

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

October 2020 Newsletter

"Invite, Embrace, Nurture, Serve"

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A new priest is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks an older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears a couple confessions, and then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions.

The old priest suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand." The new priest tries this. The old priest suggests, "Try saying things like, 'I see,' 'yes,' 'go on,' 'I understand,' and 'how did you feel about that?'"

The new priest says those things, trying them out.

The old priest says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying 'Hot Dang! So what happened next?'"

The instruction of the elder priest may have been a bit more professional, but I have to admit, I love his younger colleague's enthusiasm! Friends, as I have now been with you for three months, I am thrilled by this congregation's enthusiasm to try new things! Each week as we gather to record worship, someone on the team has a new creative idea to share. It is truly a joy and a blessing to work with such an enthusiastic staff and volunteers. Though it may be tempting to put things on hold until we can return to the church life that we are most familiar with, this team continues to

brainstorm new ways to engage in worship as well as connect with our community.

A member of the praise team shared that as they were practicing outside one evening, people walking in the neighborhood stopped to listen! It occurs to me that one of the things that I have been missing in our pandemic society is live music. I can't help but think that something such as a rehearsal, which we may have seen as a mundane necessity in the past, is now bringing joy to strangers in the community! Isn't that at the heart of our faith, to bring hope and joy to a hurting world?

Friends, through our outdoor worship services we are a visual reminder to our neighbors that hope abounds. Sunday, October 4th at 8:30am, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with an in-person outdoor service. Bring your lawn chairs, facemasks, and individual communion elements as we observe this global celebration of hope. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa8a62fa3f49-live>. That same afternoon from 3pm -5pm we will be hosting a Fall Festival in the parking lot, with live Dixieland music, and socially distanced activities for people of all ages (no sign up required).

In the same way that the young priest asked, "Hot dang, what happened next," I invite you to stay tuned for our upcoming fall activities. Rest assured that our amazing staff and volunteers are continuing their hard work to reimagining new ways to be in connection. It is truly a blessing to serve with such an amazing team. In the

meantime feel free to reach out to me at any time for a cup of coffee and conversion. Thank you for being a great church!

Peace and Blessings
Rev. Jeremiah

Music Notes

Kay W. Lloyd, Music Director

Fall is officially here! Even COVID can't keep away the warm sunny days, the cool nights, and the changing of the fall leaves!

Please join us for another outdoor worship service on the north side of the church on Sunday, October 4. Bring your lawn chair, masks, and communion elements as we celebrate World Communion Sunday together as a church body across the world. Come back to the church later in the afternoon for an old fashioned Fall Festival from 3:00-5:00 PM. The event will feature the Stompers Dixieland Band, pumpkin decorating, fall crafts, corn hole, scavenger hunt – and of course – candy and goody bags! Fun for all ages – so make it a family event!

We hope you are continuing to enjoy the Friday Music Moments on the church's Facebook page, and our video musical offerings on Sunday mornings. Choir will continue to meet, weather permitting, at 6:15 PM on Tuesday evenings in the east lot. Our Handbell Choir is back meeting regularly on Thursday evenings. Since we are a small group, able to social distance and make music wearing masks, we are meeting in the Sanctuary for rehearsals and recording. We are looking forward to making a video to celebrate Christmas! We appreciate your patience as we continue to learn a new normal for bringing worshipful music to you!



Missions

Rebekah Fisher and Danielle Hagedorn

CROP Hunger Walk: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

Longs Peak UMC has started a team to participate in this year's Boulder County Crop Hunger Walk and we'd love to have you join us. We are participating in this fundraising event to help eliminate hunger locally and globally.

Whom do the funds support?

24% of the funds raised help locally through **Community Food Share**. Since the pandemic began, they have been giving away more food than at any other time in their 39 year history. Their total pounds of food distributed has increased by 41%. They are currently dispersing 1 million pounds of food each month to our community.

75% of the funds raised go to the international organization **Church World Service**. This interfaith organization works globally to fight hunger, work with refugees, and respond to disasters. They are currently providing disaster relief for Hurricane Sally and the forest fires raging in the West. Their projects are numerous and diverse. To learn more about their organization visit their website at: <https://cwsglobal.org/>.

1% of the funds go to **Bread for the World**, a grassroots organization that works to fight hunger through community action and policy change. Their website is: <https://www.bread.org/>.



There are several ways to participate in this year's walk:

Walk: Traditionally the Crop Walk is a 10K walk that faith communities throughout Boulder County participate in together. This year, that kind of gathering is not feasible. Instead, we have set up a 5K loop that starts at the church. You can walk this route (or another of your own choosing) any time between October 18th and the 25th. Walk it once, or see how many times you can complete the route in a week. We ask that you wear a mask and keep appropriate distance while you walk.

Crop Walk Event: Join us in the church parking lot on **October 18th** starting at 1:00 PM to participate in our Crop Circles event. We will have socially distant circles drawn out on the parking lot at church. Sign up for a circle as an individual or a family unit and use this space to do your own unique social distance activity for one hour. Examples: read the Bible, knit, meditate/pray, juggle, rock in a rocking chair, make a sidewalk chalk design. Be creative and make it fun for you! During this event, individuals and family groups can also sign-up for a start time to walk the 5K loop. Anyone else can stop by between 1:15 and 2:00 PM to check out the Crop Circles, and this would also be a great time to make a donation to the Crop Walk event. We require that all participants and spectators wear a mask and follow established paths to maintain social distance and keep our community safe. Also know that we are prepared to make this a virtual event in case of bad weather or covid-related restrictions.

Virtually: Don't feel comfortable getting out and about? You can participate by doing the walk or your own activity at home. You will still be a part of our team and your participation will help make this a bigger success!

All participants are asked to register with our team through the Crop Hunger Walk website at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/boulderco/Team/View/137452/LPUMC>

When you register a fundraising page will be created for you. You can share this page through email or social media to ask friends and family to support you if you'd like. There is no minimum donation needed to participate and you get to choose your fundraising goal. The process is easy, but feel free to contact Rebekah Fisher with any questions.

Donations: To make this event a success, we need donations (it's a fundraiser after all). Any amount is appreciated, and on-line donations are preferable and can be made through this link to the LPUMC team page:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/boulderco/Team/View/137452/LPUMC>

If you'd rather donate with cash or check (made out to CWS/CROP) you may drop off your donation during our event on October 18th or contact Rebekah Fisher for more details.

We are excited about participating in this event and look forward to celebrating each participant and our fundraising success through a Zoom event and in the November newsletter.

You can reach Rebekah Fisher at 303-834-8784 or through the Mission Committee email: lpumcmiissions@gmail.com



Katie Pekarek – Outreach and Children & Family Ministry

YOU ARE AMAZING! Families, you have pivoted so many times since March and now we get to do it again. Your children (AND YOU!) have begun to master distance learning and even more –Zoom, Skype, Webex, Google meetup, myheadisspinning. You have been a guiding force for our community with resilience and flexibility. I am grateful I have been able to connect and fellowship with you during our live events. This unprecedented normal has us thinking outside our boxes of how we grow with you and our community. Fall Festival, Food Drives, and a Christmas Eve Service is in the works and we are learning how we evolve to fit your needs the best. We are always open to new ideas and would love your input. How can we serve you best? How can we help you? I miss you greatly and look forward to seeing you soon.

No Trunk or Treat this year due to CDC guidelines.

Spread Love,
Katie Pekarek - Outreach & Children and Family Ministries



Calendar

We would like to make sure that the Church Calendar is up to date, and we are starting to schedule small groups (10 and under) to meet in the church. Please email Katie at katie@lpumc.org with your group or committee information and/or to schedule times. We can add Zoom call information to the calendar as well.



Bruce Larsen – Chair

The Trustees Committee is always open to people who would like to help maintain the church. Thank you to all who have been helping! Janet Armstrong would love to have one or two volunteers that would be willing to be trained in regards to the upkeep of the church’s landscaping and grounds. She and Bruce have done an amazing job getting it into shape and also repairing the sprinklers. The squirrels love to chew through the tubing! If you are interested in helping, please call Janet at: 303-772-0449.

Thank you!

We appreciate all the unsung heroes who volunteer their time and talents to keep the church running and also those that serve in our community as the face of Longs Peak United Methodist Church. There is a long list of people who help out.

We have volunteers who help out in the office, who take care of the church building and the landscaping, who serve on committees, who record and edit our weekly worship service, who are Stephen Ministers, who bless us with their musical talents, and who do Mission work in the community.

Your work is appreciated, and we thank you for it!

- **Staff**

P.S. If you would like to help out with any of these ministries, please contact the church office and we would be happy to help you get involved.



Terry Larsen - Chair

	August '20	2020 YTD	2019 YTD
Donations	\$32,016	\$248,026	\$310,099
Expenses	\$28,295	\$264,863	\$312,777
Difference	\$3,721	(\$16,837)	(\$2,678)

We appreciate your continued support! Just a reminder that we have some other ways you can support the church – using your everyday spending. If you purchase things on Amazon – we have an Amazon Smile account (www.smile.amazon.com) – look for Longs Peak United Methodist Church under charities.

Our gift card program has a virtual option: the “Raise Right” app (www.raiseright.com). Create an account and use the enrollment code for LPUMC: **36F363FL13955**.



If you shop at King Soopers, you can sign up to support Longs Peak UMC using your rewards card (look for Community Rewards to sign up).



Sunday:	Attendance/Views
September 6	298
September 13	196
September 20	263
September 27	243

New Sermon Series Starts October 4th!

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Virtual Worship
Sundays | 9:30am | Zoom
Chat with the Pastors and Fellowship

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www.lpumc.org



Day:	Name:
Oct. 1	Beverly Peterson
Oct. 3	Martin Mechtly
Oct. 5	Collin Black Kristan Callaway
Oct. 6	John Snyder
Oct. 7	Eleanor Pekarek
Oct. 9	Lisa Osler Avery Reester
Oct. 10	Jeanne Werner
Oct. 12	Carol Monhollen
Oct. 15	Pamela Mills Judy Wilde
Oct. 17	Jamie Lanz
Oct. 18	Evan LeBlanc
Oct. 20	Paula Gamble
Oct. 21	K Nelson Connor Taylor
Oct. 22	Eric Rezac
Oct. 23	Jerry Long
Oct. 24	Gary Bailey Kim Kittilson Gran Smythe
Oct. 25	Lea Anderson-Harris Jean Harper
Oct. 27	Sue Bailey Sarin Karki
Oct. 28	Rev. Jeremiah Harris
Oct. 31	Patrick Coniway

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Ministers – Those Who Call Jesus, Lord

November Newsletter Submissions:

To submit an article for the November Newsletter, please email Alex at alex@lpumc.org. You are welcome to advertise your small group meetings! Please put "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Due Date:

October 19th



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