

THE UPDATE



Celebration Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:35 a.m. (Note: only one worship service that morning)

As we prepare for the coming holidays, we are reminded this is a season to give thanks. We know that, truly, we are to give thanks in every season - of the year and of our lives. Gratitude is transformative. So, in this season when we are reminded to be grateful, we as a church are going to dedicate a Sunday to just that.

On Celebration Sunday, we will celebrate all God has done and continues to do in our lives and our church body, as all we have to be thankful for has come from Him. This year, God has made new lives; we will celebrate with child dedications. God has made lives new; we will celebrate with baptisms. God has brought new people into our church body; we will celebrate by accepting new members. God has made us new with the gift of Jesus; we will celebrate with communion.

If you, your teen(s), or your child(ren) are interested in celebrating your faith with water baptism, please contact the church office. A pastor will schedule a time to meet with you.

If you are interested in becoming a member of LFMC, come to the Membership Class at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the church library. You do not have to become a member after the class, but that option is available to you then. Contact the church office to RSVP.

We hope you will join us on November 19 in our one worship service at 10:35 to celebrate together and thank God for all He has done in your life and the life of our church!

Discipleship Ministries

Anam Cara: LFMC's Got Talent!

Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the FLC (gym)

All women, 15 and above, are invited to join us for a morning sharing with soul friends through conversation, entertainment, laughter, devotion, and prayer.

Childcare is available for children up to age 6 if you let us know before Nov. 12.

We need women to share their God-given gifts: performance artists, painters, singers, quilters, dancers, weavers, poets, comedians, bakers, etc., either through entertainment or displaying your art. Please contact Jill Anderson at jaand3@hotmail.com about what you can share by Sunday, Nov. 5.



Primetimers (for 50+)

Tuesday, Nov. 14, at noon in Rm. 24/25

On Nov. 14, Primetimers will have their traditional Thanksgiving meal together. Afterward, Judy Rahn and Doug Heacock will share their mission experiences in Haiti this last winter with us. We welcome anyone desiring fellowship and fun over a tasty meal, so please come and invite any friends or neighbors who might be interested. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to accompany the turkey, stuffing, and gravy that will be provided. (Store bought items are fine!) If you have questions or need transportation, contact Ron or Diane Bringus at (785) 594-3661 or

dianebringus@yahoo.com. Give thanks to Him and praise His name for the Lord is good and his love endures forever. [Psalm 100:4]

Student Ministries

Children's Holiday Shop Wrapping Party

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m. in the Teen Center

Influx will participate once again in the Annual Children's Holiday Shop Wrapping Party here at LFMC. There will be pizza at 6 p.m. and we will get to wrapping the presents shortly after. This counts as a service event opportunity for our high school students to earn their way to Silver Dollar City.



Bonfire Night

Saturday, Nov. 18, 6-9 p.m. at the Florys'

Teens, get ready for Bonfire Night at the Florys'. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. and will be returning around 9:15 p.m. Students should bring a drink or snack to share! S'mores and brats will be provided.

All Teens in 10:35 Worship Service Nov. 19

On Celebration Sunday, Nov. 19, we will join the rest of the congregation for the entire 10:35 service as we celebrate the baptisms taking place that Sunday. Teens will *not* be attending the upstairs worship service the first Sunday of the month in November like we normally do every month. Instead, we will be postponed until the 19th.



Annual Christmas Party Lock-in

Friday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.-Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m., in the Teen Center

The Annual Christmas Party Lock-in is coming soon. Students always ask for a theme: this year's theme will be "Life-size Mario Kart." Students should bring a snack to share, sleeping bag, \$3 for pizza, and anything else they would need for the night over.

****ATTENTION**** In order to attend this lock-in, students **MUST** be a registered member of either the Sunday or Wednesday Influx programs. Registered students may personally invite 3 non-registered friends.

Without the personal invitation, non-registered students will not be allowed to participate in the event. ****ATTENTION**** This new policy is in reaction to some issues that arose at the Out-of-School Lock-in and will persist as policy for all future lock-ins.

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, Jan. 21, 5 p.m. in the FLC (gym)

The teens will be hosting the Influx Chili Cook-off again this January! Donations will go toward continued needs as we wrap up finishing touches on the downstairs remodel. This will also count as a service event for the Silver Dollar City trip. So, whip out your secret family chili recipes and compete for prizes! Join us for food, fellowship, and fun activity!



Children's Ministries

November in DU

Have you ever paused to think about everything God has done for you? He created a planet that's perfectly suited for otters and ostriches and you. Then, He sent His Son, Jesus, to that planet to die and be raised to life so He could have a forever relationship with you. Through the month, we'll help kids refocus on all that God has done for them. Because when you know what God has done for you, **you can be thankful—always.**

God View: the connection between Gratitude and God's character, as shown through God's big story

Gratitude is a response to the character of God.

WEEK 1

Key Question: What are you grateful for? We kick off a month on gratitude by helping kids to refocus on their own life and discover reasons they can be thankful. We're so busy with life that we don't take the time to pause and notice what God has done for us. We hope kids take the time throughout the year to ask themselves this question.

We start our look at gratitude with **Psalm 100** where we read, *Shout for joy to the Lord, everyone on earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to Him with songs of joy, (NIV).* God has done so much for us through the gift of Jesus, it's only fitting that we respond to Him with a heart of gratitude.

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Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

We hope to give kids and families the opportunity to think about all the ways God has shown them love and faithfulness throughout the year. We want them to get excited and celebrate God's goodness.

WEEK 2

Key Question: What do you do when you don't feel grateful? Kids will learn soon enough, that sometimes it's hard to feel grateful. Through asking this question, we hope kids will come away with a plan to refocus on what really matters and discover how they can show gratitude.

In **Matthew 20:1-15**, we'll dig into a parable Jesus told one day about some vineyard workers. In the story, a few of the workers started making comparisons to what others were getting paid and became ungrateful and started complaining. Then, at the end of the day, they had a bad attitude because they thought it wasn't fair.

Bottom Line: Adjust your attitude. We can change our whole outlook on life if we take the time to refocus and think about all that we've been given. We pray that kids will see their own

life differently and discover all the ways can show gratitude.

WEEK 3

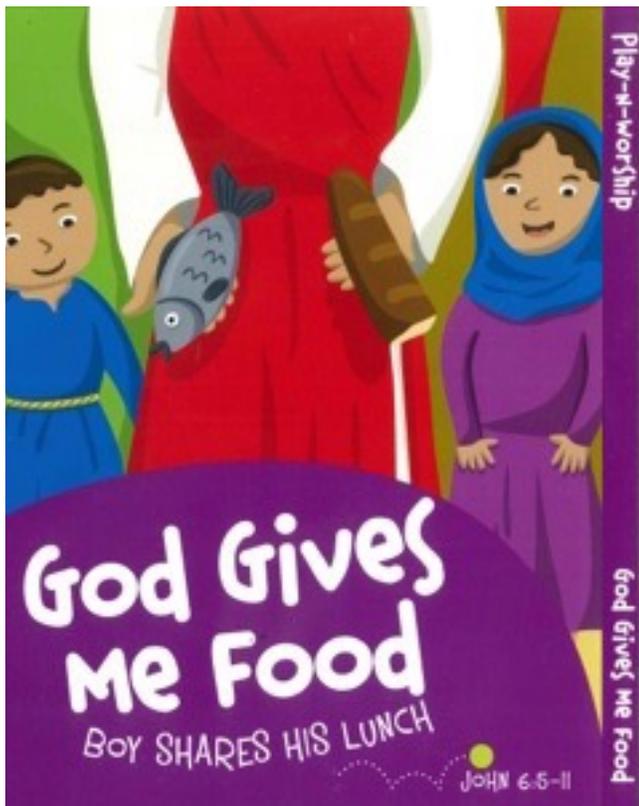
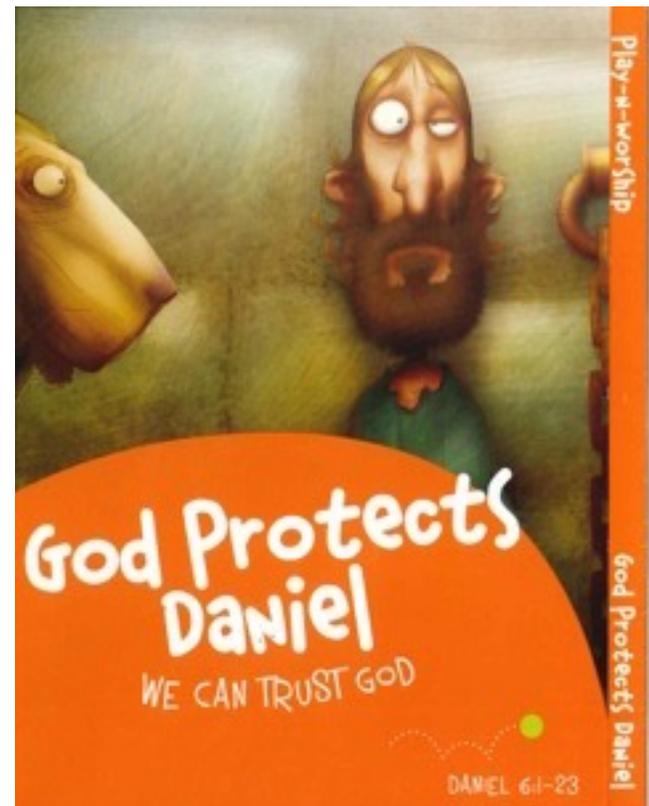
The kids will join their families in the worship service for Celebration Sunday. This is a special Sunday to celebrate what God is doing through infant dedications, welcoming new members, baptism, and communion.

WEEK 4

Key Question: What are creative ways to say thank you? Saying thank you doesn't have to feel like a chore. Kids will discover all sorts of fun ways they can show gratitude to the people in their life.

We will take a look at a powerful story in **Luke 17:11-19** about ten lepers who asked Jesus to be healed. But when their skin condition went away, they became so ecstatic about the miracle that they ran off and forgot to say, "thank you." All except for one who came back.

Bottom Line: Say thank you. We want kids to become the sort of people who take the time to go out of their way to show gratitude towards others.

November in Twos...**and in Threes and Fours**

Missions



L.I.N.K. (Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen)

Thursday, Nov. 2

LINK feeds hot, nourishing meals to people in Lawrence! Our church is part of this ministry to our community, contributing both store-bought foods and homemade casseroles as a part of our support for people who would not otherwise be able to find decent nourishment.

Thursday, Nov. 2, LFMC is scheduled to provide and serve an early afternoon meal. Servers and food are needed for the meal. Even if all you can manage right now is a gallon of milk, it is needed and appreciated; and the chance to mingle with the recipients of our efforts—if you would like to help serve—is an act of love and kindness as well, exactly what God asks of us. You will be blessed. Sign up in the lobby or online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7ek8f69>.

Family Promise

Nov. 13, 14, and 16

Our week of serving at Family Promise is coming up Nov. 14, 14, and 16. You can provide food or host, which simply means serving the food and eating with the families. Sign up in the

church lobby. For more information about providing food, contact Kara Perry at (785) 423-2702 or Kirsten Mock at (785) 393-3309. For more information about hosting, contact Brenda Flynn at (785) 312-9950.



Other Family Promise Needs

Family Promise Needs a Couple Van Drivers!

FPL is needing a few van drivers for one or two hours each week. We have 2 time shifts available:

1. morning shift - starts with unlocking the day center about 6:10 AM and picking up the Rotation families from the hosting congregation and bringing them back to the Day Center.
2. evening shift - starts with taking the rotation families to the hosting congregation at 5:30 and coming back to lock up the Day Center.

Can have 1 shift or a few, or just serve as a sub driver! Must be over 25 years of age, have a valid drivers license, and have a good driving record. Can you help? Contact: john@lawrencefamilypromise.org.

Urgent Day Center (905 Tennessee) Needs:

Laundry detergent
 Antibacterial wipes
 Bleach cleaners
 Dispenser hand soap
 Diaper wipes
 Toilet paper
 Paper towels

Misc.

**October Ministry Board Minutes**

Ministry Board Meeting
October 10, 2017

Attendees: B. Bump, K. Wagner, J. Oehlert, D. Flynn,
M. Flory, D. Flory, J. Gadzia, T. Shearburn

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer.

FYI

- Women's Studies: greater participation than previous years, new attenders as well
- Men's Fraternity: enrollment for the new six-week series has approximately 30 men
- Celebration Sunday: November 19
- Time Change occurs on November 5 (fall back).

Team Reports*Financial Team:*

K. Wagner presented the financial report with September Actual Income at \$41,650, Actual Expenses at \$54,981 with Actual Income B/(W) Expenses at -\$13,332.

Capital Campaign:

Pledge cards have started to arrive back at the LFMC office, due date is October 15. Pledges will be accepted throughout, but it is vital to receive them as close to the deadline to understand the scope of the campaign.

Facility Team:

The roll-off dumpster is in place to help with the continued clean up of the third floor.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m.

Time Change Nov. 5

It's almost time to change our clocks! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep before you get up for church.

Office Closed Nov. 23-24

The church office will close on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, to allow pastors and staff time to be with loved ones. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 27.



Sunday Services & Programs

9:00 a.m.

Blended Worship

Care for infants through preschoolers

10:35 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

Care for infants through 2-year-olds

Programs for preschoolers through 12th graders

Church Office Information

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