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SEPTEMBER 2020

FOR NOW OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE PARKING LOT EACH SUN 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.

WORSHIP RETURNING INDOORS

While nothing is certain at this time when it comes to Covid19, we do know that we cannot continue our parking lot worship service once the weather turns cooler. While we plan to continue outdoor services through September, we are going to set a date of Sunday, October 4th to return worship services indoors. Exciting, right!? That being

said, we do understand that this doesn't mean business as usual. There will be precautions and protocols to follow in order to return safely indoors. Session will be creating a "do and don't list" of guidelines that everyone will need to follow when worship returns indoors. A specific list will be sent out prior to October 1st, however, here some of the changes you can anticipate:

- Face masks required
- Hand sanitizing
- Social distancing
- Assigned seating (by family members within your Covid circle) *This will require knowing in advance who is in your circle*
- Dedicated entrance and exit strategy
- No fellowship following service (except in parking lot)

This is a work in progress and we plan to have a formal document distributed prior to October 1st outlining specifics.

We're excited to reach this benchmark during a difficult time, and barring any changes in the current Covid climate to the contrary, we look forward to seeing everyone indoors!

**Prayerfully,
Your Session**

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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We Can't... But God Can!

**Why things happen as they do
We do not always know,
And we cannot always fathom
Why our spirits sink so low...
We flounder in our dark distress,
We are wavering and unstable,
But when we're most inadequate
The Lord God's ALWAYS ABLE...
For though we are incapable,
God's powerful and great,
And there's no darkness of the mind
That God can't penetrate...
And all that is required of us
Whenever things go wrong
Is to trust in God implicitly
With a FAITH that's deep and strong,
And while He may not instantly
Unravel all the strands
Of the tangled thoughts that trouble us
He completely understands...
And in His time, if we have FAITH,
He will gradually restore
The brightness of our spirit
That we've been longing for...
So remember, there's no cloud too dark
For God's light to penetrate
If we keep on believing
And have FAITH ENOUGH to WAIT!**



My Friends,

We gather every Sunday and multiple times during the week because we are Christians, seeking to know and follow the way that Jesus taught. Everything we do is wrapped in and supported by the values, words, and actions of Jesus Christ. It is my fondest wish that this choice to embrace the values and the Way of Jesus would extend to our daily lives. This is what it means to be a disciple.

Yet there are many conflicting and popular values and beliefs that we experience in our daily lives. These values are those which speak violence to the most vulnerable among us, which assuage our regret about not speaking up and not acting. Which tell us to seek our own good even at the cost of injury to others. Lest I sound too preachy or self righteous let me assure you that I know these values well. I too hear their call. So did Jesus. He heard their call when he wandered in the desert alone and hungry. The values and beliefs which admonish us to seek our own safety, to establish our power and authority, to seek our good at the expense of others, that we can be OK even if our neighbor is not, or that we can know we are good because we have deemed others as less than—these values have been with us since the dawn of time. They are not Christian values.

As Christians we are called to love one another, to love our neighbor, even if, especially if, our neighbor does not agree with us, does not look like us, does not share a common history with us or can do nothing for us. It was this act of caring for and loving those who were the least among us that marked the early Christian church, as they willingly entered plague houses and cared for those who were ill, as they fed the hungry without asking what's in it for me, or are you worthy. It was this act of selfless love of standing with those on the margins of society that caused the whole world to stand astonished and say, "See how they love?"

Our world always stands in need of this love, a love that affirms that we are created in the image of God. Created in relationship, for relationship, by Love for love. Our Christian values; humility, self-giving love, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, reconciling the estranged, including the disenfranchised, supporting the flourishing of life, all of this is needed for the healing and well being of our world. The arc of our scriptures is always that of God acting to correct our behavior and choices, our values, from that those which are self-serving and self-interested, to those which are other-focused and self-giving. God calls the good out of us and asks us to live from that place.

Our choices and our behaviors, especially during a time of crisis, will always illuminate our values and beliefs. Are we choosing our own comfort and security? Are we embracing words that are divisive and encourage violence? Are we seeking peace and understanding? Are we seeking to know and love those vastly unlike us? How are we loving one another? How we answer the questions of this time will shine a light on what we value, what we believe. May we have the courage and tenacity to walk the Way of Jesus during this time.

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%		\$								

Make Checks Payable To: *Lodi First Presbyterian Church Scrip*

Total Due All Columns:

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FINANCE REPORT

With Covid19 going on it is hard to track and project anything at this point as everything changes on a daily, if not hourly, basis.

Thanks to all of you for your support through this strange and challenging year. Our church finances are holding up well.

With a few members paying their full pledge in a lump sum, our giving is a little ahead of schedule for the year and expenses are down, so we are in good shape. We have about \$15,000 in our Operating Fund at this time. As long as we hold to our Yearly Budget we should finish the year out in good shape.

If you would like a more detailed report, please contact Ron or Dudley and they can answer any questions you may have.



FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION Reach Out Lodi

Food distribution from farmers to families, during COVID-19 and EVERYONE is welcome. Second Harvest is partnering with ROL & the Lodi Elementary School for a free distribution of food, weekly on Fridays starting 6.19.20 from 10:30-11:30 am or until the food is gone. Distribution is at the Elementary School, 101 School Street. Simply open your trunk, volunteers will place boxes of food in your car, and drive away! You

can also pick up for more than one family, just let the volunteers know. You will receive 4 boxes (dairy, produce, non-perishable items, and meats). Can't make distribution day? Call ROL at 608.592.4592 to arrange a delivery or pick-up. Text FOODNORTH to 55588 if you'd like to receive text message updates.

Reach Out Lodi CURRENT WISH LIST

Fresh Fruit
Fresh Vegetables
Ritz Crackers
Juice
Sugar
Kool-aid
Kleenex
Aluminum Foil
Saran Wrap
30 Gallon Garbage Bags
Quart Storage Bags
Gallon Storage Bags

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 _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPT!

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

- 9/2** DUDLEY
MEHLTRETTER
- 9/10** DAWN SALZMAN
ISAAC LECKWEE-
GJAVENIS
- 9/12** COLE SALZMAN
SYDNEY TOBIN
HERB DAMSTEEGT
- 9/17** CINDY LECKWEE
- 9/19** ANTHONY TRITT
RYAN BECK

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
Joy!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **OCTOBER** Newsletter is
WEDNESDAY, September 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.

August 2020

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October 2020

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September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	7 Labor Day	8	9 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	10	11	12
13 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	14	15	16 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	17	18	19
20 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	24	25	26
27 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m.	28	29	30 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.			

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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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