

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for socially distanced bible study, Wednesdays at 9:30 in the church sanctuary. All are Welcome!



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INDOOR WORSHIP!

Session has gone to great lengths to ensure that the Sanctuary will be a safe environment for those who attend in-person. We will also have seating available in Fellowship Hall if you feel you are at greater risk and would like to have more space around you.

Changes and requirements are as follows:

- Facial masks are required.
- Maintain a "safe" distance, approx. 6', when walking through the church.
- Designated seating areas in pews (Don't sit where the tape is!).
- Hand sanitizer is available at each entrance. Please use it when you enter and when you exit the church.
- Offering trays will be located by the entrances so you can drop your offering off when you arrive or when you depart.
- Both entrances (front and back) to the church will be available for use.

- While seats are not reserved we encourage you to sit in the same spot each Sunday if it is available.
- Bring your own items for communion Sunday as the church will not be providing any.
- Bulletins for service should be printed in advance or viewed on your phone, they will not be available for handout.
- If you wear a coat, please bring it with you to your seat.
- Ushers will help guide parishioners to and from the pews before and at the end of the service.
- Please arrive early as it will likely take a little longer for everyone to get situated before service begins.
- If you are running a fever, or feel ill, we ask that you do not come to church.

For those who are not quite ready to worship in-person, you are still welcome to attend via the parking lot. You can tune in to channel - 87.9FM to listen to the service in the sanctuary, if you live nearby or come to the parking lot. The

online pre-recorded worship services will still be available.

Also, it is important to note that should anyone contract Covid-19 or come in contact with someone who has tested positive, and has attended worship, that you notify the Pastor or church office immediately.

We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together again!

**Sincerely,
Your Session**

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CAMINO | BY DAVID WHYTE

A poem written about the experience of making a pilgrimage along the Camino De Santiago, a 500 mile path through Spain.

The way forward, the way between things,
the way already walked before you,
the path disappearing and reappearing even
as the ground gave way beneath you,
the grief apparent only in the moment
of forgetting, then the river, the mountain,
the lifting song of the Sky Lark inviting
you over the rain filled pass when your legs
had given up, and after,
it would be dusk and the half-lit villages
in evening light; other people's homes
glimpsed through lighted windows
and inside, other people's lives; your own home
you had left crowding your memory
as you looked to see a child playing
or a mother moving from one side of
a room to another, your eyes wet
with the keen cold wind of Navarre.
But your loss brought you here to walk
under one name and one name only,
and to find the guise under which all loss can live;
remember, you were given that name every day
along the way, remember, you were greeted as such,
and treated as such and you needed no other name,
other people seemed to know you even before
you gave up being a shadow on the road
and came into the light, even before you sat down,
broke bread and drank wine,
wiped the wind-tears from your eyes:
pilgrim they called you,
pilgrim they called you again and again. Pilgrim.



SANTIAGO | BY DAVID WHYTE

another poem about the Camino

The road seen, then not seen, the hillside
hiding then revealing the way you should take,
the road dropping away from you as if leaving you
to walk on thin air, then catching you, holding you up,
when you thought you would fall – and the way forward
always in the end, the way that you came, the way
that you followed, that carried you into your future,
that brought you to this place, no matter that
it sometimes had to take your promise from you,
no matter that it always had to break your heart
along the way: the sense of having walked
from far inside yourself out into the revelation,
to have risked yourself for something that seemed
to stand both inside you and far beyond you,
that called you back in the end to the only road
you could follow, walking as you did, in your rags of love...



My Friends,

We are already engaged in a new year, a new cycle, and as I write this I know you will be receiving it just a couple of weeks prior to Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is that particularly humbling Christian memorial wherein we are invited to contemplate not only our mortality, but our fallibility, our utter dependence upon God. In some ways, it feels like 2020 was an Ash Wednesday year. We railed against our isolation, our mortality, every restriction and limitation. We struggled alone to find meaning and purpose in a year which stripped away our busyness and our social gatherings.

It is a new year now, and while this season of pandemic is not quite done with us, we have new hope, as when after a long journey, the end is within sight. We can turn around and look back at the hill we've climbed, the precipices we walked along, the depths of the woods we got lost in, and know that we have come through. For many of us we will always bear some grief, some loss from this past year. It has left its mark on us. Yet we are ready, or so we hope, to find a new way of traveling forward.

We seek to leave behind division and enmity, to find reconciliation and peace. We seek to heal old wounds which have been open and which have raised a fever in our nation. Although we dread it, we know these wounds must be cleaned before they can heal. We know that they have too long festered unattended and this is why they became so inflamed again. We are ready, we hope, for something new.

This new thing, these new insights, are ready and waiting for us if we have the courage to look up from our exhaustion and see. We have learned that our witness as a Christian community is longing to be set free, is ready to expand, beyond our walls and our traditions. We have learned that we can connect in meaningful ways with people who are not ready, and who may never be ready, to walk through our doors. We have learned that our Christian witness is making a difference in the lives of those around us. Do we have ears to hear? Can we see it?

Our challenge this year is to embrace the difficult gifts we have garnered over the last year and carry them forward. Our challenge is to look at the wounds that need cleaning, the things that need to be let go of, and accept that some of this will be hard, all the while knowing that with God, we can do these hard things, and that joy comes through the mourning and with the dawn of new possibilities. Can we hear it? Our challenge is to allow the Holy Spirit to carry us into this new thing, to follow God's lead, and not insist on our own way, our comfort, our traditions.

May we have the grace and the willingness to move forward this year with our expectations, our "must's" and "should be's" all held loosely. May we have the willingness to try new things, to accept that there will be a learning curve, and that sometimes, we will simply have to begin again. May we have the kindness to extend grace and our own effort and participation, our support, as we try new things and scramble up that learning curve. May we experience ourselves being made new, as we surrender to God's will and let our insistence that our will be fulfilled slip away. It was never about our will anyway.

This year, as we enter Lent, let us do so as a resurrection people. Let us be bold enough to embrace the loss and grief of letting things which have run out their time die, knowing that our God is one who brings life in the midst of death. Let us release our stubborn insistence that 'we know the way' and follow the Holy Spirit a little more freely. Let us have the courage of one who has walked through trauma and who knows that God walks with them. Let us enter Lent knowing that God is at work within us, pruning, shaping, and bringing us new life where once we thought it was not possible. Let us enter Lent knowing that this resurrection faith which we claim will take us into situations and places we can barely imagine. Let us enter Lent this year knowing that is right, good and proper to die to our expectations sometimes, and certainly our stubborn, stiff-necked demands, let them all go. God has something better in mind for us. May we enter Lent trusting that this is so.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Cyndi

REACH OUT LODI FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The **NEW SCHEDULE** will be the **FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY** of the month until further notice. Start time 10am until food all handed out.

Reach Out Lodi has partnered with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and the Lodi School District to bring Mobile Pop up Food Distributions weekly for the past 16 weeks at the Lodi Elementary School, 101 School Street, Lodi, WI. This will continue until further notice with the new schedule being the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month only. This is for anyone in need during COVID-19. 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. Can't make distribution day or time? Call ROL to arrange a delivery or pickup.

Also with the new schedule, if you find your family needs food in between distributions, and you live within the Lodi School District, call ROL 608.592.4592. ROL helps with food, personal essentials and clothing for people in need in a confidential, non-judgmental manner.

BAKING ITEMS

Cooking oil
Flour (all purpose, Maseca)
Baking Soda
Baking Powder
Sugar (white, powdered, brown)
Vanilla

BREADS/ BREAKFAST FOODS

Bread, sliced (white/wheat preferred)
Buns (Hamburger, Hot dog, Brat)
Cereal
Oatmeal
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup

SOUPS/PASTAS/SAUCE

Soups (all varieties)
Progresso & Campbells Chunky Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
Ramen noodle soup
Pasta sauce
(marinara and alfredo)

Pasta (spaghetti, noodles, lasagna etc.)
Macaroni and cheese
Tomato Paste/ sauce
Pizza sauce
Tortillas (corn/flour)

DESSERTS

Cookies
Jello
Pudding
Brownie mix
Cake mix/ Frosting

CANNED FOODS

Canned Vegetables
Canned meat (chicken, tuna fish, beef, Spam)
Canned fruit (mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, pears)
Canned Potatoes/ Box Potatoes
Spaghettios / Raviolios
Sloppy Joe sauce
Baked Beans
Chili Beans / Kidney Beans
White Kidney Beans (Cannellini)

BEVERAGES

Fruit juice (apple, cranberry, grape)
Hot Cocoa
Tea
Coffee

PERISHABLES

Fresh Fruit
Fresh Vegetables
Butter/ Margarine
Eggs
Milk / Dairy products
Beef
Pork
Chicken
Pizza

SNACK FOOD

granola bars
fruit snacks etc.

CONDIMENTS

Pickles
Mayonnaise
Ketchup
Mustard
Barbeque Sauce
Salt/Pepper
Salad dressing (Ranch, Italian, French, Western)
Canned Mushrooms
Canned Olives (black, green)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Growth in giving is a normal expectancy. In the church we emphasize growth in discipleship. One of the fundamental expressions of that growth is through our giving. Growth is not demonstrated necessarily in the giving of more dollars, but rather, growth has to do with the impact of our giving in the living of our Christian faith. Have we grown in our willingness to trust God's provision for us? Are we past just feeling good about our giving to the point where we are truly joyful in our giving? That is God's wish for us. To be joyful in our giving. So whether in time, talent or treasure. Find the joy!

Deuteronomy 15:10 Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

THANK YOU

With a heartfelt thank you the members of Session would like to extend to our dedicated outgoing fellow Elder and Deacons We are fully grateful for the time, talent, and dedication ensuring your church family is well supported. If you see Ron Nelson (Elder), Jean Spataro (Elder), Sandy DeSelle (Deacons), Dave Heebner (Deacons), or Patty Seiler (Deacons), please share our appreciation. We would also like to welcome our incoming Elders and Deacons! This includes Diane Lukins returning for a second year term and Kathy Markgraf and Dennis Stendler for their first three year term on Session. Marcia Brown is returning for a second three year term and new members Becky Beckwith (three year term), Phyllis Fryman (two year term), and Pam Odorizzi (two year term) are joining Deacons. Finally, we would like to thank the Nominating Committee for seeking and finding outstanding members of our congregation to fill these roles.

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY!

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

- 2/1 ROSE HEINS
- 2/4 BRENDA NELLEN
- 2/7 BECKY MCINTYRE
- 2/8 LISA BENDER
- 2/14 MAE STOCKS
AMY WENGER
- 2/15 ERIN LECKWEE
- 2/17 CHANCE RICHARDS
CHASE RICHARDS
- 2/18 JORDON BAUER
JEAN MULCAHY
- 2/19 SARAH WENGER

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **MARCH** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, February 17th 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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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.

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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
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Bobbie Hanson
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