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JUNE 2021



CONGRATS TO GRADUATE MEDORA RICHARDS

Medora is graduating from Lodi High School this year. She will be attending the University of Minnesota Duluth next Fall. Medora will be pursuing a degree in Vocal Music Education. We have been fortunate to have enjoyed Medora's vocal skills and many talents over the past years. We wish her much success and all of God's blessing in her new endeavor!

SANCTUARY WORSHIP!

Session has met and discussed the recent CDC ruling that vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks. We have come to the conclusion that we wish to proceed slowly, baby steps, rather than rushing to return to "normal." We feel it is important to make sure that everyone feels comfortable and safe during worship and we are aware that our desire to sing together in worship increases the risk of transmission.

Therefore, your session has decided that we will continue to wear masks during worship, but we will open up more seating space in the pews so that families and friends can sit together as they feel comfortable. We will continue to sing and to share in our responsive liturgy. Those leading worship, lay leaders, pastors, and those sharing announcements, will remove their masks while speaking to make it easier for those who have difficulty hearing, but will replace the masks prior to singing.



We will be exploring the possibility of worshipping one Sunday a month out in the parking lot, as we all enjoyed our outdoor worship so much last year.

Fellowship will be held in the parking lot provided the weather is good.

We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together again!

Sincerely,

Your Session

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Dear friends,

We are in the midst of such great changes in the Church-capital C, Church-the universal Church. We can easily look around us and see that the Church is moving into a more easily accessible, readily adaptable, responsive way of being. It's astonishing how quickly this has happened. Over the past year I have found myself connected, and supported, by not only our church here in Lodi, but with a church in Bend OR, and with one in Chicago, one predominantly white, one predominantly black, yet both full of the Spirit of grace and truth. How amazing is it that I have been able to do this? What I am confident of, is that I am not alone in this.

As I move about the community I hear from others that they are connecting with Church in ways they never thought they would. For some it is a shy attempt to return to a church from which they have felt excluded. For others it is a reconnection with a church of which they have fond memories. In all cases I am confident that the Spirit of God is at work, drawing us together in ways we have never been connected before.

What I am confident of is that our society still needs the Church. We need thick community, a community that is deep and authentic, where grace, love, and mercy are offered to all. A community that is safe, and can offer true sanctuary for tired and hurting souls. While it would be true to say that this need is always there, always present with us, I believe that in this era of global connection where one person on the other side of the world can impact an entire world, but where intimacy and personal connection are rare, the need for true community is very deep. We as the Church are called to embody that thick community. We are called to go deep and create safe spaces where people with all our messy humanity can fully show up and be in the presence of God, know themselves as God's beloved.

We are all still figuring this out. Our Church community is offering one course after another asking in various ways, "what now?" and we are no different. We know that change is happening, and with it some discomfort, some longing for what was. We know that change disrupts our expectations. May we have the courage to abide in God's grace and trust the Spirit that is shaking us up, disturbing our settled ways, and know that God is working in us and through us. Just as the apostles had no idea what was coming their way, may we have the courage to simply trust that God is with us and will guide us.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Cyndi

Much of what we do when we it comes to stewardship involves supporting the mission work of our church. For many years our church has been involved with YPM (Yucatan Peninsula Mission) in helping build a campus in Leona Vicario Mexico. This campus is an opportunity for people, young and older, living in a very poor economy to receive a higher education. This will afford them a brighter future for themselves and their communities not only by serving as role models, but by providing valuable services that are desperately needed. While courses are currently at a university level, eventually the goal is to provide classes at a high school level which are desperately needed.



Every year that our church has participated we have brought bible study to the children in the neighborhood. They very much look forward to it, as do we! It is so much fun to see the children return year after year and how they've grown. One of the children that frequently attended was David (pronounced Daveed). We grew to know him and enjoy his smile and personality. We just recently learned that David (now 20), along with a friend, were killed in Cancun. Our hearts are saddened by this loss and can only imagine the pain his family is experiencing. His family lives very close to the Mission base at Leona. Pastor Willian and his wife Erly, who oversee the Mission and continued construction of the campus, said you

could hear the cries of his family following the news of his death. Our prayer is that if children like David can get the education they need and deserve, their paths won't take them to places where danger and even death are potential outcomes. At the campus in Leona Vicario, they will have more opportunity and support to follow a path that God has provided for them by learning and providing a brighter future for themselves, their families and others.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.



REQUESTS

Gas cards (Kwik Trip, BP or Mobil)
Piggly Wiggly gift cards

FOOD AISLE:

- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Brown sugar
- Evaporated milk
- Baking powder
- Misc. snacks

- Can peas
- Oatmeal
- Ketchup
- Mustard

PERSONAL ESSENTIALS:

- Bleach
- Garbage bags (13 & 30)
- Paper towels
- Freezer bags - all sizes
- Bath towels
- Bed sheet sets (all sizes)
- Band aids
- Liquid handsoap
- Plastic wrap
- Aluminum foil
- Body lotion
- Maxipads
- Diapers size 6
- Sponges

- Drinking cups
- Cake pans
- Cookie sheets

CLOTHING AISLE:

- New socks, underwear and PJ/s
- Girls underwear sizes: 2, 4, 12, 14, 16
- Girls socks & pj's all sizes
- Boys underwear sizes: 2, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
- Boys socks & pj's all sizes
- Mens underwear sizes: small, medium
- Mens socks all sizes
- Womens underwear sizes: small, medium, large
- Womens socks and pj's all sizes
- Boys clothing: Newborn to 2T
- Mens shirts
- Womens tops sizes: small, medium

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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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.

BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 6:30 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

There are still copies of "They Like Jesus, But Not the Church" outside pastor Cyndi's office. Join us for a discussion about the cultural perceptions, and misunderstandings, of Church and what it means for our church. See weekly email for the Zoom link.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS



While many of us have felt isolated and unable to be of much help during the past year or so, our church has been instrumental in giving folks hope and making their lives better. Our Session and Mission Committee have regularly supported Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area with your offering monies. And as a result, even amidst a pandemic, two families have recently experienced exciting days in their lives.

Mike McVicker and Akira Jacobson (picture above) completed the work on their home in Wyocena with the help of a few dedicated volunteers (among

them our own Herb Damsteegt) and moved into their new home on May 3.

Tenesha Sandlin and her daughters Bryana and Ashlee (picture below) stood on a grassy lot in Baraboo the day before, on May 2, and were part of the Groundbreaking Ceremony and Blessing for the home we will be helping them build there in the months to come.

Only through the consistent and dedicated support of local churches can these dreams become reality. Thank you so very much and God bless you!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE!

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

- 6/6 **MATTHEW
AMMANN**
- 6/9 **BAILEY LECKWEE
RILEY LECKWEE**
- 6/13 **MARK DESELLE
BEN HUGHEY**
- 6/19 **JARED BAUER
LINDA DAMSTEEGT**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
BIRTHDAY!
BIRTHDAY!**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **JULY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, June 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.

May 2021

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June 2021

July 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7	1	2 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	3	4	5
Worship, 9 a.m. Communion Sunday		8	9 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	17	18	19
Worship, 9 a.m.	Flag Day		23 Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	24	25	26
20	21	22	30 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.			
Worship, 9 a.m. Father's Day		29				
27	28					
Worship, 9 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
Bobbie Hanson
Laurie Fryman

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Patty Seiler



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