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**MAY-2018**



## BUILDING AND GROUNDS CHURCH WORK DAY

May 5th we will host an all church work day. We plan to start at 9 am to take care of spring cleaning and yard work. If you have noticed something that needs to be cleaned, painted, or, rearranged please join us.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S SHANTY TOWN

Pastor Cyndi, along with youth from our church, will join Habitat for Humanity as they host their annual Shanty Town event on Saturday, May 5th – May 6th at the Lodi Fairgrounds. The event brings together teams of area teens from Sauk, Columbia, and Iowa counties, ages 12 to 18, to learn about substandard housing in our communities and raise

funds for Habitat for Humanity while spending the night under the stars in cardboard shanties. Shanty Town gives local youth the opportunity to spend a night in substandard housing conditions and realize that it is a real, daily struggle for people in our community and all over the world. Contact Pastor Cyndi to register or help.

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# NEW BUILDING USE POLICY

New Building Use Policy is now in effect for all building usage. The "Building Use Request" forms are available in the rack to the left of the office door, and once completed can be left with Pat or Ron Nelson. A form is also included below.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM USE REQUEST FORM

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member or an outside organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of anticipated participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Your meeting date or dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

Room or rooms requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting use of our facility is responsible for all setup needed and at the end of your event you must return the room or rooms to the way you found it.

You are responsible for cleanup, you are required to wash/ wipe off the tables, vacuum and take out the trash. If you are granted use of the kitchen all the equipment used must be cleaned and sanitized. If you use the facility on multiple dates you must remove ALL your items after each event, you cannot store your equipment or items here.

Cleanup fee may be assessed if you do not leave the facility clean and ready for the next group.

Usage fee may apply as per the Building Usage Guide

Fee Required : \_\_\_\_\_

Requester's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Building use approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



*"Every time we make the decision to love someone, we open ourselves to great suffering, because those we most love cause us not only great joy but also great pain. The greatest pain comes from leaving... if we want to avoid the suffering of leaving, we will never experience the joy of loving. And love is stronger than fear, life stronger than death, hope stronger than despair. We have to trust that the risk of loving is always worth taking." - Henri Nouwen*

We are the Church, the ecclesia, those called out of our comfort zones in order to witness to the light of the world, the grace, love, forgiveness, and restoration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And it's a really hard thing to do. To really live this way is deeply uncomfortable. It calls us to reconcile with those we have been hurt by, those we don't understand, those who offer us little or no reason to do this hard work. It is so much easier just to cut people off, to let them go, and seek our own happiness.

As Presbyterians our theology and our polity are geared toward reconciliation and restoration. To be clear, it is not that other denominations don't teach about God and God's grace, love, and forgiveness, but that our polity, this slow and sometimes tedious process, is deliberately aligned with the scriptural mandate to seek reconciliation and unity.

In the Book of Order, that long and detailed book about how we are to live together, we discover that even in the most grievous circumstances we are mandated to seek first to reconcile with those who have hurt us. We are not to accept behavior which continues to be hurtful and destructive, but where possible, we must reconcile; we are to redeem those who have hurt us, not punish them.

As I consider the painful way that our nation's politics and even the politics of the church are being lived out these days I see more and more a need to focus on reconciliation. We have become overly focused on blame and punishment. We have begun to live from a place of fear and self-protection, but this is not the path that Jesus walked, it is not the path we are to follow.

It is, as Henri Nouwen noted, really hard to love. Love invites us into a personal vulnerability that can be uncomfortable, even painful. In the Church we often throw the word 'Love' around as if it's easy or simple, but to really love is anything but.

This week we are studying the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch, a person who would have been as strange and different to Phillip as anyone he might have imagined being in relationship with. Imagine the scene, This richly dressed, well traveled, dark, dark skinned man(?), speaking with a heavy accent and trying to read and understand an ancient Hebrew text which focuses on redemption coming from the one who has been humiliated and rejected, says to Phillip, "Explain this to me."

And Phillip joins him, converses with him, shares his personal experience of God, and within this conversation, both are changed. Phillip is committing a heresy according to the common understanding of his time. At this time, Saul, who became Paul, is still, "breathing threats and murder" about this heresy. He is traveling the land, wiping out the disciples as best he can. Phillip's act of love and grace for the Ethiopian is not without consequence, and he would have known this.

How are we embodying this reconciling love? How can we live into the call to be light and love for all of God's beloved children? We won't be able to do this from the sidelines. To love means risking being hurt, even if that hurt is only the grief that is left when the loved one departs. "If we have no peace," Mother Theresa reminds us, "it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Today as division appears stronger and more fierce than in recent memory, let us remember that we belong to one another. Let us engage in conversation and listen deeply to one another's stories, to each other's heart and soul. If we are mandated to seek reconciliation and restoration of right relationship, then we must remain open to the possibility. None of us can make this happen on our own, but without this openness, it cannot happen.

We are called to be a witness to the love and grace of God. This means we are called to risk ourselves. We are called to engage in relationship and let those relationships change who we are and how we see the world. We are called to remember that the bonds which connect us are far more important and worthy of our love and care, than that which threatens to divide us.

Yes, loving others will hurt and it will change us, but we are not to allow fear to drive us or to shape our behavior. God is with us, remembering this we offer a different way of being to the world, one of love and reconciliation, and not fear.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

May 6	DeAnn Richards
May 13	Diane Lukins
May 20	Open
May 27	Open

## USHERS

May 6	Jane Jones and Lori Harrenstein
May 13	Richard and Vonda Lee Schmidt
May 20	Herb and Linda Damsteegt
May 27	Greg Manning and Rod Hanson

## GREETERS

May 6	Mark and Laurie Fryman
May 13	Audrey Kohn
May 20	Patty Seiler
May 27	Dudley Mehlretter

## COUNTERS

May 6	Diane Lukins and Jean Spataro
May 13	Zack Dachel and Dudley Mehlretter
May 20	Herb Damsteegt and Dudley Mehlretter
May 27	Rod Hanson and Jean Spataro

## ACCOMPANISTS

May 6	Jean Mulcahy
May 13	Open
May 20	Rana Hughey
May 27	Anna Salzman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in May 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.

5/5	VONDA LEE SCHMIDT
5/6	LINDA JACOBSON
5/10	ERIK DACHEL
5/11	JEFF LECKWEE
5/13	CODY MULCAHY
5/16	CONNOR MULCAHY
5/19	MIKE MORGAN
5/20	MIKAYLA DACHEL
5/26	LORI HARRENSTEIN
5/28	RICH RINDLE BETH SOKOL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
BIRTHDAY!

## (NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **JUNE** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, May 23rd at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at [office@lodifpc.org](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.



# SCRIP UPDATE

Hello Church Family,

Spring is the time of year that we all get outside more and gather together with friends and family. Now that the snow is gone and the sun is out, we are more active. We have celebrations this month with Mother's Day and Graduations and all of God's plants and flowers start showing us their beauty. God has given us the ability to see wonderful things around us--from the sky, the flowers, the green grass, the neighbors out on a walk, school ending and everyone gathering together to laugh and support one another. God is GOOD!

After having saying farewell to 2 close family members last month, I am reminded of all the seasons of life and to appreciate them ALL! God provides for all of us in many ways that we do not even pay attention to. He has given us the air we breathe, the people around us and the finances to do his work. Please use ALL God has given you this month and try to pay attention to what he is asking you personally to do....you will be amazed! He is an AWESOME God! Please use the finances that God has put you in

charge of and use the scrip program for all you monthly adventures. Even if it is only something small, God can use it!

**Ideas are:** prescriptions, food, gas, sunscreen, hats, clothes, shoes, camping gear, fishing gear, state park passes, haircuts, medical bills that take cards without a fee, repairs on house or vehicle, ice cream, gardening, etc.

**SPECIAL:** Save on Shipping When Your Organization Orders \$200 Panera Bread® from April 28 - May 4 on all orders together (This is also a reloadable card so you can keep it for future times to add money when you want it--without waiting for the card to ship.)

Mother's Day is coming up! Show her love by getting scrip cards: Bath & Body Works (18%), Regis Salon (10%), Bed Bath & Beyond (8%), 1-800Flowers.com (17%), 1-800Baskets.com (17%), JcPenney (7%), Spa & Wellness (18%), Outback Steakhouse (8%), Olive Garden (8%), Red Lobster (8%), Chili's (11%), etc. Check out

all the options at shopwithscrip.com too! Local businesses usually take VISA, Discover & Mastercard also (scrip has those prepaid cards too---in case you still do not know where you want to go out).

Get signed up with Presto Pay so payments can be pulled from your checking account instantly (only when you select it and key in PIN). It takes a few days to set up with verification but is important because on May 7th there is a BIG promotion called "Thanks-scriping Day". It is a day of many vendors giving larger percentages for ScripNow and Reload cards online.

An example could be: Old Navy is normally 14% rebate, but for that day only it will be 20%. It is only on ScripNow vendors (meaning you can print it off on your computer or pull it up on your smartphone) and Reload vendors (meaning you already have a physical card and add more money to it, like Panera Bread mentioned earlier).

**Show your LOVE!!  
Martha Ammann  
Cell 608-220-5592**

# YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for scholarships to youth summer camps are now available. Scholarships are intended to help youth church members attend summer camps that support mental, social, physical, and religious development. Scholarship awards will be between \$50 and \$200. **Please ask Cyndi for confidential application information; applications are due May 1.**

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be under the age of 18 and be a member of Lodi First Presbyterian Church.
2. While camps do not necessarily need to be aligned with a Presbyterian Church, scholarships are intended to be provided to those attending camps with a religious or spiritual component. Campers should be encouraged to be physically active, build leadership and social skills, learn new things, and connect with nature. (Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.") Submit camp information/brochure with application.
3. Scholarship amount will depend upon number of applications. Scholarships will not be below \$50, nor exceed \$200.
4. Applications due to the church office by May 1.
5. Applications will be confidential between applicant and Pastor. LFPC Pastor will make anonymous recommendations on scholarship awards to be approved at Christian Education Committee meeting in May.

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See [WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM](http://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: \$

# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.			Building and Grounds Work Day, 9 a.m. Shanty Town, 3 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.		Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	Lodi Ministerial Meeting-ROL, 12 p.m.		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship, 9 a.m. Recognition of Graduates Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. <b>Mother's Day</b>		Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  Session, 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.				Regional Youth Group, 2 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Lodi H.S. Graduation, 1 p.m. Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.		AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.			
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	<b>Memorial Day</b>	AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	Mirror Lake – Christian Ed Camp Outing		

April 2018							June 2018						
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**PASTOR: CYNDI WUNDER**

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Choir Director: Position Open  
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein  
Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins  
Church Secretary: Pat Craig  
Financial Secretary: John Griffing  
Church Secretary's Office Hours:  
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
Marcia Brown	Beth Sokol
Herb Damsteegt	Dorothy Richards



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