth offering. Our goal is to raise \$100, which is enough to feed one Lodi area child for a year on the weekends through the Blessings in a Backpack program. Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children who might otherwise go hungry. Information is available in Fellowship Hall, or speak to a member of the Christian Education Committee to donate to this worthy local mission.

CHRISTIAN ED

Mark your calendars to kick off the summer with outdoor intergenerational fun! The Christian Education Committee invites you to join us at the Mirror Lake State Park campground as we play, hike, swim, and worship together on the weekend of June 1. A group campsite has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Everyone is welcome to come for a few hours, a day, or the entire weekend. The group site is located near playgrounds, shelters, hiking trails, and the beach. Non-motorized water equipment is available for rental at the park.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Both our grade school (K-5) and middle/high school (6-12) Sunday School programs have vacancies for teachers. The grade school program, with a goal of consistent teaching, needs a volunteer to teach most Sundays from March 4- May 20. A guided curriculum is being used, and typical attendance is 2-3 students. The middle/high school program also uses a guided curriculum and can support different teachers each week. We currently have openings in our schedule February 25, March 4, and March 18. See any member of the Christian Education Committee to volunteer.

SCRIP NEWS

SUPER BOWL

The Big Game Can Bring Super Earnings! Whether you're throwing a watch party or attending one, you can't show up empty-handed! Buy all you need for the big game with scrip and set a new rebates record.

- Albertsons
- Amazon.com
- Applebee's
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- The Container Store
- Cub Foods
- CVS Pharmacy
- Dave & Buster's
- Domino's
- Gordon Food Service
- Meijer
- Papa John's Pizza
- Papa Murphy's
- Pizza Hut
- Pizza Ranch
- Qdoba Mexican Grill
- Piggly Wiggly
- Starbucks
- Pick N Save
- Copps
- Sentry
- Safeway
- Stop & Shop
- SUBWAY®
- Restaurants
- SUPERVALU
- Target
- TGI Fridays
- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Whole Foods Market

***If you want to place any online orders for the game, please call or email or text me so I can get you set up with PRESTO PAY

VALENTINE'S DAY

Surprise Your Sweetheart with Scrip! From the classic dinner and a movie date night, to a trip to the spa or a sporting goods shopping spree, celebrate with your sweetheart this Valentine's Day with scrip!

- 1-800-Flowers
- AMC Theatres®
- Bath & Body Works
- Bonefish Grill
- Build-A-Bear Workshop
- Fannie May Candies
- Golf Galaxy

- Hallmark Gold Crown
- Harry & David
- The Home Depot
- Landry's
- Lettuce Entertain You
- Lowe's
- Macy's
- Olive Garden
- Red Lobster
- Chili's
- Great Clips
- Kohl's
- Outback Steakhouse
- Texas Roadhouse
- Cracker Barrel
- Applebee's
- Uno Pizzeria
- Red Robin
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Dairy Queen
- PF. Chng's
- Red Door Spa
- Regis Salon
- Ruth's Chris Steak House
- See's Candies
- Spa & Wellness by Spa Week
- Ulta Beauty

GREAT JOB ORDERING!!

We earned rebates totaling \$121.59 during our FREE shipping month of December 14th to January 14th!

The schedule for 2018 scrip ordering is every other Sunday. We will be placing our next Scrip order on Sunday February 4th. I have dates written out on a sheet by the scrip box in the foyer.

We're pleased to announce the \$50 and \$100 Visa Five Back Gift Cards are back and available to order again. These cards were in such demand over the holiday that they could not keep up with producing them. These cards can be used at Costco and Woodman's!! YES.....finally! I have talked to both store manager's to confirm that they would work for payment on their systems. This is a great step toward increasing our rebates, as I know several of you who use these stores.

IMPORTANT UPDATE-- PLEASE COMPLETE

I am in the process of updating the online "families" keyed into the scrip program. I am asking ALL who have an account (or who would like one) to fill out a new Agreement form that is located on the clipboard by the scrip box. This should help me see updated addresses, emails or phone numbers so I can fix the files. Please place the completed forms under the scrip box folded in half or behind the blank forms on the clipboard.

A big THANK YOU for Dudley for stepping up and assisting with collection and distribution of scrip orders!! He has been an amazing help to me! He will be missed when he goes on vacation this month (with scrip cards in hand). Please make sure to show your appreciation when you see him! Any other helpers wanting to join in the fun, please see me.

Remember any online(not physical) cards can be ordered ANY time because they do not require any shipping cost. Example: Reloads, ScripNow or Ecards. Any questions on anything about the scrip program, please to not hesitate to contact me!

IMPORTANT FEEDBACK REQUEST

1) Why are you not using the scrip program? What are your concerns?

2) If you use the scrip program, how can I help you use it more?

Please be honest and open with me on this. It is important that I understand the concerns and issues behind why it is not being utilized on a regular basis. Maybe I can improve how things are run to meet the needs or maybe I can help you better use what is available through this program. Please call, email or text me as soon as you can this month so I can implement any changes to help grow this win-win program for God's church.

Martha Ammann
Cell 608-220-5592
absfamilyof6@yahoo.com

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
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Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$
Menards \$25.00	3%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$
Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$
Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$
Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Lodi First Presbyterian Church Scrip*

Total Due All Columns: \$

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship- 10 a.m.	5	6	7 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Committee, 6:30 p.m.	8	9 Groundhog Day	10 House Warming at Pastor Cyndi's Home 3 p.m.
11 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship- 10 a.m.	12	13	14 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. ▼ Valentine's Day ▼ Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship- 10 a.m. Youth Group Karaoke	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	22	23	24 Women's Retreat- Baraboo 9:30 a.m.
25 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship- 10 a.m.	26	27	28 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.			

January 2018							March 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Rod Hanson	Zack Dachel	Diane Lukins
DeAnn Richards	Mae Stocks	Jean Spataro
Dudley Mehlretter	Herb Damsteegt	Ron Nelson

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Hanson	Ryan Beck	Marcia Brown
Gale Nelson	Leah Brisky	Sandy Deselle
Nancy Stocks	Mark Fryman	Dave Heebner

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader	Jane Jones
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