

# Monthly Newsletter

## Ladies Day at Lamar Christian Church

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Featured Speaker: Susanne Matteson

Susanne will be speaking in the morning & afternoon.  
Her messages are titled

“Drop That Mask” & “Be Perfect”.

Susanne will be sharing the things that God has laid upon her heart, and we are looking forward to hearing her. Please invite friends to join us on October 24<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We will have a great time of worship, spiritual encouragement, and fun!

## Men's Shooting Day

Men's Ministry will have a shooting day at Monte Ausmus' farm on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. This has been a wonderful day of fun and fellowship in the past and we are excited to be able to do it again! Please bring your own gun, ammo, and a box of clay targets for the shot-guns if you want to participate in that. If you do not own a gun, but still want to attend and shoot, feel free to come and if you want to talk to someone about using their gun you can do that. You will just need to provide your own ammo. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, call the church office or contact Rick Akers.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry

The annual children's Christmas shoe box gift drive has started. We will get 50 boxes for this congregation to fill with age and gender appropriate toys and other gifts. More details will be posted in the weekly bulletin.

## **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.

## **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, Greg Ausmus, Ron Clausen

## **STAFF**

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker

Associate Minister - Cody Petersen

Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas

Worship Director - Rod Thomas

Church Clerk - DeEtte Hobden

Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

Custodian - Jimmy Marquez

**ENGAGE:** For those of you that haven't heard, ENGAGE has kicked off again on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We have had a great first couple of weeks, and I am looking forward to many more to come! ENGAGE is for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you are or know someone that fits that description we would love to have you! This year, our theme for ENGAGE is "Love God, Love Others" and each week we will take a snapshot of what it means to Love God and Love Others in our lives. Also new this year, Mariah Hartshorn will be leading our ENGAGE worship team! I am excited to have Mariah join us in this capacity and to see her continue to grow in her worship leadership.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We have also kicked off Sunday school for all ages each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15am. It has been good to get back to some semblance of normal on Sundays and we are excited to continue on our Sunday school programming. Please plan on joining us as there is a class for every age and nursery provided as well.

**TURKEY BOWL:** We are still planning on hosting our annual Turkey Bowl Flag Football Games and Turkey Dinner this year. It has been tentatively scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and look for more details in the near future.

**CIY MOVE:** CIY Move allows churches to pre-register for summer events starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. As we had planned on last year before it was cancelled, we are looking at attending the CIY Move event in Holland, MI. This is a high demand event for CIY that always fills up fast so our spots will be limited this year. To reserve your spot, a \$65 deposit needs to be paid to the church. If you are a current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student, you won't want to miss this event. It is always a highlight to my year and still is the best youth event we have ever gone to. Contact Cody with any questions ([cody@lamarchristian.net](mailto:cody@lamarchristian.net)).

**WINTER WHITE WASH:** I have not heard any information on whether Winter White Wash will be happening this January. I am working on finding out and will let you all know as soon as I do. I would imagine that this all comes down to the ski resort being willing to host 400+ people for a day and the event center in Laramie being willing to do the same. I'll keep you posted.

**Prayer at NOON**  
Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 to 1:00 in  
the Sanctuary

\* Call requests in by 10am  
the morning of the prayer time.

**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

**ALL Men are Welcome!**  
7:00am in the  
Fellowship Hall

**We could use some help!**  
We need a few volunteers  
to set up/clean up  
fellowship time in the  
fellowship hall  
on Sunday mornings.  
Call the office to volunteer!

**The Next Blood Drive**  
is Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Call 336-5550 for  
an appointment.  
Walk ins are  
always Welcome!  
Please wear a mask!

## Youth Pastor Update

We are still actively searching for a replacement for Cody as Youth Pastor as he transitions to the position of Worship/Associate Pastor at the end of the year. Please be in prayer as we get word out again of our needs, and that God leads us to the right person to become Youth and Discipleship/Involvement Pastor.

Please pray for Rod Thomas as he looks to end his part time ministry as Worship Pastor with us. Rod and Julie have other ministries that they are leaders of, and God will use them mightily in their "retirement". Rod and Julie will still be involved in worship services and other areas of ministry as they choose to serve. Thank you two Thomas's for your years of servant ministry with this congregation. We are spiritually richer because of you both.

# News from Ian

Celebrate Recovery - This superb ministry helps people overcome all kinds of negative life situations, ones that are consequences of our choices, and situations that come from either life or the choices of others. There is no life situation that God's word and Holy Spirit cannot overcome with your willingness and desire to change, none. There are two groups that meet each week. The first meets at the Life Center church on Savage Avenue on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30, and at this facility on Friday nights from 6:30-8PM in room 112 in the education wing.

We are working on bringing the area CR representative to Lamar to teach attendees how to lead various facets of the ministry. More information will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in joining CR, please check with Ian Blacker who leads the LCC group each Friday. We would love to have you join the 15 or so who currently attend the group. If you are interested in helping this ministry each week, contact Ian.

## Sermon Series

From October through November, Ian will lead us through a series called Far, But Near. This nine week series will take us through the book of Mark in the New Testament. We will follow Peter's relationship with Jesus, and his experience of ministry with him. Plan now to start reading the book of Mark as a preparation for the series. We are trying to set up a regular online weekly question and answer time about the sermons. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

## Gifts For The King

Every Year, from November to New Year's Sunday, we take up a special offering for two deserving missions. This year, we will split the offering between Sparrow House Ministry and Camp Como. Sparrow House Ministry in Lamar serves hundreds of people every week with food and other essentials of life, as well as sharing Jesus with those in spiritual need. Every dollar donated helps a family in need somehow. We believe in their ministry and mission. We also host drives to collect food and other non-perishables for Sparrow House. The collection point is in the fellowship hall.

Camp Como is well known to us as our prime camp location in Colorado. This year has seen many changes with Judd Weece coming back as the director of the camp. While Academy Christian Church has taken over the management of the camp, congregational financial support is still vital to keep the camp running for Colorado congregations. Thousands attend Como every year, and are impacted in some way in their relationship with God. Please mark your check GFTK, or give online and mark your gift GFTK. Thank you for your support for these two great ministries.

## Facility Update

The work for the sanctuary has been completed debt free! Thank you so much for your generous donations that have made this possible. We now have new lighting for the stage. This greatly enhances our video production for online streaming in concert with a new computer capable of handling the upgraded 4K HD formats. We are able to live stream weddings, funerals as well as each worship service. This greatly enhances our ability to minister to those who watch our services, literally all around the world.

Our next project in the new year will be to strip the carpet in the fellowship hall and paint the walls. After 30 years, the walls really are in need of repair and new paint.

We will use some of our old lighting from the auditorium to aid the lighting needs in the fellowship hall. After we get the carpet out, we will color stain the concrete and cover it with a durable sealant. This will make it both attractive, and so much easier to clean each week. The fellowship hall gets really hard use, and the carpet has been replaced every few years at great cost each time.

We also need to update the basement children's ministry area. We need to repair and paint the walls, replace the missing/damaged ceiling tiles, and re-do the kitchen area. We will endeavor to create a few work Saturdays to sheetrock damaged walls, paint, and replace the 60 year old ceiling tiles.

ASSIGNMENT	10/4/20	10/11/20	10/18/20	10/25/20	
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Ron Clausen	John Adams	Ron Schmidt	Scott Brase	
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Anthony LaTour	Rick Akers	Pat Leonard	Mike Duffy	
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Bryan Herrera	Ron Schmidt	Monty Coen	Norm Arends	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Jared Crabtree	Ken Montoya	Ken Montoya	Rick Akers	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1					
SHUT- IN COMM - 2					
GREETERS - E	Kathy & Sue	John Adams	Roger Davidson	Les Scriven	
GREETERS - L	Jim Ramsay	Rob Vallejos	Pat Leonard	Jill & Alice	
COMMUNION PREP					
8:00 NURSERY	Kelsey Thomas	Nicole Piner	Lori Payne	Abbey Jordan	
9:15 NURSERY	Jason & Erica	Jason & Erica	Jason & Erica	Jason & Erica	
10:30 NURSERY	Joy Dashner	Carol Ausmus	Jennifer Hawkins	Shiane Dashner	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kara Melton	Kelsey Thomas	Staci & Katy	Meghan Petersen	

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

ASSIGNMENT:	<u>10/4/20</u>	<u>10/11/20</u>	<u>10/18/20</u>	<u>10/25/20</u>	
DRUMS	KEENAN	ELOY	KEENAN	ELOY	
KEYBOARD	JULIE	MARAH	KENNA	JULIE	
BASS	CODY	RYLAN	RYLAN	DAVID	
ELEC. GUITAR	JOSH	ROD A	GABE	JOSH	
GUITAR	ROD T	ROD T	CODY	ROD T	
VOCAL	DANIELLE	CONNIE	TAYLA	KATHY	
VOCAL	JOAN	TIM	CARISMA	JOY	
VOCAL					
SOUND TECH	JOHN	BRIAN	KENNY	RORY	
VIDEO LATE	SHIANE/DILLON	PAT	SHIANE/DILLON	JOAN/DILLON	
PIANO	BARB	BARB	BARB	BARB	
SOPRANO	SUSAN	CHAR	SUSAN	CHAR	
ALTO	MELODY	SHELBY	MELODY	SHELBY	
TENOR	JAMES	TALARA	JAMES	TALARA	
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON	
VIDEO EARLY (8)	JUSTIN/SHELBY	RON/AMY	JUSTIN/SHELBY	RON/AMY	

## Prayer Requested for:

Amber Herrera  
Floyd Clark  
Pearl Clausen  
Mildred Murray  
Janet Harbert  
Susan Perkins  
Russ Hobden  
Pat Harris  
Wayne Stiles  
Ryden Maldonado  
Mary Ann Stickler  
Richard Stickler  
Linda Turner  
Wendy Bellomy  
Gordon Guihen

## October Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Brittin Thomas  | 16 | Evan Larrick  |
| 2  | Katy DeWitt<br>* Bryan & Sherry Settles   |    | * Jason & Haley Reedy   |
| 3  | Amber Herrera<br>Carolyn Kelley<br>Peggy McCaslin<br>Lauryn Reyes               | 18 | Ryan Schmidt  |
| 5  | Jesse Campbell<br>Rick Jones<br>* Dick & Sue Ramsay<br>* Jim & Shawn Cardinelli | 19 | Chelley Brase   |
| 6  | * Richard & Lorna Monson  | 21 | William Adams   |
| 7  | Lexi Coen   | 22 | Mandy Sniff<br>Brenna Vallejos                                    |
| 8  | Josh Moreno   | 23 | Ellen Clausen   |
| 9  | John Sykes  | 24 | Clay Peacock  |
| 10 | Jayce Kisamore<br>Zerek Rankin  | 25 | Charlotte Herrera   |
| 12 | Kathy O'Neill<br>* Todd & Bri Brown   | 26 | Amy Schmidt<br>* Jeff & Michelle Hobden                           |
| 14 | * Albert & Mary May   | 27 | Carol Ausmus<br>Bryan Settles<br>Scott Wertz<br>Tiffany Whisenand |
|    |   | 28 | Liberty Moreno  |
|    |   | 30 | Randy Sniff   |
|    |   | 31 | Debbie Gadash   |

## Our Sympathy for Loss of a Loved One

Clint Bean passed away  
on September 21<sup>st</sup>

Louie White passed  
away on September 28<sup>th</sup>

Please keep these  
families in prayer

## JOY Ministries New Time & Location

All ladies are welcome to attend JOY Ministries meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> **Friday** of each month at the church at 10:00am in the **Fellowship Hall**.

The next JOY meeting is  
Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Amber Herrera Fund

You can give to the fund to help Amber and Jason with medical expenses anytime. The options for doing so include:

- 1 - Making a check out to the church with Amber Herrera on the memo line
- 2 - Paying online through Easytithes and designating AH in the note field (these two options will make it possible for your gift to be included on your end of year giving statement to submit for taxes)
- 3 - You can make a check out to Jason Herrera and drop it at the drive through at TBK bank. The church cannot deposit checks made out to "Amber Herrera Fund".

Please pray for the family through the weeks of Amber's treatments.

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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## **SENIOR SAINTS**

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

*HIP HIP HOORAY!!!!!!! The Senior Saints met for their September meeting Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the church for their FINALLY meeting. We got permission from the Health Dept. to bring food. Oh what a wonderful feeling to be back together again. Those in attendance were: Deleta Downen, Les & Nancy Scriven, Beverly Hazel, Keith Clark, Alice Mauch, Don Colclazier, Ed DePiese, and Susan Gourley. Floyd and I are still staying in. Our family wants us to stay in a little while longer. Probably a good idea. Oh how we missed being with these crazy people! We hope next month we will be able to get out and go. Les and Nancy and Deleta took charge - they did a good job I know. Our offering was \$13.00. After eating a delicious meal, a short business meeting was held. Alice, who so willingly volunteers others for devotions, was "railroaded" into doing them for next month. This is the first time she finds out about this. Ha. Ha.*

*Les gave a devotion for the group.*

*There were two tables of Round a Bout. Deleta, Beverly, Ed and Susan. Susan & Deleta won at that table. Les & Nancy and Keith & Alice at the other table. Keith & Les won at that table. I know they had a good time. I just may have told you this before, but we have a GREAT bunch of Seniors at Lamar Christian!*

*Lord willing we will have Senior Saints for October on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Oh how I hope Floyd and I will be able to go this time! But at least we are back to having Senior Saints. I know everybody missed being together with each other.*

*I want to thank Deleta for doing the cards for Senior Saints. She has been doing them for me - she says I have my hands full. I am going to try to do them for October. She is so good to me. I love that little lady!*

*Keep Mildred and her family in your prayers. I haven't been able to talk with Debbie lately. Richard and Mary Ann Stickler are both having to have sessions with doctors in the spring. Keep them in your prayers. Our Government leaders, this Election year, the Corona virus situation, our schools and staff, etc. Our hospital, doctors, nurses and health providers - remember to thank them when you get a chance. They are working through rough times. Keep Luann and her family in your prayers. I talk with Luann often - She says her mother is doing very well right now. Thank you Lord!*

*Well, out of room and also news. Thank you Nancy for telling me about the meeting. I am happy to write the article. Nuff for now.*

*Betty Clark, Reporter*

*PS - The day after Betty put this article in the mail Floyd fell and broke his hip. He has had surgery, and is doing well - hoping they can bring him home to PMC Friday, Oct. 2. Please keep Floyd in your prayers as he rehabs, and pray for strength for our Betty! ❤️*



