

The Update

A publication of Lawrence Free Methodist Church

Easter Sunday April 16th

Easter is an excellent time to **invite your family and friends** to church! Begin praying now about whom to invite.

The Bridge

Join us as we celebrate the hope that is ours through the resurrection of Christ. Our worship service will illustrate how Jesus is the one and only bridge to span the chasms of sin, relational conflict, and eternity.



Easter Egg Hunt

To make the day special for children, we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for children during all three services. Kids' Cove will take place during **both** the 9:45 and 11:15 services.

Service times:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Contemporary Service & Kids' Cove
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service & Kids' Cove

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14th at 7 p.m.

This service is an engaging reflection on the events of Jesus' life from the Last Supper through Jesus' entombment. During the service, candles are gradually extinguished, leaving everyone to depart in darkness and silence. Nursery provided.

Through the Eyes of Peter Sunday, April 9th at 6 p.m.

Come see this fascinating video presentation about the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ, as told by the apostle Peter. Our Children's Choir will sing before we present the story. Childcare provided.

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highlights

- Don't forget donations for the clothing drive.
- The VBS decorating team needs you to decorate for SonTreasure Island!
- Need some help around your house? Sign up for Serve Day and support youth missions!

Church News and Adult Ministries

Letters to the Church...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers I received when in the hospital. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Blessings to all,
Lee Flanders


Dear LFMC,
Thank you all so much for the gorgeous flower arrangement and cards that you sent to my brother-in-law Herb Dissinger while he's in the hospital. He is on the road to recovery and it's been a long, drawn-out battle for him and his family. But the flowers and prayers from all of you has helped him feel better. He and his family thank all of you for your kindness and generosity.

God bless you,
Love,
Tina Christian

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 Lauren Hanni 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.

 The current issue of *The Update* is available on our website at www.lfmchurch.org by 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. Printed *Update* newsletters will be available for pick-up in the foyer as well as on the web. Please call the church office at 842-2343 if you would like to continue receiving a mailed hardcopy after the end of May.

Remember our Clothing Drive!

Donations can be dropped off at the church starting on Monday, April 17, until Thursday, April 20. Then be sure to come back with your friends to do some shopping for all those second-hand treasures on Friday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more details or to help out, please call Anna Marie Hickock at 887-6663.

Lake Baptism June 4, 2006

Mark your calendar now for our next Lake Baptism service on June 4. We'll have an all-church potluck at the lake and then celebrate water baptism with those who want to make a public profession of their faith. If you would like to get baptized on June 4, please contact the church office at 842-2343 or at info@lfmchurch.org or write "lake baptism" on your Communication Card.

Ladies' Bunko April 21, 2006

Attention ladies! Bunko is coming to LFMC on Friday, April 21st from 7 to 9 pm! This will be a fun time of fellowship and a great way to meet new friends! You can sign up for this first session in the foyer at the Adult Ministries table April 2nd. Then stay tuned for further dates! If you need more information please call Kerry Morrell, 832-1472, or Rosie Schlicht, 856-8066. See you there!



Spring Forward into Daylight Savings Time!

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on the evening of Saturday, April 1st! We want to see you at church on time on Sunday!

Student Ministries

SERVE DAY 04.22.06
SEESWEATSERVE

Every year in April students from the youth group take a Saturday to work on service projects for people in our church. They find sponsorships in advance for their work, and once they've spent the day in service, the funds raised go into their youth accounts to help pay for summer camp and missions trips.

Students will be seeking sponsors through the month of April in preparation for Serve Day on April 22nd. If you need some help with some home projects that you aren't able to do on your own, please call Travis at 842-2343 to get on our service project list.

STUDENTS...get busy finding sponsorships and be ready to work on April 22nd!!! We'll be meeting at the church in 24/25 at 9 a.m. and will be working until around 4 p.m.

Missions Support

Free Methodist Youth is gearing up for some very exciting missions plans this summer. We've marked our calendar for a trip to Croc, Mexico on June 12-21 and a trip to Cairo, IL on July 22-28.

We're looking for support in many different ways. Please visit our Summer Missions Station at the Student Ministries Table in the foyer of our church on Sundays. At this table you will find opportunities to support us financially, donate needed items, and offer prayer. We are also looking for more people to join us for the trip to Croc, Mexico. At this station, there are informational brochures and registration forms for that trip.

If you have any questions about our plans or how you can partner with us in these ministries please visit our website or call Travis at 842-2343 or email him at tevens@lfmchurch.org.

Boats Needed

We are looking for boat owners/drivers who would who would like to help us this summer with the youth Ski Club. Please call Travis Evans at 842-2343 or email him at tevens@lfmchurch.org if you are interested.

Students Save Lives...Literally

Eleven students from Free Methodist Youth participated in the 30 Hr. Famine this year with the determination to save as many children as possible. World Vision takes money raised from the 30 Hr. Famine to feed hungry children around the world. A child's life can be saved for another year with only \$360. These 11 students worked together to save 22 lives!! They raised about \$4,000 over the month of February, which was doubled by government grants once received by World Vision. This \$8,000 will provide another year of life for 22 starving children. Thanks to all of you who answered our call for help, donating generously to this cause!!



2006 30 Hr. Famine Participants:

Erik Anderson	Sammy Arnold	Spencer Chestnut
Melissa Faulk	Haley Grosdidier	Amanda Hadl
Haley Harwood	Katie Heacock	Tim Heacock

April Student Ministries Calendar

April 2	Fuel 78 9:45 a.m. Refuge 6 p.m.
April 9	Fuel 78 9:45 a.m. College Lunch 12:30 p.m. Missions Meeting 4 p.m. Refuge 6 p.m.
April 16	Easter Sunday Fuel 78 9:45 a.m. Refuge 6 p.m.
April 22	Serve Day 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
April 23	Fuel 78 9:45 a.m. Youth Leader Meeting 12:30 p.m. Youth Planning Meeting 2 p.m. Refuge 6 p.m.
April 30	Fuel 78 9:45 a.m. Refuge 6 p.m.

Children's Ministries

Easter Sunday a big day for Children's Ministries

The Free Methodist Church Children's Ministries is getting prepared for an exciting morning this Easter Sunday, April 16.

In addition to the many children we already have attending on Sunday mornings, we are planning for *many* visitors. To accommodate such an influx, we are going to offer *Kids' Cove* twice (yes, twice!) that morning, at both the 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. services. And we will be having an Easter Egg hunt during all three worship services.

Kids, tell your friends about what fun we have at *Kids' Cove* and bring them with you!



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Junior Camp Set for June 5-9

Third through fifth-graders at LFMC are preparing for summer camp at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, Kansas. Camp is scheduled for June 5-9.

Camp will be filled with fun activities, interesting classes, exciting chapel times, and great food! Students can build lasting friendships, grow closer to God

and – all the while – make wonderful memories!

The early-bird cost is \$165, and the deadline is April 16. After that, the cost goes up to \$180. Brochures are available at church or can be downloaded at www.lfmchurch.org.

Children's Ministries

Kids' Cove to emphasize conviction in April

Conviction – standing for what is right even when others don't.

Doing what is right isn't always easy.

In Kids' Cove in April, we will be talking about how important it is to stand tall and do the right thing in the face of adversity. Kids will get an opportunity to discuss how they can do what is right even when it's not easy.

One of the best things parents can do with their children is talk about God with them. Each week, Kids' Cove children will bring home a GodTime Card and a Refrigerator Card. These tools provide discussion starters for parents, verses to read that tie in with the month virtue, activities that engage kids, and prayer suggestions.

We strongly encourage parents to sit down with their children each day and use these tools to engage their children in comfortable conversations about God.

Memory Verse:

“Don't ever get tired of doing the right thing.”

— *II Thessalonians 3:13 (NIRV)*



Kids' Cove Memory Station

It's new! It's rewarding! It's fun!

In March, we opened our Memory Station in Kids' Cove from 9:30-9:45 a.m. At the Memory Station, kids can quote their monthly memory verse from Kids' Cove or quote the books of the Bible and earn a small prize.

For some children, a small prize is all it takes to get them excited about committing something to memory. We are leveraging that motivator to encourage kids to hide God's priceless Word in their hearts for life.

Parents – drop off your kids a few minutes early so they can visit our Memory Station and gain the priceless reward of God's Word stored in their heart.

Gearing Up for VBS

Discovering God's love. That's what life is all about. This summer our kids will get the chance to discover God's love at SonTreasure Island VBS. We are anticipating a large number of children and are looking for volunteers in many areas to make this year's VBS an extra special event in the lives of our children and their friends.

There are many areas in which you can participate – decorating, registration, crafts, recreation, skits, music, small group leading, Bible centers, memory station, nursery, prayer, snacks, cookies, dinners, and the final reception.

If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life this summer through VBS, please contact Mandy Grosdidier at 331-4457 or e-mail her at vbs@lfmchurch.org.



Vacation Bible School

Join us on SonTreasure Island!

Discover God's Love

July 10-14, 2006

6-8:45 p.m

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 10-14. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Mandy Grosdidier at vbs@lfmchurch.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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