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OCTOBER 2019

ROL SUPER HERO WALK

SAT, OCT 5TH

The Super Hero Walk is coming up soon and many of you have made a pledge to help us raise funds for the Reach Out Lodi community store. This helps people in the Lodi School District who are in need, and it is their big fundraising event. Several of us plan to do this walk, and we appreciate your support. Reach Out Lodi has been given matching funds, every dollar donated will be doubled up to \$10,000. So let's step up and help to make a difference in our community. Make sure to get your donations to Marcia Brown or Jean Spataro or Pastor Cyndi before October 5.

CHRISTIAN ED

The Christian Education committee would like to thank everyone who donated a cake or participated in the Cake Walk at the annual pig roast on October

14. Fun was had by all, and delicious cakes were enjoyed by many! We have a few upcoming items you should be aware of:

On **Sunday, October 20** plan to join us on an inter-generational hike after fellowship. We will leave and carpool to the hiking trail after fellowship time following worship. More details, including hiking location, will be shared closer to the date of the hike.

The youth will be planning a Christmas Pageant to take place on **Sunday, December 8**. Look for a fresh look at the traditional Christmas story!

YPM MISSION

The YPM mission team will be selling soup and/or baked goods the first Sunday of the month, after Church in Fellowship Hall. The sales will start in October and run thru April. If you have a favorite soup or baked good let one of the YPM team members know, I bet they would be happy to make it for

you. Thank you for your continued support of us and our work in the Yucatan Peninsula.

YPM Adult Mission Team trip dates has been selected. We will once again be traveling to the Yucatan to work on building the College Campus from February 29, 2020 thru March 7, 2020. Please prayerfully consider joining us and having an experience of a lifetime. If you are interested please talk to Kathy Markgraf, Jean Spataro, or Pastor Cyndi and get signed up today.

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CHICKEN DINNER

OCT. 12, 2019 • 4-7PM



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TICKETS: \$11.00

**CONTACT RON NELSON @ 279-5929
OR LORI HARRENSTEIN @ 206-1072
TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED
IN THE LODI PRES CHURCH OFFICE
CARRYOUT DINNERS ARE AVAILABLE**



Faithful in Small Things

Our lives are not about ourselves. We are called to live in such a way that our love for God and for our neighbor, who may not look like us, speak the same language, or make us feel good, is evident in all things. This is a counter-cultural way of living that is true to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are not called to build ourselves up, but to lift those around us. We are not called to have the finest church building or the most dramatic worship, but to love the least of these as much as we can. The scarcity mentality of our common culture will tell us that there isn't enough and won't ever be enough and we ought to get ours while the getting is good, but the gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to live a whole hearted courageous life.

The world will be quick to tell you that there isn't enough to go around, not enough love, not enough money, not enough housing, not enough, not enough, with the corollary quickly following that you'd better get yours while the getting is good. This ethic, this fear demonstrates a lack of faithful trust in God's providence. It drives unhealthy, self-serving behavior and it cannot be satisfied by accumulation. No matter how much you get, it will never be enough to satisfy the fear of scarcity.

In our scripture this month we heard the story of the unfaithful steward. This man lived a self-serving, self-satisfied life right up until he learned he was being fired and losing his comfortable position. At first glance this might seem like a tragedy, but I believe this was a blessing. The steward's eyes were opened to the deeper truth that we belong to one another. He was drawn into community through his manipulative, desperate acts of grace and forgiveness.

What will it take to shake us loose from our fearful grasping? What I know from my own experience is that when I make decisions from a place of fear and scarcity I almost always make bad decisions. I know that, for myself, I must take the time to rest in God's grace and love before I return to any decision. When I place my trust in God's providence, new ways forward appear. This year as I experience a financial shortfall and realize that I may not be able to keep my home, the cost of renovations, even as I do my own work, is more than I can handle, I realize that I am being called into solidarity with those in our community who are also housing-insecure. I realize that I can trust God to show up for me even when things are tough and it's cold outside. I realize that God is shaking me loose from my own fearful grasping and there is deep grace in this.

Where are the places in your life that God is seeking to shake you loose? Where has fear taken a grip on your life? These are the places that are fresh and ready for transformation, for re-vitalization. We are called to step boldly into the places of our fear, not alone, but with one another, with God, trusting that we will be made new. These fears are often monetary, but not always. Sometimes they are fears that we will not be liked, or that we won't be able to achieve our dreams, that we aren't good enough, smart enough, brave enough.

In a world where fears of scarcity dominate our worldview, hear these good words: You are enough. You have enough. You are not alone. God calls us to live from a different place, not one of self-focused scarcity, but one of self-giving, God-trusting, neighbor-loving grace and love. Our lives are not about ourselves. Our church is not the mission, our church has a mission. We are called to live in such a way that God's love is evident in us, through us, and points always back to God. We cannot do this from a place of fear and scarcity. We can only do this when we center our lives on God's grace and love. Be bold. Be brave, and trust in God. We are enough. We have enough. We are not alone.

Grateful to be serving God and community alongside you,
Pastor Cyndi

WORSHIP LEADERS

Oct 6	Open
Oct 13	Open
Oct 20	Diane Lukins
Oct 27	Open

USHERS

Oct 6	Dennis and Sandee Stendler
Oct 13	Larry and Jessica Pauls
Oct 20	Summer Stocks and Lori Harrenstein
Oct 27	Dennis and Nancy Stocks

GREETERS

Oct 6	Open
Oct 13	Open
Oct 20	Open
Oct 27	Open

COUNTERS

Oct 6	Dudley Mehlretter and Jeff Leckwee
Oct 13	Zach Dachel and DeAnn Richards
Oct 20	Ron Nelson and Jean Spataro
Oct 27	Zach Dachel and DeAnn Richards

ACCOMPANISTS

Oct 6	Rana Hughey
Oct 13	Open
Oct 20	Rana Hughey
Oct 27	Open

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER!

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

10/1 LUKE BECKWITH

10/13 JIM MULCAHY

10/18 JIM SALZMAN

10/21 BRIDGET HEINS
SUMMER STOCKS

10/26 JUDY RICHARD

10/29 DEREK SOPHA



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **NOVEMBER** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, October 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 or leave it on the desk in the church office.

SESSION

Session has decided it would be good to be more transparent with you regarding our finances and publish a brief update quarterly. The full financial statements are always available upon request, but we wanted everyone to be able to take a glance and see how we are doing. We are fortunate to have been 'in the black' the last couple of years. We have a conservative and dedicated financial team as well as your faithful giving to thank for that.

We publish our weekly giving in the bulletin each week, but this can be misleading. Sometimes our givers do so early in one big lump sum, other times they miss a few weeks and make up for it later.

August Income: \$8,172
August Expenses: \$10,200
August Net: -\$2,028

Year to date Income: \$87,406
Year to date Expense: \$96,164
Year to date Net: -\$8,758

Although it make look concerning that we have not made our budget and are in the negative at this time, this is something that your finance committee has taken into consideration and expected. We do have funds including endowments which some of the saints of the church designated in their will to sustain the church. Many of these funds are kept in investments or are designated for specific uses. This is a legacy we have been given from those who came before us that we honor and maintain for the good of the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT REACH OUT LODI

WE ALL FORGET Oct. 2, 1:00 pm

We all forget names occasionally and misplace keys and wallets. What's normal and what's not normal for our brains as we age? Attend this FREE presentation to learn more!

INFO: Call Janet Wiegel,
(608)742-9055

CROSSING BRIDGES Oct. 24 & Nov. 14, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Crossing Bridges can help people learn coping skills, enhance family communication, and provide guidance toward developing future plans. The overall philosophy of the group is to promote a fulfilled life while living with cognitive change.

AN INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED

Contact Dementia Outreach Specialist, Janet Wiegel, (608) 742-9055, for more information.

Eco-CORNER

Our challenge this month is to reduce our use of plastics and non-renewable resources. It can be as easy as putting a small, reusable bag in your car or your purse for grocery shopping. Many of us were told growing up that we ought to reduce, reuse, and recycle, but today we know that

recycling has reached its limit. So much of what we throw into the recycle bin does not get recycled. Our world has few places left that are uncontaminated by disposable plastics, whether it is a mylar balloon that someone lost a hold of, or a shopping bag picked up by the wind and deposited miles from it's origin. Our best bet to reduce the amount of pollution is to avoid using single use plastics whenever possible. Would you be willing to carry a nylon shopping bag in your car or purse?

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINNING OCT 20

Another 6 week adult study class will begin on Sunday, October 20 following our coffee fellowship time. The study is entitled Exploring the "Book of Confessions" and will be co-lead by Dorothy Richards and Marcia Brown. Exploring the creeds and confessions of the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this study opens doors to major themes of Reformed creeds and confessions by setting them in historical contexts and focusing on their key aspects. We will be looking into our own beliefs and will be creating our own faith statements. Confirmation Class 101 all over again!!

Study books have been ordered. Please sign up on the table in fellowship hall. Guides cost \$6.00 if you wish to contribute. We hope you will join us as we seek to study and grow in our faith. All are welcome.

Family Order Form

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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	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$				
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$				
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

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Total Due All Columns: \$

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bible Study, 11 a.m.			ROL Super Hero Walk 1 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship- Communion Sunday, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.			Deacons, 6:30p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.			Charcoal Chicken Dinner 4 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.		Session, 6:30 p.m.				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.			Deadline for November Newsletter, 9 a.m.			
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.						

September 2019							November 2019						
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29	30												

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E-Mail address: pastor@lodifpc.org

Choir Director: Position Open
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein
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 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Mae Stocks	Diane Lukins	Dudley Mehlretter
Herb Damsteegt	Jean Spataro	DeAnn Richards
Zack Dachel	Ron Nelson	Jeff Leckwee
DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session		

BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Patty Seiler	Marcia Brown	Gale Nelson
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