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## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 9:30 A.M.**

Join us for an in-person, socially distanced bible study held in the back of the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

You can join in worship with us at 9 a.m. in person, in the sanctuary with masking and social distancing, in the parking lot via FM radio, online via Facebook livestreaming on our Facebook page.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

It doesn't go unnoticed that many of us have had to make certain sacrifices and concessions during the pandemic. Sacrifice isn't easy. Jesus taught us this by making the ultimate sacrifice for us. And while the sacrifices we make pale in comparison, they are still difficult. Whether they are sacrifices of time, health or finances, many of us have faced them in one form or another. That being said, we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel and life is 'slowly' getting back to normal. Albeit there's a ways to go, but we're getting there. One thing has been constant and that's God's love for us. Jesus rose from the dead and showed us that his light is eternal and will always shine upon us. So let's look ahead and remember that with God by our side all things are possible! Focus on

your mission and what you could help the church accomplish in the coming year. Find a passion or a project that you can lend yourself to. God will be there to help you see it through!

Mark 10:27 "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

**Stewardship Committee  
Diane Lukins, Chair**

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Dear friends in Christ,

To be honest, I want to blame St. Augustine. Before this church father rose to such prominence women weren't seen as powerful, evil, seductresses. They were seen as ineffectual, diminished, less than fully human, but not evil. Augustine struggled throughout his life with his sexuality and this struggle led him to some very unhealthy and unhelpful behaviors and beliefs. His first recorded memory of being out of control happened in a bathhouse and his father mocked him and laughed at him. He was a just a kid, and the experience was painful enough that he wrote about it many years later. I feel for him that he felt so shamed. However, as he became an adult he acted out this pain in ways that hurt others, and he blamed them for his choices. Augustine did eventually settle down with a concubine with whom he had a child, and this might have helped him settle his anxiety had his mother not moved in and insisted he be celibate. She sent his child and the mother of his child packing. Cue more instability, more shame, more feelings of being out of control, and a strong urge to blame someone. He was wounded and felt out of control. The issue with our pain is, that if we don't heal it, we tend to pass it on to others.

It was with Augustine that the church began to speak of original sin, often connecting original sin with sex. It was with Augustine that the church began to speak of a 'fall from grace.' It was with Augustine that we begin to hear of women as evil seductresses that entrap men and lead them to sin. Augustine, for all that he had to offer that was good and beautiful, mixed in a great deal of misogyny. Through him misogyny became embedded in church doctrine. It was with Augustine that the church began to see sex as evil. God would appear to disagree. God certainly created a whole lot of creatures of all type that engage in sexual procreation. It's not the only option, but God appears to favor it.

So what does this have to do with the church today? What does it have to do with our church and how we live out our faith? On Tuesday of this week 8 people, 6 of whom were Asian women were brutally murdered by a young man who stated that he saw them as 'sexual temptation' and deserving of 'being eliminated.' He did not see these women as human beings, but as fetishized sexual objects. There are both racial and gender issues involved here, and this young man imbibed this ideology while growing up in church.

We, as a church, are called to reflect on what we teach, and how we teach it. We are called to be accountable for those times we have been silent, or silenced others. We are called to have open and honest discussions about how we value, or devalue others, especially the oppressed, the marginalized, and the disenfranchised. We are called to consider with great humility how we have addressed race, gender issues and sexuality. To be honest, these are all uncomfortable topics, yet the Church, capital C, universal Church, is involved in how we come to understand these things.

The God that we meet in Jesus Christ is a life-giving, outrageously loving, radically inclusive God. Everyone was welcome at Jesus' table, and those who saw themselves as "better-than" were often scandalized to find people they considered "trash" sitting next to them. In the person of Jesus we meet a God who loves men and women who have been vilified by their communities, seen as unworthy, and discarded. In the person of Jesus Christ we meet a God who desires that we live a full, rich, abundant, flourishing life in community, and not a timid, cramped or isolated one.

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This incredible gift that God wishes us to have, this abundant life, that Jesus came that we might have (John 10:10), asks us to look at the way in which we create barriers, place blame, refuse to be responsible for our own behaviors, desires, and choices, that we might choose better. We must look at the way in which we objectify people and see them as anything other than incredible, beautiful children of God, worthy of love and care. We must be willing to acknowledge those places where we have been taught that for us to be good, someone else must be bad. We must look at those places where our desires cause us to feel insecure, embarrassed, and scared. We must be willing to look at those places where our insecurities and our wounds cause us to feel anger and act out. We must learn to be gentle with ourselves and others that we might create a safe place to learn new ways of being; ways that embrace the path of Jesus.

We are called to live full, rich, abundant lives which includes a healthy sexuality, one which refuses to objectify or fetishize others. We are called to be members of a community that does not divide itself by race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality, but embraces diversity as one of God's beautiful gifts to us. May our tables be as wide and broadly populated as Jesus' table. May we find ourselves eating with, and engaged in deep conversation with people the world refuses to acknowledge as worthy or lovable. May we have the courage to truly live as Jesus did, seeing all people as beloved, beautiful, incredible children of God.

Grateful to serve with you,  
Pastor Cyndi



## **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.

### **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.
- 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.

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 and still listen to the service.

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!

### **Your Session**



## FARMERS TO FAMILIES NEW SCHEDULE

### DISTRIBUTION SITES:

**Friday 4/9/21** - 10 am at Reach Out Lodi, 601 Clark Street, Lodi

**Friday 4/23/21** - 10 am at Lodi Town Hall, W10919 Co. Rd V, Lodi  
This is led by Cynthia McDonald (GLO).

### 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)

### CLOTHING AISLE

- New socks (women, children all sizes)
- New underwear
- Girls - sizes 1,4,16
- Boys - sizes 2, 8, 10, 14, 16
- Womens - small, medium, large

### PERSONAL ESSENTIALS

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Razors (men & women's)
- Body lotion
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body wash
- Baby lotion
- Baby oil
- Baby shampoo
- Toilet cleaner
- Sanitary pads
- Liquid handsoap

### REACH OUT LODI GENTLY USED BOOKS

Gently used books are available at ROL. Stop by during business hours if you are interested. Donations accepted.

**Family Order Form**

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**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 #	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 APRIL!

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

- 4/6 NATHANIEL  
BALLWEG
- 4/19 JEFF LECKWEE
- 4/22 DAN RICHARDS
- 4/23 DAVE HEEBNER
- 4/29 GABE TOBIN  
TIM HEINS

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!  
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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **MAY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, April 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](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.

March 2021

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# April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Easter Sunrise Service in the parking lot weather permitting, 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.	5 Office Closed	6	7 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	8	9 Good Friday	10
11 Worship, 9 a.m.	12	13	14 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	15	16	17
18 Worship, 9 a.m.	19	20	21 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	22	23	24
25 Worship, 9 a.m.	26	27	28 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	29	30	

# HELP RAISE UP TO \$25,000 FOR NONPROFITS IN LODI JUST BY SAVING ENERGY

Register for Lodi's Save to Give Challenge today!

## The Save to Give Challenge is a Win for Your Wallet, a Win for our Nonprofits, and a Win for the Lodi Community!

By changing a few old habits at home, you can reduce your energy bills and help our community raise up to \$25,000 to support local organizations.

## How Saving Energy Supports our Nonprofits

Starting January 25, 2021, you can sign up for the Save to Give Challenge online through Lodi Utilities' MyAccount platform. During two 8-week donation campaigns—one beginning this winter and another in next summer—you can:

- Choose the nonprofit organization you want to support
- View easy ways to save energy in your home
- Earn donation points for your favorite charity with every action you take to save energy at home

**Lodi Save to Give Challenge  
launching in early 2021**



When enough Lodi residents sign up and earn points by saving energy, Reach Out Lodi, Prairie Valley Resale Store, and the Lodi Parent Teacher Organization share the \$25,000 prize money from Focus on Energy!

## Register Today to Show Your Community Support

The Save to Give Challenge's officially starts **January 25th, 2021**.

Register at [myaccount.lodiutilities.org](http://myaccount.lodiutilities.org).

## Want to Learn More?

Call Brady Steigauf at **608.284.1756** or visit [focusonenergy.com/savetogive](http://focusonenergy.com/savetogive) for more information.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW & WHICH NONPROFITS  
YOU CAN SUPPORT ON THE BACK >>>>>>>>>>**



## Choose a Nonprofit to Support when You Save to Give

When you join the Save to Give Challenge, you'll get to support one of the nonprofits below by saving energy and earning points on their behalf.



**Reach Out Lodi's** mission is to provide a safe and welcoming community center where people can gather and a community store that supports individuals and families struggling to provide for their basic living needs.

**Prairie Valley Resale Store** is a 501c3 nonprofit resale store with proceeds going to children's medical needs in Lodi and its surrounding communities. Through the work of dedicated, caring volunteers, this nonprofit store donates all proceeds for the betterment of children in need.

**Lodi Parent Teacher Organization** is a group of parents, community members, and school employees that partner together and support Lodi Schools. The PTO is currently fundraising to finish Heritage Park, located in Lodi Primary School.

## Saving Energy at Home is Easy, and Lodi Charities will Benefit While You Save

During the 8-week donation campaigns, you'll be reminded to do simple things around your home that save energy and to record your progress. By taking any of the winter energy actions below, you can support your chosen nonprofit. The more you save, the more Focus on Energy gives!



**Order a Free Energy-Saving Pack from Focus on Energy**



**Turn off unused electronics**



**Turn off the lights in empty rooms**



**Use power strips and switch them off when not in use**



**Enable power saver modes on computer/TV**



**Order a smart thermostat from Focus on Energy**



**Program thermostat for savings**



**Install LED lighting in your home**



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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday  
9:00 a.m.  
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

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