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Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday!

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service and Children's Sunday School
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month

Words from Pastor Dave

A Cheerful Giver



We live in a world where there are all kinds of negative influences on our lives. There are all kinds of forces at work in the world that would tempt us to do wrong, that would make us be less than our best, and that would pull us down. How wonderful it is to have a church that exists to lift us up. How wonderful it is to have a church that challenges us to be better. How wonderful it is to have a church that seeks to draw out the very best that is within us.

A person who gives because they believe in the work of the church, is a cheerful giver. Be a cheerful giver because you believe that it is important to have a church and Sunday school and a youth group and a choir to inspire you and help you to be better and live better.

Remember, God loves a cheerful giver. In giving we fulfill our true nature and we discover real life. Jesus taught this. He said, "Give and it shall be given unto you, pressed down, heaped up and running over." The "it" that Jesus promises us is not more material things. The "it" that Jesus is talking about is life and joy and meaning and fulfillment. Be a cheerful giver, knowing that it will bring a tremendous blessing to you.

My blessings to you,

~Pastor Dave

*LUMC's Photo Album:
The September 2011
All-Church Picnic*



FOOD BANK NEWS

December Food Baskets



The Food Bank activities planned for the Christmas Season are exciting and will be very fulfilling. We try very hard to make Christmas special for everyone on our food delivery list, their families, and for Louisville's senior citizens.

Our program will include setting up Christmas Giving Trees to provide gifts for all children on our list, ages 18 and under, and for Louisville Seniors. Christmas Giving Trees will be set up in our church and in many businesses around town. The huge job of setting up the trees, collecting the gifts and organizing for delivery with our food boxes has been undertaken for the last few years by Chris Wecker and Jan Stewart. We are indebted to these wonderful women!

In addition, we will try to make the actual food boxes very special. This year in addition to our usual food items, we would like to include ingredients for a pie for Christmas Dinner, and either a chicken or a turkey. We know we are taking on a lot, but we are up for it!!

Donations needed for our food boxes include: stuffing, pumpkin, pie crusts, white potatoes and yams. We will have collection boxes in both the narthex and the entryway.

Just a bit of trivia -- we will be touching the lives of approximately 600 men, women and children. You are an amazing congregation!

Church Council Briefs



- **Finance** — reported that expenses are less than income, so we are still in a positive cash flow. Scholarship applications are available for those who qualify. Applications are available at the church or on the website (www.louisvilleumc.org — click on the Newsletters link) . The committee will be working on next year’s budget after September 19, when all budget requests are due.
- **Trustees** — have received two bids for the HVAC work needed in the fellowship hall. After the bids are compared and analyzed a company will be chosen. Trustees are looking for volunteers to help paint the fellowship hall and do some work in the kitchen and food pantry. The fellowship hall carpet was professionally cleaned. The decision has been made not to re-carpet at this time and to instead be more vigilant about carpet cleaning. The playground was not cleaned up after the church picnic and the preschool had to deal with the mess on the following Monday. We need to be more respectful of them and make sure the play yard is cleaned each Sunday.
- **Jefferson Street Preschool** — registration has been very good for fall with M-W-F morning full and having a wait list, T-Th mornings with 5 openings, and the afternoon Pre-K class with only 5 openings. Landscaping still needs to be completed and volunteers are needed to help with this.
- **Christian Education** — the committee is happy with the newly painted Sunday School rooms. The committee members and the children are both liking the new Sunday School curriculum.
- **Youth** — made \$1600 over the Labor Day weekend. The Youth are starting a new curriculum this fall. A confirmation class that will consist of 18 sessions is in the planning stages.
- **Pastor Dave** — The stewardship campaign will begin in early October and will include a mailing. Our annual Charge Conference will be on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 pm.
- **Lay Leader, Jay Holloway** — the “Quiet Disciple” will be announced as soon as the plaque is back from the engraver.
- **Mission** — leaders Carol Hill and Sue Peverley are continuing to work with the “Attention Homes” project for at-risk youth. More information will be forthcoming on the projects planned to benefit that outreach.
- **Other Business** — Kathy Quillin is putting together a church cookbook and needs recipes from everyone. Please put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall or e-mail them to her at: kkquillin@comcast.net.



JEFFERSON STREET PRESCHOOL

The new school year has begun bringing with it two new teachers. Lara will be teaching in the Tues.-Thurs. morning classes. Eli is the new addition to the Tues.-Thurs. afternoon teaching roster. All the kids seem to be quite taken with him, especially the boys. We feel very fortunate to have both him and Lara join our team. Look for more information on both of these teachers in upcoming issues of The Grapevine.

The landscaping for the front yard is still not underway and we are in need of some volunteers to help on this project. The money is available for the landscaping itself, but we cannot afford to pay for the labor. This is a short term commitment, so it might be the perfect opportunity to help on a large scale without the long term time commitment. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact one of the committee members. We would still like to see this completed by the end of October.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the Jefferson Street Preschool, please contact one of the committee members:

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Sheila Newton - swnewt@comcast.net

Claire VanMeter - vanmeterrc@gmail.com

Sandy Gormley - gormleys@earthlink.net

Visit the preschool website at: www.jeffersonstreetpreschool.com



RELAY FOR LIFE

We raised a grand total of \$92,463 to fight cancer at Relay for Life of East Boulder County on August 5-6! Thank you so much to our congregation who supported our bake sales, Bark for Life, and toffee sales!



When a community comes together to help others, the results are miraculous. Our event met or beat the goals American Cancer Society thought we should make, and it's all because of the help and support from our friends, family, and church family. I was lucky to be the event chair, and have a great committee to work with. If you are interested in helping for the next event (August 3-4, 2012) or with Bark for Life, there are lots of opportunities, and the planning for next year starts in October.

Thanks to our Team LUMC captains Mark and Sheila Spangler. Thanks to Larry and Mary Boven for putting on the 1st Annual Bark for Life. Thanks to our team members who walked so many laps. Thanks to Nancy and Jay Holloway for their work on the luminaria sales and set up (and Jake, too). Thanks to Sally Burlingame for getting silent auction items. Thanks to everyone, again, who cheered us on, who donated, who came, and who walked. We will keep on Celebrating, Remembering and Fighting Back so we can beat cancer!

— Janeen Hill



Youth News

We had our first official fall meeting, and two of our new members were able to come - Justin and Will. They are a great addition to the group!

Our next meeting will be *Sunday, Oct. 2 from 4-6* at church. We're hoping all our incoming sixth graders will be able to join us for fun, fellowship and study.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Anderson Farms Corn Maze in October*
- *Cheesy Pizza/Cheesy Movie Night coming soon*

"Regular Meetings" are planned for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Contact Janeen Hill at janeen_hill@hotmail.com, if you have questions regarding any Youth Fellowship events

NEW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE GROUP

There is a new group for the women of LUMC to consider joining. As yet, it has no official name, but chairperson for the group is Kathy Quillin. She and the other women, currently numbering about seven, would like to extend an invitation to any woman in the church to join them.

This group's first undertaking is putting together our church cookbook. They still need you to submit more of your recipes -- they would love to have one from every family in the church! And they encourage you to ask your sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, moms and dads to contribute their recipes, too ... even if they aren't actual members of LUMC. Jonna Densmore, who is a member of this new group, says that her son, Ryan, makes the best flank steak ever. She's asked him to submit his recipe and rumor has it that he will.



These women are also spearheading another project. Recognizing that the economy is in dire straits, they believe that the need for warm clothing will be bigger than ever in the coming months. So they have started a "Warmth Drive". There will be collection boxes in the church entry. They are asking for new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, socks, boots, sweaters and blankets for all ages and sizes.

If you would like to join in fellowship with this group of women or have any questions about these two projects, please contact:

Jonna Densmore at (303) 447-2878 or Kathy Quillin at (303) 666-0807 or kkquillin@comcast.net.



Twenty-Three Lessons for Life

By Emily Spearman Cannon

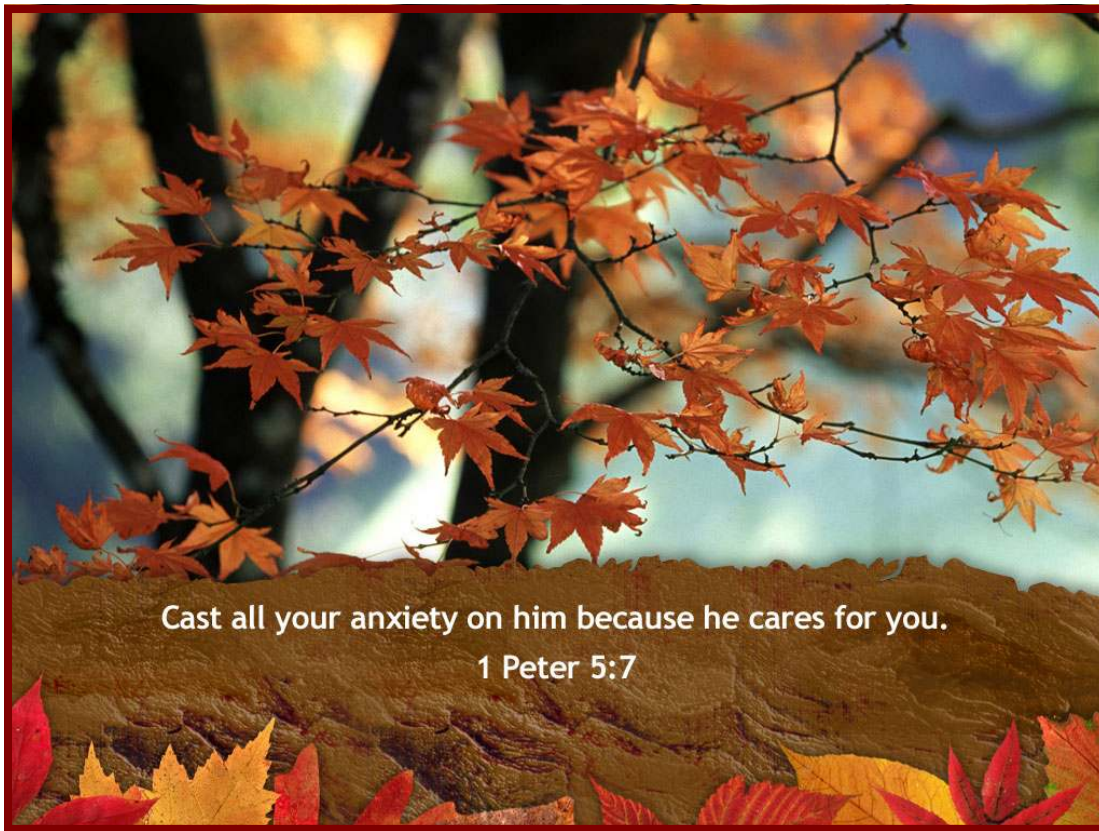
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Greetings, church family! I've just had a fantastic birthday weekend: my parents flew out to Ohio to celebrate with me, my husband and I got an aquarium (which Mom and Dad then filled with pretty fishies!), and I had a wonderful birthday dinner with family and friends. People say that you get "older and wiser" with every birthday that passes, so I've decided to devote this month's column to some of the lessons which life has taught me over the past 23 years. So, without any further ado, I present **"Twenty-three Lessons from the Past Twenty-three Years."**

1. *God is good.*
2. *Life is all about creating and maintaining "right relationships" with God and with one another. (Thanks to my mom for drilling this one into my brain — and heart — for the past couple of decades!)*
3. *If you forget to feed a parakeet for a couple days, it will die. (RIP Feather... although I still blame this one primarily on my brother!)*
4. *No matter where you are, make sure you find your "people" ... you know, the ones who will laugh with you, cry with you, take care of you, and be your family when the real one is a thousand miles away.*
5. *Always check to make sure your passport is up-to-date before you travel to a foreign country. And don't put this off until the night before your flight, because then your aunt and uncle will have to smuggle you over the US-Canadian border in their van. True story.*
6. *Listen to the Holy Spirit; that "still, small voice" you hear in your soul. She'll push you out of your comfort zone, but it's totally worth it!*
7. *You can save a ton of money by eating at home, avoiding pre-packaged food, clipping coupons, and buying the store brand. As an added bonus, you will always leave the store with the incomparable high that comes from knowing that you have been a thrifty and value-savvy shopper!*
8. *It's never too late to turn a relationship around. With God's help, we have the power to make real and positive change in our daily dealings with other people.*
9. *Don't leave a skillet full of chicken unattended for a lengthy period of time ... especially when your smoke detector is hooked up to a campus-wide system that automatically calls out the fire department.*
10. *Everyone has negative character traits, and no one behaves perfectly all the time ... but if we focus too much on the mistakes and the faults of others, we become blinded to all the goodness and love which they have to offer.*
11. *Take lots of pictures! It may seem silly at the time, but those photos will make you smile a few years down the road!*

12. Ask lots of questions ... it's a great way to learn!
13. Christianity is a faith of action; in the words of a former professor of mine, "if Christianity is a meal, social justice is not just a side dish!" In other words, get out there and be the Body of Christ. Feed the hungry, extend God's grace to someone who is lonely, write to your senators and demand justice for the poor and marginalized at home and across the globe.
14. (Related to #13) When you're doing God's work, you've got to remain humble. Don't delude yourself into thinking that your work at the soup kitchen makes you a saint, and remember that service work is more than just a way to feel good about yourself and/or relieve a guilty conscience. Keep the focus on God and on those you are serving.
15. Floss regularly. Otherwise your gums will become super-sensitive and future flossing will be painful.
16. Never stop reading, and never stop learning. My Grandpa Bill is a great example of this: he's well into his 80s, and his physical health may not be what it once was, but his mind is as sharp as ever. He is without a doubt one of the wisest people I know, and every time I talk to him he tells me about the new theological insights and ideas which he still bounces around in his brain!
17. Don't assume that everyone has the same advantages and opportunities which you have had. It's easy to tell people what to do ("Get a job!" "Stop worrying!" "Just say no!") when you don't know where they've come from and what they've experienced. We should remember that everyone has a history ... and that history is valid.
18. Hug and kiss your loved ones as often as possible. When it comes to your emotional and relational health, physical affection is not optional!
19. All things in moderation, including moderation. (That one is courtesy of my dad!)
20. Flowers grow in the light and wither in the dark, but our fears and anxieties function in the opposite way. They grow and fester when we keep them hidden, but they shrivel up once we bring them into the light of truth. Don't let your anxieties gnaw away at you; face them head on, armed with the love and support of your family and community.
21. Don't worry about your wedding day, because it's going to be fantastic, amazing, and memorable regardless of what happens!
22. When in doubt, call Mom and Dad for help!
23. God is good! Yes, I know that I've already said this one, but it certainly bears repeating, doesn't it? When I look back on the past 23 years, I see the hand of God working in ways I couldn't possibly have imagined at the time. I see the love of God in all the people — family, friends, church family — who have nurtured me along the way. I see a God who rejoices in our triumphs, weeps at our sorrows, and sustains us through our trials. This is a God who will never leave us or forsake us ... **this is a God who is indeed good!**

Happy October, Louisville! I love you very much, and I hope to see you at a holiday in the near future!



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7



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W5: Words from Wesley Will Work in Our World

“Having, first, gained all you can, and, secondly, saved all you can, then ‘give all you can.’”

— John Wesley

(from his sermon titled “The Use of Money”)



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