

the MESSENGER

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COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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From the Church Office...



On Saturday, February 22nd, the Pastor Search Committee was excited to present to the congregation Pastor Steve and Karen as their recommendation for our new pastor!

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for March 1st immediately following the service. Please plan to attend and vote!



*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
1 Cor. 15:58*



We had the privilege of hearing from internationally known speakers: Eddie Lowen, Deveraux Hubbard, Brian Lowery and Lynn Laughlin to discuss not only SURVIVING but THRIVING in Ministry! We are so thankful and privileged to have such a great resource in Lincoln Christian University for our church!

Lincoln Christian University Leadership Conference

Seven members of our church (Wayne & Cathy Lotz, Roger & Connie Curry, Don Vickroy, and Ryan & Laura Schmidt) attended the Leadership Conference at Lincoln Christian University on February 15th for a wonderful time of refreshment and encouragement!



ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

TALENT
SHOW

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We want to see YOUR
hidden talent! Please
contact Kathy Kohrt or
the church office to
sign up!!

FREE
ENTRY

SUNDAY
MARCH 22 @ 6:30 PM



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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

2020 BIBLE CAMPS



“TRUTH”

at Rock River Christian Camp

It's time to start thinking about camp registration at Rock River Christian Camp. The camp brochures will be sent to all those campers who attended camp last year, and there will be brochures with registration forms at the church if you don't have one. You can also download a form from www.rockrivercc.net

There are camps available for ages first grade up through adults. Here is a quick review of camps being offered:

Camps for Kids

1st and 2nd Graders

Teddy Bear Camps – June 26-27; (a same gender parent or guardian must attend with the child)

3rd and 4th Graders

First Chance Camp – June 23–26

4th – 6th Graders

Junior Main (EMBARK)– July 5–10;
Junior Wilderness(SEEK)–June 21-26

5th – 8th graders

Junior Equestrian – June 21-26

6th – 8th Graders

Jr. High Main (ELEVATE) – June 28-July 3

7th Graders – Just Graduated

Boys' Paintball – July 5-10

7th – 10th Graders

Adventure – June 28-July 3

9th – Just Graduated

High School Main (EDGE) – June 14-20

Camps for Adults and Families

Family Camp – May 22-25

Ladies' Crafting Retreat – November 12-15

Golf Benefit – August 22

Young at Heart – September 17

S.A.W. Program

If you are ages 13-18, you might be interested in becoming a SAW (Servant At Work). After completing an application by May 1, you would then volunteer to work a week or weekend at camp. You would then be eligible for a camp registration discount.

There are also **work days** scheduled that may interest you.

There are **early registration incentives**. If you register by May 1, there is a \$10 discount for Teddy Bear and First Chance camps and a \$20 discount for all other camps. There are other camper discount vouchers available as well. This information is all explained in the camp brochure.

Countryside will also pay for half of your child's registration up to \$100 by using a camp voucher to be sent along with your registration. If your finances are tight, Countryside will make it possible for your kids to attend camp! Please see Cathy Lotz about getting a camp voucher or if you have any questions.

Time goes quickly so start making your plans now for an awesome camp experience for you, your child, or your whole family!



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Me and My House

Josh and Susan Sanchez are missionaries who established the church in Manzanillo, Mexico and are now working with the church in Colima, Mexico. They have worked in Mexico since January of 2006. Josh grew up in Mexico City, Mexico and attended Central Christian College in Moberly, MO 1999-2003. Susan grew up in Mexico, MO in the Christian Church. She attended CCCB in 1999-2003 also.

The year 2019 was eventful for the Sanchez family. At the end of the school year, they moved to Colima where they are ministering to the church family there. In late summer, Susan's personal information was stolen and used to open a bank account. Their forwarding agents caught this before any deposits or withdrawals were made. This fraudulent activity is being monitored and proper reports have been filed. In October, Susan had a health scare ending up in the ER with a UTI. After treatment she ended up with a secondary infection in her abdomen requiring more antibiotic treatment. All of the incidents created stress both physically and on their financial situation. Currently, Susan is completely recovered.



More information is available in the booklet on the mission shelf.



In December, Scarlett, a teenager who had been living with them since July, went to visit her father and possibly live with him in Cozumel. This did not work out so Scarlett and Rafa, her brother, moved in with the Sanchezes after Christmas. "We ask for your prayers, for their hearts, for our family. For the provision as feeding two teenagers is a whole new level of expenses. We pray for their growth in Christ. If they only understood how much He loves them and cares for them." (Dec. Newsletter)

Current prayer requests include:

- Rafa and Scarlett
- Oralia in Bible study
- Sol's wish to study
- Property and house details
- Getting the church on the light grid
 - Pokemon groups
- The church plant in Honduras
- Kari's decision to be baptized
 - Their ID theft case

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

MISSION SUNDAY 2020

FAITH PROMISE RALLY “Mission Not Impossible”



APRIL 26, 2020

To those who may not have noticed the Missions Department’s “Goal Pole” at the front of the sanctuary, we would like to give you an update. As you might remember, last April we, as a congregation, promised \$39,770 to go toward the expenses of the seven missions we support. With a few weeks to go until our ending date of April 26 (Faith Promise Sunday), we have already given about 90% of that money. It seems that the finish line is very close and we will surpass that total of nearly \$40,000! Let’s continue our faithfulness to God and surpass that number with joy and celebration! That Sunday will also be the beginning of the next “Missions Year.” We will be collecting our faith promises for the coming year during the worship service that Sunday.

As you remember, April 26th is not just the end of the current Faith Promise year, but it is also our “Mission, Not Impossible” Sunday. We will be sharing an update from each of our missionaries during the worship service that Sunday. Please mark your calendar for this very important day in the life of Countryside and our missionaries. We will look forward to the beginning of the next “Missions Year” with an even larger goal as we bring our Faith Promises forward during the worship service. Remember our missionaries can only continue the important work of sharing the good news of Jesus with the prayerful and monetary support of churches like Countryside!

Finally, watch for further news on the teens’ mission trip to Dallas this summer. There will be more opportunities for all of us to get involved, even if we don’t go on the trip!

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

EGG-CITING SPRING EVENTS

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



See bulletin and facebook or website this month for more details on this fun family event!

Saturday, April 4th

Rain or Shine!

(If it rains, the hunt will be held inside)

Free Lunch!!

(Loose-meat sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, and desserts)

Games and Prizes!

Puppet Show!

Everyone is Invited!

Palm Sunday

April 5th

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship Service at 10:45am

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!"
John 12:13

Easter Sunday

April 12th

Sonrise Service at 7:30am

Easter Breakfast at 8:30am

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship Service at 10:45am

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said!! Come and see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28:6



"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"



ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER

The youth will be traveling to Dallas, Texas this year to minister to the homeless for one week. HUGE thanks to the kids for all their work and to Becki Winger for organizing and planning the whole night. It was a fun night full of laughter, good food, and great company!

Our annual Valentine's Dinner was held on Saturday, February 15th. The youth prepared the food, invited others, gave short testimonies, prepared games and skits, and even painted wood signs for a silent auction. Thank you to ALL who came out on Saturday to support them! Because of your generosity, we were able to raise almost ALL of the funds necessary for going on the missions trip this summer!!

Thank you, thank you!!

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Jesus honored a sinful woman who washed His feet with her tears, wiped them dry with her hair, and then poured out an expensive flask of perfume on His feet (Luke 7:36–50). Assuring the woman that her sins were forgiven, Jesus tells disgusted religious leaders that she is an example of one who having been forgiven much loves all the more (v. 47). It is in this context that we read that some women who had been cured of evil spirits and various diseases traveled with Jesus to support Him and His disciples out of their own means. Maybe we can ask ourselves: What grace and mercy have we received that gives us reason to give attention, respect, comfort, and encouragement to others?



YTD Offering Income

Budget: \$52,500

Actual: \$45,202

YTD Faith Promises

\$34,651

MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that “As God Gives, So Shall We Give.” By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:

\$ _____ **Annual Total**

Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.

The little boy was only eight when he announced to his parents’ friend Wally, “I love Jesus and want to serve God overseas someday.” During the next ten years or so, Wally prayed for him as he watched him grow up. When this young man later applied with a mission agency to go to Mali, Wally told him, “It’s about time! When I heard what you wanted to do, I invested some money and have been saving it for you, waiting for this exciting news.” Wally has a heart for others and for getting God’s good news to people.

Jesus and His disciples needed financial support as they traveled from one town and village to another, telling the good news of His kingdom (Luke 8:1–3). A group of women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases helped to support them “out of their own means” (v. 3). One was Mary Magdalene, who had been freed from the presence of seven demons. Another was Joanna, the wife of an official in Herod’s

court. Nothing is known about Susanna and “many others” (v. 3), but we know that Jesus had met their spiritual needs. Now they were helping Him and His disciples through giving their financial resources.

When we consider what Jesus has done for us, His heart for others becomes our own. Let’s ask God how He wants to use us.

By: Anne Cetas



*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
(Hebrews 13:16)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

03/01

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Join us on Sunday, March 1st after the Worship Service for our CONGREGATIONAL VOTE on whether to call Pastor Steve to Countryside



03/02

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm)
All Departments (7pm)

MONTHLY MEETING

Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed

03/12

ELDERS' MEETING

6:30pm



03/15

ELDER/DEACON BIBLE STUDY

Monthly Bible Study at the church at 8am



03/22

TALENT SHOW

Sunday night at 6:30pm. Come join us for a night of fun!



03/29

FAMILY SUNDAY/POTLUCK FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Immediately following the Worship Service



03/31

SOUP SUPPER & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, March 31st from 5-7pm. Soup, bread, crackers, cookies and drinks are provided.



"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH Birthdays

- 2 – Jacob Johnson
- 4 – Louis Wiklund
- 4 – Tammy Havens
- 8 – Al Baxter
- 8 – Katie Jo Chasek
- 10 – Erin Trout
- 15 – Corey Chasek
- 21 – Ryan Schmidt
- 23 – Vicky LeCleir
- 26 – Bentley Sweet



*Did
you
know?*

St. Patrick's Day began as a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century.



Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Irish.
Irish who?

Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

March

- 1. 1 Kings 8-10
- 2. 1 Kings 11-13
- 3. 1 Kings 14-16
- 4. 1 Kings 17-19
- 5. 1 Kings 20-22
- 6. 2 Kings 1-3
- 7. 2 Kings 4-6
- 8. 2 Kings 7-10
- 9. 2 Kings 11-14
- 10. 2 Kings 15-17
- 11. 2 Kings 18-19
- 12. 2 Kings 20-21
- 13. 2 Kings 22-25
- 14. 1 Chronicles 1-3
- 15. 1 Chronicles 4-6
- 16. 1 Chronicles 7-9
- 17. 1 Chronicles 10-13
- 18. 1 Chronicles 14-16
- 19. 1 Chronicles 17-19
- 20. 1 Chronicles 20-23
- 21. 1 Chronicles 24-26
- 22. 11 Chronicles 27-29
- 23. 2 Chronicles 1-3
- 24. 2 Chronicles 4-6
- 25. 2 Chronicles 7-9
- 25. 2 Chronicles 10-13
- 27. 2 Chronicles 14-16
- 28. 2 Chronicles 17-19
- 29. 22 Chronicles 20-22
- 30. 2 Chronicles 23-25



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



NURSERY

Sunday School Hour:

Mar 1st – Mary Green
Mar 8th – Becki Winger
Mar 15th – Becki Winger
Mar 22nd – Kathy Kohrt
Mar 29th – Kathy Kohrt

Worship Hour:

Mar 1st – Holly Trout
Mar 8th – Kathy Kohrt
Mar 15th – Georgia Cullison
Mar 22nd – Mary Green
Mar 29th – Dottie Seitz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mar 1st – Sarah Denekas & Donna Vickroy
Mar 8th – Sarah Denekas & Cheryl Gipson
Mar 15th – Sarah Denekas & Connie Curry
Mar 22nd – Sarah Denekas & Ruthie

Coverdill

Mar 29th – FAMILY SUNDAY



March 1st

Don Vickroy (Meditation)
Jim Kaecker (Communion Prayer)
Teresa Garcia (Offering Prayer)

March 8th

Roger Curry (Meditation)
Ryan Schmidt (Communion Prayer)
Jim Kaecker (Offering Prayer)

March 15th

Don Vickroy (Meditation)
Jim Kaecker (Communion Prayer)
Teresa Garcia (Offering Prayer)

March 22nd

Roger Curry (Meditation)
Ryan Schmidt (Communion Prayer)
Don Vickroy (Offering Prayer)

March 29th

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Building Cleaners

Don & Donna Vickroy
Mike & Becki Winger
Rock & Sandy Lawrence

Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



- A type of horn MURTEPT
- Played by King David PRHA
- Plucked to make sound IGSNSTR
- Similar to a tambourine MRBELIT
- A type of harp ELRY
- Blown through to make sound EPPI
- A percussion instrument YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV



In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:6

2020

March



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	02 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	03 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	04 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	05 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	06 Church in Use Cub Scouts 6pm-11pm	07
08 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	09 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	10 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	11 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	12 Elder Meeting 6:30pm Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	13	14
15 Elder/Deacon Study 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	16 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	17 St Patrick's Day  Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	18 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	19 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Talent Show 6:30pm 	23 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	24 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	25 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	26 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Family Sunday Potluck Lunch Food Pantry Collection	30 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	31 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm Soup Supper & Fellowship 			 <p>"I'm going into all the world to make disciples of all nations. So I might be a little late for dinner."</p>	