



# The Update

November 2007

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## Service Times

- **8:30 a.m.**  
Traditional Service
- **9:45 a.m.**  
Contemporary Service & programs for kids and teens
- **11:15 a.m.**  
Contemporary Service



what you're doing right now and go get your calendar—you're going to want to mark this down!

## Unique Worship Service Planned for Sunday, November 11

On Sunday, November 11, we're going to experience a unique kind of worship service that will appeal to young and old alike, and you're going to want to invite your friends and neighbors, too!

November 11, all three worship services will be identical, family-oriented, high-energy experiences designed to honor God and engage people from every generation. There won't be any Kids' Cove, Fuel 78 or Refuge that morning. All Kindergarten

through 12th graders will meet in the sanctuary with their parents. Our nursery and preschool rooms will be open.

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It could be a packed house, so plan on arriving early, or consider switching to a different service to make sure you get seats—there won't be any reserved seating! Plan to experience church as you never have before!



## Men's Conference in January!

**B**rothers, our Men's Conference will be **January 18-19, 2008!** Please mark those dates your calendars!

Our speaker will be Rod Beidler, Vice-president for International Affairs for The Navigators. Rod provides leadership and vision for The Navigators' US International Ministries Group, which is a veteran team responsible for recruiting, preparing, sending, and sustaining more than 500 U.S. Navigator

missionaries serving in 51 nations. He also serves on The Navigators' National Leadership Team. Rod is man of integrity, vision, and an effective leader of men! Out theme will be: **"A Brotherhood of Dangerous Men"**.

Contact Larry Baldrige at [lbaldrige@lfmchurch.org](mailto:lbaldrige@lfmchurch.org).

## Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful plant for mom's funeral service. It was so kind of you to help us celebrate her life and support our family during that difficult time.

Janet Corwin  
Maurice and Jim Diehl



## Meals for New Moms

LFMC needs more people to sign up to help provide meals for new moms in the church. This is not a big time commitment. To add your name to the list, please contact Cherri Walrod at (785) 542-1154 or [cherriwalrod@sunflower.com](mailto:cherriwalrod@sunflower.com).



## Sanctuary Choir & Adult Bells Begin Rehearsing for Christmas Season

The **Sanctuary Choir** will be rehearsing for the Christmas Season and would like to invite any new singers to join us for a 6-8 week commitment to sing seasonal music. Rehearsals are at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning October 31. This would include the **Candlelight Christmas Concert/Dinner** and the 8:30 Traditional Service in December.

The **Adult Bells** will begin rehearsing **Wed., November 7, 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.** We will be ringing in December with the Sanctuary Choir. Please join us for this opportunity to work together in ringing/singing! Last year it proved to be a highlight of the service!

## 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](mailto:update@lfmchurch.org) or drop them into the *Update* box in the church office. The deadline for each issue of *The Update* is the second Sunday of the month.

The current issue of *The Update* is available on our website at [www.lfmchurch.org](http://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.

## Adoptive Family Potluck Lunch and Play Day

This event is open to anyone touched by adoption or interested in adoption. Bring your family and a dish or two to share and for fun and fellowship. Saturday, November 10, 2007 at LFMC FLC from 10 am to 1 pm. Questions or suggestions, please contact Cherri Walrod at (785) 542-1154 or [cherriwalrod@sunflower.com](mailto:cherriwalrod@sunflower.com).

"James 1:27 Ministries: Sharing God's heart for orphans and adoption, one child at a time."

This ministry exists to educate the church about orphans and adoption. It also seeks to support and encourage adoptive families in the church and community. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Cherri Walrod at (785) 542-1154 or [cherriwalrod@sunflower.com](mailto:cherriwalrod@sunflower.com).

## PRIMETIMERS LUNCH

Are you 50 or better? You're welcome to join our Primetimers social Tuesday, November 13, in Room 24/25, which includes a potluck and program. Come a little early and be ready to eat at 11:45 a.m. Turkey, dressing, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring your own plate, cup, & silverware and one or two of the following: salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Larry Baldrige, who will share his Vision for Discipleship at our church.

Questions? Please call Sharon Sabraw at 841-1092.

# Church News & Youth Ministries

The past month has been a blur as we've been moving in and adjusting to our new space in the basement.

Thank

able tool that will be used for many, many years of reaching out to students for Christ.

We are full of gratitude to all who made our new ministry home a reality. I can't begin to tell you what a difference this has made in our ministry. It's an incredi-

You!

So many people, working so many hours...our students are so blessed. Thank you so much for your work, your support, and your prayers. ~ Travis Evans

## Refuge Dialogs on Wednesday Nights!!

We're doing a Wednesday night trial in the month of November to see if it is beneficial or not. Refuge Dialogs is a group for 9-12th grade students to attend during the school week.

We understand that schedules are busy for students and their families. Some students don't even have time to eat between

school and extra activities, so we'll provide food each week.

Why Wednesdays? Wednesday is a busy night in our church, involving all ages of the congregation. Some families that have kids in different programs can find themselves coming to the church almost every night of the week. We're trying to alleviate some of the busyness by condensing our

programming to one common night.

For now, this trial will be for the month of November. Refuge Dialogs goes from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the youth basement. Dinner (probably pizza) will be served just before and at the beginning.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Travis at 842-2343.

## After School Hours!

We will be opening up our youth basement on select weekdays for some After School Hours.

That basement is a pretty cool place to be, so we wanted to come up with another excuse to hang out there!! We know that some folks have down time between the end of the school day and the end of the work day, so we thought it would be nice for students and some of our staff to hang out. As you know, there are plenty of activities to keep us entertained.

We're still figuring out which days to open up, but it will likely be open from school dismissal to 6:00 p.m. Be watching the church bulletin for which days it is open.

## November 18 is Celebration Sunday!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are setting aside our November 18 worship services as an opportunity to express our gratitude to God in a variety of ways for everything he has done for us. We'll be worshipping God through songs of thanksgiving and praise. Holy communion will be served and we'll rejoice as members of our church family proclaim their faith in Christ through water baptism. Our children's handbell choir will be performing in each worship service. Be sure to join us for this celebration of thanksgiving!

## Baptism Sunday

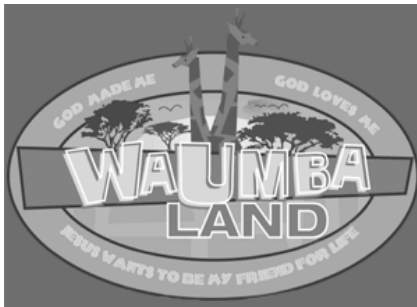
If you would like to make a public statement of your faith in Jesus Christ through water baptism, please indicate your desire on the back of your Communication Card or contact the church office at 842-2343 or [info@lfnchurch.org](mailto:info@lfnchurch.org) no later than November 11.

**R**espect: Responding with words and actions that show others they are important. Learning to show respect to others is an important character trait in life and it's not just for children. Everyone, adults included, needs to learn to respond with words and actions that show others they are important. In November, we'll be looking at stories and teachings from the Bible that emphasize



how important it is to show respect to others, especially those in authority over us.

Parents, you'll want to be sure to use the Refrigerator and GodTime Cards with your children so you can talk about this important virtue. You can also give examples to them from your life how you show respect to others (your boss, your child's teachers, your child's sports coaches, your parents, your neighbors, etc.) to help them understand they don't have to agree with other people to show them respect. God calls us to "Show proper respect to everyone" I Peter 2:17.



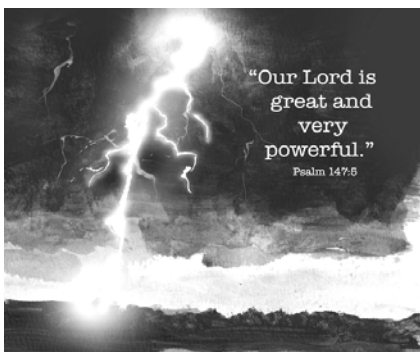
In November

**I**N October we focused on the basic truth that "God made me" in our preschool rooms and talked about the various things that God created.

We'll continue that

theme in November and focus on how God is big and can do anything. We'll end the month, emphasizing the importance of giving God praise because He does amazing things and is so powerful.

Our memory verse for November is "Our Lord is great and very powerful," Psalm 147:5 (NCV). Be sure to pick up a copy of the verse magnet so you can learn it with your child at home.



## Operation Christmas Child Project

**B**oth Kids' Cove and CLC small groups are participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. This project is designed to provide gifts for poverty-stricken children around the world at Christmas time. In addition to receiving gifts, the recipients also get literature in their native language explaining the meaning of Christmas.



We will be finishing our shoebox gifts on November 4 in Kids' Cove and November 14 in CLC, so if your child would like to contribute something for these shoeboxes, please send it with him or her those days. Through our shoebox project, children get to experience firsthand what it means to cooperate with others to make a difference in someone else's life. Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this important project.

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# *Calendar*

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

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship  
Preschool classes

Kids' Cove for children grades K-6

Fuel 78/Refuge - grades 7-12

Small groups for 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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