

# THE UPDATE



## Headed to Haiti

In the very early morning of January 27 (actually, in the middle of the night), a team of veteran Haiti missionaries will load up in the church van and head to the airport in KC for a 6 a.m. flight to Miami, the first leg in our next trip to Haiti. Nine of us will board a flight bound for Miami, where we will meet two additional team members, and the eleven of us will then fly to Cap Haïtien for a week of construction work at the Kids Alive Children's Village there. We plan to return on Feb. 3.

Our last two teams (2016 and 2017) worked on building a new school on the Kids Alive compound, and that building is very nearly ready to use. We learned in December that our main project for this trip will be to begin adding a cafeteria structure to the new school.

The team members for this trip are Richard Erickson, Rochelle (Rocky) Harrison, Doug Heacock, Kenna LaRue, Kim Riffel, Rick Riffel, Randy Roy, Stephanie Temple, Kevan Vick, Larry Wedman, and Tasha Wertin.

We will do our best to report on our daily activities and progress via the trip blog ([lfmchurch.org/missions-trip-blog](http://lfmchurch.org/missions-trip-blog)). During the early weeks of January, there will be prayer cards available in the lobby for those who wish to pray daily for individual team members as we prepare for our trip and while we are in Haiti. Your prayers are essential, and much appreciated. There will be a special prayer for the team during worship services on Jan. 21.

Each team member will carry an extra suitcase full of donated items to Haiti—please check out the Haiti donations story in this issue of The Update.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

## Discipleship Ministries



### Primetimers (for 50+)

Tuesday, Jan. 9, at noon in Rm. 24/25

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, our group had a festive pre-Christmas meal, followed by Tom Sack's sharing of Christmas stories and songs. We always enjoy hearing Tom lend his wonderful voice to songs that express his faith and glorify our Savior.

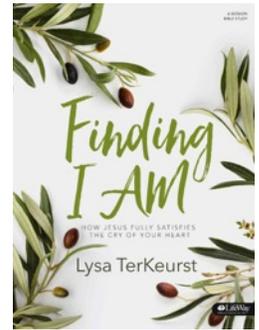
Our next monthly luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, in Rm. 24/25. Following our potluck meal from noon to 1:00 will be a presentation by Michelle Meier from the Senior Resource Center here in Lawrence. She will be educating us all to the many free services offered for seniors here in Douglas County. The program will conclude by 1:30. Please join us, and feel free to bring a friend and one food item or dessert to

share. (Store bought is fine) If you are a first time attender, you need not bring food; just come and be our guest. Anyone who would like to have more fellowship time is welcome to come as early as 11:30 in order to visit before the meal. If you have questions or need transportation, please contact Ron or Diane Bringus at (785-) 594-3661. *Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to swell together in unity.* Psalm 133:1

### Finding I Am - Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, beginning Feb. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Rm. 24/25

In her introduction to the study *Finding I AM*, Lysa TerKeurst states it is not a get-together to just talk about the Bible enough so that we feel good about ourselves. She wants this study to be a lifeline that reaches down to the deepest recesses of your heart. We will search the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. With Lysa, we will go to the places in the Holy Land where Jesus may have been when He spoke these words. We will spend two weeks on each of the six lessons.



Come be a part of this journey to see what Jesus wants to say to you and how He can become the source of your satisfaction.



### Esther - Searching the Scripture Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, Feb. 8-Apr. 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Rm. 22

Join us as we discover how Esther trusted God when it mattered most and how her decision changed the world. Because Esther risked her life to confront the king, her people were saved from genocide. This story still inspires believers today to see what God will do when we trust Him to carry out HIS bigger plan.

The cost is \$20. If you have any questions, contact Dana at (785) 331-2795 or Susan at (785) 843-7660.

### Anam Cara Women's Event

Saturday, Feb. 10, in the FLC (gym)

Mark your calendar! The next Anam Cara Women's Event is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 10, in the FLC (gym). Watch your bulletin and your email for more information soon.



## Student Ministries

### Chili Cook-off

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

The teens are hosting the Influx Chili Cook-off again! 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



### Jr. Camp 2018

June 11-15 at Rock Springs 4-H Center

Jr. Camp is a week-long summer camp for children finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS, Jr. Camp is a wonderful, safe, and fun environment for kids to begin to explore new hobbies, make new friends, gain more independence, and connect with God on a deeper level.

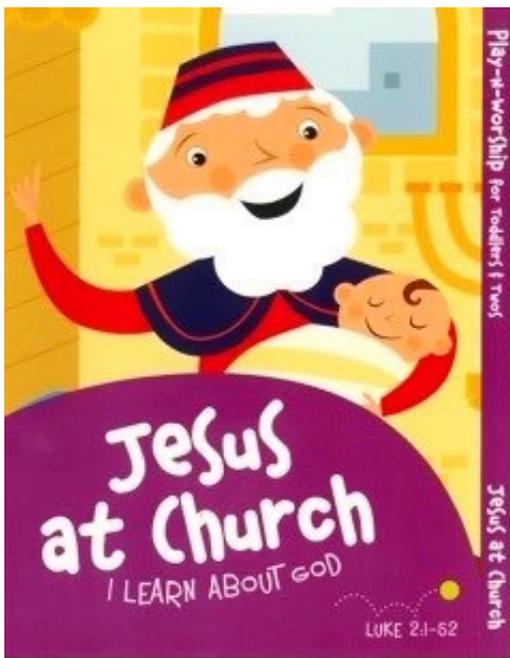
Jr. Camp is not just for kids from the Lawrence area; kids

connected with Free Methodist churches across the state come too!

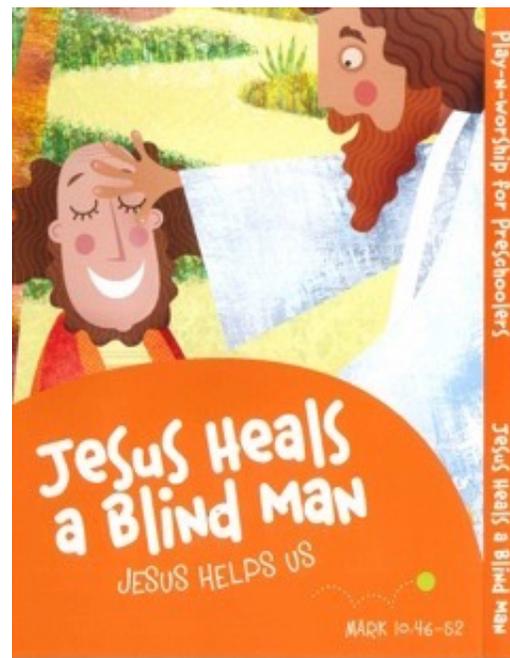
For more information, contact Pastor Allie or Bethany Engel (the Jr. Camp Director) in the church office. Registration will open in January and registration forms will be available in the children's lobby and online at [lfmchurch.org/junior-camp](http://lfmchurch.org/junior-camp) soon.

Note: The gift card fundraising program is a great way to save money for camp without spending any extra. Ask the person at the gift card kiosk in the lobby Sundays for more information.

### January in Twos...



### and in Threes and Fours



## Missions

### Donation Items for Haiti

Later this month, we're sending a team of eleven people to Haiti for a week of construction work at the Kids Alive Children's Village in Cap Haïtien. Our team will leave on Saturday, Jan. 27, and return on Saturday, Feb. 3. We have received a list of desperately needed items from the staff at the Kids Alive school there:

Medicines: Tylenol/acetaminophen (pills, as well as liquid for kids), vitamins (B-complex and vitamin C), antacids (e.g. TUMS), cough syrup

Hygiene: toothbrushes, toothpaste

Clothing for girls (up to size adult small): bras, underwear, camisole tops

Clothing for boys (for kids and teens up to size adult small): underwear/boxers, undershirts

Linens: towels, sheets for twin size beds

These items can be new or gently used (other than underwear—that should obviously be new). While there are a few boys who could wear size adult medium, most of the kids are small, so size 3T to adult small would be great. Items can be brought to the church on Sundays or during regular office hours through Jan. 21.

Thank you for your willingness to share with children in need!



### Family Promise Hosting & Volunteer Training

For many years, our church has participated in Family Promise as a supporting church, donating food and volunteering at other churches hosting the Family Promise guests. This year brings an exciting change: our church is becoming a Family Promise host church! And, as we have in the past, a church will be a supporting church to us when we host. Our first week of hosting is Jan. 28-Feb. 4.

Hosting Family Promise will take many volunteers and a one-hour session of volunteer training is needed if you want to help. There are multiple training dates for you to choose from. You may attend Family Promise's monthly training session at 6 p.m. on Jan. 8 at their day house at 905 Tennessee. (These are held the first Monday of every month so you can get trained at any time.) LFMC will host another training session at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13 in Rm. 24/25, and another training session at LFMC will be announced soon.

Please consider how you might lend your gifts to Family Promise this year. Thank you for your commitment to serving others in our community!

## Misc.


**Legacy  
Stewardship  
Campaign**
**Update on the Legacy Stewardship Campaign**

The Legacy Stewardship Campaign is now in full swing. Because of the generous pledges we received in October, the Capital Campaign Committee can now plan for 2018 implementation of the 3 projects that constitute this Legacy Stewardship Campaign.

Pledges received for this campaign total \$ 357,410. These pledges are broken down according to the 3 campaign projects as follows:

1. Third Floor Buildout of the Children/Youth Wing—\$60,667
2. Phase I Sanctuary Remodel: activities include front platform remodel, new split screens with twin LCD projectors to be used for worship, and new windows and doors between lobby and Worship Center—\$97,997
3. Mortgage Debt Reduction—\$92,535
4. Undesignated for General Use—\$106,200

In January-February, the Capital Campaign Committee will work with contractors to establish timeline horizons for the target start dates and completion dates of the Third Floor Buildout and the Phase I Sanctuary Remodel. Contributions made for Mortgage Debt Reduction will be applied to reduce the principal of our mortgage loan within 30 days of receipt.

Early campaign contributions are appreciated! If you have pledged, you may begin making donations at any time. When making donations, be sure to indicate on your payment (by check or cash, online at the LFMC Web site, or on the LFMC app) that the donation is for the "Capital Campaign" to ensure designation of your donation for the Legacy Stewardship Campaign. The church treasurer already has your allocations recorded according to your preferences indicated on your pledge cards, so there is no need to indicate allocations for the 3 projects when you make a contribution, unless you wish to change your project allocations.

If you have not yet pledged or are new to the LFMC family, you may initiate a new pledge at any time. Simply contact the LFMC office ([office@lfmchurch.org](mailto:office@lfmchurch.org)) and you will be provided with informational materials.

Thank you again for your collective generosity in pledging toward this Legacy Stewardship Campaign. The continuing upgrade of our facility and our ongoing debt reduction will indeed provide a legacy to ensure that LFMC continues to impact Douglas County for years to come.

May God be honored in this campaign, and may you be blessed in your participation,

The Capital Campaign Committee  
 Tylor Shearburn and Dan Flynn (Campaign co-chairs)  
 Ken Wagner (Finance Committee chair)  
 John Oehlert (Trustee Committee chair)



## November Ministry Board Minutes

Ministry Board Meeting  
December 12, 2017

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

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

Minutes from the November 14 meeting approved;  
J. Gadzia 1<sup>st</sup>, K. Wagner 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Team Reports

#### *Capital Campaign Committee:*

D. Flynn and T. Shearburn reported that the total pledges have now reached \$357,410. A letter detailing the status of the pledges and the campaign will be included in the January Update. Discussions with the architect are ongoing and timelines for construction are being obtained.

#### *Financial Team:*

K. Wagner presented the monthly and yearly financials. The month of November showed \$66,995 in actual income and \$56,251 in actual expenses. The YTD actual income is \$548,029 and the YTD actual expenses are \$647,230.

#### *Facility Team:*

J. Oehlert reported that the piano in the sanctuary has been taken to University of Kansas for repairs. Maintenance on the steeple will be completed utilizing a more elastic caulking.

#### *Pastoral Search Committee:*

K. Wagner reported that the final two candidates are being fully vetted by the Search Committee as they continue the search process.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7 p.m.



*Happy New Year  
from the pastors and staff at  
Lawrence Free Methodist!*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> graders

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