

Weekly Newsletter 8.20.21

This Sunday, we will have the pleasure of having Aaron Richter (our own music director and administrator) preach a sermon on Psalm 150. He will explore the power and importance of music as a way to nourish our souls and praise God with every breath we take. Looking forward to seeing you in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

By Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

The clouds and rain have been filling many of the days lately, along with the news of growing numbers of covid cases and sad news from abroad. One could easily feel down and discouraged. I am focusing my energy on seeing the Christ in every person I met and see, and having days filled with light.

Bev Damren's Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held here at WLCC on **September 11th** at **11AM**. More details will follow.

\$anctuary \$crip orders are in. Orders can be found in the \$anctuary \$crip mailbox in the office. Any questions please ask Judi Strong.

Joint Meeting of Trustees and Deacons

The trustees and deacons met on August 12. At that meeting it was decided that we would continue our mask policy and we would restock our mask supply. Wearing masks in church is still encouraged. On the first Sunday in September we will allow congregational singing. Those wishing to sing will be asked to wear a mask. The deacons also decided to sponsor a pot luck lunch outdoor for Rally Day, Sunday, September 19. Stay tuned as cases increase we may need to rethink this event.

Rally Day

Greetings from your Christian Ed team!

Mark your calendars... **Rally day will be on Sunday, September 19.** We are planning on having an outdoor service that day.

We are also planning on doing Sunday school in person this year, following all appropriate health and safety precautions.

Please contact Linda Kahl, Donna or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to working with all the children again.

Christine for the CE team.

Missions Breakfast

A huge thank you from your Missions committee!!

Thanks to your generosity during our first 3 breakfasts we raised \$878, this is amazing!!

This money will be used to buy backpacks and school supplies for the Mount Lebanon elementary school children.

Please note that our next breakfast will be on September 19, instead of the 12th. We are planning on doing a sit down breakfast outside before the service (breakfast starting at 9:30am) as we did in August. Drive thru breakfasts will also be available between 8 and 9am.

Thank you!!

Your Mission committee (Lorinda, Jackie, Susan W, Dick, John and Christine)

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM.** This past week we met inside. Several ladies were continuing to knit prayer shawls and we shared ornaments that could be made for the upcoming holiday fair. Kirsty has bought the new books for our fall bible/book study and shared a short biography of the author and read one of the stories. Books are available for those interested in joining us this fall at a cost of \$6. **The Holiday Fair will take place on November 6th.** The tables will include a basket raffle, jewelry, hand crafted items, cheese, Christmas décor and a food table with candy. There will be no coffee hour or luncheon, but we will include some take out corn chowder and chili. More details are to follow.

Thank you to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry.** It has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Now that the weather is warmer we are accepting cans and jar goods. Some of the **items that go quickly are peanut butter, ramen noodles and coffee.** At present we have plenty of mac and cheese, pasta and rice, but anything you donate is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

WLCC Giving Options

We have instituted several new electronic (credit/debit/ACH) giving options. Note that these are in addition to the conventional giving methods, **and if you are comfortable with the giving method**

you currently use there is no need to change. The intent of adding these electronic options is to make giving more convenient, which will hopefully increase our revenue. Note that the church is charged a nominal processing fee with each electronic transaction, so please consider covering that fee if you use an electronic option. The electronic options will allow you to specify where you would like your gift to go (e.g. general fund, memorial gift, missions, etc.).

You can access these options by going to the WLCC home webpage (<https://westlebcc.org/> and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page <https://westlebcc.org/give/>. If you have any questions or problems please see Aaron in the WLCC office or our co-collectors Christine Kidd or Laurie Tostenson.

Faithfully
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC