



## **Lisbon United Methodist Church**

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday School     8:30 am**  
**(September-May)**

**Worship             9:45 am**



***As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come and follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.***

***Matthew 4: 18-20***

I remember when I was younger, getting a call on the telephone was seemingly the most exciting thing that could have happened to me. Somebody wanted to talk with me? That seemed like a pretty special thing. Of course, as the years wore on, the novelty of receiving a phone call has worn off to point of not hardly even thinking about it when the telephone rings. However, as I was thinking about the most important call I've ever received, I was reminded of the call of Jesus to come and follow Him. As I've shared with most of you before, for me this happened during my college years. Jesus found me while I was trying (struggling), most of the time, to

do life on my own. This was most definitely the most important call I've ever received!

The first step in our discipleship pathway is **BELONG**. This is based directly off the call of Jesus to each individual human heart. This is why all people belong, because Jesus' invitation to follow Him goes out to all. I'm interested to hear how you received the call from Jesus to come and follow Him. ***I am inviting you to think about your story and to share your story with your church family so that more may hear the good news of how Jesus called you! Please let me know if you would be available and willing to share how Jesus has moved in your life during worship.***

God bless you,

Pastor Josh



## **SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT**

### **Lisbon United Methodist Church – September 2021 Newsletter Article**

One step forward, two steps back. Just when we think that we are getting ahead of this crazy virus, we are not. But this virus doesn't deter many determined people who are very dedicated in helping our Church organization run smoothly and efficiently.

This month I would like to highlight the Finance Committee that all work together to make certain that our Church finances are properly managed.

#### **Dawn Morgan – Financial Treasurer**

Dawn has been volunteering her time and talent as the Church Treasurer since 2011. Her duties include paying bills, managing special donations/funds, financial reporting, etc. During the Derecho Recovery effort, Dawn continues to do an excellent job tracking expenses vs. insurance payments, a complex and time-consuming

undertaking. Dawn also helps with establishing the annual Budget that is approved by the Admin Council.

### **Jeanette Kepler – Financial Secretary**

Jeanette Kepler has been volunteering her time and talent as the Church Secretary since 1998!!! Jeanette also even had a stint as Financial Secretary back in the 1970s. She is responsible for the collection, accounting and deposit of the Church donations on a weekly basis. Also, Jeanette handles keeping track of the electronic on-line giving. Finally, Jeanette publishes the year-end Church member donation statements.

### **Denise Budde – Financial Secretary Assistant**

Denise Budde has volunteered to assist with the count of weekly donation currency/cash collections. The Church requires two people to be involved with this activity. The Finance Committee sincerely appreciates that there is someone like Denise willing to help out in this way.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL START UP!**

**Sunday School starts September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us for some great learning and fun!**

## **FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF/COOKOUT**

**Come help us celebrate our fall Sunday School kick-off Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> following 9:45am church service. Join us for food, fun, games, and great fellowship! Please bring any yard games you may have such as bags, horseshoes, ladder golf, frisbee etc.**

### Adult Sunday School

It hardly seems possible that summer is over, and fall activities are beginning, but I am excited that Adult Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 12th at 8:30 in the fellowship hall. Last spring, we had just begun a study of the book of James. We will continue that this year, focusing on the first few verses of chapter one. James is a practical

book which helps us “grow-up” in our faith. The first few verses help us know how to respond when times get tough. A modern proverb tells us that when times get tough, the tough get going. James offers us a Christian alternative to that strategy. I invite you to join us. You may want to bring a Bible and something to write with, but it’s not required. Neither is any previous Bible knowledge required. Due to the rise in Covid infections, masks will be required, and we will try to practice social distancing. Come study and learn about our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus. Hope to see you there!

### **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 6:30am** 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) 7:00pm**

Everyone is anxious to get back to our bible study. This  
will be held on Tuesday, September 21st. We welcome  
all women to participate in our bible study.



**Women in Christ (WIC) 1:30pm** – 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.

### ***WIC SEPTEMBER, 2021 Minutes***

WIC met on August 6, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall with 8  
in attendance. Hostess was Barb Dolan. Connie Costas  
opened the meeting with those in attendance reciting  
the UMW purpose. Nancy Forbes led the time of prayer.

Ava Stamp shared that our new study is Keep it Shut.  
This study will begin in September.

Our roll call was which of the 7 dwarfs we most identify with. Ava Stamp led our lesson which incorporated the roll call into the lesson. To set the program she read Epesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

When Walt Disney created the 7 dwarfs, he laid out the characteristics each needed. Each needed good qualities as well as where they fell short. The same way each of us are made. Before the lesson, we each wrote down which one we identified with (without sharing with anyone). After sharing what Disney laid out, we then wrote who we identified with (without sharing). Before we shared our answers, she asked others who they thought we were the most like. It was insightful to see how others see us versus how we see ourselves.

Our next meeting will be September 3 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Margy Wood will be hostess and Ava Stamp will lead the lesson.

Our mission item for September is to bring any item of our choice to benefit Southeast Linn Community Center.

**7 Dwarfs** Write down who you identify with and then read the list I am sharing. Did your dwarf change?

**Doc** - Self-proclaimed leader, bossy, a bit absent minded, but lovable, gets tongue-tied and loses his train of thought in mid sentences.

**Bashful** - Shy, always blushing, doesn't like to be the center of attention, but doesn't want to disappoint. Secret crush on Snow White.

**Happy** - Always smiling with joyous outlook on the world. Optimistic, jovial, loves parties.

**Sleepy** - Laid back and relaxed personality. Yawning, likes to nap. Very perceptive and not lazy.

**Sneezy**-Hay fever, bouts of sneezing. One of the friendliest. Special bond with Dopey

**Grumpy** - Second most popular dwarf. Grouchy, overbearing, short fuse-but war hearted. Sometimes slip up and lets his true heart show. Likes to keep the tough guy image.

**Dopey** - Most popular, never speaks. Gets his name from his silly antics. Often annoying but ignored like a toddler.

**Ushers-Month of September**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>-Morningstars**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>-Morgans**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>-Rasmussen**

**September 26<sup>th</sup>-Masters/Gaiser/  
Kulas**



**Greeters for remainder of the 2021 year**

LUMC has always been recognized as a very welcoming church from visitors and new members alike. In keeping with our mission to show love to all, we are reaching out to anyone who may be interested in helping with doors and greeting before church. Given the changes in our in-person services, greeters are no longer asked to collect offering or pass communion. No cleaning after church is expected. We are asking for any prior ushers to confirm they are still interested and comfortable in this adapted role. If you have never been a greeter and are interested, I'd be happy to visit with you more. Please prayerfully consider serving to help make Sunday mornings a welcome time for those able to attend in person. I would like to prepare a new rotational calendar by May.

In God's love,

Deena McAndrew

(319-310-3678 or [deenamcandrew@gmail.com](mailto:deenamcandrew@gmail.com))

## **Nursery**

Anyone willing to volunteer in the nursery one Sunday a month, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Reminder to all that if you would like a copy of the new Our Daily Bread readings, Mike and Dawn Morgan will deliver them to your home. Please call the office at 319-455-2000.



## **SAVE THE DATES**

Church masks are required

09/03/21-1:30pm WIC

09/06/21-Happy Labor Day!

09/12/21-Sunday School Starts &  
Celebration Cookout following church  
service

09/19/21-Ad Council after church

09/21/21-7:00pm-SCS

**Reminder: Please have all articles/information for the October newsletter to the church office by September 27th.**

*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*