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## Worship Services

### Sunday Worship

8:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

9:15 am Adult Education

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

### Holy Communion

Communion is served at both services every Sunday.

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### Church Office Hours

Tues, Thur, Fri - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

pm

Wednesday - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Church e-mail

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### Church Website

[www.L-C-C.org](http://www.L-C-C.org)

## Church Staff

Pastor - Philip Reimers

Ministers - All of our People

Volunteer Youth Director -

Elizabeth Reimers

Music Director - Patrick Stone

Choir Director - Elinore Quander

Office Manager - Stephanie Park

## Council Members

Nonie Willisch - President

Mark Selman - Vice-President

Mike Lofing - Treasurer

Sara Esau - Secretary

Open - Business Manager

Claire O'Brien - Education

Gloria Owens - Evangelism

## Pastor's Message

### Be Curious!

You have no doubt seen and been concerned by headlines such as these...

- "Christianity Declines Sharply in US, Agnostics Growing: Pew" - Newsmax
- "Christians In U.S. On Decline As Number Of 'Nones' Grows, Survey Finds" - NPR
- "Big Drop in Share of Americans Calling Themselves Christian" - New York Times
- "America Is Getting Less Christian and Less Religious, Study Shows" - HuffPost

In general, the big picture shows that:

- Christianity: It indeed declined nearly 8 percent, with 71 percent of American adults identifying as Christians today, down from 78 percent in 2007.
- "Nones": Overall, they increased just over 6 percentage points over this same time, from 16 to 23 percent.
- Non-Christian Faiths: These grew very slightly - 1% - from very low numbers of 5 percent in 2007. The greatest increases were found among Muslims and Hindus, both of which generally doubled. Jewish identity grew by a smidge of percentage point and Buddhism remained steady 0.7 percent of all U.S. adults. Most of this small growth is from immigration of Muslim and Hindu individuals rather than conversion.

As believers in Jesus these headlines should concern us and if we love Jesus it should move us to curiosity and action. The decline represents real people. People who God loves and want to join Him in Heaven one day. As believers it should not be easy for us to look the other way, to make excuses, or justify that we are okay with God and everyone else is on their own. Our hearts should break!

Last month I encouraged everyone to talk to your neighbors and

Open - Activities  
Jill Hansen - Outreach/Missions  
Paul Mohrmann - Prop & Grounds  
Open - Stewardship  
Vicki Thompson - Worship & Music  
Open - Youth & Family

## Welcome Visitors

*We want to welcome last month's visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us!*



Sign up to sponsor flowers on the chart posted in the Fellowship Hall or talk to Stephanie in the church office. The cost is **\$30** for two bouquets and you get to take them home following the last service! Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful during our Sunday services.

## Saints Alive!

"We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all our saints..." Col. 1:4

We give thanks for all people who have helped support our life together as a community of faith!

PRAYER REQUEST



Last month I encouraged everyone to talk to your neighbors and provided a resource for asking questions. It has been a month and I have received less than a dozen back from members so far. So, let me encourage again if you have not talked to at least one person to please make this a high priority.

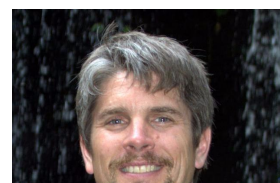
In the past I have often made guesses as to why people are leaving churches, why some churches are declining, and why other churches are growing. Having real conversations provides more than a guess, it provides real life explanations. I am finding the answers to basic questions fascinating. It also leads me to a few hopes for all our members.

1. *That we would become more curious.* Curious about the people around us and what they believe, why they believe the way they do, and what might spur them to either return or commit anew their lives to Jesus.
2. *That we would put what we learn into action.* We had a great first conversation on this last Sunday between services. We are beginning to have honest conversations about who we are and how we best live out our faith together and be effective for Jesus in our community. There is a growing awareness that we might have to do things a little differently to be effective in our current culture. This doesn't mean compromising the truth of God's Word, or the core of who we are. At the same time there are clearly things we need to do different and better to reach people today for Jesus.
3. *That the current challenges not discourage us, but instead spur us to great commitment and passion.* When the going gets tough we have three choices; give up, continue to muddle through, or become inspired to work harder. It is my hope that it would be our desire to see the challenge and be moved to go after it with everything we have and with God as our wisdom and strength!

I believe that the more curious we become the more effective we will be. Talk to your family, your neighbors, your friends and listen. They will tell you what they are looking for and how you might be effective in reaching them. You will learn what inspires them, where they are empty, and most of all where they are angry with God, apathetic toward God, or in need of God. When we really listen we will find opportunities to help others to know and love Jesus. May God lead and bless you as you continue your Journey as faithful disciples!

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Philip Reimers**





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## Prayer Requests

Please remember to check the Prayer Request page on the back of the Sunday bulletin and contact the church office to update any prayer requests!

## Love Offering

Each month we will highlight an outreach or special ministry. Loose cash offerings and designated offerings will be given directly to those ministry opportunities.

In October we collected **\$ 392 for Lutheran Family Services Refugees Program**

**November Love Offering Adult Missionary Support Fund-** A fund that helps offset expenses of adult members of LCC who choose to participate in a mission trip.

## Men's Bible Study



Our Men's Bible Study is scheduled for the *first* and *third* Thursday of the month.

Contact Mike Lofing with any questions - [mlofing@gmail.com](mailto:mlofing@gmail.com)

Thursday, November 1 - 6:30 am

Thursday, November 15 - 6:30 am

Please join us in the church fellowship hall.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

The study is Sermon on the Mount

## November Service Helpers

Suzanne Pecoraro

### LCC Schedule Nov 2018

2+A1:11+A1:116	Usher	Serve Communion	Read	Coffee	Altar Set/Clean	Children's Church	Flower Pick Up	
4	8:00 AM	Millers	Roger	Kathy	Hassells	Linda M	TBA	Linda M
	10:30 AM	Hansens	Sue & Gloria	Jackie	Tom & Nonie	Pat R		
11	8:00am	Tullbergs	Deanna	Bill W	Tullbergs	Deanna	Art & Marcee	Linda M
	10:30 AM	Sue & Claire	Hansens	Claire	Jackie & Sue	Marlene		
18	8:00am	Houstons	Shelly	Russ	Wendy Barnes	Shelly	Mike & Carole	Shelly Houston
	10:30am	Sara & Andy	Von Thuns	Greta	TBA	Greta		
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25	8:00am	Inmans	Sondra	Bob	Strain	Sue Chy	Larry & Brad	Sue Chy
	10:30 AM	Theisens	Greta & Sue	Larry VT	Art & Marcee	Jane VT		

## Sunshine Group Cards

Marcee Martin

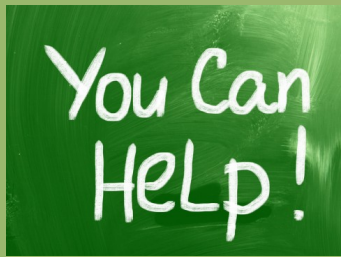
The Sunshine Group has a corner for sending a card to a friend-in-need in the LCC Prayer Room. Stop a minute to write a note to a member or friend who might need a little sunshine. We will address your card and mail it for you. All cards have been donated by a Sunshine member. God is so good!



## Thanksgiving Week

Vicki Thompson

The study is common on the mountain  
by Jen Wilkin. Contact Eunice  
Bollinger for more information -  
[eunice.b@comcast.net](mailto:eunice.b@comcast.net)



### Service Helpers Needed

We are always looking for helpers for Altar Guild, Sacrament Assistants, Ushers, Coffee Hour, Sunday School and Children's Church. If you'd like to share your gifts in any of these categories please speak to [Suzanne Pecoraro](#).



### Reloadable Grocery Cards

We have joined the Reward Programs with King Soopers AND Safeway! We have \$5 reloadable grocery gift cards here at LCC! Just reload it and use it for all of your groceries! **5% of the sales at King Soopers and 4% at Safeway will be donated to LCC!** We have already earned OVER \$800 from King Soopers - just from buying our groceries!! So don't

forget to reload your card!  
Contact Stephanie in the office for more information or to pick up your very own shopping card!

### Happy Birthday!

- 11/02 Mike Lofing
- 11/02 Mark Selman
- 11/03 Alisa Darrow
- 11/04 Maya Killough
- 11/04 Wayne Faust
- 11/09 Spencer Lofing
- 11/10 Pat Roske

The Reimers will be on the mission trip to Uganda for Thanksgiving, and Pastor will be gone on Sunday, November 25th. For the

message on that day, we would like to have two to three people at each service share their story of thankfulness. These are always so uplifting and encouraging, from the smallest moments to life-changing encounters. Please consider if you would be interested in speaking, and if so, contact [Pastor Philip](#).



## Prayer Warriors

Cheryl Touryan

There is a disturbing passage in Ezekiel where God declares the sins of Jerusalem and summarizes his judgement with these heartbreaking words, *"I looked for a person among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land, so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord."* (Ezekiel 22:30)

Please join us as we 'stand in the gap' for our nation, our community, our church and our people - **Wednesdays, 2:00 pm** in the War Room at LCC. **Note:** We will not meet on Wednesday, Nov. 21, the day before Thanksgiving

## Thanksgiving Dinner Pies

Sondra Inman

Don't forget to purchase your Thanksgiving Day pie today from one of the WOW (Women of the Word) ladies! They are frozen, so you can bake your pie on Thanksgiving Day - it will make your day easy and WOW your guests! The ladies who make these delicious pies are grateful for your support! All proceeds go to Missions.



## Bell Ringer Opportunities for The Salvation Army

Jill Hansen

As an outreach project, we are considering the organization of LCC bell ringers to collect money for the Salvation Army. It's a great opportunity to

put on your LCC attire and represent our church while raising money that benefits our community. If you are interested in participating or chairing this project, please notify [Jill Hansen](#). More information will be available once we see what the interest level is in this project. Remember that 82% of the funds raised stay in your community.



## Alternative Gift Fair

11/11 Jodee Manfred  
 11/13 Ashton Leinen  
 11/19 Beth Murphy  
 11/22 Chari Pashman  
 11/22 Mary Stults  
 11/24 Jackie Mohr  
 11/27 Sherman Bollinger  
 11/28 Rosemary Neville  
 11/28 Xander Willson  
 11/30 Bob Cain  
 11/30 Nonie Willisich

## Alternative Gift Fair

Stephanie Park

The Alternative Gift Fair will be held on **November 10 and 11** this year and Church of the Cross is a sponsoring Congregation! It is a lot of fun volunteering and allows for the vendors to keep all of their profits for their charities! Choose where you would like to volunteer at [www.gifttwice.org](http://www.gifttwice.org) Volunteers are still needed!

Deanna Weisenborn is our Bake Sale Coordinator, and will help to organize all of the baked goods made by LCC to bring to the AGF Bake Sale! The Bake Sale funds the expenses such as advertising and credit card fees for the fair that exceed the amount given by sponsoring congregations.



**ALTERNATIVE  
GIFT FAIR**



## Happy Anniversary!

11/12 Roger & Liz Tullberg  
 11/21 Larry & Jane Von Thun  
 11/24 Al & Gayle Veinberg  
 11/28 Kelly & Kristi Leinen  
 11/29 Wayne & Sally Faust

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is off to a good start but we need more boxes filled and returned to LCC. Please pick up your boxes from under the tables in the hall outside of the Sanctuary and grab a brochure for suggestions of what to put in your boxes. No toothpaste or candy is allowed this year. We're hoping to break 100 on boxes collected, the final due date to turn in your boxes is **November 18th**. Any questions can be directed to Kailyn or Aden Pashman, youth Co-chairs, or your personal shoppers [Chari Pashman](#) or [Jill Hansen](#). Let's spread the good news together.



## Youth Group

Contact [Elizabeth Reimers](#) for more information about **Wild Wednesdays!**

**Youth Group** 3:00 - 6:00

**Supper** 6:00 - 6:30

**Confirmation Class** 6:30 - 7:30

And join us **every Sunday at 9:30** as we share breakfast and catch up with the Holy Spirit with Pancakes and Prayers!



## Men's Event with Ascent

**Saturday, November 3**

**8:30-10:30 am**

We will share a fun event with a very special guest in the Lodge at Ascent. **Randy Gradishar** - retired NFL linebacker in the 1970s and 1980s - was a two-time consensus All-American for the Ohio State Buckeyes. As a Denver Bronco, he was the centerpiece of the "Orange Crush Defense". He went on to spend 10 seasons with the franchise and is considered one of the top defensive players in team history. He is a devout Christ-follower and a popular speaker who shares his relationship with Jesus! Bring a friend, an appetite, and your curiosity how you can keep maturing as a man! **\$5.00 Admission. RSVP is a MUST!**

Register at <https://ascentchurch.churchcenter.co>

## Advent

Vicki Thompson

The Worship & Music Committee is searching for volunteers for the 2018 Advent Ministry Team. The following areas will need a leader and a few volunteers to coordinate Advent activities.

- **Christmas Tree and Decorating**
  - Procure tree for sanctuary
  - Organize decorating of sanctuary, tree, and fellowship hall
- **Community Caroling**
  - Schedule caroling day/time with Elk Run and LifeCare
  - Recruit participants



- Recruit participants
- **Advent Readers**
  - Schedule families to read on Sundays in Advent
- **Children's Program**
  - Organize and plan children's program
  - Recruit participants



Please speak to Vicki Thompson or email her at [teacherv60@gmail.com](mailto:teacherv60@gmail.com), if you are interested in being a team leader or a volunteer.

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## Mission Statement:

As people of Church of the Cross,  
we proclaim the Love of Jesus Christ in all we do  
for the Glory of God.

