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JULY 2020

Outdoor Worship Service will be in the parking lot each Sunday at 9 a.m. Welcome back to live worship!

We are so excited to begin worshipping in person again! We will be beginning our outdoor worship series Sunday at 9 a.m. in the parking lot. You'll notice that the big tent will be set up against the hedges, just like we set it up for the pig roast. This area will hold the chancel, the sound board, the pulpit and seating for the pastor, lay leader, and sound tech.

The worship service will be transmitted via speakers and via your car radio. You can choose to stay comfortably seated in your car, or bring a lawn chair and sit in the designated, socially distanced area. We are asking people to use face masks and to maintain six feet of distance between themselves and anyone who is not of their immediate family. Whether you choose to remain in your car, or sit in a lawn chair, we all need to 'stay in our bubble!'

You will notice that the service will be different. We will try to include music that you know and love,

but we are asking that you Do Not sing. Singing is one way the virus spreads easily, and we want you all safe and healthy. You can clap, you can jive, you can enjoy the music, but without singing or anything that may cause you to breathe heavily. Don't forget to plan for the weather, sunscreen, umbrellas, sunglasses as needed.

You'll also notice that the sermons are (or should be!) shorter. We won't be handing out bulletins, as these too carry a risk of viral transmission. This means any responses to the liturgy will be short and repetitive so you can participate without reading anything. There will be no fellowship after worship. Please email or text prayer requests to Pastor Cyndi at pastor@lodifpc.org or 608-598-9566.

All of this is a work in progress. It's something we've never done before, but we are excited to be returning to worshipping together.

While we will be doing our best to ensure a beautiful and sacred worship service, we do ask for your kindness and grace as we try something we've never done before.

DeAnn Richards clerk of session
 Herbert Damsteegt
 Jean Spataro
 Ron Nelson
 Diane Lukins
 Dudley Mehlretter
 Jeff Leckwee
 Pastor Cyndi

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My Friends,

One of the things we discover in the gospel is that Jesus meets people right where they are. His love is not expressed in broad generalities, but in particularity. He particularly loves you. Not the idea of you, not some ambiguous, amorphous idea of you, but you-exactly as you are. We remember in the story of the Prodigal Son, which Jesus tells to illustrate how God loves us, that not only does the Father run to greet his wayward, rude and insolent son with a love that will not let him fall, but also ends up in the patio with his older son who is filled with resentment at not being the best loved son given his faithfulness. We do not worship a God who loves one or the other, but both, each in their own particularity.

Black Lives Matter may be a contentious statement when spoken out of context and without understanding, yet it is a statement of gospel faith. For those who do not understand the context, or who are resistant to being moved out of the center of the conversation, it can sound as if saying that black lives matters means yours doesn't. Nothing could be further from the truth. To say that black lives are beloved by God, are sacred to God, are worthy in and of their own being is to join Jesus on the Mount, listening to him say, blessed are the meek, blessed are the poor, blessed are the downtrodden and oppressed.

Martin Luther King Jr said that the arc of the moral universe bends towards justice, but it is a long arc. Our challenge in the midst of this incredibly tumultuous year is to lean on that arc and help bend it. As Christians we seek to join Jesus in meeting people right where they are, in bringing good news to those who are oppressed, who are marginalized, who are hurting, who are grieving. Our faith asks us to stand with Jesus in the margins, especially when that means moving from a place of authority or privilege to join them there. We are asked to move ourselves out of the center, it's not about us, and let God work through us. It's about God's love for all people, and this love is particular to each person.

The invitation to us is to meet people as Jesus did. Not with advice or paternalism, but as an equal. To listen deeply to their stories. To bear witness to their wounds. To take ourselves out of the center and pass the microphone to those whose voice has been silenced.

We know that when we are hurting, or feeling lost and hopeless, we don't want people to try and fix us. We want people to listen, to hear and bear witness. God asks us to do the same for others. Not to tell them where they went wrong, or why being hurt was justified, or if only they'd only do like we do, it'd all be OK. We are called to listen with compassion, trusting that those who are crying out in pain and grief are also strong, and capable, that with a little support and a clear path, they too can find their way.

We are in a time of disruption. The world feels like it has been thrown into chaos. Being people of faith we know that God is at work in the midst of this, and a new normal, a new way of being, is being called into existence. We are blessed to be called into the act of being a Kingdom builder, a citizen of the Kingdom of God. May it be so.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Cyndi

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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STAYING CONNECTED!

We want to stay connected to you. If you would like to receive emails from the church, you can sign up on our webpage at www.lodipresbyterianchurch.org

We know that life changes so fast these days, so we have decided to ask everyone to review their contact information on a frequent basis so that we won't lose contact with any one of you!

Name _____

Family members _____

Address: _____

Email Address _____ permission to send you emails? _____

Emergency contact

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Habitat for Humanity is building in Portage at 424 W Oneida Street.



Consider coming to volunteer. Help to finish this home for Jade Lloyd and her children. No skills are required, tools are supplied, and safe distancing is practiced. Volunteers are needed each week Wednesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm (or come for part of a day). Call 608-448-2888 to register or go to www.hfhwisconsinriver.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY!

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

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| 7/1 | JANE JONES |
| 7/2 | ANNA SALZMAN
CAROL RICHARDS |
| 7/3 | RAYMOND SOPHA |
| 7/5 | TOM TRITT |
| 7/16 | DEANN RICHARDS |
| 7/19 | JEREMY
HARRENSTEIN |
| 7/25 | JANA NOLDEN
HARLIE LECKWEE-
GJAVENIS |
| 7/27 | SAM BECKWITH |

HAPPY
Birthday
Joy!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **AUGUST** Newsletter is
WEDNESDAY, July 22nd 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.

June 2020


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August 2020

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MOST CALENDAR ITEMS ARE PENDING DUE TO THE COVID VIRUS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	 INDEPENDENCE DAY 4
5 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	27	28	29	30	31	

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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 2020

Diane Lukins
Jean Spataro
Ron Nelson

Class of 2021

Dudley Mehlretter
DeAnn Richards
Jeff Leckwee

Class of 2022

Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Marcia Brown
Sandy Deselle
Dave Heebner

Class of 2021

Gale Nelson
Bobby Hanson
Laurie Fryman

Class of 2022

Patty Seiler



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