



THE GOOD NEWS

Lake Gibson Methodist Church

To be a joyful church family that is crucial to our community



October 2024

Sorry about the delay in getting this newsletter to you. As you know, this has been a busy season. First Helene, then Charge Conference, Membership Sunday and now Milton.

Lake Gibson Methodist Family:

Consider This John 20:26-31

We will experience trying times, moments of despair, and periods of pain. Questions will surface surrounding our faith, like: Where is God in this moment of my life, Why won't God put an end to..., and why do bad things happen to good people? If you have asked any of these questions, you are not alone. I've done it myself too. Even in these moments of life, God is still God, God is still good, and He is still sovereign.

Barna Research Group studied Christians' spiritual doubts. This group found that 8% of practicing Christians are experiencing doubts frequently. That's a small number compared to the 20% that say they sometimes have doubts and 37% say they rarely have doubts about their faith. However, this study shows that it is normal to have doubts at times. Do doubts have a place at our church.? Yes, bring your questions to the church where we can explore the beauty of God's words. His words are our road map for life.

Seeing is believing. Doubting Thomas needed to see proof. He needed to see it for himself. Could I suggest to you today that our greatest resource is not visible to the natural eye. Jesus in John 20:29 tells Thomas that blessed are those who believe without seeing me.

We have opportunities at Lake Gibson Methodist Church for you and your family to get plugged in. Let's do life together: Join a small group, join in one of our two Sunday School classes led by Mike Stafford or Sue Heishman. Take a step to connect with a body of believers who will share life with you, love you, and share Jesus.

Blessings,

Robert L. Rember Jr, Pastor

LORD'S PRAYER SERIES REVIEW

Our Father in Heaven:
Teaches us to address our prayers to God

Hallowed be your name:
Asks God to be worshipped and honored as he is in heaven

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:
A prayer for God's plan to be fulfilled in our lives and the world.

Give us today our daily bread:
Encourages us to ask God for our needs

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors:
Reminds us to confess our sins to God and forgive others.

Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil:
A prayer for protection from temptation and evil

First set of petitions:

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done.

Second set of petitions:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The second set of petitions served the first set.

I need daily bread for life, so I **ask for it**.

I need forgiveness for my sins because I'm a sinner, so I **ask for it**.

I need guidance and protection from temptation and Satan, so I **ask for it**.

Prayer Ministry-October 2024



Call to Worship

“Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Think of ways to encourage one another: to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:23-25. (NLT)

There are several reasons why we need to attend church as a family of God. We build love for one another and share in a spiritual commitment to God. Believers remain strong together; we have a purpose to spread God’s spirit in the world and if you ever need encouragement your church family and prayer warriors are there to pray for you and with you. It is in this unity we grow in faith and love for one another. God has called us to be his bride, His church. Come; let Christ and His body of believers become your family.

God Bless Lake Gibson Church and our family within.
Prayer Ministry-Fran

“Pennies From Heaven”

Thank you everyone who has given to “Pennies From Heaven”. I apologize that I did not get each month’s total to you sooner.

May: went to Lake Gibson Methodist Church Food Pantry - \$221.70

June: went to Children’s Home - \$250.48

July: went to Hope House - \$191.57

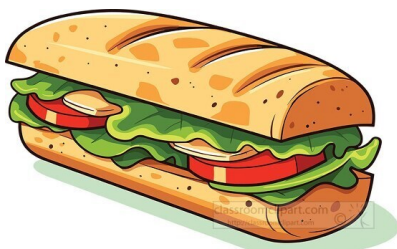
August: went to Guardian Ad Litem - \$143.70

September: we are collecting for the Children’s Home

Harriet Shapiro

“Ladies Lunch Out”

We will be having another ladies outing on Saturday Oct. 19th 11:00 am at Sub Hub 9398 US HWY 98N behind VFW. We would love to see you there. Please RSVP to Makenzie so she can make the reservation
by Oct 15. Makenzie Rem-ber 423 483-1229



Lake Gibson Methodist Church Women in Mission

ATTENTION LADIES!!!!!! We are so proud to announce that for our October 2nd Circle meeting we are having a guest speaker from the Guardian Ad Litem Agency. The speaker will be Debbie Eulo who is the Child Advocate Manager. She will share what they do for our community for the abused, neglected, and abandoned children and will explain how we can help.

Come ready to share in a simple breakfast treat and to gain knowledge in this vital agency that works to provide for our precious commodity.... our children!

Don't forget to read Chapter 6 just in case we have time to share! We will go for lunch afterward!

Merry Matters

Our "Merry Matters" group brought a big smile and thank you from the "Savannah Villages of Lakeland" administrator, Karen Lynch. As Barbara Allen Coil, Susan Ritchie, Cathy D'Amato, and Harriet Shapiro presented enough laminated place mats for each resident of the assisted living facility to have one.

We are now working on completing enough for "New Era" nursing home.

Come one and all to join us as we will soon begin a new project shortly.

-Harriet Shapiro





OCTOBER

A Little Bit of Heaven Newsletter

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday-
Senior Citizen
Day
Tuesday-
Decades Day
Wednesday-S
uperhero Day
Thursday-
Costumes
Friday-
Pajama Day

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3 Wear Orange	4
7	8 Open House	9	10	11
14 Fire Truck Visit 10-11am	15	16 Picture Day	17	18 Wear Purple
21	22 Wear Bats	23	24 Wear Pumpkins	25
28 Senior Citizen Day	29 Decades Day	30 Superhero Day	31 Trunk Or Treat	11/1 Pajama Day

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us
for open
house on
Tuesday
October 8,
2024 from
6-7pm!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our first Trunk or Treat will be Thursday October 31st from 9:30-11:00am! We would love for parents to volunteer & set up their trunks or send in donations for those able to help. More information will be sent in a separate flyer. The church is also hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 2-4pm so be sure to stop by and join the festivities!

Editorial Policy

The articles contained in *The Good News* express the opinions of their authors, and do not necessarily reflect policies of the Methodist Church or of Lake Gibson Methodist Church.

The purpose of the newsletter is to foster better communication of ideas and opportunities for worship and service among LGMC members and friends as we seek to share God's love and make disciples of Jesus Christ. All members and constituents are encouraged to write articles and share their thoughts and photos with the congregation.

Editor

PRAISES TO GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR US
AND THE BLESSINGS HE HAS GIVEN .

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 6:30am - Membership Sunday POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE 1:30pm - New Testament 4pm - Youth Group	7 2pm - Trustees Meeting	8 11am - Staff Meeting	9 8:30am - Life Line 9am - Chapel Preschool 10am - Merry Matters 6:15pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Choir (S)	10 9am - Community Food Pantry 1pm - ALBOH Board Meeting	11 7pm - NTCC Game Night	12 10am - SPPR 1pm - Praise Team
13 10:30am - Sunday Service 1:30pm - New Testament 4pm - Youth Group	14 1pm - Finance Meeting	15	16 9am - Chapel Preschool 6:15pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Choir (S)	17 9am - Community Food Pantry	18	19
20 10:30am - Sunday Service 1:30pm - New Testament 3pm - Girl Scouts 4pm - Youth Group	21 2pm - Church Council	22	23 9am - Chapel Preschool 10am - Merry Matters 6:15pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Choir (S)	24 9am - Community Food Pantry	25 5pm - Newsletter	26 1pm - Praise Team 2pm - Trunk or Treat
27 7:30am - Sunday Service 1:30pm - New Testament 3pm - NYCC Harvest 3pm - Girl Scouts 4pm - Youth Group	28 10am - WIM Leadership	29 11am - Staff Meeting	30 9am - Chapel Preschool 6:15pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Choir (S)	31 9am - Community Food Pantry Preschool Trunk or Treat		



October Birthdays

10/1 Sharon Coddington
10/4 Karen Shelley
10/7 Franki Bailey
10/10 Phyllis Michael
10/10 Steve Osborn
10/12 Karen Acor
10/14 Fran Mudge
10/19 Laura Lizotte
10/20 Gail Travis
10/21 Jan Henrikson
10/25 Danette Miller
10/26 Paul Schiemann
10/31 Cathy D'Amato
10/31 Mary Friend

October Anniversaries

10/2 Larry and Barbara Gitt
10/4 Charlie and Linda Alvarez
10/6 David and Glenda Hess