

## Weekly Newsletter 10.22.21

This Sunday we will look at that well known story of David and Goliath found In 1st Samuel 17. David with five stones defeated Goliath, what five stones do we have that will help us defeat the things that challenge us? Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday whether it be on Zoom or in the sanctuary.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

What a beautiful fall this has been! The colors of the trees against the blue skies reminds us that God clothes the world in beauty so will He take care of us. I truly enjoyed having time away from the everyday tasks and chores of my life here. Being at a place that gives me peace and joy like the ocean does has renewed my soul and refocused my view on life and what is important. I wish everyone the opportunity to get away from the everyday and experience that joy and renewal wherever that place is.

**Reminder:** if you wish to enter the church please mask up, practice social distancing, and good hand hygiene. We will be continuing this practice until things change toward the positive. We thank you for your cooperation.

***Our next cabinet meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th after church.***

### Women's Fellowship

**Women's Fellowship** continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM.** What a fantastic group of women!! We suspended our study and will look at the next 4 stories the coming week. If you are interesting in joining us please contact the church office or come on Thursday morning at 9. On this past Thursday morning the women made two decisions that impact our church life.

The first was that for the time being we will **no longer offer a reception after a funeral.** We will reconsider this decision in the spring.

The second decision was **to cancel the Holiday Fair on November 6**. The discussion was good and all were able to voice their thoughts. We will look at other ways to raise funds to support the church and the charities we have supported in the past.

## Technical Support Help

We are looking for additional help running the WLCC Zoom broadcast on Sunday mornings. The last several months there has consistently been from eight to twelve computers on Zoom each Sunday. This translates into about 12 to 16 people, which is about 1/4 of our Sunday attendance. Also weekly there are typically from 6 to 14 views of the YouTube posting. So continuing electronic access to our Sunday service is important for our church.

Ideally we would have a team of 6 to 10 Tech people able to help, so that any one person would only have to do it every month to six weeks. Last winter we had six people helping, but now are down to two, maybe three.

It requires arriving about 9-9:15am to set up and begin Zoom at 9:30 am. You finish around 11:30-noon after posting the Service to YouTube. We have an established written procedure, but the best way to learn is to first watch someone, and then start doing it with someone helping you as you learn the system. It doesn't require any specific knowledge, but a person needs to be confident around computers, and reliably show up when they commit to a date.

If this isn't for you do you know a spouse, friend, son/daughter, granddaughter/grandson who enjoys electronic media and may be interested? It's an important service to our WLCC's ministry and spreading God's message. Also we are willing to pay for this position.

If you or someone might be interested please contact either Pastor Kirsty or Aaron in the office

## Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,



A quick reminder that we are continuing our fundraising campaign for Neighbors in Need (NiN) throughout the month of October. NiN is the annual UCC offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US.

More than ever, people over many paths of life need help and support. Some of those individuals could be our neighbors, friends... Let's show God's Love to all of them.

There are special envelopes in the sanctuary that you can use, you can give a check with NiN in the memo line or you can give online (from our website:

<https://westlebcc.org/give/>) and select the Neighbors in Need option.

Thank you so much,  
Christine for Missions

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Trunk or Treat**

Growth Committee is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat **in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 23rd from 1-3pm**. We invite anyone who is interested in participating to please join us. Opportunities to be involved include (but are not limited to):

Decorate your trunk, hatchback or truck bed and hand out candy.

Work as a team to decorate a trunk, hatchback or truck bed.

Host or co-host a simple game for kids.

Donate candy to be handed out.

In case you've never seen a trunk or treat, like myself, please see photos below with different examples of how some people have tricked out their vehicles for trunk or treats. Some of these are quite elaborate. Don't let that scare you off! Decorations can be simple! This should be fun for everyone.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board after church. Please talk with a GC member if you have any questions. Members are Donna, Meghan, Jackie, Christine & Justine

Thank you,  
Growth Committee

#### **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**

Our next supper **will be a takeout Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, with homemade apple pies, on Saturday, October 23rd from 5pm-6:30pm or sold out** .

## Harvest Dinner

We are looking for donations of food and volunteers to help with cooking, prep and clean up for the Harvest Dinner. This is a free meal for the community. **We would need help on Friday and Saturday, October 29th and 30th**, with Friday being a turkey cooking day and Saturday being a day to finish the preparing of all other elements and serving of the meal drive thru style. If you can help in any way, please sign on the sheets located on the bulletin board by the parking lot door. Thank you

## WLCC Men's Group

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday November 13**. It will be a lunch meeting that will start around **11:30 am**. We'll share lunch/fellowship and then have a discussion topic (TBD), finishing up around 1 pm. All are welcome, whether you attend regularly or occasionally.

## Prayer Meetings

There will be prayer meetings here at 7pm on Tuesdays. All are welcome. Call the church office for more information.

**Thank you** to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. It has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Canned goods have been flying out the pantry door. Canned pasta and vegetables have gone very fast. Some other **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. **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