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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

1st Morn. Worship 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. nights 6-7:30p.m.

April

Wednesday, April 6th, There will be NO Family Night this week because of our Revival. Please come and enjoy the message and fellowship with us! 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. Leadership development at the church
Sunday, April 10th, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m. Family Night Fellowship ***High School - CIY MOVE Registrations are due*** Pizza Casserole, Fruit, Veggies
Thursday, April 14th, 6:00 p.m. Community VBS meeting

Sunday, April 17th, 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
Monday, April 18th, 6:00 p.m. East LaMoine Camp fellowship meeting
Wednesday, April 20th, 6:00 p.m. Family Night Fellowship, Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit
Thursday, April 21st, 6:30 p.m. Soul Sister's meeting

Wednesday, April 27th, 6:00 p.m. Family Night Fellowship Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Veggies

Save the Date:

We will be collecting Fruit Loops for Camp Barrel again this year. Please have boxes here by May 15th

Camp Clean Up - Saturday, May 21st. We are meeting at the church at 8a.m. to travel to clean up the pool and pool house area. Lunch is provided and we will return before supper. Everyone is welcome to come help!

14th Annual Open House/Auction at Lamoine Christian Camp will be held on Saturday June 4th from 11 a.m to 4 p.m.

Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.



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Love God, Serve God, Love Others, Serve Others

If anyone is in

Christ,

*he is a new creation;
the old has gone,
the new*

has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

One of my goals as a pastor is to help us all engage the world in which we live in a more profound and meaningful way. This goal begins with me personally, as I attempt to interact with the world in a way that glorifies God but also includes helping others join in this engagement to find practical ways to impact others on a consistent basis. One resource I've found to help me think more about my daily walk with God is a website called 'Theology of Work.' This site gives several tools and articles about ways to build a mindset that focuses on bringing God with us everywhere we go, and especially how we can relate to him in our vocation. A recent article about the resurrection caught my attention and I thought I'd share the main points with you.

The first point the author makes is 'The Resurrection Affirms the Goodness of the Material World.' It's important to note that Jesus wasn't a spirit or ghost after the resurrection, but that the disciples could "put [their] hand into the wound in [Jesus'] side" (John 20.27, NLT). He ate with the disciples (Luke 24.43) and walked along the road with them (Luke 24.14). Therefore the work God has given us do on earth with our hands, hearts, minds and feet is not meaningless. If we sit behind a desk all day or we dig in the soil and labor in our yards, that physical and mental work has value.

Second, we see that 'The Resurrection Demonstrates that There Is Continuity Between the Present World and New Creation.' Sometimes we think that we can treat our bodies and our planet however we want because God is going to make it all new someday anyway. And while there is some truth to that, there is also truth in that Jesus was resurrected with a physical body that

was recognizable by those who knew him (Luke 24.31). 1 Corinthians 3 shows that the work that we do for God will be tested on "the Day" when Christ returns. Our work is important to show our love and grace to him and is continuous from this world into the next.

Lastly, we are told that 'The Resurrection is a Sign that New Creation, While Not Fully Realized, Has Been Initiated.' This is a complicated title that basically says our eternal lives with God start now. We should be living now as if we were living in heaven with God. 2 Corinthians 5.17 tells us, "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (NLT) Our attitude, worldview, mentality and lifestyle should already now reflect how we will live when we are fully in God's presence after our life on earth has ended.

I pray this week that we truly realize how important our daily work and efforts are in our relationship with God and the forever we plan to live with him in heaven.

Serving Him and you, Matthew

theologyofwork.org/resources/3-reasons-easter-matters-for-your-work

Games and pizza party for Jr. High Kids was held on Monday, March 28th, and was attended by 5 kids and 3 adults. The kids enjoyed homemade cheese pizza and fun games including dodge ball, family fued, and hide and seek in the dark. Thank you to Matt Thiner, Melissa Shaw and Marci Weiss for hosting the event. Also thank you for all the donations that we received from church members, we could not have done it without you!

The Soul Sisters

For more info on the following events, check out the bulletin board in the basement or contact Judy:

- 1.) Hearts at Home - "Moms Unite" Peoria Civic Center Friday and Saturday, April 22 - 23, 2016 - Registration costs vary.
- 2.) "Soul Support", Wednesday April 27th, 2016. At Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln IL, Registration is \$35 before April 20th/ \$40 after.

Family fun event

May 8th, 7:00p.m. Tim Hawkins the Christian comedian will be at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria Il. If we can get a group of 10 or more that is interested in going tickets will be \$23. Please contact Matt for details by April 10th.

Offering and Attendance for March

	1 st	S.S.	2 nd	offering	offering needed
6 th	13	32	71	\$1,306.50	\$1,685.56
13 th	12	31	58	\$1,587.00	\$1,685.56
20 st	11	33	68	\$1,853.73	\$1,685.56
27 th	37	32	92	\$1,563.50	\$1,685.56
Totals	73	129	289	\$6,310.73	\$6,742.24

Prayer list

(updated 3/27/16)

Linda Allen - weekly chemo
 Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer
 Doris Baker – Alzheimer's / fractures
 Mike Bankes - cancer
 Jim Comstock - had a stroke during pacemaker surgery and is unresponsive (3-16)

Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (wk.12-13-15)
 Jack Danner - stroke and kidney infection
 Linda Danner - Surgery on arm went well 2-1-16
 Steve Derry - tests
 Brenda Fawcett - colon cancer, Lori Rodriguez's mom
 Sharon Griffith - heart trouble (3-20-16) Mary Belville's friend
 Sharon Harris – in hospital with breathing problems (4-1-16)
 Rick Heller - needs a kidney transplant
 Bill Jones - heart surgery recovery (3-16)
 Pam Klinebough - prayers for a job
 Holly Kolves - undiagnosed medical issues
 Jim Lascelles- health, more surgery
 Terry Lehman - cancer
 Brandon Llewellyn - shingles/Bell's palsy (3-25-16 surgery on thyroid went well)
 Gavin Lockard - seizure
 Adam Maliomgas - viral infection in both lungs
 Laurie Martin - Lung Transplant recovery, will be staying in St. Louis for 3 months (3-12-16)
 Shirley Molenbruck - recent heart attacks, not doing well (Kay Mathewson's mother-in-law)
 Linda Hamm Pierson - home with hospice, Pat B's friend (3-27-16)
 Dan Palmer - chemo treatments (1-11-16)
 Daygan Reneau - spine surgery recovery (Dec. 2015)
 Brenda Reynolds - surgery recovery (2-21-16)Jody Dean's sister-in-law
 Joel Rittenhouse
 Alan Snyder - personal
 Phillip Thomas - eye problem
 Steve Trone - anonymous concerns
 Jeanette Walters - special prayers (had biopsy on tumor 2-21-16) and dealing with after affects of chem.
 Anita Watson, Don's sister-in-law in Ohio, chemo & radiation
 Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplang

Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates. Thank you

