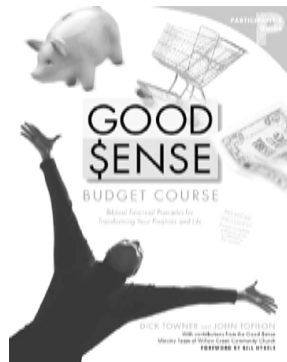


The Update

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This course, led by Brian Iverson, starts January 21, 2007, from 4-5 p.m and will meet for six one-hour sessions.

The Good Sense Budget Course helps participants discover tools and develop skills that enable them to control their finances, rather than allowing their finances to control them. Participants get practical help and guidance to:

- Prioritize financial goals
- Develop a personalized spending plan
- Identify action steps to reduce expenses
- Reduce debt, and much more

Registration fee is \$10 per person to cover the materials. Pre-work materials will need to be completed prior to attending the course, which will be sent to registrants before the course begins. These materials are confidential and you will not be asked to share them with others.

Pre-register by January 14, 2007. Registration forms will be in the bulletin. For more information, call or e-mail Brian at 842-4616 or biverson@sunflower.com.

Changes in Pastoral Staff to Make More and Better Disciples



Pastor Larry Baldridge

Starting in January, LFMC will have some changes in pastoral staff ministries with the addition of Larry Baldridge as Pastor of Discipleship and Rick Ostrander taking on the role of Pastor of Outreach and Pastoral Care.

Pastor Bill Bump says he is excited about the changes and feels they will help LFMC strengthen its mission of making 'more and better disciples.' According to Pastor Bill, Pastor Larry's focus will be on the "better" part, which is helping people grow in their relationships with Christ.

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- Find out about the Clear Thinking Sermon series.
- Sign up for women's winter and spring Bible Studies.

Church News and Adult Ministries

Letters to the Church...

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generosity during Pastor Appreciation Month. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and are honored to serve God at LFMC alongside you. May God continue to bless our church as we strive to be a Christ-centered church making more and better disciples.

With gratitude,
Pastors Bill, Rick, Travis and Carolyn

Dear Church Family,

Your very thoughtful and kind gift of the beautiful plant you sent to me and my family on the occasion of the going home of our dear son, George Albert Isley, III, is much appreciated.

I know that many of you brothers and sisters in Christ had been praying to our Lord on his behalf. Thank you, Dear Ones, for your prayer support. It has been most meaningful and helpful.

We can all thank our Lord for his wonderful and loving care throughout George's illness. We all know that he is now with his Lord and Savior, safe in the arms of Jesus. Praise our Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,
George and Family

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 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." Printed *Update* newsletters are mailed to regular attenders and also available for pick-up in the foyer.



Winter Sermon Series: Clear Thinking

New Year's is a good time for us to talk about what we'd like to change in our life. We've got a whole new year ahead of us. How are we going to be different at the end of the next 365 days? How will we be different spiritually at the end of 2007? How will we be different financially? How do we intend to be different socially or relationally? If we want to make the changes in our life that will help us be more what God wants us to be, we've got to start by changing the way we think.

- Jan. 7 Thinking Clearly About Your Problems
- Jan. 14 Thinking Clearly About Your Relationships
- Jan. 21 Thinking Clearly About A Change Of Heart
- Jan. 28 Thinking Clearly About Sex
- Feb. 4 Thinking Clearly About Stress
- Feb. 11 Thinking Clearly About Your Finances
- Feb. 18 Thinking Clearly About Spiritual Growth

An Evening With the Pastors Sunday, January 14th, 6 p.m.

Join our pastors on January 14th as they share highlights from their various ministries and give us a glimpse of where God is leading us in 2007. You'll also get a chance to meet Larry Baldrige, our new Pastor of Discipleship, and his wife, Beth. Following the presentations, there will be a reception to welcome Larry and Beth to our church.

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.

Church News and Adult Ministries

Pastoral Staff Changing in 2007

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For the past 16 years, Pastor Larry has been director of discipleship ministries for the Navigators, a MISSION organization, and he and his wife Beth have been involved in disciple-making ministries for about 35 years. For the past 10 years, both have been praying about Larry going on staff with a local church to serve as a pastor of discipleship, and they feel LFMC is a great fit for them.

“We are trusting God for equipping others to be effective within their own spheres of influence, effective not only in reaching out to the lost but in establishing young believers in the faith and helping others to discern God’s purpose for glorifying him with their lives,” Pastor Larry said.

Larry says that he and his wife, Beth, share the spiritual gifts of establishing, equipping, and evangelizing, and they would like to equip people to reach out into the community as a personalized lifestyle of outreach. His wife Beth also has experience in training and equipping women to grow in their relationships with Christ.

In Pastor Rick Ostrander’s new role, he will focus on reaching out to new attenders, discovering their interests, and how the church can meet their spiritual needs. He will focus on helping people develop in their faith through the support ministries of the church. Rick’s goal is to help people get connected with the resources the church offers and to provide opportunities for fellowship and spiritual development through membership classes, spiritual gifts classes, and support groups, as well as seminars about marriage and finances.

The best part of Pastor Rick’s new role?

“The biggest excitement that I have is that the job description aligns most closely with my spiritual gifts mix of evangelism and encouragement,” he shared.

What in the World is God Up To?

Have you ever wondered where history is heading? Have you ever wondered how to connect with God’s plan for the world?

This four-week class will meet during 3rd service in January to explore together the answers to these questions and others such as:

- What does the Bible say about God’s plan for history and the world?
- What issues are involved in going on a missions trip?
- How can short-term and long-term missions be a part of God’s global purpose?
- What is involved in crossing cultural boundaries to share the love of Christ?
- How is Christianity impacting the world?

We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during 3rd service January 7, 14, 21, 28 in Room 24/25. Regular 3rd service attenders will be expected to attend either the 1st or 2nd service during January.



DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. Don’t go through separation or divorce alone.

DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You’ll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life.

Running concurrently with DivorceCare is a DivorceCare for Kids session for children ages 5-12. (See page 4 for more information.) Childcare for children 0-4 years is available upon request.

Winter 2007 Session

Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

January 15 – April 9

Coordinator: Susan Adams

To register, contact Rick Ostrander at rostrander@lfmchurch.org or 842-2343.

Adult and Children's Ministries

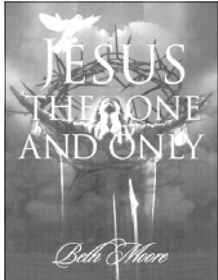
Women's Bible Studies Starting

Ladies, Don't even think about those winter time doldrums!

We have two exciting Bible studies coming in January.

Bible studies are a great place to learn more about God, grow in your faith and make good friends.

Come join us!



Jesus the One and Only

Beth Moore studies are offered frequently because they are soooo good. This winter we will focus on Christ in Beth's study *Jesus the One and Only*. Christ walked on the earth two thousand years ago and changed the world for all time. The basis of this 11-week study is the Book of Luke. An informational meeting and video will be held January 11th with classes held Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$15. Don't miss out!

The Frazzled Female

We will also be offering *The Frazzled Female* by author Cindi Wood. This class will be facilitated by Cherri Walrod, a wife and working mother of five. Cherri brings her sense of humor and knowledge of scripture to this study that offers a prescription to the worn-out and weary, promising them peace, sanity and a deeper relationship with God. Class will be held beginning January 17th on Wednesdays during CLC time from 7 to 8 p.m. This is a six-week commitment only. Class size will be limited to twenty participants, and the cost is \$10.



You can sign up for either of these studies in the church foyer, on the church Web site at www.lfmchurch.org, or by calling Brenda at 312-9950.



Winter 2007 Session

Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

January 15 – April 9

Coordinator: Mandy Grosdidier

Registration fee: \$12

DivorceCare for Kids is a course designed to bring help and healing to children ages 5-12 who are learning how to cope with their parents' divorce. At weekly DC4K sessions, kids make friends with other kids who understand what it feels like when parents get divorced. We combine games, crafts, activities, music and DVD dramas to create a fun atmosphere where children feel comfortable and accepted and can find joy and hope built on God's love.

Running concurrently with DivorceCare for Kids is a Divorce Care session for adults. Adults who are going through separation or divorce are able to attend this session and bring their children to DivorceCare for Kids.

Registration is available online at www.lfmchurch.org or at the church office. Scholarships available.

Children's Ministries



Kids' Cove Schedule

Beginning December 31, 2006, Kids' Cove will only be offered during our 9:45 service. We'll monitor our 9:45 attendance and revisit the idea of offering an 11:15 Kids' Cove in the future.

Virtue:

Discipline – doing what you need to do even when you don't feel like it

Memory Verse:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”
-Colossians 3:23

We're starting the year off in Kids' Cove talking about discipline – the importance of doing what you need to do even when you don't feel like it. It's not easy to develop discipline, but the earlier in life you do it, the easier it is. We'll talk about the importance of learning God's Word, praying and taking care of your body. To reinforce what kids are learning in Kids' Cove, parents are encouraged to take advantage of the GodTime and Refrigerator Cards that kids get each week.

Kingdom Kids Choir for Winter/Spring 2007

Kingdom Kids is an opportunity for children, grades K-6th, to use their talents of music and drama to work together as a team to prepare an exciting musical/drama program for the spring. This will be a great time to sing fun music, work on dramas, and put it all together for an upbeat musical performance.

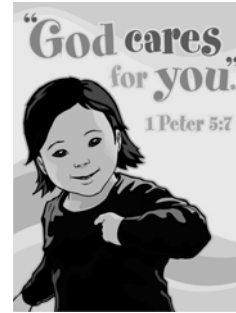
Rehearsals will be Wednesdays, 6– 6:55 p.m.

Winter/Spring session begins January 10th.

Program date TBD.

Cost: \$5 per FAMILY to help defray the material costs.
Scholarships available upon request.

You can register online at www.lfmchurch.org/kids or fill out a registration form at church. For more information, contact Vicki Case at kk@lfmchurch.org or 690-7203.



Waumba Land

January is a month-long look at miracles Jesus performed. Kids will learn that Jesus healed the blind man, healed the lepers, and healed the lame man on the mat -- all so we can know that God cares about us. Help your children learn new things about God this month by playing a game naming all the reasons we know God cares for us. This is an easy memory verse. Encourage them to “teach” it to you or their siblings as well!

January Basic Truth:

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Question:

Why does Jesus want me to know about God?

Bottom line:

God cares for me.

Memory verse:

“God cares for you.”
-1 Peter 5:7, CEV

Kingdom Kids Christmas Program Movie Night

Come join the fun as we watch our Christmas program and celebrate our job well done.
Who: All Kingdom Kids Choir members from Fall 2006

When: Wednesday, January 3rd, 6-6:55 PM
Where: Room 24/25

Youth Ministries



We're already getting ready for another awesome week at YouthFront West. All students currently in grades 6-8 are eligible to attend camp this summer on June 4-9. If you've been to camp before, be watching your mailbox for this year's registration information. If you're new, or need to get information for a friend, it will be available in Fuel 78 each week, or you can contact Travis for the extra packets. Registrations are due on February 11th, but space may be limited so make your reservation as soon as possible!!

Croc, Mexico 2007

We have this year's trip to Croc, Mexico booked and ready to fill. We will be leaving for Mexico June 25th and returning home July 4th, just in time to celebrate the holiday with family and friends. On this trip, we travel down to Croc, just outside of Monterrey Mexico to build a house, run a childrens program, and to supply necessities to the community. It's an experience that has changed many of our own lives, and we invite anyone in grades 9-12 or college to join us for this year's trip. Registration brochures are available at the church, and will be available online as well. Space is limited for this trip, so please reserve your spot as soon as possible!! Please contact Travis Evans with any questions.

January Student Calendar:

Jan. 4 th	7 p.m.	Refuge (grades 9-12)
Jan. 6 th	9 a.m.	Wichita Quiz Meet
Jan. 7 th	9:45 a.m.	Fuel 78
Jan. 11 th	7 p.m.	Refuge (grades 9-12)
Jan. 14 th	9:45 a.m.	Fuel 78
Jan. 18 th	7 p.m.	Refuge (grades 9-12)
Jan. 21 st	9:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Fuel 78 Student Ministries Planning Meeting
Jan. 25 th	7 p.m.	Refuge (grades 9-12)
Jan. 28 th	9:45 a.m.	Fuel 78

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
.....
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Preschool classes

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

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