



Lisbon United Methodist Church

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday School 8:30 am
(September-May)

Worship 9:45 am

From the Pastor's Desk

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Phillip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alpheus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ***They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.***

“What now?” ... “What’s next?” ... Maybe you’ve asked this question recently, given the circumstances the world is facing? Maybe, as a Jesus follower, you wonder, “what is the body of Christ called to in the middle of a constantly changing world?” These are valid questions, but they are not new. The disciples faced these circumstances to an even greater degree right after Jesus ascended in front of their eyes, into Heaven. Our scripture above records the events immediately following his ascension. Did you notice what they did? ***First, they went HOME***, just as Jesus directed. ***Second, they went home TOGETHER***. They stuck together and did not abandon one another in the chaos. ***Third***, and most important, I believe, is that ***they went home and joined together constantly in PRAYER***. This is what is next for the disciples and it should be what is next for us. Starting in October,

I will be praying in the prayer room above the office from 10:00am- 11:00 am every Tuesday morning. I would like to invite those who can make it to join me in prayer!

With the colder weather approaching, **we are also planning on returning to Sunday school, confirmation and Worship indoors beginning October 11th at 8:30 and 9:45 am, respectively.** With the sanctuary being in the middle of renovations and repairs with the replacement of carpet and reupholstering of the pew cushions, it will definitely look a little different indoors for a while. We encourage people to continue to bring their own chairs to the church building until the pews are finished. There will be a spot you can store your chairs, if you would like, so you do not have to haul them back and forth each week. Also, we will be requiring masks to be worn inside the church building by everyone, during Worship and Sunday School. People will also be required to physically distance by family groups during the foreseeable future as well. We thank you for following these recommended guidelines by our federal, state, and local public health officials! Communication during these transition times is critically important, and we want you to be informed, so please ask Pastor Josh or Doug Morningstar if you have any questions on how Worship, Sunday School , or any other aspect of the life of the church is impacted by any of these changes. God is good, and we, just like those first disciples, are called to continue to meet together to worship and pray, so that others might know the goodness of their Heavenly Father! God bless you and see you at Worship!

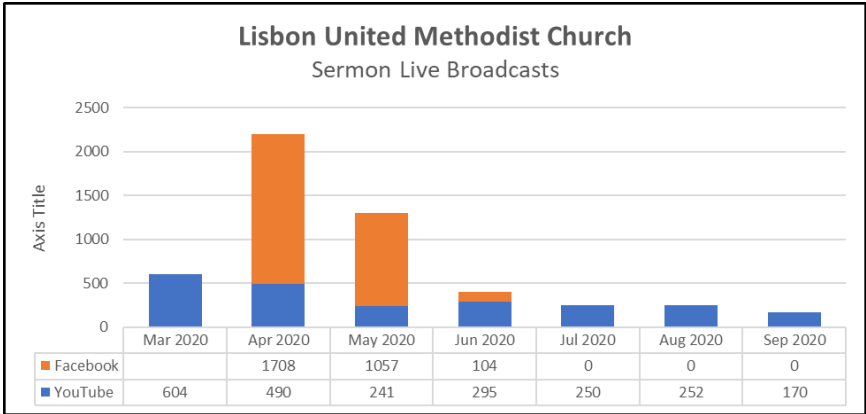
Pastor Josh

Lisbon United Methodist Church Finances

There is good news to report again this month. Even though our church hasn't held in-sanctuary worship services for 6 months, the year to date net income remains slightly on the positive side through the month of August, meaning revenues have exceeded expenses. This is truly a blessing, one that says a lot about the strength of our church, our faith and generosity. I would like to personally thank those who have helped to sustain the church during this unprecedented COVID Pandemic event.

A bit of a financial concern is the recovery efforts related to the August 10th Derecho Storm which will strain the 2020 budget over the balance of the year as we work to put back together our house of worship. Thus, the return to in-sanctuary worship service on October 11 couldn't come at a better time.

I would like to recognize Brad Miller who is the website keeper for the church. He has posted the links to the Live Sermon Broadcasts on a weekly basis, helping to make it easy for everyone to hear the Good News of God's Word. Many rely on these Live Sermon Broadcasts due to COVID concerns, shut-ins, etc.



To help us continue to bridge the gap until in-sanctuary worship service resumes, please consider the following giving options:

(1) Electronic Giving - Website

Go to the Lisbon United Methodist Church website (<https://lisboniowaumc.org/>) to find the Electronic Giving link, create an account, and schedule recurring payments.

(2) Electronic Giving – QC Code:



(3) Mail A Gift/Donation Check

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SCHOOL

Greetings,

As most of you have heard, I am the new chair for Christian Education for our church. I look forward to working closely with all of our small groups, Sunday School, and adult Sunday School. I know during these times, there is a lot that is uncertain. As an educator by trade, I have learned this first hand. So with that said, I would like to announce that, God willing, we will be resuming Sunday School for both adults and children on October 11th, in person. Things will look a little different for the time being. Masks are going to be required for students, and hand sanitizer will be available at the door for each child and adult to use before entering the building. I would like to meet with anyone who is interested in being a part of Sunday School on October 4th following church. If you can not make it, I please let me know. I will also have a Zoom meeting set up for those that are not able to attend in person. Again I look forward to working with everyone to be an instrument to guide all who want to deepen their connection with Christ. Again if there are any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Your brother in Christ,

Nick Booth

Small Group Studies

These studies are open to ALL. Come join one or more to hear the word of God and build a lasting relationship with Him and fellow Christians.

The **Men's Breakfast @ VJ Reinken** 108 Grant Ave Lisbon

This group meets for a devotional reading from [My Utmost for His Highest](#), prayer, breakfast and Christian Fellowship.

Sisters in Christian Study (SCS) - All are welcome as we continue our study with Max Lucado's book on Fearless.

SCS will next meet October 20th location to be determine at 6 pm. Bring your own supper and drink.

Women in Christ (WIC) – WIC meets the first Friday each month, March through December at the church. We welcome any woman in our church to become a part of this group.

Women in Christ met September 4, 2020 at the Lisbon City Park with 7 in attendance. Barb Dolan was hostess.

President Barb Dolan opened the meeting with prayer, asking each person to add theirs. The United Methodist Women Purpose was said and the verse of the day was read.

Roll call was to tell what frightens you most. It seemed that a lot of the women don't care for snakes.

After a discussion it was determined that our next mission giving will be to benefit South East Linn food pantry.

Wendy Johnson outlined the East Central District meeting set for September 19 from 10-11:30. It will be held on line through their Facebook page. She will send out a link for easy access. This will be the final East Central meeting as our chapter will become part of the Northeast District January 1, 2021.

A discussion was held for fund raising ideas that we could do while still practicing social distancing.

Kathy Jamison led the lesson on God is for Real. She shared personal accounts of witnessing for Christ and defending the truth here and now on earth.

The next meeting will be held October 2 at the city park, weather permitting

Young Women Bible Study - For women between the ages of 25 – 45 will be held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Daphne at 815/238-5631.

Anyone wishing for more information please call 319-455-2000 or email lisbonumc@iowatelecom.net

Ushers

Oct 11th
Oct 18th
Oct 25th

McAndrew
Reiling
Rasmussen



Nursery

Closed through the end of the year.

For information or to volunteer in the nursery beginning next January, contact Daphne Booth or Katie Ortgies.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Sunday School in the fall.

Undie Sunday

Thank you for your generous support of the “Sock”rifice. The UMW will be holding “Undies Sundays” for the month of October. We will be collecting new underwear for Nurse Julie’s office at Lisbon School. Please drop new packages of boys and girls brief style underwear in the bin marked “Undies Sundays”. The sizes most in need are 6-8, with an additional need for sizes 4 and 10. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

I'M NOT KIDNEYING! THIS IS RENAL!

On October 24, 2020, my amazing big sister will mark the 30th Anniversary of her kidney transplant. This is truly remarkable, as she has been running on spare parts for a long time. Other notable accomplishments: a 2006 liver transplant, a 2007 brain bleed, a 2009 detached retina, a 2015 accident breaking both wrists and shattering the enamel on her teeth, and all while dealing with diabetes and relentless skin cancer...and always with a positive attitude and a smile on her face, and oh, that giggle. She is a doctor's dream patient.

Now I would like to invite all of you to join me in a CARD SHOWER. (I guess that's an Iowa thing, as couple gals in Illinois have said, "A what?") Anyway, I would like to fill her mailbox with love and laughter from wherever you are. Please send her a congratulations in any form you prefer. If you can't think what to say, you can always tell her how wonderful I am. (She has a sense of humor.) Or send her an inspirational reading, a comic from the funny pages, a picture of your dog, or a rainbow that our grandchild colored. I guarantee you, she will cherish it all and still be going through it next year at this time.

Her address: Ronette Russo (Ronnie, to some of you)
1396 Tiffany Lane Se
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Please do not start mailing until Monday, October 12th. (It usually takes two-to-three days for my mail to get to her.) If you have questions, please feel free to contact me: 319-361-4364.

Before I go, please pause a moment and imagine the loving family (of thirteen year-old boy in the Chicago area who was killed in a bicycle accident) that made the unselfish decision to donate his organs to so many desperate lives. Our family has been truly blessed...just ask our pesky little brothers, Ray and Joe. I would be honored if this card shower inspires just ONE person to become a donor. We all need some good news in 2020.

In hope and pandemic isolation,

Ave Stamp (The baby of the four Bruner girls)

Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Use Guidelines

1. Dishes used for any event must be washed, dried, and returned to their proper place. DO NOT leave them in the dish drainer.
2. DO NOT immerse coffee pots and thermal carafes in water.
3. Wash sinks and disinfect.
4. Used towels should be taken home, washed, and returned to proper drawer.
5. If stove and/or oven is used, wash top of stove and clean any spills on burners and in oven promptly. Make sure all burners and oven are turned off.
6. Return all items to the place you found it.
7. Paper supplies are for use at Church functions at the Church only.
8. Dishes and containers left in the kitchen longer than four weeks will be permanently removed.
9. All garbage is to be removed after the event.
10. Wipe all counter tops and tables off after the event. Disinfect with the proper disinfectant (must be left on the surface for 10 minutes). Make sure chairs are clean.
11. DO NOT sit on counter tops or tables for any reason.
12. Wipe up any spills from floor. Sweep the kitchen floor and vacuum the fellowship hall carpet before you leave. Damp mop kitchen if needed.
13. Take home all condiments and food that you brought in. Do not leave in the refrigerators.
14. Disinfect bathrooms.
15. Disinfect handrail and outside doors.

Notify Office of Following:

1. If something has been spilled on the carpet.
2. If there are problems in the kitchen (need soap, leaks, clogs, etc).

We will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:15-16

***Reminder: Please have all articles/information for the November newsletter to the church office by Oct. 26th.**