



# Monthly Newsletter

There will not  
be a PRAYER  
MEETING  
in December

*Women's Breakfast at 8am  
Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
in the fellowship hall.  
All ladies are welcome  
to come at 7am to cook,  
or 8 to eat!*

## MISSION

We are seeking to be a Church that loves God and loves others by making disciples, connecting them to the body, and equipping them to live a lifestyle of worship by serving God and others for Kingdom work.

## THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!

### Fort Lyon Homeless Center Clothing Drive

November 1 - December 5 ~ Sponsored by JOY Ministries

**Collection Box in the Fellowship Hall**

Items needed for **MEN**:

Socks

Hats & Gloves

Coats & Jackets

Tennis or Hiking Shoes (No Cowboy boots, please)

## BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Ty Kemp, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya

Deacons - John Adams, Lee Downen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt

Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Dave Tecklenburg



All Men are Welcome to come for breakfast on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Come at 7:00AM to eat, or at 6:00AM to help cook!

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 - 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church (336-5343) for an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome!

## STAFF

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker

Associate Minister - Ray Matteson

Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas

Church Clerk - DeEtte Hobden

Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

Custodian - Jimmy Marquez

# Ray's Reflections

## Winter White Wash >>> January 28-30, 2022

Winter White Wash is a spiritual (and ski) retreat in Laramie, WY for Middle School and High School students. We are planning to take a group, but we need the registration forms in by December 1<sup>st</sup> so they can be postmarked by December 3<sup>rd</sup> (or you pay an extra \$30). If your teen did not get one home, but is talking about going, please pick one up at the church. The pre-registration cost is \$60 and must be in by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost for the weekend is \$140. That includes: 5 meals, 2 nights lodging, Lift Ticket, Rentals, Long Sleeve shirt, and much, much more. (There will be a price break for those not skiing, renting, or staying in the hotel). Again, ski or board lessons will NOT be a part of the registration cost. Lessons will be an extra \$50 and Helmets \$6.

If you are willing to help those families for whom the cost might be a hardship, please mark your gift accordingly. Thank you.

## Engage Schedule

Our current plan is for the last Wednesday night youth group for 2021 to be December 15<sup>th</sup>. If conflicts arise, we may stop sooner. We will resume regular youth group meetings on January 12, 2022. We will be starting a series on Conflict. (I am sure there is none of that in your household, but it might be of help to others :).

## Young Adult Class Informational Lunch/Meeting

We are planning to start a new class during the 9:30 hour on Sundays. Young adults would include those 18-30 years of age. This will begin after the first of the year, but we want to hold an informational meeting with lunch provided. The meeting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. All those interested in learning more and helping us plan this class are welcome to attend. Be sure to invite those who fall into that group to attend. Let's get the word out!

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

We are conducting interviews over the next few weeks with three potential candidates for the position of our Engage Youth Pastor. Please be in prayer for these initial interviews, and that God would guide us to the right person for the position.

We do not want to get ahead of God's will for this vital ministry of our congregation, but we also want someone on campus as soon as possible!

Betty Clark is having a hard time finding greeters! If you would be willing to take a turn, please call her (336-5427), or the church (336-5343). Thank You!

## MORE SEATING IS ON THE WAY!

We have ordered more folding chairs for the fellowship hall. This need has been apparent to us for some time. They will be the same as our existing chairs that are comfortable, easy to clean and move, and will be of great help for larger gatherings in the future. If you want to donate for the chair purchase, please note "chairs" on the memo line of your check.

## News from Ian

### Sermon Series -

Our New Year sermon series will focus on dealing with forgiveness. Forgiveness is perhaps the hardest facet of life to deal with for everyone whether Christian or not. Forgiving someone who has hurt us intentionally or innocently can be really hard to do, depending on the circumstances of the hurt. Yet, when we look at God, and how He readily forgives each of our sins that cost the life of His son, surely God models what it is like to give and receive forgiveness. Yes, you can say it is easy for God, but is it? Think of how many times just in the past week, that you have sinned. Each sin killed Jesus. Does that hit home? Each sin killed Jesus. Wow!

As we take a journey through this touchy subject, I pray that each of you would be praying that God will use this series to free you from the spiritual prison that choosing to not forgive holds us in. No matter what sin has been committed against you or one whom you love, forgiveness is a must in order to fully enjoy a relationship with God, and to continue to grow spiritually, and to enjoy the blessings of God in your life.

### Young Adult Ministry -

Starting in January, Logan Smith will be leading a new young adult ministry and study. The group is for 18-30 year olds whether married or single. Logan has a great passion for young adults and is currently employed by BOCES as a counselor for area schools. He was the sponsor for our middle school camp at Como, and the kids will tell you that he is wonderful!

Logan has a deep faith in God that guides his work and home life, and certainly his ministry desires. Please pray for Logan as he has his first meeting with our young adults next week to listen and start planning out the ministry for 2022!

### Wednesday Night Bible Study -

Ian will be leading a new study in January on the book of Revelation. This ten week series will traverse Paul's letters to the churches of the Mediterranean and then delve into other pertinent sections of the letter that relate to living for Jesus in an anti-God world today. The study starts at 6:00 and ends at 7pm. We meet in the RFOM room in the main hallway.

### Covid and Politics -

Why did I ruin your day with those two words? Well, to simply say that I will not converse about those two subjects anymore in church. Why? Because fear drives both subjects, and Christians are not to be driven or controlled by fear. Fear is anathema to people of faith in Jesus. Our focus as a congregation of Jesus followers is to represent Jesus in life, to influence and lead people to Jesus. Discussions about politics and health and other subjects have in my experience, never won anyone to Jesus, indeed, it has turned people away from God and His church. Talking to people about Jesus and exhibiting Christlike love, mercy and grace, and serving people in the name of Jesus do. Does that mean that I cannot have private conversations off campus with you? No, I am happy to as I have done extensive research on these and other important issues that can impact our faith, world and freedoms. But Jesus must be the focus of every Christian, not health, politics or other polemic issues. There is an adage that says that bees don't make honey when they are stinging! Jesus followers do not lead people to Jesus by arguing and getting angry, or by living in Godless fear, but by loving them and seeking to intentionally influence them in their faith walk with God. In a recent Barna research poll, congregations across the nation have lost an average of 15% of their attendees over the past year. This is not due to theological or ministry issues, but purely due to people's politics and their response to CV19! How sad that we allow earthly things to remove us from fellowshiping and serving Jesus with other Christians, and how sad that Christians are seldom known as Jesus asked us, "to be know by how we love each other", but more and more by being divisive over non-Biblical issues.

## VITALANT BLOOD BANK

Lamar Christian Church is now coordinating the community blood drives every other month. The Men's group is providing/preparing the lunch served at the December Blood Drive....THANKS GUYS! The Women's Ministry group is signed up for the February Blood Drive, so we need help with April next! If you wish to aid Luann by supplying the lunch for donors or helping in other ways, please contact her at the office. Remember the most important way to help is to sign up or walk in to donate!

ASSIGNMENT	12/5/21	12/12/21	12/19/21	12/26/21	
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Justin Homm	Brian Lauritsen	John Adams	Monty Coen	
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Ken Montoya	Pat Leonard	Shane Dashner	Matt Berndt	
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Alex Dashner	Lee Downen	Monty Coen	Ron Schmidt	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Dustin DeWitt	Rick Akers	Peter Jabo	Ron Schmidt	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1					
SHUT- IN COMM - 2					
GREETERS - E	Peggy & Sue	Les Scriven	Andy Hammer	Nina Denman	
GREETERS - L	Glen Smith	Todd Brown	Terry DeWitt	Zeke Forbes	
COMMUNION PREP	Lori Blacker & Sue Tecklenburg				

### TRADITIONAL > THURSDAYS @ 6:00PM / CONTEMPORARY > THURSDAYS @6:30PM

ASSIGNMENT:	<u>12/5/21</u>	<u>12/12/21</u>	<u>12/19/21</u>	<u>12/26/21</u>	
DRUMS	ELOY	KEENAN	SETH	KEENAN	
KEYBOARD	ALICIA	MARAH	KENNA	MARAH	
BASS	EMILY	RYLAN	RYLAN	ZACK	
ELEC. GUITAR	JOSH	ROD A	GAVE	ROD A	
GUITAR	MARIAH	ROD T	MARIAH	MARIAH	
VOCAL	HEATHER	CONNIE	TALA	KATY	
VOCAL	KAILEY	TIM	CARISMA	LYDIA	
SOUND TECH	KENNY	RORY	BRIAN	KENNY	
VIDEO LATE	JOAN/DILLON	SHIANE/MARIAH	PAT	JOAN/DILLON	
LEADER	MARIAH	ROD T	MARIAH	MARIAH	
PIANO	BARB	BARB	BARB	BARB	
SOPRANO	CHAR	SUSAN	CHAR	SUSAN	
ALTO	SHELBY	MELODY	SHELBY	MELODY	
TENOR	TALARA	JAMES	TALARA	JAMES	
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON	
VIDEO EARLY	SCHMIDT	HERRERA	HOMM	SCHIMDT	

## Prayer Requested for:

David Payne  
Stan Wertz  
Steve Wertz  
Pat Harris  
Ron Clausen  
Tiffany Whisenand  
Betty Hoesli  
Donna Wishard  
Russ Hobden  
Amber Herrera  
Troy Settles  
Phyllis Adams  
Hazel Pool  
Dick Ramsay  
Gary Turpin

## December Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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|----|---|----|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Judy Souders<br>Mackenzie Harbert         | 18 | Erica Gass<br>Sandra Sniff         |
| 3  | Barb O'Neal<br>Brailee Crum               |    | Sarah Settles<br>Chelsea Vallejos  |
| 4  | Julie Thomas<br>Janee Steed               | 19 | Cindy Otto                         |
| 5  | Monte Ausmus                              | 20 | Mitch Cass<br>Brock Reedy          |
| 6  | Carisma Gass                              | 21 | Leilanie Kisamore<br>Mariah Moreno |
| 7  | Deleta Downen                             |    | Shara Turnbull                     |
| 8  | Caleb Harris                              | 22 | Sherry Settles<br>Tarin Kemp       |
| 10 | Blake Miller                              |    | Brecken Payne                      |
| 11 | Michelle Hiigel                           | 23 | Glenn Flower                       |
| 14 | Brock Sniff<br>*Anthony & Patricia LaTour | 26 | Doug Harbour                       |
| 15 | John Paul Unruh                           | 28 | Dylan Vallejos                     |
| 16 | Jack Wolfe                                |    |                                    |

## Our Sympathy for Loss of a Loved One

Oney Jones passed  
away on 11/8

Jim Filbeck passed  
away on 11/8

Russell Reed passed  
away on 11/10

Joe Patrick passed  
away on 11/10

Gib Sprout passed  
away on 11/13

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*  
Melinda Jagger  
*From: Alice Mauch  
Vella Owens*

*In Memory of:*  
Ruby Leonard  
*From: Alice Mauch  
Argie & Joan Thrall*

## Gifts for The King

Our annual collection will begin Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and go through New Year's. You can give at any time, or many times within that window - just mark GFTK on your check memo line.

This year the offering will be split between Sparrow House Food Pantry, and Camp Como.

## RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Just a reminder with the new year right around the corner! RightNow Media has a vast selection of studies and videos if you are looking for something new. Call the church if you need help accessing/navigating their website.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:00AM - Blended  
10:30AM - Contemporary  
Sunday School - 9:15AM  
Children's Church - 10:30AM

[www.lamarchristian.info](http://www.lamarchristian.info)

Return Service Requested

## **SENIOR SAINTS**

The purpose of the senior adult ministry of Lamar Christian Church is to share in Christian fellowship and encourage each other in spiritual growth, while striving to be a blessing to the church and community.

*Senior Saint's met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall with the following in attendance: Wayne Albin, Deleta Downen, Les & Nancy Scriven, Cheryl Tague, Ed DePiesse, Beverly Hazel, Judy Weber, Ray Matteson (Susanne was not feeling well and we missed her), Kara Matteson, Seth Matteson (our 2 youngest Seniors) and Betty Clark. Not a big crowd but a good one. We visited while things were getting ready and then Wayne offered our Blessing and we ate all the good things that were brought in.*

*Shortly after eating we had a short business meeting (not a lot of business). It was asked if we were going to do anything special for December's meeting and we decided to just do the usual.*

*Ronnie is still having some pain after his surgery, and Wanda Simmon's husband Charlie fell and hurt his head and shoulder - he had to have 22 stitches. Keep both of these men in your prayers.*

*Ronnie was not able to attend and Les graciously did devotions for tonight. He gave a thought provoking and sometimes funny devotion. Thank you Les for stepping up at a late notice. Betty volunteered Ronnie for December hoping he will be able to attend then. Thank you Ronnie.*

*After cleaning up and putting stuff away we had two tables of Round-a-bout. At one table Nancy, Cheryl, Deleta and Les played. Nancy and Cheryl won one and Les and Deleta won one. At the other table Ed, Bev, Judy and Betty played. Ed and Bev won both games (I wonder how that happened).*

*We missed some of our regular ones. Hope they can be back next month.*

*Our next Senior Saint's meeting will be Monday, December 20, 2021 starting at 5:00 P.M. We invite anybody who would like to join us to come. We can almost guarantee you will have a good supper and laugh a lot and just enjoy being with other seniors. Age doesn't really matter - if you want to join us you are welcome.*

*Thank you Luann for all yo do for Senior Saint's. Love you! Thank you Jimmy for all you do for us too. We love you too.*

*Keep those who have lost loved ones in your prayers. Holidays are hard to get through, but our God is there for us 24/7. Thank you Lord!*

*Nuff for now - stay tuned for more exciting Senior news next month.*

*Betty Clark, Reporter*

*PS - Lois Black is in rehab now and doing well - her address is: Lois Black, Center Park West, 3727 Parker Blvd, Room 206, Pueblo, CO 81008 - please send her a card!*

