

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

October Connection

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Pastor's Pen:

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Happy Fall LPUMC family!

It's that time of year when the church calendar begins to get ever busier. It's hard to imagine that our nice 80-degree days will be cooler soon and Christmas will be here before we know it! As summer begins to wrap up, I am excited to share that our attendance has continued to grow each week. Below you will see the attendance trends for in-person worship over the past month. These numbers are in addition to the weekly average of 70+ YouTube viewers who watch our services online.

- 8/28 - 125
- 9/4 - 110 (Labor Day Service)
- 9/11 - 144, 88 @ 9am & 55 @ 10:30am
- 9/18- 152, 96 @ 9am & 56 @ 10:30am
- 9/25 -154, 97 @ 9am & 57 @ 10:30am



I share this information with not to be boastful, but to encourage us of the renewed sense of vitality that I am seeing within our congregation! On September 18, the staff held a Next Steps luncheon for folks who are new to LPUMC, and we had fourteen in attendance! Welcome, to those of you who joined us, and for those who were busy elsewhere, stay tuned for another opportunity in the next few months. I recently heard that one of the woman's bible studies now has 17 participants! Too often we may be tempted to wishfully reminisce about the "glory days" of the past but I think that it's important to point out that new people continue to want to get involved in the LPUMC family. This is not because of any one person... it's not the pastor, or the music director, or the family ministries coordinator... it's you! It's because of your support and hospitality that we grow the church together. You provide a genuine welcome, and visitors pick up on our own excitement of being in ministry together. Thank you for all you are doing to help grow the ministries of LPUMC!

Pastor's Pen (Cont.)

A few things to get on your radar for this next month, the annual Conference legislative session, and, even more anticipated... the LPUMC Craft Bazaar/Bake Sale and Chili Cook-off! For those interested in the AC session, this will be an **online** event October 21 & 22. The Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale will be a great opportunity for food, friends, and shopping that makes a difference! The sale directly supports the missionary ministries supported by the LPUMC Missions committee, while the Chili cook-off will provide lunch for hungry Craft Bazaar shoppers and help to support our congregation's youth and young people's ministries. I hope to see you there! Don't forget that if you wish to be the hands and feet of the church in action, that Saturday, October 8th, is our day to serve meals at the OUR Center. This is always a rewarding opportunity. *The harvest is plenty but the workers are few...* church, the future is looking bright for LPUMC, how will you help with the harvest?

Your brother in Christ,
Jeremiah



The picnic for United Women in Faith on September 17th was a great success. We had 17 people and lots of good food and fellowship. Several people said we should do this more often so we'll discuss having it twice a year at our October 6th officer meeting. Thank you, Judy, for hostessing. Her backyard was the perfect place for our picnic.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the God's Harbor room. This is mainly for officers but everyone is invited.

We will have two general meetings in October and they will both be in person in the church. There will be no program. We will just have good fellowship and a snack. We will discuss ideas presented on the questionnaires that were passed out at the picnic and emailed to others. The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 13th at 1 p.m. The second meeting will be on Thursday, October 20th at 7 p.m. They will both be in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to have several ladies for these meetings.

The Conference Annual Meeting will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming on October 7th and 8th. It will be held in person and on Zoom. To register, go to mtnskyumw.org.

October is a busy month, but I hope we can all take some time to get outside and enjoy the fall colors that He created for us.

Blessings, Jan Spitler



All donations go to support the Youth Group for 2023's Middle School Mission Trip and the High School Youth 2023 Trip. Contestants, please sign up in Crossroads or email Katie.

Community Trunk or Treat:

We need your trunks and treats! Please sign up for a slot in Crossroads or email Katie. Her email is: katie@lpumc.org



Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale:

Our annual fundraiser for the [Center for Health and Hope](#) will be a **Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on October 15 (10 -2) and October 16 (9 - 12:30)**. We are hoping to again have a variety of handmade items donated by members of the congregation and our surrounding community: Fine Arts, Arts and Crafts, Floral or Plant arrangements, Jams, Jellies, Baked Goods, etc. Please consider donating items you have created and definitely plan to attend this exciting event supporting a great cause.

We have a strong connection to the **Center for Health and Hope** which supports and advocates for persons infected and affected by HIV and AIDS around the world. They work through programs of education, prevention, care and treatment. In Kenya, they work with 361 AIDS orphans providing shelter, nutrition, education, safety, and personal support. We currently provide the salary to the social worker, Glorie Gitonga, who works with these children. The funds raised by the bazaar and bake sale will be in addition to the salary we provide. To learn more about the various projects that the Center for Health and Hope supports please check out their website, www.centerforhealthandhope.org

Mission Meals in October:

- **October 8 (Saturday) - OUR Center Lunch:** Help us provide lunch at the OUR Center. Volunteers needed to help prepare, serve, and clean-up, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 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.
- **October 29 (Saturday) - 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 Messiah Lutheran Church. [Click here to sign up](#) or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719

World Communion Sunday: The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. We will join many Christian churches around the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. In United Methodist Churches, a [special offering](#) is collected on [World Communion Sunday](#) to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Mountain View Elementary Support (Our October Missions Collection Focus)

Several of our members have asked if our Reading Buddies program at Mountain View Elementary School (MVES) will be started soon. Unfortunately, the answer to that question is No, but there are two opportunities for LPUMC to provide support for the school in October.

1. Donate to our Tissues & Goldfish Drive. The health office at MVES has requested boxes of tissues and pre-portioned goldfish cracker snacks. (No need for granola bars this time; thanks for your past generosity!) Place your donations in the collection barrel located outside the Sanctuary.
2. Provide a meal for teachers during parent conference week! This is my favorite way we provide service to MVES. Most schools have a PTO that provides food for their teachers who have to stay late for 3 days in order to meet with parents. Mountain View doesn't really have a functioning PTO, so we have stepped in to fill this void. We feed approx. 35 teachers per night, starting approx. 4pm Please contact Jo Ann Hauger (chemmom@gmail.com; 720-985-1247) if you can help with any of the following:

Tues Oct 11 - Soup & Salad night - need 4-5 soups, salad, bread, dessert.

Wed Oct 12 - Mexican night - need 4-5 entrees, rice/beans, dessert.

Thu Oct 13 - Italian night - need 4-5 entrees, Caesar salad, and dessert.

Crop Walk

Boulder County Annual Crop Walk will be held on October 16 at Atonement Lutheran Church in Boulder. Registration is from 1-1:45 and the walk begins at 2:00. To register on-line or make a donation visit the event webpage:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/teams?event=boulderco>

Habitat Blitz Build

Longmont area churches are joining together to participate in a Habitat Blitz Build on Saturday, October 22 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The building site is located behind the Target on Hover here in Longmont. Use this link to sign-up: <https://cerv.is/0017x9287> or reach out to the Missions Committee for further information at lpumcmisions@gmail.com

The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, October 4th, 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A Zoom link will be available as well, if needed. All are welcome. If you would like to learn more about the committee, get more involved with current activities, or bring ideas for Mission opportunities, please join us.

LPUMCMissions@gmail.com

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

9 a.m. – Studying the Book of **Luke**: Meets in person in God's Harbor and on Zoom.

6:30 p.m. (on Zoom) – Studying *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry. 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 Slowen (dd.slowen@gmail.com).

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies book study: Meets in God's Harbor. The book is *Angels* by Billy Graham. For more information, contact Linda Orrell or Jan Spitler (ljorrell@aol.com or janaspitler@gmail.com)

Saturdays:

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

Quilt group:

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. – Come and join us! Contact Judy Scrimshire at judydscrim@gmail.com for more information.

Griefshare:

Longs Peak has a 13-week GriefShare session that started 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 through December 5

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Where: Longs Peak United Methodist Church; Rm 137

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

Facilitators: Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spitler

Email wlr8555@aol.com to sign up. 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.

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 2	Bonnie Van Deursen	Oct. 22	Holly Adams
Oct. 3	Marty Mechtly	Oct. 23	Jerry Long
Oct. 7	Eleanor Pekarek	Oct. 24	Gary Bailey
Oct. 9	Lisa Osler		Kim Kittilson
Oct. 10	Jeanne Werner		Gran Smythe
Oct. 12	Carol Monhollen	Oct. 25	Lee Anderson-Harris
			Jean Harper
Oct. 15	Pamela Mills		
	Judy Wilde	Oct. 27	Sue Bailey
Oct. 17	Jamie Lanz	Oct. 28	Jeremiah Harris
Oct. 18	Evan LeBlanc		Patrick Coniway
Oct. 21	K Nelson	Oct. 31	

SafeTALK:

Suicide Alertness Training at Longs Peak UMC

Instructor: Robyn Morgan

Saturday, October 29th from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Almost all of us have, or will have, someone in our lives who could be at risk for suicide. It could be a friend, family member, neighbor, or colleague.

- How do you know if someone is having thoughts of suicide?
- What should you say or not say?
- Where can you find help?

You could help save the life of someone you know or love by attending Safe TALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone).

Pre-registration is required because space is limited:

Participants must be at least 15 years old to attend.

Youth participants (ages 15-17) must have a signed permission form available upon registering.

Cost: \$15 per person includes materials and light breakfast.

To register: Call Alex in the office at 303-776-0399 (bring cash or check made out to LPUMC to church any time before Oct. 24th).

Deadline to register: Monday, October 24th.

Questions: Contact Robyn at robyn22M@yahoo.com or 303-588-7804.

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Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence

Finance Committee:

	Aug.'22	'22 YTD:	'21 YTD
Income:	\$35,917	\$289,638	\$244,354
Expense:	\$30,818	\$254,354	\$239,216

November Newsletter Deadline: October 17th

Please email articles to alex@lpumc.org