

The Update

A publication of Lawrence Free Methodist Church



Missions trip set for April 7~14

Adult Ministries will head south in April to build homes for orphans in the Dominican Republic.

Together with Kids Alive, LFMC is working with a local church to build a campus of five homes, which will house families of up to 12 children – comprised of orphaned, abandoned and abused children.

These families will be headed by a local church couple who will raise the children as their own until the age of 18. By then these children will have received at least an eighth-grade education and learned a trade to be able to better their lives and their community.

Constanza is an impoverished community in the mountains of the Dominican Republic. The town lies almost directly in the center of the country. Agriculture is the top industry even though many of the fields climb the sides of mountains, making farming difficult. Money and resources to cover basic needs is limited.

This missions trip includes work for all ages of adults and families. Some work requires physical labor; other work does not. This is NOT a rustic setting like many missions trips. Most all the comforts of home are included.

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- New traditional worship leader has been selected.
- The prayer team, banner ministry, and VBS decorating team are looking for some new faces.
- Missions dinner is coming up!
- Learn about Kids' Cove missions projects.

Church News

Letters to the Church...

Dear LFMC,

I want to thank you all so much for everything throughout my surgery and recovery. Thanks so much for all your gifts, cards, flowers, visits, calls, thoughts and prayers. I could not have made it through this surgery and recovery time without the support and prayers of everyone for God's care and healing.

In Christ,
Renie Smith

Dear Church Family,

Your expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged. Thank you so much for your prayers and support during Mrs. Schaub's home-going. It truly was a celebration. Your contribution of Bibles to Bernice Schaub's memorial is so appreciated. Your kindness and caring mean so much.

Sherry & Carol Schaub

Ministry Board Update

The Ministry Board met Feb. 7. Pastor Bump led a time of devotion and prayer. Rowley Tedlock gave an update on the Stewardship Campaign. The board also reviewed and approved the 2006 budget. The next meeting will be March 14.


Contact The Update:

The Update is a monthly publication of Lawrence Free Methodist Church.

If you have **Letters to the Church**, please e-mail them to Chris Moon at update@lfmchurch.org or drop them into *The Update* box in the church office. The deadline for the next month's newsletter is the second Sunday of the previous month.

On the Web:

Check out the current issue of *The Update* by visiting www.lfmchurch.org and clicking on "News and Calendar." As a cost-saving measure, starting

 June '06 we would like to discontinue mailing the Update unless you request it. Please call the church office at 842-2343 if you would like to continue receiving a mailed hardcopy after the end of May.

New worship leader

Steve Case is the new traditional worship leader.

Steve began leading first service worship and directing the church choir on Feb. 19. He will replace Tom Stidham, who stepped down to devote more time to his job at KU.

Steve has served as a full-time minister in Florida, Illinois and Topeka before moving to Eudora six months ago. He currently is a project manager at Pearson.

Originally from Colorado, Steve has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 13 years. They have two daughters – Rebekah, 11, and Sarah, 6.

Banner Ministry

"The Lord is my banner..." Exodus 17:15

The decorations committee is expanding to develop a banner ministry for adornment of the sanctuary. Banners for general worship, communion, and baptism are planned.

Your help is requested to paint and to cut out letters and designs and iron them to fabric. Some sewing is necessary. If you are interested in this new ministry, contact Karen Hammond at 865-4283 or kpetershmc@leocenter.com

The Prayer Team needs you!

According to James 5, we should pray for those suffering hardship, those happy, the sick and those who sin. At one time or another, we've probably each passed through all of these categories. Surprise! Our church needs lots of prayer.

The Prayer Team is now in recruiting mode. If you're interested in learning more about the Prayer Team, please contact Nancy Ezell at 842-4539 or nancyezell@earthlink.net.

Listen to Sermon on CD or Online

The sermon is now available on cassette tape or CD after the service by filling out a request form at the Media kiosk. Please allow 10 minutes. Suggested donation is \$2. You can also listen to the sermon at www.lfmchurch.org.

Adult Ministries

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The cost for this trip is \$1,200 per person. It includes transportation, lodging, meals, supplies and building materials. Participants will be responsible for their food during two travel days, money for souvenirs, immunizations and passport.

Those who can't go on the trip can help financially by helping offset the cost of the trip for those who are going in April.

For more information, contact Lin Topping at 842-2343 or lfm_officemanager@yahoo.com.



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Above right: Adults line up to get into the free eye clinic.

Above left: Kids pose for a group shot in a street in one of the *barrios*, or neighborhoods.

Right: The basketball court that the children play on at the CECAINI Care Center.



Youth Ministries

Come to our Missions Dinner

Summer's going to be here before you know it!

We are very busy planning our summer missions trips. June 12-21, the high school and college group will be headed back to Croc, Mexico, to continue the work we started last year. We'll be building homes, ministering to children, and showing the love of God to the people of that small community.

Later, July 22-28, the junior high group will go to Cairo, Ill., to do some small town missions work. They will help make some physical improvements to the community, as well as build relationships with the children there as they interact with them.

We want to continue to build up a missions focus in our youth group. We want to build larger teams and reach out to more people. This month, you can join us in support by attending our Missions Dinner, March 10 at 6 p.m. You'll get to meet our missionaries as they serve your meal and share their past experiences and plans for this summer. We will be accepting donations in an effort to meet the costs of our trips.

If you would like to join us for that night, please reserve your space by calling the church office at 842-2343. We are providing childcare, so please let us know how many children you will bring.

We are very excited about the opportunities that are before us this summer. Please join us for this wonderful evening of fellowship!!

Thank you for your donations



Thank you for supporting our teens in their efforts to save the lives of children around the world through the 30-Hour Famine. Feb. 24-25 teens fasted for 30 hours as they learned about world hunger and did service projects. We will announce the donation total we made to World Vision soon.



March Calendar

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| March 5 | Fuel 78 9:45 a.m.
Refuge 6 p.m. |
| March 10 | Missions Dinner 6:30 p.m. |
| March 12 | Fuel 78 9:45 a.m.
College Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Refuge 6 p.m. |
| March 19 | Fuel 78 9:45 a.m.
Refuge 6 p.m. |
| March 26 | Fuel 78 9:45 a.m.
Youth Leader Meeting 12:30 p.m.
Planning Meeting. 2 p.m.
Refuge 6 p.m. |

SAVE ALUMINUM CANS FOR QUIZZING!

The quizzers need your cans to help pay for their travel expenses. The fenced area by the shed

is for the cans. Quizzers need \$3,500 to go to nationals in Spring Arbor, Michigan this summer! PLEASE HELP US!

Children's Ministries

Kids' Cove will learn hope in March

Hope: Believing that something good can come from something bad. When life is hard and things don't go our way, it's not always easy to stay positive.

This month in Kids' Cove, we are going to camp out on the theme of hope. Through Bible stories, the skits, the memory verse, worship and small group discussions, we will present that truth that God can work everything in life out for good for those who love Him – even the BAD things.

We encourage parents to memorize the verse with your children and use the Refrigerator Cards and God-Time cards each week to reinforce this important virtue in the life of your family. As you pray for your family and with your children in March, pray that everyone will begin to believe that even when things go wrong, God can bring good out of it.

May God bless your family with a sense of hope as you all grow to trust Him more and more.



Memory Verse:

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.”

— *Romans 8:28*

Kids' Cove Missions Projects

“God treats everyone the same... He accepts people from every nation. He accepts all who have respect for him and do what is right.” Acts 10:34-35 *NIV*.

This was our theme verse for February as we explored the virtue of fairness. Part of understanding fairness is understanding that God does accept people from every nation and culture group and that He desires for everyone to have the basic necessities of life and a chance to hear about His love for them.

In February, we launched monthly missions projects in Kids' Cove to give kids an opportunity to demonstrate to other children around the world that God accepts and loves them. Each month, children will be given a chance to donate a specific item for these projects. The items will be delivered to children in need.

Our first project was to collect toothbrushes, toothpaste and tennis balls for rural children in Honduras. Cassy Gliniski, one of our youth leaders, will take these items to Honduras over spring break and deliver them to the children in the villages where she will be serving on a medical missions trip.

In March, children who attend Kids' Cove will be encouraged to donate quality used shoes and new socks for the children in Constanza, Dominican Republic.

Our missions team traveling to the Dominican Republic in April will deliver these items to the children living in the Kids Alive orphanages.

Children can participate in these missions projects by donating quality items they already own or by working to earn money to purchase new items for those in need.

If we, as adults, encourage children to participate in these projects, our children will begin to develop a heart for people from every nation and will begin to see how they can show God's love to people everywhere.

A Decorating Opportunity

You Won't Want to Miss

Are you interested in helping transform our church into an island paradise for this summer's Vacation Bible School?



We are looking for people to join our VBS decorating team. We will be planning and preparing decorations and other materials prior to VBS, which is scheduled for July 17-21.

If you are interested or want more information, contact Mandy Grosdidier at vbs@lfcchurch.org.

**Lawrence Free Methodist Church
Sunday Morning Services and Programs**

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
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- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Pre-school classes
Kids' Cove for children
grades K-6
Fuel 78 - grades 7 & 8
Small groups for high school
and adults
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- 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
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Nursery is available 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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