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AUGUST 2020

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE PARKING LOT EACH SUNDAY AT 9 A.M.

The worship service will be transmitted via speakers and via your car radio. You can choose to stay seated in your car, or bring a lawn chair and sit in the designated area. Please use face masks and maintain six feet of distance between anyone who is not immediate family.

A NEW SERMON SERIES

Recently we have been talking about seeing the treasure, seeing the gift, in the midst of chaotic, troubled times. We've decided to devote some time to sharing what we've found on our journey through quarantine. Our scriptures offer us many stories of our spiritual forefathers journeys through the wilderness, what they found there, how they encountered God there.

As one way of sharing together as a community we will have an opportunity to participate in a communal art project. The worship team will be putting together a large cylinder in which we will layer sand, found objects, mementos of what we have discovered on our journey through the first half of this tumultuous year. Although the worship team is providing different colors of sand to layer in, participants are encouraged to bring with them appropriate objects to layer in as we build this visual art together.

We are asking that you thoughtfully consider where and how you have encountered God on this journey, and consider sharing this with the church during our time of worship, either individually or as a family. Share your story of encountering grace, love, compassion as you add a layer to our communal art project, whether is it is sand, some found object, or something

else that has meaning to you. As the layers build up, we will have a visual witness to how each of us has traveled this path, found the treasure in the midst of the chaos, and been encountered by God.

Your worship committee

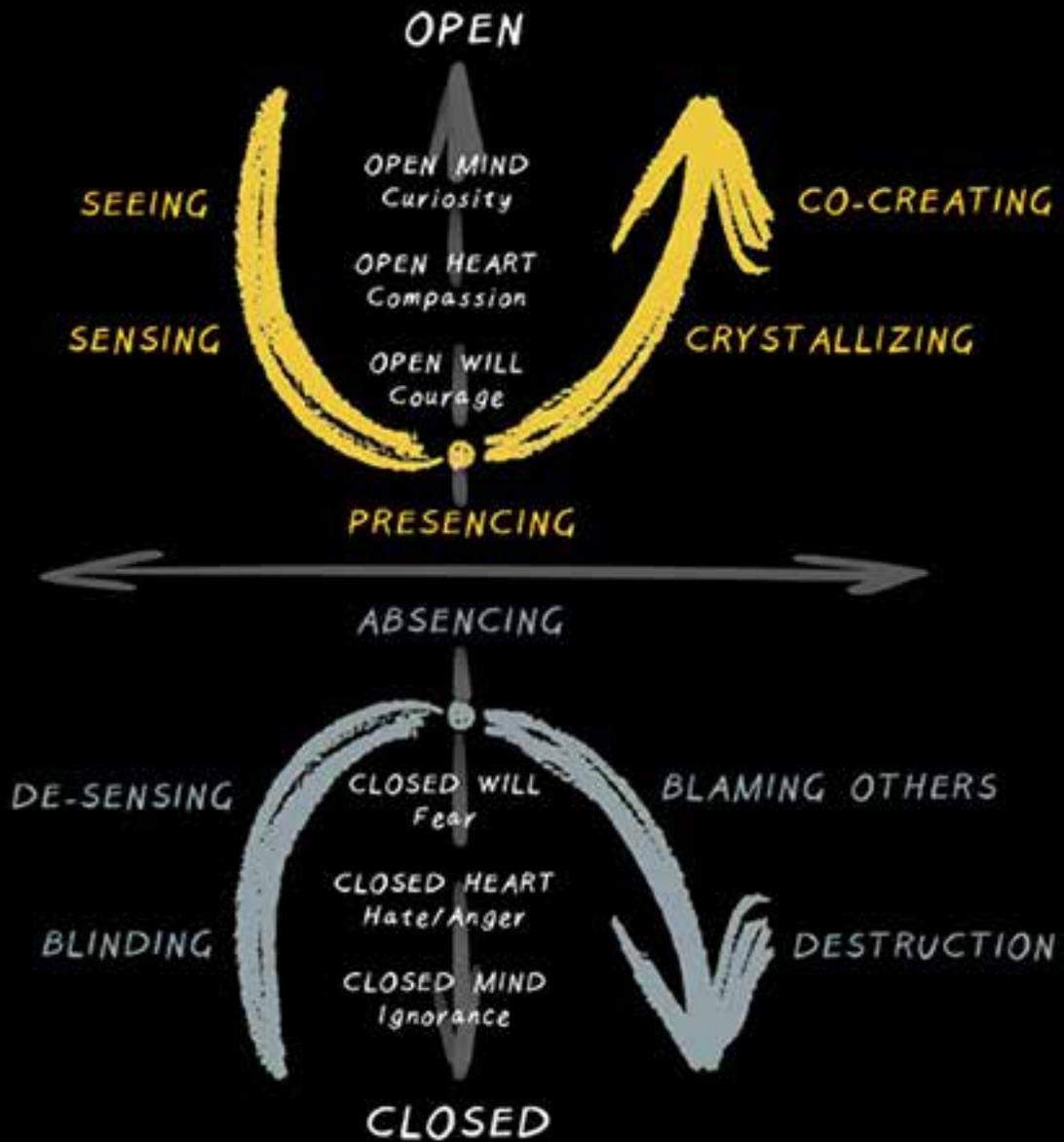
BIBLE STUDY

Join us for socially distanced bible study, Wednesdays at 9:30 in the parking lot. Bring your bible and a lawn chair! If there is inclement weather we meet in Fellowship Hall. All are Welcome!

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TWO CYCLES





My Friends,

A few weeks ago I heard the Reverend Dr. Matthew Skinner say that we must all prepare our hearts and minds for increasing anger and frustration as the year continues. When he said this, it broke my heart, because as he laid out his case, I knew he was right. One of the primary and most difficult stages of grieving is anger, and we are all in a state of grief as our nation undergoes the ravages of this virus. The death toll continues to climb. We have lost access to our beloved social gatherings including church. We've experienced losses financially and our ability to travel, and so much more. Grief in a time of pandemic is natural, and it stirs up difficult emotions. We are also in a time when the violence of racism and authoritarianism is before our eyes on a daily basis. This stirs up all sorts of feelings, even defensiveness. As good people we all want to be right and do right, yet we have different ideas about how that ought to look. Too often, instead of listening to one another, we become defensive and angry. We are also in an election year which is normally contentious.

Our country is truly on the threshold of a new era and our decisions right now will effect the future of our nation for decades to come. Tensions are high and conflict will appear. We do not, however, have to let ourselves become consumed by anger or frustration. This February when your session met we talked about seeing different ideas as "offerings" rather than "opposition." By greeting these offerings with an open and curious mind, an open and loving heart, and an open and missional will, we can engage in meaningful and productive ways, creative ways, across and through differences. We can learn to engage with one another from different points of view in ways that allow us to value and include all voices, the result being a creative, win-win scenario.

When we close our hearts, mind, and will to the voice of others, we shut our learning and creativity down. We find ourselves stuck in a win-lose scenario where in order for me to be right, you must be wrong. This adversarial approach is one of fear. When we close our minds, we condemn ourselves to ignorance; when we close our hearts, we condemn ourselves to anger, when we close our will; we condemn ourselves to fear. None of us want to live this way. There is no real win if it means living in fear, anger and ignorance, clinging to our power and authority at the expense of others.

Jesus flips this script on us, allowing us to live in a counter-cultural way that recognizes that we are all connected. Jesus teaches us that we can only win at life when our neighbor, who doesn't look like us, think like us, or act like us, is also winning. We can prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for this tumultuous time by engaging difficult conversations with curiosity, asking "tell me what you mean by that" or "why do you believe that" instead of trying to shut down the conversation, or listen only with the intent to prove we are right and they are wrong. We can choose to pause prayerfully before and even during difficult conversations, rather than raising our voice or pushing our way through. We can refuse to abide in fear and anger. We can choose to stay rooted in the love and compassion of Jesus Christ, embodying it to the fullest extent of our capacity.

Now more than ever, I urge you to commit yourself to following Jesus' way of love, compassion and mercy. I urge you to slow the process down and take a pause, so that you can truly hear and understand the heart of those you would call an adversary. They are your family through Jesus Christ, and we are called to greet them with love and kindness. How we live our daily lives is how we live our faith. Our faith is not meant just to comfort or affirm us, but to transform us and change how we live our lives. We are called to a courageous life, one of being fully present to God, to our neighbor, and to ourselves. This means showing up with great gentleness for all of our faults and wrongdoings, for all the things that hurt and need healing, trusting in the compassionate, loving nature of our God to heal, and to save. Put aside fear, anger, and defensiveness, believe that it is safe to show up fully, to move slowly, and to trust that God is with us.

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 AUGUST!

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

8/6 RUSS RICHARD

8/13 MARCIA BROWN

8/22 RICHARD

HILLESTAD

8/23 JEAN SPATARO

8/24 RICHARD SCHMIDT

8/30 GARRETT SEILER

MITCHELL NELLEN

8/31 CALEB BALLWEG

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **SEPTEMBER** Newsletter is
WEDNESDAY, August 19th 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.

July 2020

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August 2020

September 2020

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MOST CALENDAR ITEMS ARE PENDING DUE TO THE COVID VIRUS

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

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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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