

The Branch

OCTOBER 2011

MINISTRY DAY PICNIC & INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JOSH

Installation of Pastor Josh and Ministry Day resulted in an exciting time for LBIC. Bishop Nate Yoder's sermon and prayer during worship were highlights of the morning. Ministry Day is a yearly recognition of all who faithfully serve God at LBIC. Those who serve were recognized during the worship service. A Ministry Day picnic at the Church House followed worship. The picnic provided the LBIC family with the opportunity to informally welcome and meet the Nolts!



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LIFT – 2011 !

LIFT opened on September 14 & the 21st with good attendance and participation.

For adult groups, 12 adults attended the Holy Spirit discussion group led by Bill Ziegler and 11 attended the Revelation/Beth Moore DVD presentation led by Susan Kreider. These groups are open and continue each Wednesday evening at 6:45.

MT COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION CANCELLED

Community Day on September 10, 2011 was cancelled due to the overwhelming rains that turned the park into a giant sponge. However, there were many willing LBIC volunteers who were planning to assist with the day's activities. Thanks to all who were willing!

Pastor's Corner

“Living Community, Loving Community”

I figured my first opportunity in sharing with you through writing would be a good time to further explain a word you will hear consistently from my lips here at LBIC: Community.

Community has two connotations. First, it is the people we do life with – those people who we share relationship with beyond a surface level. These are the people who know us, love us, encourage us, and speak life and truth into us. This is Living Community.

Second, community is what is around us. It is where we live and where we work. In a gospel sense Jesus describes this aspect of community as those who are “our neighbor”. In our world our neighbor extends beyond those next door to those we work with, parents and families at our children’s schools, and those who live next to us. This is what I mean by Loving Community, as we are called to love our neighbor.

Living Community and Loving Community are essential relationships we’re called to have as we have a relationship with Christ. We are to live community, forming deeper relationships with people who encourage and challenge the formation of Christ in us. We are to love community, this being an outflow of what God is doing internally. If you don’t live community you become stagnant and narrow-minded. If you don’t love community you are missing the point of why Jesus redeems us – not just for our personal salvation but so we can share and demonstrate to those around us what a redeemed life looks like, and invite them to join us.

Here’s to hoping and working toward being a church that lives and loves community.

Sermon Series Schedule

10/2 - Prayers for the Church

10/9 - Missions Sunday (Ken Hoke)

10/16 - Prayers for the Church

10/23 - Journey on The Way

10/30 - Journey on The Way

October Birthdays



- 2 Barb Strunk
- 4 Laura Kreider
- 5 Jay Zimmerman
- 6 Shandi Santos
- 7 June Oberholtzer
- 8 Mark Kirui
- 14 Kaden Yoder
- 15 Mary Brosey
- 16 Kristin Burkholder
- 16 Kiersten Hardaker
- 17 John K. Kreider
- 18 Dalia David
- 19 Tom Murse
- 20 Allen Forbes
- 20 Leann Kreider
- 22 Lynne Weaver
- 22 Alma Engle (year 101!)
- 23 Ken Ostberg
- 24 Laura Shaida
- 24 Jeremy Falk
- 24 Kyle Alfonseca
- 25 Patrick Lewis
- 26 Inez Wilson

Great Work, Students!

Please congratulate the following Primary Sunday School class students for reciting all 13 verses of Gospel Light's Bible memory work assigned over the summer quarter.

They exhibited extra effort, doubling up on verses for Sundays when they were away for family vacations, camp and summer doings. We thank God for their memorization skills!!

- ⇒ Paige Eastep
- ⇒ Carrie Gordon
- ⇒ Kyle Thrush
- ⇒ Logan Weaver
- ⇒ Kameron Yoder

Family Fall Festival



MANY LBIC VOLUNTEERS came together on Saturday, September 17 to host the Family Fall Festival at the Church House. Games, Manheim Twp. fire crew and truck, great food, movie and an all around fun atmosphere greeted the 150 people who participated. Many guests had the opportunity to join in the festival fun, as well as an opportunity to meet the Nolts.



November Branch
deadline is October 22 to
brancheditor@gmail.com

LBIC DEACONS

The deacons at LBIC are:

Mark Simmons (chair), Brian and Jen Frey, Emilie and Wilfred Muskens, Eleanor Poe, Susan and John Snyder, and Patty and Bill Ziegler.

Deacons meet monthly with Pastor Josh. Their goal is to provide the LBIC family with support in prayer and in contacts especially when there are needs such as a death in the family, illness, births, hardships of some sort. etc. For example, deacons visit with each family following a birth. Families receive a \$50 gift certificate to Babies R Us, a devotional book and a congratulations card. Deacons also visit with those who have serious illnesses.

The stated purpose of the Deacons at LBIC is as follows:

The purpose of the Deacon Commission shall be to provide visitation to members and regular attendees of the congregation, to help communicate congregational needs and views to the Senior Pastor, to assume leadership in caring for the spiritual, physical, and material needs of the congregation, and to support the pastoral staff in fellowship and prayer.

A list of deacons and their specific care groups are available on the bulletin board opposite the mailboxes. Please contact your deacon with your prayer concerns.

Crave Calendar

Oct		
	12	Paxton St Game Night
	19	Gym Night
Nov		
	2	Roller Skating
	5	Middle School Roller Skating
	11	Senior High picture Hunt
	16	Gym Night
Dec		
	14	Gym Night
	21	NO CRAVE
	28	NO CRAVE

MISSIONS CONFERENCE:

**What in the World is God Doing?
October 9, 2011**

Our annual Missions Conference begins Sunday morning, October 9, 2011 at 9:00 AM with a combined Bible Learning session in the sanctuary. A spokesperson for STEP, a BICWM program designed to give young people a cross-cultural experience, will describe the STEP program, and several young people who have participated in STEP will share their experiences. During the same session Joleen Brubaker will tell us about another BICWM program, SPICE. SPICE helps support children living in hostels while they go to school.

The 10:30 AM Worship Service will begin with a Parade of Flags. Many members of our church family have served cross-culturally. Flags from the countries where members have served will be carried to the front of the sanctuary by the youth of our congregation. Ken Hoke, BICWM Regional Director for South Asia, will speak about BICWM opportunities and give an up-date of BICWM around the world. During Children's Worship Joleen Brubaker will lead an interactive presentation about SPICE.

Following the Worship Service we will gather in the FLC for an ethnic carry-in meal. Each family is requested to bring a main dish and a salad or dessert. A sing-up sheet is in the foyer for you to complete.

The Missions Committee has asked Chad and Isa Warfel to select a project in Burkina Faso that our congregation could contribute towards.

Come and learn What in the World God is Doing. See how your gifts and resources can be used by God to build His kingdom.

for the Missions Committee,
Jack Wolgemuth



Walking & Wellness

Every Friday

9 AM–10:30 AM

No sign-up required...just show up!!!

A weekly wellness program where the focus is achieving optimal physical, spiritual and emotional well-being.

The LBIC Gym is open for walking, stretching and other exercise opportunities keeping in mind varying abilities and disabilities.

There will also be a variety of Wellness focused activities such as:

- Blood pressure screenings (with a focus on stroke prevention)
- The Pedometer Challenge
- Health Screenings
- Health Coaching
- Referral Advising
- Health Advocating
- Medication review & Teaching

presented by... Lancaster Brethren in Christ Health Ministry
facilitated by...Chamaine S Alfonseca, RN, BSN

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!An Invitation to Wholeness

You are invited to take a healthy lifestyle challenge with others from our congregation from September 21 - November 9, every Wednesday from 5 to 6 PM

This “invitation to wholeness” encourages you to identify small changes in your life that would help you be healthier. YOU choose three areas you would like to work on and YOU set your own goals. WE will encourage each other and WE will journey together.

Moses was radically changed by his experience of traveling with the people of Israel on their way out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Our program is based on the Exodus story and invites us to encourage each other to seek wholeness in all areas of our lives – from healthy eating, to moderate exercise, to getting enough sleep. It is for people of all ages and every health condition because it is completely tailored to the individual’s situation and choices.

I will be glad to answer any questions you might have about the program. You will receive a small packet of materials when you sign up.

This program is presented by the LBIC Health Ministry and facilitated by a registered nurse.

~Chamaine Alfonseca

Music Notes



Why? Because I said so!

As a new mother, I'm looking forward to *those* conversations in a few years. But for now, I can clearly remember being the person running around asking "why?" for every single thing I could think of. Do you remember or are you enjoying those conversations right now?

As adults, we may think that we've "outgrown" the defiant stage of life, but alas, no. In fact, sometimes as adults, we are more defiant, simply because we know the answer to the question "why?" but choose to do what we want anyway.

Where is this leading? Well, we are told in the Bible, God's Word, to follow Him. Not when it's convenient, not when our schedules are free. To quote an overused slogan, "just do it." Worship is a part of following God and I believe that music is an integral part of worship. In Psalm 33, verses 3-6 and 8-9 tell us "Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His un-failing love. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth... Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke and it came to be; He commanded and it stood firm."

Therefore, when you feel like asking yourself "Why worship God?" Remember this scripture since according to Psalm 33, worship is a response to His Word, it calls us to worship. Keep in mind; no one is exempt from worship. As human beings, created in the image of God, we are expected to worship Him. So, whether you have been blessed with a voice worthy of the Metropolitan Opera House, have the ability to play any instrument by ear, or animals and people run screaming if you pick up a microphone at a karaoke party, just remember, "sing to the Lord a new song." He wants us to worship him, why? Because He said so, in His Word.

Adult Choir Schedule — October

Sunday, Oct 2nd—Sing during the 10:30am service; warm-ups and run-through at 10:00am in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, Oct 5th–6:30pm: Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Oct 9th—No Adult Choir

Wednesday, Oct 12th–6:30pm: Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Oct 16th—Sing during the 10:30am service; warm-ups and run-through at 10:00am in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, Oct 19th–6:30pm: Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Oct 23rd—No Adult Choir

Wednesday, Oct 26th–6:30pm: Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Oct 30th–11:45am: Rehearsal in the RMC

Christmas Choir Schedule – October

Wednesday, Oct 12th–7:30pm–8:00pm:

Wednesday, Oct 19th–7:30pm–8:00pm:

Wednesday, Oct 26th–7:30pm–8:00pm:

All Christmas rehearsals are in the sanctuary.

Children's Choir Schedule—October

Sunday, Oct 9th–11:45am: Rehearsal in the RMC

Sunday, Oct 16th–11:45am: Rehearsal in the RMC.

Sunday, Oct 23rd—Sing during the 10:30am service; warm-ups and run-through at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, Oct 30th–11:45am: Rehearsal in the RMC.

Men's Choir Schedule—October

Wednesday, Oct 5th–7:30pm: Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Sunday, Oct 9th—Sing during the 10:30am service; warm-ups and run-through at 10:00am in the Choir Room.

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Library News



This month we want to give you a special invitation to visit our church library. The library is at the end of the hall, beyond the church offices.

We have an excellent and up-to-date selection of children's books and they are located in bins on the lower shelves around the room.

Our Christian fiction includes most of the current Christian fiction authors, along with old favorites like Eugenia Price and Max Lucado.

Then there are shelves full of non-fiction – biographies, Bible study helps, and personal growth books.

There also is a cart of reading especially for young families.

I can't forget the sections for the elementary age and young teens.

There really is something for every one of you. (Instructions for checking books out are posted at the first corner, to your left, when you enter the room.)

- Carolyn Groff
- Lisa Groff

Friendship Ministry Update

Ruth Heisey began the Friendship Ministry in 1980 as a way to offer a worship experience for handicapped persons in the Lancaster community. This ministry was the first of its kind in the area. It had an attendance of 40 or more members who came weekly for both the Sunday School hour and the Worship service.

Over the years, other churches have begun to offer similar programs for the developmentally disabled. Recently the numbers in attendance have dwindled for this ministry at LBIC and it has become increasingly difficult to staff the program. The decision was confirmed by Church Board that the Friendship Ministry be discontinued at the conclusion of the summer. The members and their care givers are welcome to attend the regular worship service.

Personnel Commission wants to sincerely thank the many volunteers who have helped with the Friendship Ministry in many capacities such as teaching, assisting, providing music, and driving the van to pick up members.

Thank you to:

John Kreider, Carol Crawford, Lois Melhorn, John Snyder, Susan A. Snyder, Rosemary Rineer, Susan Snyder, John Sauder, Jeff Stauffer, Steve Crider, Mark Simmons, Jere Falk, Jim Yoder, John K. Kreider & Sue Zimmerman.

Over 30ish Basketball Resumes on Thursdays

If you can't keep up with the pace of those 20 somethings who play on Monday night, this group is for you.

Beginning October 6, Meet in the gym at 7 PM to play 1/2 court basketball. .

This is a community outreach group, so invite your friends!



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES UPDATE

The preschool year is underway and the teachers and children are quickly adjusting. The teachers are working to establish a routine and getting in to lessons titled “All About Me.” The church hosts programs every day making it a fun and busy atmosphere. Meeting on Mondays is the Prekindergarten class and one of the Toddler classes. Meeting on Tuesday is the Preschool class and the Toddler Gym program for young toddlers. On Wednesday mornings, the Prekindergarten class meets for the second time, while the Preschool class has their second meeting on Thursday. Fridays mean the final Prekindergarten class for the week and Gym Time Plus classes for the older toddlers. If you think this sounds a little confusing, you should ask for more information and I will tell you all about the programs. I love to talk about them!

There are still some spots available in most of the classes, so feel free to grab some brochures from my office door to hand to friends. As of now, there are over 60 children enrolled in the different classes with a healthy balance of families from the church and community.

We have a great team of teachers this year, too! After two years of regrowing the programs, I now spend most of my time supporting the teachers and doing office-type work. I do, however, get to have some fun greeting and teaching the littlest toddlers and their families when they come to Toddler Gym. Our own Nicole Siegel is leading the older toddlers and their caregivers for the Gym Time Plus program. The Toddler classes and Preschool class are led by Mrs. Jodie Frank and the Prekindergarten class welcomes Mrs. Lisa Kuhns as head teacher. Mrs. Sarah Matos assists in both the preschool and prekindergarten classes. The toddlers enjoy having Mrs. Maddy Galarza as the assistant in both of their classes.

We’re looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning!

Jessica Gordon
Director of Weekday Ministries

Did You Know.....?

- **Dan Snyder and Kristin Roberson** were married in Frederick, MD, on Saturday, July 30.
- Melissa Markley became engaged to Scott Umfer on August 28th in the midst of Hurricane Irene.
- **Patty Ziegler** has been reorganizing the supply closet as our new Resource Room Coordinator.
- **It is not too late to join LIFT on Wednesdays at 6 pm for dinner and groups for all ages at 6:45 pm.** LIFT continues through November 2nd. The final Wednesday (November 9) will be a celebration at Overlook Skating Rink!
- **Good News Club** will begin in October and for the second year, the LBIC team will participate. Shandi Santos, Jessica Gordon, Ken Espenshade, Phyllis Sauder, and Bill Ziegler represent LBIC.
- **Gina Yoder** is a **Good News Club** volunteer at Smoketown Elementary School?
- **Phil Weaver** painted Pastor Josh’s office?
- **John Kreider, Johnny Kreider and John Sauder** removed the furniture and old carpet to prepare for new carpet installation in Pastor Josh’s office?

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7AM Men's Bible Study Drop-In @ Josh & Ruby's house 2-6
2 9:00 Bible Learning Classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship 11:45 Children's Choir —RMC	3 9AM Children's Week-day programs 7:30 PM Bible B4 Bball	4 8:15 Ladies Bible Study 9AM Children's Week-day programs 7 PM Co-ed Volleyball	5 9:30 Beth Moore Study 9AM Children's Weekday programs LIFT 6:00 Meal 6:30 Crave & Choir begins 6:45 Classes & Prayer Team	6 9AM Children's Week-day programs 7 PM Over 30 B Ball	7 9AM Walk & Wellness 9AM Children's Week-day programs 5PM—Relay For Life setup	8 7AM Men's Bible Study (Oregon Dairy) Facility Rental Relay For Life Scrapbook 9-9
9 <u>Missions Sunday</u> 9:00 Combined ABL —STEP 10:30 Worship—Ken Hoke 10:50 Children's Worship 11:45 Children's Choir —RMC Ethnic Carry In Meal—lunch	10 9AM Children's Week-day programs 7:30 PM Bible B4 Bball	11 8:15 Ladies Bible Study 9AM Children's Week-day programs Seniors Day @ Roxbury 7 PM Co-ed Volleyball	12 9:30 Beth Moore Study 9AM Children's Weekday programs LIFT 6:00 Meal 6:30 Choir begins 6:45 Classes & Prayer Team *Crave @ Paxton St 5:15—8	13 9AM Children's Week-day programs 7 PM Deacons Meeting 7 PM Over 30 B Ball	14 9AM Walk & Wellness 9AM Children's Week-day programs	15 7AM Men's Bible Study (Oregon Dairy) Fabulous 7 @ Church House 5:30—8
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A Spiritual Force in the Manheim Township Community

Sunday

9:00 Bible Learning Classes
10:00 Coffee/beverages served in Fellowship Hall
10:30 Worship

Wednesday LIFT

6:00 Evening meal
6:30 Choir Practice
6:30 Crave
6:45 Groups for all ages
6:45 Prayer Team



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