

It feels like life is mostly back to

normal... I know, you can blame me when the next wave of Covid hits us and we take a step backward, but I'm thoroughly enjoying a sense that things are back to what they were. To be able to see faces and smiles, especially at the school, and experience people how God intended is refreshing. Though there will always be lingering aspects of the past two years in our world, hopefully much of what we dealt with is behind us.

And a huge part of that return to normalcy for me is the return of camp at LaMoine Christian Service Camp this summer. Though we had an adjusted version of our camping experience last year, this year most everything is back to its previous mode of operation.

And though I appreciate how the camp handled things the last two summers, I am very ready to get back to our regular routine again. In fact, I believe that we have lost time that we need to make up for.

I've heard over the past couple of years how doing remote learning the last 2+ months of the 2019-2020 school year caused kids to fall behind normal progress, especially the younger ones.

And though we returned mostly to normal last year and this year, there has probably still been some negative side effects to the nature of how school was handled during the last year and a half. And that's no one's fault. In fact, like I've said before, I feel like our school district, teachers and staff did an excellent job considering the circumstances. However, the kids have suffered, just like we all have.

And I especially think that not having summer camp like normal and having to adjust other kid's programs and church activities has caused us to lose time, too. Kids have not had the same opportunities and connection to the church and

to Christian adults who can help them know more about God these past couple of years. And, so, though we will never completely make up that time, I feel like we need to make every effort to seize the opportunities that we have. In fact, Paul tells us that exact thing in Ephesians 5.15-16, *"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."*

Now is a time that we need to step up and make the most of the opportunities that we have.

Though some of us might not be as able to help physically as we used to (or would like to), every single one of us can help get a kid to camp this summer. Whether that's a kid or a grandkid, the neighbor across the street or someone you don't know, we need to find ways to get as many kids to camp as possible. The best way for us individually to do that is to invite them to attend. There are some flyers here at the church we can hand out, but sending them to the camp website might be the easiest (more information is below). If you don't think you know any kids who you can invite to camp, maybe providing resources or a sponsorship of a kid or two could make the difference for them to go.

I pray that each one of us will find a way to seize the opportunity because we do live in a dark world. Any light we can bring to it, especially to our youth, helps reveal Christ more clearly to our world.

Please let me know if you're interested in helping at camp in any way. I could use additional help on July 10-15 during Junior High week if anyone's interesting in coming to the camp for a few days.

Otherwise, please be praying for a productive and God-filled summer for camp.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Easter Services

Our Good Friday on **Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm** will be at the high school. We will also have our Sunrise Service here at **7am** on Easter as well as breakfast around **8am** and a Resurrection service at **9am**.

LaMoine Christian Camp

Camp is coming back in full force this summer, with camps available for 1st grade through 2022 graduates. Sign up is available through the camp website (lamoinecamp.org) and if you marked that you're registering through our church, we will pay 50% of each camper's registration cost. Please contact the church office with questions. Also, we are responsible for providing 25 boxes of Fruit Loop cereal again this year; generic is fine, too. Please have boxes here by **Sunday, May 15th**.

Also, we are responsible for cooking on Sunday, **June 12th starting at 4:00pm**. Please let Matthew know if you'd be interested in helping cook.

VBS Needs

We will be having a more immersive VBS experience this year where we travel back to ancient Jerusalem. To get the full experience, we are looking for **simple pop-up tents** or canopies to create a marketplace as well as **rugs and towels** that have a simple stripped pattern to them. We could also use some wicker baskets. If we could borrow these from you, please let Matthew know. It should be a very fun experience this year!

Church Clean Up Day

The cleanup day has been **moved to April 23rd at 9am**. Please plan to come help us clean our church building. Many hands make light work! If you have suggestions for fixes or areas that need clean, let a board member know.

Prayer List

Jerry Armbruster – serious health issues
Bobby Blickenstaff – cancer treatments
Tammy Bowman – hospital in Chicago
Marion Carithers – fall, possible pneumonia
Kianna Gilson - possible lupus
Mike Grater-cancer
Haiti – earthquake, tropical storm, government unrest (Blessing Hearts mission)
Gary Hulett – heart failure
Danny Jones – MRI/meeting with doctors
Rita Jones - health
Clyde Prater-cancer
Lori Rodriguez – stage 4 cirrhosis of liver
Mike Thomas – aneurysm surgery

Praise:

Betty Davis' 94th birthday celebration

Condolences:

Becky Crossman family
Todd Stambaugh family
Barb Miller family

March Financials

Date	Weekly Offering	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Mar 6 th	\$2,165.00	\$11,666.03	\$10,201.90
Mar 13 th	\$612.00	\$12,278.03	\$11,222.09
Mar 20 th	\$684.00	\$12,962.03	\$12,242.28
Mar 27 th	\$1,353.00	\$14,315.03	\$13,262.47

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You Are Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

Events:

Wed, April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th-Youth
Group 6:30-7:30 pm

Sat, April 9th-Clean Up day 9 am

Sun, April 10th-Board meeting 6 pm

Sun - Tues April 10th - 12th- Summum
Revival @ 6-7 pm

Fri. April 15th-Good Friday Service @ 6 pm
at the school

Sun. April 17th-Sunday Service @ 7 am

Sun. April 17th-Breakfast @ 8 am

Sun. April 17th-Resurrection Service @ 9
am

Sun. April 24th-Worship & Prayer @ 6 pm
at ACC

All events are subject to change. Please
keep up to date by checking the bulletin,
Facebook page or website.



He is
not here,
He has
Risen!
Luke 24:6