



The Update

A publication of Lawrence Free Methodist Church

Christmas Events

Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to one or more of our Christmas events.

Candlelight Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 1st & Sunday, December 3rd, 6:30 p.m.
(Tickets are \$8.50. The last day to make reservations is Nov. 26.)



The Living Nativity

Sunday, December 10th, 6-8 p.m.

With presentations at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m..

This will be a wonderful evening complete with Christmas crafts for children, live presentations of the Christmas story, a petting zoo, hot drinks and cookies in the Family Life Center.



Miracle On Main Street

Sunday, December 17th, 6 p.m.

Meet the kids on Main Street. See how their Christmas Pageant was almost canceled until the kids shared their belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior with those around them. Join us for a wonderful evening of music and drama.



Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

10 a.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Childcare from birth – age 5 will be available. Kids' Cove, youth and adult Sunday morning groups will not meet December 24th.

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Highlights

- Find out about this month's events for youth and their families.
- See what kids will learn in Kids' Cove and Waumba Land .
- Get excited about God's gifts at Christmas, the sermon focus for December.
- Plan to attend children's ministry programs and celebrations.

Church News and Adult Ministries

Letters to the Church...

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls of sympathy. The chrysanthemum plant helped to brighten our day. We feel God's love through your many gestures of kindness during the loss of Roxie's sister, Greta Chubb.

Memorial service for Greta (Kanzig) Chubb will be December 2nd at 10 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, located at 5400 W. 75th St., Prairie Village, KS (NE corner of 75th Street and Nall).

Our thanks,
Calvin, Roxie and John Hausman
Gina and Greg Hauser

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 update@lfmchurch.org or drop them into the *Update* box in the church office. The deadline for the next month's newsletter is the December 15th.



The current issue of *The Update* is available on our website at www.lfmchurch.org by clicking on "News and Calendar." Printed *Update* newsletters are mailed to regular attenders and also available for pick-up in the foyer.



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God's Gifts at Christmas

Everyone likes to get gifts, including adults, but as adults, the gifts we appreciate most can't be bought. This Christmas season, we will discover that, in exchange for our worry, hurts and joy, God will give us gifts of His peace, His healing and His joy. These gifts are, by far, the best gifts anyone could get.

December 3rd: God's Gift of Change

December 10th: God's Gift Exchange

December 17th: God's Gift of New Plans

Encouragement Ministries

Our Encouragement Ministries Team provides encouragement and meals to families going through special needs such as a new baby, surgery or illness.

If you know someone in our church who would benefit from this ministry please call the church office at 842-2343. Also, if you would like to volunteer your time and talent to this important ministry please call Lin Topping in the church office at 842-2343.



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season
as you celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Your Church Staff,
Bill, Rick, Carolyn, Travis, Lin, Laura, and Sheri

Youth Ministries

Ice Skating at Crown Center

Be ready to get into the holiday spirit on the ice!! Our whole youth group is headed to Crown Center Thursday, December 21st to do a little ice skating!! This has turned into an annual tradition that you won't want to miss. Invite lots of friends and see if you can talk your parents into coming along as a driver!! We'll be leaving from the church around 5:30 p.m. and return around 9 p.m. Forms for this event will be available in Fuel 78 and Refuge.



New Year's Eve Ski Bash



We're headed back to Snow Creek this year to bring in the new year right!! Snow Creek is a mini ski resort near Kansas City. You can choose to ski or snowboard, and if you've never done either...this is a great place to learn!! This is a bring event, so start inviting your friends now. We'll be leaving the church around 5 p.m., and we won't get back until almost 2:30 a.m.!! Families are more than welcome to join us! We can always use the transportation help, and it's a great way to get your whole family out for some fun!! Forms will be available in Fuel 78 and Refuge.

December Student Calendar:

Dec. 1 st & 3 rd	6:30 p.m.	Serve Christmas Dinner
Dec. 7 th	7:00 p.m.	Refuge (grades 9-12)
Dec. 14 th	7:00 p.m.	Refuge/Angel Tree Delivery
Dec. 21 st	5:30 p.m.	Ice Skating at Crown Center (grades 7-12)
Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve	No Youth Programs
Dec. 28 th		No Refuge
Dec. 31 st	5:00 p.m.	New Years Eve Snow Skiing (grades 7-12)

Children's Ministries



Virtue:

Compassion – caring enough to do something about someone else's need.

Memory Verse:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.”
-Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

Our focus in Kids' Cove this month will be compassion. Kids will get to creatively experience several aspects of the events leading up to and including the birth of our Savior, Jesus. They'll hear how through those events, God showed His compassion for us. He cared enough about us to do something about our need by sending His Son to save us from our sins.

Waumba Land

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse:

“God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son.”
John 3:16 (GNT)



Children love to know that they are loved. This month in Waumba Land they will continually be reminded of how much God loves them as they hear the story about the angel telling Mary she was going to have a baby, as they hear about Jesus being born in a stable, about the shepherds going to visit Jesus and the wise men bringing Him gifts.

All these events are really about one thing – the fact that God loves us so much that He *gave*. We're excited to be able to share these powerful stories with little children and help them understand how special they are to their heavenly Father.



Kingdom Kids Choir Presents...

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You are invited to our fall... CLC Celebration

Our CLC'ers have been working hard on their badges this fall. Come celebrate their success with us on:

Wednesday, December 6th
7-8 p.m. in the church sanctuary
Join us for cookies, punch, and crafts
in the Family Life Center afterwards.

Church Calendar

**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
Preschool 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
Preschool classes
Kids' Cove for children
grades K-6

Nursery is available 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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