

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

August Connection

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Pastor's Pen:

For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Psalm 32:4

I suppose that there is some comfort in knowing that summer was just as hot for the psalmist as it is for us! I guess somethings never change. Since we are well into the throws of summer, I would like to share some opportunities for fellowship. If you need a break from the summer heat, join us at Zweck's pond on August 21st from 12 to 4 p.m. This is a church wide invitation and will be a great opportunity to sit under the shade of a tree, take out a kayak, or swing out over the lake on a tire swing. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair to kick back and relax.

Another quick reminder that September is right around the corner and on September 11th we will be returning to our regular service times of 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. On Labor Day Sunday September 4th, we are planning a pot luck following the worship service as a way to wrap up our summer schedule.

It can never hurt to have too many fellowship opportunities! I hope that you can add these events to your calendar and join us. As the summer break wraps up, I hope that you have found some quality time to relax with family and friends! Thank you all for all you each do, and bring to the amazing family that is LPUMC!

Peace be with you!
Jeremiah

Summer Worship Schedule:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
9 and 10:30 a.m. services will
resume on September 11th.

Giving Statements

Giving statements for January through June, 2022 were sent out on July 21st by email - if we had an email address on file for you. Please check your spam folder if you expect to receive one and you didn't. For those people we don't have an email for, they went out in the mail and you should receive them shortly. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in the world!



The **Garden Market** is back this summer. Look for the table in the Fellowship Hall following the service each Sunday. Produce from our own church garden along with donations from those in our congregation will be available for a free will donation to the OUR Center. If you have an abundant garden consider sharing some of your harvest. Veggies, fruit, herbs, and flowers are all welcome. Simply bring your items in on Sunday mornings and set them on the designated table. Let's share in the bounty of this time of year and spread our bounty to others in the process. Have questions, contact the Mission Committee at lpumcmisions@gmail.com

Mission Meals in August:

- **August 13 (Saturday) - OUR Center Lunch:** Help us provide lunch at the OUR Center. Volunteers needed to help prepare, serve, and clean-up, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Come for all, or just part of the time. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. [Click here to sign up](#), or call Amy Mann-Miner, 303-931-8429.
- **August 29 (Monday) - Meal for HOPE:** Help us provide dinner for 20 participants at HOPE. Sign-up to bring a side, salad, or dessert. Drop off your part of the meal between 5:30-5:45 PM at the Journey Church. [Click here to sign up](#) or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719.

Calling all Crafters: We will be doing a Craft Bazaar again this fall (mid October) as our annual fundraiser for the [Center for Health and Hope](#). More details to come, but we wanted to give you plenty of time to start planning and crafting.

Our Mission Collection for the month of August is for the *My Book Pal, Inc.* program. We will be collecting coloring books and 24 count Crayola or 36 count Playskool crayons. All of these items can be found at the Dollar Tree for \$1 each. We would prefer gender neutral coloring books that can be given to both girls and boys for ease of distribution.

My Book Pal, Inc. provides literacy materials to local Title 1 first graders to help improve their reading skills as well as create a love of reading that will carry them throughout their life. They receive bags of materials 3 times during the school year for a total of 12 books, a stuffed animal "Pal", a reading workbook, coloring book/crayons and a journal where they can write and illustrate their own story. Last year we were able to give out 4968 books!

A recent study found that 54% of Americans read at or below a 6th grade level. The first step in changing this is to be sure the children have access to literacy materials so they don't become part of this statistic. You can place the coloring books and crayons in the plastic tubs in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Fellowship Opportunities:

All Church Zweckfest picnic **Sunday, August 21st from 12 -4 p.m.**

Join us at Zweck's Pond on Airport Road (south of Mountain View Ave. Turn west on the dirt road just before the railroad tracks).

Bring your lunch and a lawn chair and a bathing suit if you'd like to play in the pond.

Labor Day Weekend Potluck

Sunday, September 4th after the worship service.



We continue to check off our To-Do List with such items as: constant repair of the irrigation system, replacement of the main circuit board in the Fire Alarm panel, replace some leaking piping on the Fire Sprinkler main and patching of concrete at the East entrance.

The Trustees series on things of Extreme Interest related to Building Systems and Maintenance, took a break in May, June, and July but will be back in August.

Remember August's topic will be "To Be Determined" a very interesting subject. So, mark your calendars because you won't want to miss that.

Please continue to prayerfully consider donating to the Trustees Fund, to help keep our Church Building and Grounds well maintained.

Thank You for your continued support.

The Trustees

Finance Committee:

	June '22	'22 YTD	'21 YTD
Income:	\$29,020	\$214,291	\$186,942
Expense:	\$32,065	\$189,255	\$188,854



Longs Peak is starting a 13-week GriefShare session on September 12. GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend that allows you to be around people who understand the pain you feel. The group meets weekly, but you can join at any session.

When: Mondays from September 12 to December 5

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Longs Peak United Methodist Church; Rm 137

Cost: \$15 for GriefShare workbook (scholarships available)

Facilitators: Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spitler

Sign up in Crossroads starting in August or email wlr8555@aol.com. For more information, contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 720-480-8203. Childcare and transportation can be arranged if needed.

July 12, 2022

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Dear Congregation of Long's Peak United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and clients of Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley, I want to thank you for your generous financial donation of \$2,285.00 for the *Children's Play Area Project*. Your contribution allows Safe Shelter to provide safety, support, and resources to individuals affected by domestic violence, family abuse, abuse in later life, and human trafficking. Safe Shelter promotes survivor empowerment through direct services and community education, advocating for the right of every individual to live a life free of intimidation, exploitation, and abuse.

Safe Shelter is the only agency providing shelter and support services to survivors of abuse in the St. Vrain Valley. In 2021, Safe Shelter provided direct in-person services to 263 clients; supported 7,455 individuals through crisis and counseling calls; sheltered 151 adults and children for 3,322 nights; provided 2,509 units of individual counseling sessions to adults and children and 1,137 in-group sessions; and assisted 137 clients in the Legal Advocacy Program.

Safe Shelter remains committed to serving the needs of the community, which could not be accomplished without the support of donors like you. If you would like any more information or have any questions, please call our offices at 303-772-0432. Once again, thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Tana L. Myers, Fund Development Manager

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

8:15 a.m. – *Luke* study with Gran and Charlene Smythe in person in God's Harbor and on Zoom.

6:30 p.m. – We will be starting a new study sometime in August. The book will be *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry. Please contact Bruce Armstrong: brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

Mondays:

7 p.m. – Ladies Bible study on *Men of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Robert Wolgemuth, Questions? Contact Dee Slown (dd.slown@gmail.com).

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvnngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.

Quilt group:

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. – Come and join us! Contact Judy Scrimshire at [judyscrim@gmail.com](mailto:judy scrim@gmail.com) for more information.

Happy Birthday!

<u>August 1</u>	Karl Bogle Lyn Dines Lexi Opatril
<u>August 2</u>	Kris Simpson
<u>August 5</u>	Wendy Reed
<u>August 8</u>	Morgan Fisher
<u>August 11</u>	Darlene Chilson Jessica Miller Kenneth Pennington
<u>August 14</u>	Bruce Larsen
<u>August 15</u>	Shirley Roberts
<u>August 16</u>	Elisabeth Comeau
<u>August 17</u>	Danielle Hagedorn
<u>August 23</u>	Karen Bunker
<u>August 28</u>	Alex Anderson

If you would like your birthday to be celebrated in the Newsletter, please call or email the church office with your birthdate (lpumc@lpumc.org, 303-776-0399).

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Worship Attendance:

Date:	In person:	Online:
July 3	110	111
July 10	108	78
July 17	110	116
July 24	102	96

September Newsletter Deadline: August 15th

Please send your articles to:
alex@lpumc.org