



LAKE OZARK
**CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**
Disciples of Christ

The Lake Chimes

March 2024



I love the Psalms, for they have a way of naming our deepest feelings in the midst of this journey called life: our hopes and fears, our distress and anguish, our joy and contentment. They show a God who knows the human condition, loves us anyway, forgives us, redeems us, and saves us.

You get it all in Psalm 31, which has been attributed to David. It begins with a plea for God to be a refuge and then a declaration of faith:

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
-Psalm 31:3-5

There are times when we need to reassure ourselves that God is with us. Of course, God always is with us, but when we face distress or struggle or adversity, it is easy to forget! Uttering a short prayer giving thanks and praise to God can help. It grounds you, and helps you to face the challenge before you. In this Psalm, David later shares:

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.
-Psalm 31:9-10

And yet, in the end, David is able to say:

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.
-Psalm 31:24

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 MARCH)

Margaret Weber (310) 383-4256
Shirley Wicker (515) 422-2127

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. **For March we will have the CMF Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 17 starting at 9:00 am.** 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 March 6, 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 and will resume March 22nd.



HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

March 18 & March 20-23, 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 25, 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, May 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm. (MPR)
Special request for *March: Jelly, deodorant & cash donations*

Deadline for information in the April Chimes is March 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]

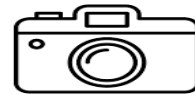
Call or leave a message for Michael at 573-365-3366 or text 573-480-7492 (Michael's phone). Email Michael at: musicdirector@lakeozarkdisciples.org OR mical2274@charter.net



Please join us on Wednesday,
March 6, 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
\$5,560

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Jan 21	3,590
Jan 28	12,535
Feb 4	5,142
Feb 11	1,347
Feb 18	2,103

BUILDING FUND
Weekly Need/Budget
\$1,800

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Jan 21	540
Jan 28	7,845
Feb 4	620
Feb 11	3
Feb 18	1,900

Jan 1 to Feb 18 Budgeted Revenue surplus \$ 103
Jan 1 to Feb 18 "Actual" Operating surplus -\$1,011

"Year End 2023 Giving"

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY MARCH 17TH, 9am-Noon**
Serving at 9am, also after Bible Study,
Before and after worship service,
All You Can Eat! Free Will Donation!
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Bacon,
French Toast, Coffee, Juice, Milk
Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!



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

55ALIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

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

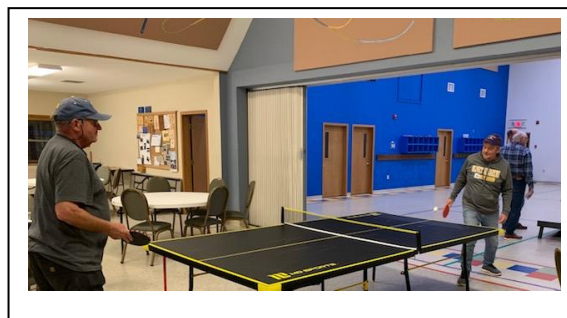
Join the 55ALIVE group traveling March 21 to Fulton, Missouri, to the Churchill Museum located on the Westminster College campus. The museum commemorates the life of Sir Winston Churchill, former prime minister of the United Kingdom. In addition to the museum, there is the reconstructed Church of St. 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.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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).

Food, Fun & Game Night



Disciples Women's Ministry Donates Funds

The annual Rummage Sale is the major fund raiser for our church ladies' group, Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM). The all-church Rummage Sale is scheduled this year for August 1 and 2. We coordinate with Christ the King Lutheran Church, located just up the street, so we have our rummage sales on the same days. This seems to bring in larger crowds.

Proceeds from last sale helped us to donate the following:

- \$1,400 - LOCC Shelter in a Storm (Fish Haven Christmas Outreach)
- \$1,000 - Medical Missions For Christ (local free medical & dental care)
- \$1,000 - Raising Hope Free Store (provides household items, clothing, etc.)
- \$1,000 - Lake Area Helping Hands (local Homeless Shelter)
- \$1,000 - Christian Church of Mid-America (Church Region serving our area)
- \$1,500 - Lake Ozark Christian Church Building Fund (sanctuary & addition)

We would like to thank everyone that donated items for last year's sale. Also, thanks to everyone that helped with set up & clean-up. It was a big job! Thank you to those that donated baked goods to sell and brought food for the volunteers. The Rummage Sale Co-Chairs for 2024 will be Marcia Homan and Gayle Sheffer. They are counting on you to help make this year's sale even bigger than last years! We can do this together!

We invite all women to become active participants of DWM. All women of our church are considered DWM members. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Community Lenten Service with luncheon will be held at our church that same day at 12 noon. Please make plans to attend both events!



**Ruth Payne submitted a picture of her and her family. She misses everyone.
If you would like to send her a note or card her address is below.**

**Ruth Payne
Garden Villas of O'Fallon
7092 S. Outer 364 Apt. 381
O'Fallon, Mo 63368**

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.

*Last month, we provided a couple living on social security disability a place to stay for a week. We found out they were living in their car while waiting for a low-income rental unit to become available soon. Thank you for your donations that helped this couple have a warm place to sleep!

OUR NEEDS FOR MARCH: Jelly and deodorant. 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 May 2, 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
Steve Carson – Rich & Sandy Wolfgang
Bob & Linda Wiltshire – Tom & Cindy Wiltshire
Maureen Buzbee – Tom Buzbee
Mike Mistler – LOCC
Ryder – Bob & Wally Balfanz
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.
Balfanz family – LOCC
Blaine Coroner – Tom & Debbie Robinson
Mary Cyrus – Brenda Hartwick
Sue Scogin – Brenda Hartwick
Valarie Bailey – Brenda Hartwick
Barb Davis & Family – LOCC
Cliff & Sandra Sloan – LOCC
Gregg Andrews – LOCC
Jennifer Branstatter – Ramona Butler
Jim Biggs – LOCC
Claxton family – Tom & Debbie Robinson
Donna Fish – Alan & Marleen Schooler
Buffy Thomas – Victoria Kennedy

Torry Thomas – Victoria Kennedy
Scott Denewelles – Victoria Kennedy
Tessa McGregory – Patty Savage
Becky Collins – LOCC
Pastor Ron – LOCC
People with COVID/Flu – LOCC
Betty Williams – Mary Andeline

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
Bette Schreiner – Rock Island Village

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 11:30 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

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

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 11:00 am 55Alive – Chair Exercise (MPR)	2
3 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	4 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, CRM)	5 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Wobbly Boots Roadhouse 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 5:00 pm Orchestra (FH, G, K, CRM)	6 10:30 am DWM Meeting (MPR) 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service & Lunch - LOCC 3:30 pm After-School Kids Program (FH, K, G) 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	7 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G)	8	9
10 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	11 8:30 am PEO-NF (MPR) 10:30 am Pages for All Ages Book Club (FH) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, CRM)	12 9:00 am 55Alive Temple Beth El – Jefferson City 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Bonnie's Cafe 12:30 pm PEO Chapter MZ (FH) 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 5:00 pm Orchestra (FH, G, K, CRM)	13 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service - Faithbridge Church 3:30 pm After-School Kids Program (FH, K, G) 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	14 1:30 pm Hospitality Committee (K) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G) 7:00 pm Scouts Round Table (CRM)	15	16
17 9:00 am CMF Pancake Breakfast (FH, K) 9:30 am Adult Bible Study(MPR) 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	18 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G, CRM)	19 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Sergios 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 5:00 pm Orchestra (FH, G, K, CRM)	20 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service -Harper Chapel 3:30 pm After-School Kids Program (FH, K, G) 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	21 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 12:30 pm 55Alive Churchill Museum/Dinner – Fulton/JC 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G) 7:00 pm Scouts Round Table (CRM)	22 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers 10:00 am Pickleball (FH, G)	23 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers
24 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	25 4:30 pm Leadership Council (MPR) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH, K, G)	26 10:00 am Staff Meeting (VR) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – China Town 1:30 pm Bible Study (MPR) 3:00 pm Prayer Team (MPR) 5:00 pm Orchestra (FH)	27 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service & Lunch - LOCC 3:30 pm After-School Kids Program (FH, K, G) 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (CR)	28 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (S) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH, G)	29 10:00 am Pickleball (FH, G) 6:00 pm Good Friday Service (C)	30
31 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) 10:30 am Easter Sunday Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)						