

#### A MESSENGER FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LODI & WISCONSIN 53555

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#### **—NOVEMBER 2019**=

### DEACONS ÁLL CHURCH FUNDRAISER: FOOD SALE

#### SAT, NOV 23RD

On Saturday, November 23 from 8:30-Noon we will be selling food items in the lobby of the Associated Bank. We are asking for donations of soups, snack items, and baked items from you. Please be planning now for what you can make to help with this fundraiser. The Deacons will work the sale, but we need the support of everyone to make it happen. Your donations can be dropped off ahead of the sale and left in the kitchen and they will be transported to the bank, or you can drop them off on the day of the sale. Thank you.

#### DISCIPLINES DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

It is time to again place our fall order of The Disciplines, the devotional many members



use daily and the guide used for the Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study each week. If you would like a copy, please contact Marcia Brown at 592-7296 or mbrown2119@charter.net. They will be ordered mid-November and the cost is \$15 for regular print and \$18 for enlarged print. A Kindle edition is also available; see Marcia for details. Checks can be made out to Marcia as she will order the books from Amazon.

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My friends,

It has always been my desire to live as fully as possible in accordance with an ethic of love. The accomplished writer Bell Hooks describes it this way,

"Individuals who choose to love can and do alter our lives in ways that honor the primacy of a love ethic. We do this by choosing to work with individuals we admire and respect; by committing to give our all to relationships; by embracing a global vision wherein we see our lives and our fate as intimately connected to those of everyone else on the planet. Commitment to a love ethic transforms our lives by offering us a different set of values to live by. In large and small ways, we make choices based on a belief that honesty, openness, and personal integrity need to be expressed in public and private decisions."

Yet it is easy to slip away from this ethic, in our current social and political climate. The daily onslaught of news can lead to feeling powerless and inadequate to effect any change. Lovelessness, the lack of compassion and empathy seems to be invading every aspect of our life. The truth is that we are offered a very basic choice, one that Martin Luther called the choice between a theology of glory, or a theology of the cross. The theology of glory tells us to be great, to be strong and dominant, in control and powerful! This is the way of dominance and subjugation, of lovelessness and authoritarianism. The theology of the cross, however is frighteningly vulnerable. It tells us to empty ourselves of all that would separate us from the other, the stranger, the enemy. It tells us to love them as we love ourselves.

The other day I asked a friend, "what is the most powerful, transformative spiritual practice your session has engaged in?" and he answered, "We were setting up a plan to remodel the fellowship hall when hurricane Katrina hit. We decided our place didn't look so bad compared to the Gulf. The session voted unanimously to raise and give away the whole million to relief. The decision touched us in ways nothing else has. Generosity is the strongest spiritual practice I have found." He went on to add that in the next couple of years they did raise the money to remodel the fellowship hall and the kitchen. Now he wonders how often their dreams were too small.

The choice that faced this session was that of either glorifying their building and appearance in their local community, or reaching out with love and grace to a community that was hurting a fair distance away with no expectation that these people would join them or be able to return the favor. They chose the way of the cross, humbling themselves in order to love others and in doing so, they were transformed.

The thing is, we are always at this crossroad, making a decision to pursue our own interests and comfort, seeking safety even at the expense of others, or choosing to live fully grounded and supported in an ethic of love, following the way of the cross. I don't know about you, but I am always having to stop and check myself, am I acting and responding from a place of love and grace? Or am I choosing the way of fear and self protection? I know who I want to be and I know who I want to follow; may God give me the grace to do just that.

Grateful to serve God alongside you, Pastor Cyndi

#### Family Order Form

### Lodi First Presbyterian Church

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 #                                  | Check #  |     |          |   |      |     | Order Date |    |                                       |          |     |         |
| Product                                  | %        | QTY | Total    | Product                                 | %    | QTY | Tot        | al | Product                               | %        | QTY | Total   |
| Ace Hardware \$25.00                     | 4%       |     | \$       | iTunes® \$25.00                         | 5%   |     | \$         |    | Qdoba Mexican Grill                   | 7%       |     | \$      |
| Amazon.com \$25.00                       | 2.5%     |     | \$       | JCPenney \$25.00                        | 5%   |     | \$         |    | \$25.00<br>Quality Inn \$50.00        | 4%       |     | \$      |
| Applebee's® \$25.00                      | 8%       |     | \$       | Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft                 | 6%   |     | \$         |    | Red Lobster \$25.00                   | 8%       |     | \$      |
| Arby's \$10.00                           | 8%       |     | \$       | Stores \$25.00<br>Kmart \$25.00         | 4%   |     | \$         |    | Roundys (IL and WI                    | 4%       |     | \$      |
| Barnes & Noble \$25.00                   | 8%       |     | \$       | Kohl's \$25.00                          | 4%   |     | \$         |    | only) \$100.00                        |          |     |         |
| Bath & Body Works                        | 13%      |     | \$       | Kwik Trip \$100.00                      | 4%   |     | \$         |    | Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00      | 4%       |     | \$      |
| Bed Bath & Beyond                        | 7%       |     | \$       | Kwik Trip \$25.00                       | 4%   |     | \$         |    | Sears \$25.00                         | 4%       |     | \$      |
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| Best Buy® \$25.00                        | 4%       |     | \$       | L.L.Bean \$25.00                        | 16%  |     | \$         |    | Shopko \$25.00                        | 3%       |     | \$      |
| Best Western<br>nternational \$25.00     | 12%      |     | \$       | Lands' End \$25.00                      | 16%  |     | •<br>\$    |    | Shutterfly \$25.00                    | 9%       |     | \$      |
| 3P \$50.00                               | 1.5%     |     | \$       | Macy's \$25.00                          | 10%  |     | •<br>\$    |    | Speedway \$25.00                      | 4%       |     | \$      |
| Build-A-Bear Workshop                    | 8%       |     | \$       | Marathon \$25.00                        | 3%   |     | \$         |    | Staples \$25.00                       | 5%       |     | \$      |
| \$25.00<br>Burger King \$10.00           | 4%       |     | \$       | Marcus Theatres \$25.00                 | 9%   |     | ∳<br>\$    |    | Starbucks \$25.00                     | 7%       |     | \$      |
| Cabela's \$25.00                         | 11%      |     | \$       | Menards \$25.00                         | 3%   |     | э<br>\$    |    | Steak 'n Shake \$10.00                | 8%       |     | \$      |
| Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00              | 11%      |     | \$       | Michaels \$25.00                        | 4%   |     | Ψ<br>\$    |    | SUBWAY® Restaurants                   | 6%       |     | \$      |
| Comfort Suites \$50.00                   | 4%       |     | \$       | Mobil \$50.00                           | 1%   |     | \$         |    | \$10.00<br>SUBWAY® Restaurants        | 6%       |     | \$      |
| Copps (WI only)                          | 4%       |     | \$       | Noodles & Company                       | 8%   |     | ¢<br>\$    |    | \$50.00<br>SuperAmerica \$25.00       |          |     | \$      |
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| Cousins Subs \$10.00                     | 4%<br>9% |     | \$       | Office Depot / Office<br>Max \$25.00    | 5%   |     | \$         |    | Maxx/Marshalls/HomeG                  | 170      |     | φ       |
| Cracker Barrel \$25.00                   | 9%<br>8% |     | \$<br>\$ | Old Chicago \$25.00                     | 6%   |     | \$         |    | oods \$25.00<br>Taco Bell \$10.00     | 5%       |     | \$      |
|  |          |     | »<br>\$  | Olive Garden ® \$25.00                  | 7.5% |     | \$         |    | Target \$25.00                        | 2.5%     |     | \$      |
| Dairy Queen \$10.00                      | 3%       |     |          | Outback Steakhouse<br>\$25.00           | 8%   |     | \$         |    | Texas Roadhouse                       | 8%       |     | \$      |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                    | 8%       |     | \$       | Panera Bread \$25.00                    | 8%   |     | \$         |    | \$25.00                               |          |     |         |
| Disney \$25.00                           | 3%       |     | \$       | Papa Murphy's Pizza                     | 8%   |     | \$         |    | TGI Fridays® \$25.00                  | 9%       |     | \$      |
| Domino's \$10.00                         | 8%       |     | \$       | \$10.00                                 |      |     |            |    | Visa® Five Back™ Gift<br>Card \$50.00 | 1.25%    |     | \$      |
| Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00                   | 3%       |     | \$       | PetSmart \$25.00                        | 5%   |     | \$         |    | Walgreens \$25.00                     | 5%       |     | \$      |
| Family Video \$10.00                     | 12%      |     | \$       | Pick 'n Save (WI only)<br>\$100.00      | 4%   |     | \$         |    | Walmart \$25.00                       | 2.5%     |     | \$      |
| andango \$25.00                          | 4%       |     | \$       | Pick 'n Save (WI only)<br>\$50.00       | 4%   |     | \$         |    | Walmart \$50.00                       | 2.5%     |     | \$      |
| Festival Foods (WI) -<br>Skogens \$25.00 | 3%       |     | \$       | Pier 1 Imports \$25.00                  | 9%   |     | \$         |    | Whole Foods Market<br>\$25.00         | 3%       |     | \$      |
| Foot Locker \$25.00                      | 8%       |     | \$       | Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL                   | 3%   |     | \$         |    | ¥20.00                                |          | I   |         |
| GameStop \$25.00                         | 3%       |     | \$       | only) \$100.00<br>Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL | 3%   |     | \$         |    |                                       |          |     |         |
| Gap \$25.00                              | 14%      |     | \$       | only) \$25.00                           | 3 /0 |     |            |    |                                       |          |     |         |
| GNC \$25.00                              | 8%       |     | \$       | Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL<br>only) \$50.00  | 3%   |     | \$         |    |                                       |          |     |         |
| Home Depot \$25.00                       | 4%       |     | \$       | Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI)<br>\$10.00     | 8%   |     | \$         |    |                                       |          |     |         |
| HomeGoods \$25.00                        | 7%       |     | \$       | Pizza Ranch \$25.00                     | 8%   |     | \$         |    |                                       |          |     |         |
| Hotels.com \$100.00                      | 6%       |     | \$       |   |      |     | <u> </u>   |    |                                       |          |     |         |

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Total Due All Columns:



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## WORSHIP LEADERS

| Nov 3  | Open         |
|--------|--------------|
| Nov 10 | Jean Spataro |
| Nov 17 | Open         |
| Nov 24 | Open         |

## **USHERS**

- Nov 3 Pam Odorizzi and Kathy Markgraf
- Nov 10 Diane Lukins and Sandy DeSelle
- Nov 17 Howard and Dorothy Richards
- Nov 24 Jim and Marcia Brown

## GREETERS

- Nov 3 Audrey Kohn Nov 10 Phyllis Fryman
- Nov 17 Rich and Vonda Lee Schmidt
- Nov 24 Ron and Gale Nelson

## **COUNTERS**

- Nov 3 Diane Lukins
- Nov 10 Ron Nelson and Jean Spataro
- Nov 17 Diane Lukins and Ron Nelson
- Nov 24 Dudley Mehltretter

## ACCOMPANISTS

- Nov 3 Anna Salzman
- Nov 10 Anna Salzman
- Nov 17 Rana Hughey
- Nov 24 Rana Hughey

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER!

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

| 11/16 | RICH NELSON   |  |
|-------|---------------|--|
| 11/21 | HALLIE NOLDEN |  |
| 11/22 | WHITNEY BECK  |  |
| 11/26 | Shane         |  |
|       | Kozakiewicz   |  |
|       |               |  |



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **DECEMBER** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, November 20th 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.

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## 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\_\_\_\_\_

|       | Saturday  | N  | ດ   | 16 |   | 23 | Deacons Fundraiser<br>Food Sale,<br>Associated Bank,<br>8:30 a.m. | 30 |                                       |
|-------|-----------|--|---|----|---|----|---|----|---------------------------------------|
|       | Friday    | ←  | Ø   | 15 |   | 22 |   | 29 |                                       |
|       | Thursday  |  | P<br>Devotions at Our House,<br>10 a.m.   | 14 |   | 21 |   | 28 | Thanksgiving Day                      |
| EMBER | Wednesday |  | Bible Study,<br>11 a.m.   | 13 | Bible Study,<br>11 a.m.<br>Deacons, 6:30p.m.<br>Committee, 7 p.m. | 20 | December Newsletter,<br>9 a.m.<br>Bible Study,<br>11 a.m.         | 27 | Bible Study,<br>11 a.m.               |
|       | Tuesday   |  | Ŋ   | 12 |   | 19 | Session, 6:30 p.m.  | 26 |                                       |
| Nov   | Monday    | December 2019 F S   1 2 3 4 5 6 7   1 2 3 4 5 6 7   8 9 10 11 12 13 14   15 16 17 18 19 20 21   22 23 24 25 26 27 28   29 30 31 33 34 34       | 4   | 7  | Veteran's Day   | 18 |   | 25 |                                       |
|       | Sunday    | October 2019 Cotober 2019   S M T W T F S   1 2 3 4 5 4 5   6 7 8 9 10 11 12   13 14 15 16 17 18 19   20 21 22 23 24 26 26   27 28 29 30 31 14 | Worship-<br>Communion Sunday,<br>9 a.m.<br>Fellowship, 10 a.m.<br>Daylight Saving | 10 | Worship, 9 a.m.<br>Fellowship,10 a.m.                             | 17 | Worship, 9 a.m.<br>Fellowship, 10 a.m.                            | 24 | Worship, 9 a.m.<br>Fellowship,10 a.m. |

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR: CYNDI WUNDER

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

Class of 2019 Mae Stocks Herb Damsteegt Zack Dachel DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

Class of 2020 Class of 2021 Dudley Mehltretter Diane Lukins DeAnn Richards Jean Spataro Ron Nelson Jeff Leckwee

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#### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Class of 2019 Patty Seiler Pam Odorizzi

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Class of 2020 Class of 2021 Marcia Brown Sandy Deselle Bobby Hanson Dave Heebner Laurie Fryman



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