

The Beacon

Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

August 23, 2021

Worship

- Indoor worship—9am Sundays—masks required
- Outdoor worship—
 6:30pm Wednesdays, weather permitting
- Online worship will continue and will be posted on the <u>church</u> website.

Church Council 2021

Steven Dickey Carmen Hanson Jennifer Hinker Jon Holzer Derek Horeis Elizabeth Kohlhof Tom Sebelien Lisa Spencer Stacy VanCura Pastor Bruce Kuenzel

The Marks of Discipleship

- Pray daily
- ✤ Worship weekly
- ✤ Read the Bible
- Serve at or beyond Light of Christ
- Relate to others for spiritual growth
- Give of my time, talents and resources

Contact us!

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Painting, painting, painting...

The past few weeks, the main progress on the remodeling of the new youth room space is new colors on the walls. Thank you to Jennifer and Sophia Grant, Brandt and Natalie Dinger, Erin Green, and Josie Bragg for their time rolling and brushing!! Soon we will finish up the baseboard, cabinets, lighting, and also put a second coat of paint on the ceiling. If you are interested in helping at all, contact <u>Kirsten</u>. This is a great way to get Confirmation or NHS Service Hours! Thanks for your continued prayers and support.





Wednesday Night Hymn Sing Service

Join us on **September 1st** for our last Wednesday night service. The service format will include multiple opportunities for congregation-requested hymns! Bring your voices and your ideas! We will also have some light refreshments available after the service.

Bluggrass Sunday!

Join us for worship on **September 12th (Rally Sunday)** for some bluegrass-themed music! We also encourage those attending to dress up in your interpretation of bluegrass attire!



OUTREACH

Fifth Sunday Offering for August

We are collecting donations for the Fifth Sunday offering this month. The funding will be sent to missionary Karen Anderson. Our



congregation has been supporting hers and others' missionary work in Chile. More information will be forthcoming throughout the month regarding their latest missions.

Love INC Happenings

- Fresh Start, our program of classes, is in need of a paid adult childcare worker for 2 hours on Monday evenings starting Sept 13. If interested, contact Lisa at lisa@loveincheartland.org
- Attn: Golfers! Save the date: September 27th at 1:00pm. The Love INC Golf Fundraiser is back! Location: Pioneer Creek Golf Course. Register by emailing: Golf4Love@loveincheartland.org
- Love INC-Heartland is looking for a Family Advocate, a part-time paid staff position. For more information, email director@loveincheartland.org

Thank you so much for your support of Love INC-Heartland!

STAYING CONNECTED

Announcing – Faith, Earth and Living **Sustainably Discussion Group**

Everyday there is more disturbing news about the health of our common home – earth. In Genesis we learn that God created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was good. We are called to steward the earth and it seems that we're failing. The press is good at reporting negative news, but not at what to do about it. So, if you're confused and don't know how to become better stewards you are not alone. This discussion aroup is being formed to give members who want to do more a place to share and learn - not only about the problems, but also about the steps we can each take to live more sustainably while being rooted in faith. 12 Thursday night sessions are planned, starting in October and ending in January. The discussion group will be led by new Light of Christ member, Paul Nelson. Paul is a trained facilitator and spent his career in the environmental field. For more in-depth information regarding the discussion group, please click here. To register for the group, email your contact information to the church office.

Stay Informed!

Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the church website.





Please note: the church office will be closed on Monday, August 23 and Tuesday, August 24. Church staff members will be in the building throughout the day on Tuesday.

Upcoming Food **Distribution Dates:**

- Monday, September 13 @ 4pm
- Monday, October 11 @ 4pm
- Monday, November 8 @ 4pm
- Monday, December 13 @ 4pm

Please contact JoMarie Williamson at lohwil@msn.com if you are interested in more information or in helping with any of these dates.



To give is to bless. Thank you for helping Light of Christ be a place that blesses lives. This is central to who we are and what we do. Thank you for strengthening this ministry we all share!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Does Your Child Need a Bible?

Sunday school will be starting in just a few more weeks! In response to our promise as a faith

community at the time of baptism, we make available the Children's Whirl Bible as children begin Sunday school. Light of Christ also provides the NRSV Study Bible to those in 3rd grade and up. We are updating our records for this group as well, and we want to confirm if your 3rd or 4th grade children need bibles. Please let <u>LaDonna</u> or the <u>church office</u> know <u>by August 25th</u> if your child is in need of a bible and in what grade they are. Thanks much!

While not mandatory to do so, if you do need one and are able to contribute \$15 towards the cost of the bibles, it would be appreciated. We will present all bibles on September 19th during worship.

Rally Sunday

As we move into a new fall schedule in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, the term

"Rally" seemed appropriate. The definition I like best is to "come together and arouse for action."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! Rally Sunday is September 12th. We begin with outdoor worship at 9:00 am. There will be food and numerous activities planned for children of all ages! And there are areas of ministry and service that, as you are aroused, you can be active in.

Registration for Children's Ministries



Registration forms for

Sunday school, SPARK, and Club 5/6 have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please let us know. You can also find the links for the forms on the <u>church website</u>.

Orientation Days!!! Sept. 1st for 4-6 Graders; Sept. 7th-8th for K-3

We're excited!! On **Sept. 1st and Sept. 7th-8th**, when you stop at the school for open house or

orientation, stop by the church as well. We will do individualized blessing of backpacks, will be offering a special gift, and will have a folder filled with a calendar and activities that are being planned throughout the school year! Sunday school, SPARK, and Club 5/6 are all



happening soon -- Catch the excitement!!!!



Picture This:

A picture of Flat Jesus hanging out with you that is sent to the church!!! (*Hint - we need those pictures!!! Send to* <u>LaDonna</u> or *Terri.*)



A Little Time... A Huge Impact!

Being a Confirmation Guide only requires a few hours a month (because Guides work in teams) and yet the impact you can have in the life of one of our youth is huge! Plus we often hear that Guides get as much as they give. And you don't need to be a Confirmation parent to help! If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please talk to Kirsten or Pastor Bruce. Thanks for your prayers and support as we begin a new ministry year!