

Monthly Newsletter



PRAY FOR AMERICA!
3rd Sunday of each month
at 5:00 PM
in the Sanctuary

Prayer Lunch

Our next prayer lunch time will be held on Wednesday, August 26th from 12-1pm in the sanctuary. Please call the office with your prayer requests before 10am on the 26th. We will pray for our country, our spiritual impact in our county, for those in spiritual need, for hope for the nations, for our evangelistic outreach in our county, for our congregational leadership, for our ministries, and for you.

Sunday School & Bible Studies

We intend to re-launch all Sunday School, Children's Church ministry, and Bible Studies in September when school is back in session. Please pray that we wisely monitor our health and well being as we get back to fellowship, Bible study, spiritual growth and ministry. There will be some changes in our schedules, which we will clearly communicate to you all. We also need volunteers to serve in the nursery and Children's Church on Sundays, & iServe Friday mornings from 7:45 - 10am. No volunteers, no ministry to our children, that simple!

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 Dowen, 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

Cody

Como Ride:

I have been finalizing the details of our yearly Como Ride with the camp this week and am very excited to head up to the camp for a few days on August 13-16! As of today, we have 34 riders signed up to attend this year! Jeff Matteson will be our speaker this year and Ray Matteson is also making the trip down from Wisconsin to join us again. This ride is a great opportunity to get away and enjoy the beauty of God's creation for a few days, as well as a time of spiritual refreshing for those that attend.

If you love riding motorcycles, or simply want to spend a few days in the mountains at Camp Como, feel free to join us this year. The ride doesn't cost anything, but we ask that each person that attends give a donation to the camp to cover the expenses for the ride and to bless the camp as well. Many riders will also ask friends and family to donate to sponsor their ride as well. Please contact Cody (336-5343 - cody@lamarchristian.net) with any questions you have about the ride, or to let him know that you are attending this year. If you would like to donate in support of the Como Ride this year, you can make a check out to the church with "Como Ride" in the memo. Also, your prayers are appreciated for safety while we are riding and for God to speak to us during the retreat as well.

Camp Como:

Speaking with Judd at the camp, I asked how things have been since they were not able to host normal youth camps this summer. He said that things have been hard, but God has still been blessing the camp throughout the summer. Not having campers on the grounds has been a burden on the camp financially, but it has also allowed them to work on projects (large and small) that are hard to get to when there are so many people on the grounds. God has also blessed the camp with work groups that have taken on camp projects both financially and doing the actual work. We support Camp Como through monthly giving as well as through the support of sending campers. During these trying times for the camp financially, I want to challenge our congregation to consider giving a one time gift to the camp to help offset the loss in revenue that they have experienced. Summer camps are a huge part of what sustains the camp through the off-season and any additional funds we can send will be a great blessing to the camp! You can send checks to the church with "Camp Como" in the memo line and we will send that with our monthly donation to the camp.

Men's (& Women's!)

BBQ

Wednesday, August 19th
@ Bryan & Char Herrera's home (33374 CR 6)
Please bring a Covered Dish to share - Meat & Drink provided

Save The Date!

The date for the Fall Women's Event featuring Susanne Matteson as our speaker has been set!

All women are welcome to attend this encouraging time on

Saturday, October 24th

Facility Updates

Guess where the parts for the new lighting system are coming from? You got it - China! Second Opinion Audio/Video will be down to complete our project as soon as the parts arrive.

Care Net Pregnancy Center

Due to Covid-19, Care Net had to close their doors for a short time. They did continue to provide limited curb service, providing diapers, wipes, Bibles, & children's books to many families from Lamar, Springfield, Granada & Wiley. During this time, they gave out 2,567 diapers! The center is currently open and following safety guidelines. They have not been able to have fundraisers due to the shutdown, so financial donations, as well as diapers and wipes are greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the center at 201 E. Oak Street, or mail to Care Net Pregnancy Center, PO Box 1122, Lamar, CO 81052. Care Net is open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:00 to 4:00. Please call the center (336-1135) or Director Debbie Widener (688-4635) with questions. Please keep Care Net in your prayers as they continue to help and minister to their clients.

News from Ian

Attendance or Worship -

While, praise God, we have been back in physical worship for many weeks. Some are still absent for health reasons, others, I don't know why they are absent. Some are absent because they are having life issues. According to God's word, that when life gets rough the roughed up run to Jesus, not away from Him! Let me continue. Is it perhaps because your relationship with God is not where it needs to be? Is it because Jesus really is not Lord and Savior? Why do we seem to so readily make excuses to place God on the spiritual shelves of our lives and wonder why God seems to be distant, foreign, deaf, uncaring? Could it be because your life is controlled by fear rather than faith? Many congregations remain closed by fear rather than seizing the moment to reach out to our neighbors who are impacted by fear and uncertainty and who live without the hope that we have in Jesus. As a congregational leadership, we focus on Jesus and Jesus alone as the only hope for a hopeless world. We choose to focus on how to reach the unsaved and seemingly hopeless in our community. So what gives? Simply a heart that yearns with all my being for everyone to choose to have God at the center and not peripheral to how we choose to live. I cannot conceive living without Jesus at the center of life, especially when I consider what God through Jesus went through to save me from hell and to provide blessings upon blessing for me daily. Why would I not want everyone to choose Jesus above what is convenient, comfortable or expedient? What was convenient about dying for me, for you? What was expedient in his arrest, crucifixion and death in my place? Jesus could have said no to dying for me? Yet Jesus chose to so love future generations which includes me, that he looked beyond his convenience and comfort to traverse the unbelievable pains that he endured as no man ever has or will in order to give me a hope, in order to overcome fear. Gather we will, every Sunday morning and at other times to study God's word, to yield to His will, to pray for His will to be done through this congregation. Gather we will whether few or many. Gather we will regularly for encouragement, for worship, for fun, for the future of God's kingdom, for the sake of the unsaved. And to worship God, yes, to worship our awesome savior with power, enthusiasm, full of joy and thanksgiving, empty of self and complaint. Let us continue to serve the One who served us with his life, that we might have life everlasting, and so that all generations behind us are able to follow the living God and our Savior. Priceless!

Sermon Series -

The current four week series on the book of Ruth will end in August, then we will start a longer series through the book of Mark Called "Far, But Near". This study will follow Peter's relationship to and witness of the life of Jesus, and it will bring many challenges to our faith walk with God. The ultimate response to the sermon series will be our changed lives and outlook on those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and savior yet. This is the mission of everyone at Lamar Christian Church, not just staff!

During September, Cody will be preaching for the four Sundays of the month. We encourage each of you to be in prayer for Cody as he prepares for his sermon series.

Giving -

I want to personally thank you all for your generous giving during these trying times. While some ministry has been furloughed, much continues for God's glory. It is necessary to order materials now in order to be prepared for fall ministry. We still have our staff at work every day. Our missionaries around the world are still in need of funding for their ministries, and our local mission needs grow monthly. Please give through the EasyTithe app, online, or bring your gift in on Sunday or during the week. I have heard of congregations whose income has fallen by up to 60%. Ours has only dropped 15% overall. Thank you so much for your faithfulness to God who never takes a furlough with us!!

Home Bible Studies -

We have many home Bible studies that are held every week in our people's homes. We would love to have at least three more home studies started this fall. We can provide all the training needed - really simple, all of the materials are provided, you just provide a home for two to four couples or four to eight individuals, and your time - about two hours a week. If you want to, you can host the study at the church facility if it is more convenient for you.

Please call Ian or Cody to sign up. These new studies will start after Labor Day.

Face Masks -

We have purchased face masks to use for services, studies, and on facility ministry if you so choose. We are also installing infrared soap and sanitizer dispensers notes bathrooms and sanitizer dispensers around the building for your safety and protection. While we are right to cite our "rights", we also have responsibility to those who may have health issues and yet, still want to attend services, so please be considerate of other's need too. Love of God and others is the focus of this congregation, let's show it! We are not mandating face mask use, just encouraging it when possible both in public and in ministry activities.

ASSIGNMENT	8/2/20	8/9/20	8/16/20	8/23/20	8/30/20
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Rick Akers	Brian Lauritsen	James Clevenger	Mike Duffy	John Adams
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Anthony LaTour	Pat Leonard	Josh Moreno	Mike Duffy	Josh Moreno
SERVER IN CHARGE - E					
SERVER IN CHARGE - L					
SHUT- IN COMM - 1					
SHUT- IN COMM - 2					
GREETERS - E	John Paul Unruh	Don Colclazier	Deleta Dowen	Rick Akers	Wanda Simmons
GREETERS - L	Rob Vallejos	Jim Ramsay	Jill & Alice	Ty Kemp	Zeke Forbes
COMMUNION PREP					
8:00 NURSERY					
9:15 NURSERY					
10:30 NURSERY					
CHILDREN'S CHURCH					

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

ASSIGNMENT:	8/2/20	8/9/20	8/16/20	8/23/20	8/30/20
DRUMS	ELOY	KEENAN	ELOY	KEENAN	ELOY
KEYBOARD	KENNA	MARAH	JULIE	JULIE	MARAH
BASS	RYLAN	CODY	EMILY	DAVID	RYLAN
ELEC. GUITAR	GABE	ROD A	JOSH	JOSH	GABE
GUITAR	CODY	ROD T	ROD T	ROD T	CODY
VOCAL	CARISMA	LYDIA	HEATHER	DANIELLE	CONNIE
VOCAL	KATY	SARAH	AMBER	JOAN	TIM
VOCAL					DELANEY
SOUND TECH	KENNY	RORY	KENNY	JOHN	BRIAN
VIDEO LATE	PAT	JOAN/DILLON	PAT	SHIANE/DILLON	PAT
PIANO	BARB	BARB	BARB	BARB	BARB
SOPRANO	CHAR	SUSAN	CHAR	SUSAN	CHAR
ALTO	SHELBY	MELODY	SHELBY	MELODY	SHELBY
TENOR	TALARA	JAMES	TALARA	JAMES	TALARA
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON	RON
VIDEO EARLY (8)	AMY/RON	JUSTIN/SHELBY	JASON/AMBER	JUSTIN/SHELBY	AMY/RON

Prayer Requested for:

Pearl Clausen
Mildred Murray
Janet Harbert
Susan Perkins
Russ Hobden
Pat Harris
Wayne Stiles
Ryden Maldonado
Jeff Wittman
Richard Stickler
Linda Turner

Our Sympathy for Loss of a Loved One

Bud Alexander passed
away on June 28th

Pauline Shoup passed
away on July 16th

Bill Wishard passed
away on July 29th

Please keep these
families in prayer

August Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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| 1 | Wayne Schultz
* Bryan & Charlotte Herrera | 16 | Rylan Herrera |
| 2 | * Zeke & Sheila Forbes | 17 | Jim Ramsay |
| 3 | Todd Brown
Meghan Petersen | * Russ & DeEtte Hobden | * Russ & DeEtte Hobden |
| 4 | Mary Cass
Laci Coen | * Gary & Lori Hammer | * Gary & Lori Hammer |
| 5 | Rick Thomas
Ray Gilbert | 18 | Ken Smartt |
| | * Darrell & Glynda Pool | * Rory & Kathy O'Neill | * Rory & Kathy O'Neill |
| | * Garrett & Sharon Headrick | 19 | Lori Blacker |
| | * Grant & Laura Hobden | Wesley Sires | Wesley Sires |
| 6 | Kailey Ramsay
Liz Rehfeld | * Bill & Leilanie Kisamore | * Bill & Leilanie Kisamore |
| 7 | Gilbert & Dennisha Longoria | * Cody & Meghan | * Cody & Meghan |
| 8 | Dottie McCaslin
Kevin Ridder | Petersen | Petersen |
| | * Joe & Janet Harbert | 20 | Betty Clark |
| | * David & Roberta Reyes | * Ron & Pearl Clausen | * Ron & Pearl Clausen |
| 9 | Callie Nordyke | 22 | Dustin DeWitt |
| 11 | Layton Homm | Bill Kisamore | Bill Kisamore |
| | * Mitch & Mary Cass | 23 | Joel Souders |
| | * Allen & Janie Campbell | * Chris & Vicki Wilkinson | * Chris & Vicki Wilkinson |
| 12 | Eric Settles | * Jim & Heather Ramsay | * Jim & Heather Ramsay |
| 13 | Jade Sykes | * John & Danielle Sykes | * John & Danielle Sykes |
| 14 | Brooklyn Miller
James Souders | 25 | * Carroll & Barb O'Neal |
| 15 | Jason Adams
* Shane & Joy Dashner | 26 | Chance Amrine |
| | | Jennifer Hawkins | Jennifer Hawkins |
| | | 28 | * Bryce & Michelle Hiigel |
| | | Jason Gass | Jason Gass |
| | | 29 | Zachary Scriven |
| | | Lisa Steed | Lisa Steed |
| | | Connie Vallejos | Connie Vallejos |
| | | 30 | * Mark & Sheryl Carrigan |
| | | 31 | Albert Reifschneider |

Thank You!

To the Lamar Christian Handicap Ramp Crew~
a Big THANK YOU!

We appreciate very much
what you did for us.
God Bless You All!

Bob & Margaret Troutman & Family

Thanks Jimmy!

Special thanks to
Jimmy Marquez who has
spent many extra hours
cleaning all surfaces before,
between and after our services
each week. No one notices
the work that Jimmy does,
so please thank him the next
time that you see him.

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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.

Same song - Third Verse! We didn't have Senior Saint's in July 2020 again. Oh how we miss getting together with each other, BUT we know it would be risky for us to gather together. We are in that group that is more at risk. Now I am not saying we ARE OLD - Just Older! I talk with others and they feel the same way. Maybe SOON! That old virus seems to be making a comeback! Not Good! I think it's mainly because people are not taking it seriously. We are still staying home from church. Our family wants us to stay in for a while longer. They are worried about us and love us. They are not trying to BOSS us! Ha. I watch church on the internet. Good, but not like being there! But Thank God it is available to us shut-ins.

I talked with Mildred's daughter Debbie this morning. Mildred is doing pretty well - she has her good and bad days like the rest of us. The last surgery was successful but she has some swelling yet. Knowing Mildred like I do I know she is anxious to be back out and about. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Les and Nancy weren't able to go to the mountains this summer. I know they are disappointed, but they will handle it. Les is feeling pretty good. They are going to see Nancy's family soon.

Please keep our sweet Luann and her family in your prayers. They are going through a very difficult time right now. Luann's mother is now under Hospice Care. Luann goes up often as well as her sister. What a wonderful family! Also, Sue Tecklenburg is doing well. She is in therapy now. I bet she gives them a hard time. Ha! Keep her and Sam also in your prayers. She had a hip replacement a short time ago.

I talk with people over the phone and stay in touch somewhat. Miss those hugs! It is kind of hard to hug 6 feet apart. Deleta has been so good to me. She has been doing the cards the last 3 months. I intend to do them next month. She thinks I have my hands full. Bless her! She went to LaJunta the other day and bought more cards. We have trouble keeping Anniversary cards. Thank you dear Deleta!

Little advertising! I still do the greeters for Church. I am having a really hard time finding greeters for late church. If you are back to attending the late service and would be willing to greet, please give me a call - 336-5427. It sure would help. Thank You!

Well about out of news. Need to get this down to Luann. Stay tuned- Maybe soon we can get back together. Hope so! Keep our Country in your prayers. So much hate in our country now. The devil is working very hard. Thank God He is still in control. Things will work out in His time and in His way ~ Praise the Lord.

Betty Clark, Reporter

