

The Lake



But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." -Matthew 1:20-23

As we prepare to welcome the infant Jesus again this Christmas, I am comforted by God's assuring promise and grace. First, like Joseph, we are told to not be afraid. Things may be happening that you can't make sense of--problems, stresses, worries, perhaps even unexpected pregnancies that you can't account for! But through it all, God says, "Do not be afraid!" The Lord's got this, and it will work out in the end. The Holy Spirit is at work! And this Jesus, which literally means "saves us," will be the source of our deliverance, who is also called Emmanuel. God is with us!

On Tuesday, December 6, at 1:30 pm in the MPR, I continue the study on Creation. We've reached the fall, the time Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden tree! This story is rich in meaning, metaphor, and God's truth! Come join us!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ron

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES UPDATES

BIBLE STUDY

Please join Pastor Ron each Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the multi-purpose room.

Bible Study, as we begin at the beginning! We'll look at how God created the cosmos! Did you know there are two creation stories in Genesis? These ancient stories are rich in meaning, metaphor, and God's truth! Come join us!

CARE CONNECTION (FOR DECEMBER)

Bea Black (573) 365-0412 Teresa Tabor (573) 480-0052

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF's breakfast meeting will be Saturday, December 17th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the information table so we know how much food to prepare.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The DWM meets the second
Wednesday of each month at
10:30 am in the MPR. The next
meeting is December 14, 2022.
All women are invited. Please join us.



DIRECTORY

New photo and/or corrections may be submitted at any time: office@lakeozarkdisciples.org There are directions to download an app for the Instant Church Directory to your phone. Once you have this app on your phone, it will allow you to call someone or get directions to their home directly from your cell phone.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is each Friday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Gym and Fellowship Hall.

GAME DAY/NIGHT

Game Day December 2 and December 16 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.



HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

December 12 & December 14-17, 8:30 am – 2 pm Volunteers are needed for the Thrift Store & Food Pantry: cashiers, sorting, restocking, bread pick-up, order fulfillment, etc.

Sign up or contact LOCC church liaison: Barb Davis (573) 280-4435

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Date January 19, 2023

Chair: Tim Kirchner (563) 929-1217

PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Tuesday at 3 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are honored and privileged to pray for the concerns of the church. We believe God hears and answers prayers. Because the list has become very lengthy, we have determined to return to the previous policy of removing the concerns after 30 days. If the concern has been updated, it will remain on the list as we know there are some requests that are on our hearts for extended periods of time. The military and nursing home residents will remain on the list until notified otherwise.

SHELTER IN A STORM/PANTRY OF BLESSINGS

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7 at 3 pm. (MR) Special request for *December: Jelly & Soup*.

a few Notes:

LOCC Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the choir rehearsal room. New members are welcomed.



Come and make sweet music to the Lord with us.

Blessings

Michael

P.S. Looking for vocal soloists, instrumentalists(guitar, strings, brass, woodwinds) AND,

Bell Ringers! [Leave a message for Rich Reinwald at the church's phone]

Call or leave a message for Michael at 573-365-3366 or text 573-480-7492 (Michael's phone). Email Michael at: musicdirector@lakeozarkdisciples.org OR mical2274@charter.net



Children's Church Volunteers Needed

Looking for teachers and helpers to give one Sunday a month to lead children's church. See Sandy Wolfgang after church to sign up or call 573-821-3925.

We have recently updated our website, but we are still in need of pictures, especially ones highlighting fellowship events. Please email these pictures to the office!

office@lakeozarkdisciples.org



"OUR GIVING"

OPERATING FUND Weekly Need Budget \$5,060

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WEEKLY C	WEEKLY OFFERING				
Oct 23	2,220				
Oct 30	2,691				
Nov 6	7,618				
Nov 13	4,045				
Nov 20	3,242				
Nov6 Nov13	7,618 4,045				

BUILDING FUND Weekly Need/Budget \$1,800

10WEEKLY OFFERING				
Oct 23	225			
Oct 30	250			
Nov 6	1,700			
Nov 13	200			
Nov 20	1,000			

Jan 1 to Nov 20 <u>Budgeted Revenue</u> deficit **-\$17,251** <u>Jan 1 to Nov 20 "Actual" Operating Deficit -\$9,262</u>

Set up Automatic Giving @ www.lakeozarkdisciples.org



Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am!

Adult Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Tim
Tabor and Joe Weber will lead the class. We'll be using the
Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. You can pick up your booklet in the
office, in class, or see Tim or Joe.



Your Christmas offering equips our Region to echo the joy heard in summer camp settings, congregational life, seminary classrooms, and leadership gatherings. Your gift enables our Region to give support to Elders, Sunday School teachers, youth group sponsors, worship leaders, seminarians, and pastors so that joy resounds. With your gift, connections are made between congregations and among Disciples throughout this Region and around the world. You are invited to make a gift to the Christmas Offering to repeat the sounding joy across our church. Thank you.

We will be taking up this Christmas Special Offering on December 18 & 25.

2022 Flower List is now available

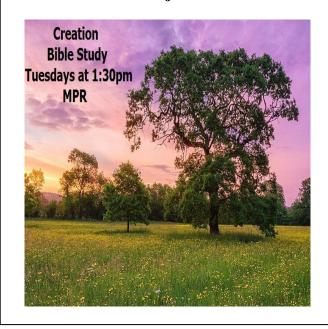
Please sign up at the information table.



Creation Bible Study

On Tuesdays, at 1:30 pm in the MPR, Pastor Ron leads Bible Study, as we begin at the beginning! We'll look at how God created the cosmos! Did you know there are two creation stories in Genesis? These ancient stories are rich in meaning, metaphor, and God's truth!

Come join us!





Advent Conspiracy

The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and revolutionary love. And yet, somehow this wonderful season has turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists.

This year you are invited into a little Advent Conspiracy, to put Jesus back into the Christmas season. The concept behind Advent Conspiracy is simple ...

Worship Fully

Spend Less

Give More

Love All

Each Sunday of Advent, we will highlight one of the four tenets of this movement, to help us remember the amazing story of salvation which all started with the birth of a tiny infant, lying in a manger in Bethlehem.

Come join us!



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MEETING Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 8:30 am.

Please sign up at the information table.



Living Last Supper

Even though it is Christmas season, we are already thinking about Lent and the journey towards Christ's passion and resurrection. Next Holy Week, we would like to put together a Living Last Supper, a short play with statements by each of the 12 disciples at the Last Supper, offering an amazing and moving depiction of the last night Jesus had with his disciples and when he initiated what we know as Holy Communion.

We'll need a director, prop and set manager, as well as 12 disciples and a narrator.

We can only do this if we have the people!

If interested, call the church office or let Pastor Ron know!

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NEWS

The LOCC Transportation Ministry began approximately 4 years ago. Initially, the primary purpose was to assist members of LOCC by providing rides to medical, dental, and physical therapy appointments in Lake Ozark, Osage Beach, Camdenton, Eldon, Jefferson City, and Columbia. A second purpose was to provide rides to members needing transportation assistance in order to attend services at LOCC.

A survey of LOCC's membership was conducted and many members offered to provide transportation to one (1) or more of the locations listed above. Over time, several of our original group of volunteers have relocated, had changes in their family, or unfortunately passed away. This has created a much smaller "pool" of volunteers.

As a result, we are once again asking for volunteers to provide transportation to locations. Please consider helping us by selecting one (1) or more locations on the sign-up sheet at the information table so we can continue to assist LOCC church members.

SHELTER IN A STORM/PANTRY OF BLESSINGS



Have you ever had a "storm" in your life?

Many people in our area have storms of life and need some help. We are able to help with gas cards, motel nights, notes of encouragement, Bibles, food and clothing from monthly donations of our members, and donations of coats, sleeping bags and food boxes from Hope House. Thank you for helping people make it through their personal storms.

For DECEMBER, Jelly & Soup. Please put any other donations in the bin outside the sanctuary, so it may be inventoried. The committee keeps an account of what has been donated and what goes out, so please put donations in the bin to have it counted. A report is given at each Shelter in a Storm meeting to let us know how many items have been donated, how many used, and how many people have been helped with travel expenses, food, clothing, and motel rooms. Hope House is helping us with boxes of food for families, individual shampoos, and extra coats. Bibles have been added to the Pantry. We also have gas cards and motel room arrangements for those in need, as well as showers here at church.

Audrey Tanner is the committee chair of Shelter in a Storm & Pantry of Blessings. Others who have specific responsibilities are Audrey – Pantry of Blessings (food & personal items), Paula Elkin – minutes of the meetings, Joe Weber gas cards, Jane Daniels – Closet of Blessings (clothing), Greg Andrews – transportation for members, Angi Edwards – contact person for needs with Sandy Wolfgang and Cindy Wiltshire as back up.

Our next meeting will be TBD, at 3pm in the MR. Meetings will now be quarterly. Please plan to attend if you have an interest in this outreach project. We ask for your prayers for those we are helping and for those who are serving in this way. This church is making a difference in lives that are important and loved by God, including all those served and those serving and praying.

To include a message or announcement in the November Chimes, please submit it before Friday, December 21, 2022 to office@lakeozarkdisciples.org Subject line: CHIMES

Our Prayers



Prayer Requests

Tessa & Reina McGregory - Patty & Don Savage Steven Strauch – Peggy Strauch Ukraine – LOCC

Susan Rader – Debbie & Gregg Andrews & LOCC
Krista Welschmeyer – Rich & Sandy Wolfgang
Jim Schwilling – Darin & Norma Bjorge
Robert Butler – Carol Cummings

Kimberly Fernandez – Carol Cummings

Cindi Conley – Tim & Teresa Tabor

Betsy Jones - Mike & Janell Jones

Dennis Miller - Mike & Janell Jones

Bill Blanton – Jerry & Shirley Wicker

Linda Divine – Tom & Cindy Wiltshire

Bruce Bax - Lloyd B. Cunningham

Family of Dennis Chaffin (LuAnn) Sue & Murray Frick

Lou Thoma - LOCC

Steve Carson - LOCC

Linda Blades – Janell Jones

Mary Whitman - Carol Cummings

Merrie Williams - Carol Cummings

Mike & Alice Brooks - Carol Cummings

Cheryl Tarbox - June Heckel

Lois Shipp - Donna, Chance Foster & Joan Zimmerly

John Fayant (Kathy) - Becky Collins

Ella Jean Cline - LOCC

Brenda Hartwick – LOCC

Joe Weber – LOCC

Rich & Sandy Wolfgang - LOCC

Beverly Eddings – Tom & Debbie Robinson

Bette Schreiner – LOCC

Dee Treece - Tom & Debbie Robinson

Nursing Home & Senior Care

Nancy Woodward - Lutheran Manor
Pauline Schooler – Arrowhead
Dwight Ayer – Pines Adult Care Center
Maureen Milligan - Orchid Terrace
Jean Smithson – Bridges by EPOCH at Norwalk
Ruth Payne – Clarendale Senior Living
Jill Ward – Rock Island Village

Sandie West - Miller County Care & Rehab Center

Military

Blake Barrow - Fred Braun & the late Helen Barrow Brett Bowman - LOCC Tammy Cramer - Bob & Wally Balfanz Brandon Grossman - Brianna Grossman Susie Hart - Buschman's John Henry - Donna Henry Colby Hoefer - Conley's John Michael Hubbart - Debbie Ferrell David Kuffel - Kuffel's Daniel Max - Anway's Grandson Jared & Juliet McClintock - Brackett's Alex Mitchell - Rader's Jayson Osborne - Harrison's Ramon Rutledge - Langely's Chris & Stephanie Thibeault - Green's 1SG. Clinton Van Winkle - Rader's Brendon Owings - Wicker's Sam LaChance - Miller's

Our Community and Our World

Military, Police & Firefighters Community & Government Leaders Those affected by natural disasters & war The poor, hungry, homeless & disenfranchised

Lake Ozark Christian Church

Senior Minister: Rev. Ron Trimmer

Administrative Assistant and Office Manager: Angela Edwards

Music Director: Michael Lindeman

Cleaning and Maintenance: Don Savage Sound and Video: Patty Savage

Sunday Morning Nursery: vacant

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Chair: Greg Weingart Vice Chair: Joe Weber

Treasurer: Matt Redd Elder Representative: Richard Wolfgang

Directors: Debbie Andrews, Donna Foster, Tim Kirchner, Barb Reinwald

COMMITTEES

Elders/Deacons: Sandy Wolfgang Communications: Patty Savage Education: Patty Savage Membership and Evangelism: Open

Outreach: Debbie Andrews Worship: Open
Pastoral Relations: Tom Wiltshire Property: Todd Miller

Personnel: Rich Reinwald Hospitality and Fellowship: June Heckel, Joe and Margaret Weber

ELDERS

Sandy Wolfgang (Chair), Matt Bentz, Stephanie Biggs, Randall Bunch, Cindi Conley, Jane Daniels, Matt Hendon, Todd Miller, Susan Rader, Patty Savage, Sharon Spencer, Teresa Tabor, Tim Tabor, Joe Weber, Shirley Wicker

DEACONS

Debbie Andrews, Gregg Andrews, Bob Balfanz, Sharon "Wally" Balfanz, Bea Black, Paula Elkin, Donna Foster, June Heckel, Heather Hendon, Velma Kirchner, Tim Kirchner, Jerry Rader, Katrina Redd, Matt Redd, Peggy Strauch, Jerry Wicker, Rich Wolfgang

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Tom Wiltshire (Chair), Randall Bunch, Jane Daniels, Sue Rader, Sandy Wolfgang

MINISTRIES

Disciples Women Ministry (DWM) meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30am in the multipurpose room, chair Cindy Wiltshire.

Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) meets on 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30am

for breakfast in the fellowship hall, chair Cliff Worthy.

Bell Choir meets on Wednesday at 4:30pm in the sanctuary

Choir meets on Wednesday at 5:30pm in the choir room (behind organ)

Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday at 11:45am at a local restaurant

Shelter in a Storm and Pantry of Blessings, Audrey Tanner – Quarterly meetings in MR at 3:00pm

Hope House Volunteers: Barb Davis

Prayer Group Meeting – Each Tuesday at 3pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Care Connection Co-coordinators: Georganna Carson

Wedding Coordinator: Debbie Andrews

Kids Program and Youth: Patty Savage

Game Day in Fellowship Hall: 1 pm First and Third Friday of month

Pickleball: Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G, C)	2 10:00 am Pickleball (K, FH, G) 1:00 pm Game Day/Mexican Train (FH, K)	3
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Worship Service Birthday Sunday (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	5 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, C)	6 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Wobbly Boots 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 6 pm Orchestra (FH)	7 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	8 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G, C)	9 10:00 am Pickleball (K, FH, G)	10
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	12 8:30 am PEO-NF (MPR) 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 10:30 am Pages for all Ages Book Club (FH) 2:00 – 9:00 pm Dress Rehearsal Orchestra (S) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, C)	13 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Yankee Peddler Tea Room 12:30 pm PEO Chapter MZ 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 7:00 pm Orchestra Winter Concert (FH)	14 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 10:30 am DWM Meeting (MPR) 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	15 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Parkinson Support Group (MPR) 1:30 pm Hospitality Committee (MR) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G, C)	16 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 10:00 am Pickleball (K, FH, G) 1:00 pm Game Day/Mexican Train (FH, K)	17 8:30 am CMF Breakfast (FH, K) 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers
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9:30 am Adult Bible Study(MPR) 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	26 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, C)	10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Outback Steakhouse 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 6 pm Orchestra (FH)	4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	29 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G, C)	30 10:00 am Pickleball (K, FH, G)	31