



LAKE OZARK
**CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**
Disciples of Christ

The Lake Chimes

February 2024



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

-John 11:25-27

The church will soon begin our Lenten journey towards the cross and the empty tomb. Ash Wednesday comes early this year as it falls on February 14, Valentine's Day, a day of love. It is out of God's great love for us that he sent us Jesus Christ to show us the way to God's Kingdom.

For Lent this year, I've been moved to consider the story of the raising of Lazarus, found in John 11:1-44, which anticipates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We'll be looking at this story in detail, breaking it up over the course of 5 Sundays in Lent, looking at various themes to help us in our faith journey. I encourage you to study this passage again and look for the ways God is speaking.

Jesus came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. What does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection and life? And what does it mean to believe it?

We will explore this and much more during Lent!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Ron

WORSHIP SERVICE – 8:30 (SEASONAL) & 10:30 A.M.

MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES UPDATES

BIBLE STUDY

We have Bible Study each Tuesday at 1:30pm. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke.

I hope you will join us!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Ron

CARE CONNECTION (FOR FEBRUARY)

Jane Daniels (314) 452-5980
Wally Balfanz (573) 480-5437

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF's breakfast meeting is the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the information table so we know how much food to prepare. The next breakfast meeting is February 17, 2024. Please join us.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The DWM meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am in the MPR. The next meeting is February 7, 2024. 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 at 10:00 am.

ADVANCED PICKLEBALL

Advanced Pickleball is Monday – Thursday at 8:30 am.



HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

February 19 & February 21-24, 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 March 21, 2024
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 Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 1:00 pm. (MPR)
Special request for *February: cereal, toothpaste & cash donations*

Deadline for information in the March Chimes is February 22, 2024.

New Bulletin Insert

Everyone has hopefully had enough time to see the new insert in the bulletin. The prayer side did not change; however, the announcement side now shows reoccurring church events and special events/meetings.

Please watch for any email blasts or Friday Teasers for any cancelations or updates. As always, the online calendar is still available or call the office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you!

from "The Nest"



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



Please join us on Wednesday,
February 7, 2024 at
10:30 am in the MPR.

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



Sunday Morning

If you have an announcement that you would like shared, please contact the church office. Thanks!

"OUR GIVING"

OPERATING FUND
Weekly Need Budget
\$5,060

| WEEKLY OFFERING | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Dec 3 | 10,362 |
| Dec 10 | 17,646 |
| Dec 17 | 39,924 |
| Dec 24 | 3,536 |
| Dec 31 | 6,062 |

BUILDING FUND
Weekly Need/Budget
\$1,800

| WEEKLY OFFERING | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Dec 3 | 700 |
| Dec 10 | 6,270 |
| Dec 17 | 625 |
| Dec 24 | 2,100 |
| Dec 31 | 3,000 |

Jan 1 to Dec 31 Budgeted Revenue surplus \$ 9,321
Jan 1 to Dec 31 "Actual" Operating surplus \$15,688

Set up Automatic Giving @ www.lakeozarkdisciples.org

2024 Flower List is now available

Please sign up at
the information table.



The next breakfast meeting is
Saturday, February 17, 2024.
Please join us!



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.

Church Office

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 7:30 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Friday - Closed

These are the hours on the church doors. Angi is normally here before and after these times. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact her.

Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Each Tuesday, we have our study on the Gospel of Luke. We start at chapter 1 and the subsequent story of Zechariah.

I hope you will join us!

Bible Study on Luke
Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

-Pastor Ron

Nursing Home Services at Stonebridge

We will no longer be having any services at Stonebridge.

55ALIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

Signups are now being taken for the following event(s):

February 3 at 4:00 pm Fun, Food and Games. Sloppy Joes provided. Please bring chips, dips or desserts.

March 12 Temple Beth El synagogue/Lunch/Central Dairy in Jefferson City. Leave LOCC at 9:00 am.

March 21 Churchill Museum/Dinner in Fulton & Jefferson City. Leave LOCC at 1:00 pm

April 10 Estate Planning 10:00 am in the MPR.

May 14 Springfield Cardinals and Buc-ee's. Leave LOCC at 8:30 am.

Additional events are being planning, please watch for details coming soon.

Invite your friends and family to join 55Alive events. Everyone is welcome and these are great opportunities for fellowship and fun.



Food, Fun and Games Scheduled

You are invited to join us for an evening of **Food, Fun, & Games!** It will be on **Saturday, February 3, beginning at 4 p.m.** Our 55 Alive Committee will provide sloppy joes. We ask you to bring chips, side dishes, and/or desserts to share.

There will be all types of games for you to play such as corn hole, ping pong, Mexican Train dominoes, etc. Feel free to bring your playing cards and board games. If you don't want to play a game, you can just enjoy being with your church family. We want everyone to have a good time! Bring your family and friends, too!

Temple Beth El synagogue

Plan to join the field trip to the Temple Beth El synagogue in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 12th, where we will learn of the Jewish services and special days. Gail Severance will be our tour guide. The church van will leave the parking lot at 9:00 AM. Following the tour will we have lunch in Jefferson City and, maybe, a stop at Central Dairy.

Traveling to Fulton

Join the 55ALIVE group traveling March 21 to Fulton, Missouri, to the Churchill Museum located on the Westminster College campus. The museum commemorates the life of Sir Winston Churchill, former prime minister of the United Kingdom. In addition to the museum, there is the reconstructed Church of St. Mary Aldermanbury and the Breakthrough Sculpture formed from sections of the Berlin Wall. The van will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 PM. On our return trip from Fulton, we will be stopping in Jefferson City for supper. Sign up in the church narthex.

DWM Installs New Officers

Our Disciples Women Ministries group met at noon on Saturday, January 6th. They enjoyed a luncheon of soup, chili, sides, and desserts. The officers for 2024 were installed. These include President Marcia Homan, Vice President Sue Frick, Secretary Gayle Sheffer, Treasurer Jane Daniels, and Publicity Paula Elkin. Certificates of Appreciation and gifts were presented to the outgoing president, Cindy Wiltshire, and outgoing treasurer, June Heckel.

Rev. Jennifer Long, Associate Regional Minister and Mid America Region Chair of DWM, spoke about her women's mission trip to Japan and South Korea. She shared how the trip had affected her life. Rev. Long also provided interesting facts about the people and places she had visited. She had an interesting display of photos and items she had brought back with her.

Our next DWM meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7, at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the Multipurpose Room. It will be a fun meeting! We will be making Valentines and greeting cards. Please bring a pair of scissors and your favorite stickers. All women of our church are considered members of DWM and are invited to attend!



Highlights from the Leadership Council Meeting on January 18, 2024

- Becky Collins and Paula Elkin were selected to fill two empty positions of Leadership Council (We had not realized the new Bylaws required two more members).
- Shelter in a Storm has requested being part of the church budget. Up to now, this ministry has been funded directly by donations. There was some discussion about moving this ministry into our regular church operating budget. Audrey Tanner has been invited to attend our next meeting to discuss this ministry.
- Pastor Ron thanked everyone for helping to celebrate his recent wedding and all the support the church has shown with his marriage.
- Pastor Ron shared the plan for closing church in case of inclement weather. A decision (at the latest) will be made by 8:30am Sunday morning, and the information will be passed on via Website, KRCG Channel 13, Facebook and an email.
- In case of icy weather, salt may be needed on sidewalks. Property Chair Matt Bentz has agreed to take care of this. If he is not available others may need to assist. The ice melt has been placed in the hallway by the portico door and fellowship hall.
- We will be starting a Sunday School class for preschool age kids (age 3-5) during the 10:30 am worship service. The kids will begin in the sanctuary, and after a children's moment with Amos Mouse, will go to class. Two people (a teacher and a helper) will be with the kids. A curriculum may be purchased.
- It was agreed that we needed to follow our new bylaws, and thus we need to find chairs for all the standing committees. It was suggested to use an insert on Sunday morning worship to help people find a place to serve.
- Treasurer Matt Redd reported great financial news. Although we were behind in November 2023, we ended up with a surplus of about \$15,000 at the end of the year. Praise God!
- Our next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 4:30pm.

COMING SOON – PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning Sunday, February 3, a Sunday school class for children ages 3-5 will be meeting during the 10:30 am service time. Children will sit with their parents through the first hymn. They Pastor Ron will present an Amos skit up front to which the children are invited to come forward to meet with the pastor. After the skit the children will depart for their classroom which is across from the fellowship hall. Following the service, the parents will pick up their children from their classroom. Before church the parents will sign in their children on the registration form on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary.

At the same time, Wendy Trimmer is available to be with younger children in the nursery. Anyone wanting to assist with this very important ministry to little children or have any questions, please call or text Sandy Wolfgang (573-821-3925).

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



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

Many people in our area have storms of life and need some help. Through this ministry, we are able to help them by providing food and toiletry items, gas cards, and/or emergency short-term lodging or long-term housing assistance. During the frigid cold temperatures in January, the "Shelter in a Storm" ministry has provided four people warmth by paying for extended stays in local hotels for them. One client was in between in-patient rehabilitation services and a surgery he needed, successfully stating that he has been clean for 30 days! Another couple lives in a camper and were out of money to buy propane as their car broke down and they needed their money for an expensive part. The car was needed to earn their income. This ministry also paid for a deposit so a low-income senior apartment fire victim could move into a new apartment. Because of your cash donations, we were able to help these neighbors through their personal storm. Thank you!

OUR NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY: cereal and toothpaste. Cash donations are also extremely encouraged to sustain this ministry's work helping people in our community.

Audrey Tanner is the Committee Chair of "Shelter in a Storm". Other committee members are Paula Elkin, Joe Weber, Margaret Weber, Gregg Andrews, Barb Davis, Gayle Sheffer, Cindy Wiltshire, Connie Schluter, Janell Jones, Mariam Decker and Pastor Ron Trimmer.

Our next quarterly meeting is February 1st, at 1:00pm in the MPR. 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.



Our Prayers

Prayer Requests

Ukraine – LOCC
U.S. Election – Prayer team
After-school program - LOCC
Hamas Israel conflict – LOCC
Michael Lindeman – LOCC
James Marco – LOCC
Ted & Martha Sloan – Cliff Sloan
Bodi Lee Ochs – Paula Elkin
Lou Thoma – LOCC
Eisa Hope – LOCC
Ginger Henry – LOCC
Becky Sessums – Barb Davis
All who are ill & suffering – Tom & Cindy Wiltshire
Doug & Connie Smentkowski – Matt Bentz
Tessa McGregory – Patty Savage
Buffy Thomas - LOCC
Steve Carson – Rich & Sandy Wolfgang
Andrew Turkington – Victoria Kennedy
Sam Breckenridge – Lloyd B. Cunningham, Jr.
Bob & Linda Wiltshire – Tom & Cindy Wiltshire
Maureen Buzbee – Tom Buzbee
Devin Nelson – Barbara Nelson
Norma Bjorge and family – LOCC
Willis Miller – LOCC
Susan Bowden – LOCC
Mike Mistler – LOCC
Annette Juhl – Bob & Wally Balfanz
Ryder – Bob & Wally Balfanz
Rich Reinwald – LOCC
Margaret Weber – LOCC
Kathy Wise – Sharon Spencer

Doris Moyne – Tim Kirchner
Ron Johnson – Tom & Debbie Robinson
Raylene Humphrey – Paula Elkin
Doris Childers – Lloyd B. Cunningham, Jr.

Nursing Home & Senior Care

Nancy Woodward - Lutheran Manor
Dwight Ayer – Pines Adult Care Center
Maureen Milligan - Orchid Terrace
Jean Smithson – Ridgefield Station
Ruth Payne – Garden Villas of O’Fallon
Jill Ward – Rock Island Village
Sandie West – Miller County Care & Rehab Center
Verna Woodson – St. Agnes Home
Mark Woodson – Heritage House
Dale Miller – Eldon Nursing & Rehab

Military

Blake Barrow - Fred Braun & the late Helen Barrow
Tammy Cramer - Bob & Wally Balfanz
John Michael Hubbart - Debbie Ferrell
David Kuffel - Kuffel's
Alex Mitchell - Rader's
Chris & Stephanie Thibeault - Green's
Brendon Owings - Wicker's
Sam LaChance – Miller's
Brandon Miller – Carson's
Tyler Gift – Peggy Strauch
Brett Bowman – Debbie Ferrell

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: Shelley Belk Sound and Video: Patty Savage/Jayden Hartwick

Sunday Morning Nursery: Wendy Trimmer

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Chair: Tim Kirchner

Vice Chair: Joe Weber

Treasurer: Matt Redd

Elder Representative: Tim Tabor

Directors: Susan Bowden, Donna Foster, Tom Robinson, Barb Reinwald, Barb Davis, Paula Elkin, Becky Collins

COMMITTEES

Elders/Deacons: Tim & Teresa Tabor

Communications: Patty Savage

Education: Patty Savage

Membership and Evangelism: Open

Outreach: Debbie Andrews

Worship: Susan Rader/Debbie Andrews

Pastoral Relations: Tom Wiltshire

Property: Matt Bentz

Personnel: Rich Reinwald

Hospitality and Fellowship: Margaret Weber, Chair

ELDERS

Tim & Teresa Tabor (Co-Chairs), Stephanie Biggs, Todd Miller, Joe Weber, Matt Bentz, Randall Bunch, Susan Rader, Shirley Wicker, Sandy Wolfgang Tim Kirchner, Matt Hendon, Heather Hendon, Patty Savage, Terry Edwards, Sandra Sloan, David Kirchner

DEACONS

Donna Foster, Velma Kirchner, Jerry Rader, Jerry Wicker, Rich Wolfgang, Bea Black, Paula Elkin, Matt Redd, Katrina Redd, Debbie Andrews, Gregg Andrews, Dale Homan, Marcia Homan, Steve Carson, Becky Collins, JoAnn Brown, Gayle Sheffer

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Tom Wiltshire (Chair), Randall Bunch, Jane Daniels, Sue Rader, Shirley Wicker

MINISTRIES

Disciples Women Ministry (DWM) meets on 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am
in the multipurpose room, chair Marcia Homan.

Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) meets on 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am
for breakfast in the fellowship hall, chair David Kirchner.

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

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

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

Shelter in a Storm, Audrey Tanner – Quarterly meetings in MR at 1:00 pm

Hope House Volunteers: Barb Davis

Prayer Group Meeting – Each Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Care Connection Coordinator: Jo Ann Brown

Special Event 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

FEBRUARY 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | 1 1:00 pm Shelter in a Storm (MPR) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G) | 2 11:00 am 55Alive – Chair Exercise (MPR) | 3 10:00 am Disciples Leadership Conference – Community Christian Church – Camdenton 4:00 pm 55Alive-Food, Fun & Games (FH, K) |
| 4 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR) | 5 8:30 am Advanced Pickleball (FH, G) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, CRM) | 6 8:30 am Advanced Pickleball (FH, G) 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Stewart’s Restaurant 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 5:00 pm Orchestra (FH, G, K, CRM) | 7 8:30 am Advanced Pickleball (FH, G) 10:30 am DWM Meeting/Card Making Session (MPR) 3:30 pm After-School Kids Program (FH, K, G) 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR) | 8 8:30 am Advanced Pickleball (FH, G) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G) | 9 10:00 am Pickleball (FH, G) | 10 |
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