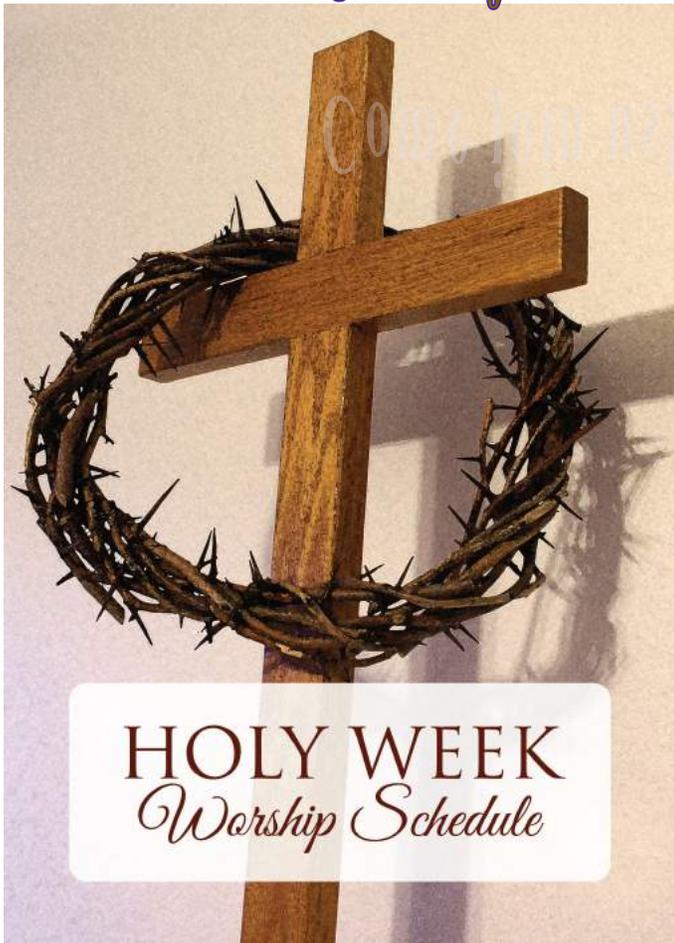


Come join us! All are welcome.



Liturgy of the Palms - Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service. As a part of the Holy Week events, join us Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday worship service led by your Elders.

Easter Morning - Sunday, April 16, 2017
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



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Greetings,

I thought this article written by Denise Larson Cooper gives us much to think about as we draw near to Easter Sunday.

On Easter Sunday morning churches will fill with people to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. We pull out all stops to fill the sanctuary with triumphant sounds to honor the risen Lord. Trumpet fanfares accompany the congregation's voices, which are raised in the singing of Charles Wesley's hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today. Orchestra and choir join in festive songs of victory. And, at last, the service concludes with Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah. Hearts soar and joy fills the souls of the faithful who rejoice in Christ's triumph over sin and death.

Then comes the morning after. The emotional charge of Easter Sunday has left our hearts. Our soul, which had soared upward into the heavens on the wings of the truth of the resurrection, is brought earthward and burdened with the cares of the day. Our minds exchange meditations on the glories of Christ for a list of errands and groceries.

Our worldly cares, like traffic cops, push any thoughts of Christ's resurrection out of our minds, doubt loudly declaring, "Move along there is nothing to see here." It also makes us question the Easter miracle, and when we look back at the tomb, the stone covers the opening and we go back to our old lives, going about business as though Christ was lying cold, still and dead inside the sepulcher.

We treat Christ as though his resurrection from the dead is the climax of an Easter play. When the music stops and the church service ends we applaud His performance and leave, remembering that we can catch the same show again next year.

God knew how difficult it would be for our finite minds to apprehend the truth of Jesus' resurrection. He even sent an angel to the tomb to redirect the women's thoughts from doubt and pain to faith and joy. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6)

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God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ's condescension to take on a human body and take on sin and death has ended in triumph over the grave.

Jesus is not a fictional character in a play. He no longer occupies a tomb and just as he appeared to His disciples in His glorified risen body so He continues to exhort and encourage His faithful through the Holy Spirit. When the faithful gather on Sunday in church for worship they are testifying to the world that Jesus Christ is alive. His living body, the church, is in the world as a witness to God's miraculous work in Jesus Christ.

By the living Spirit of Christ the church is empowered to declare the truth of Christ's resurrection. The church in the world speaks the words of the living Christ, who said, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again" (Luke 24:7).

The church's existence is proof that Christ is risen. The church lives in the world. The apostle Paul wrote, "The church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way" (Ephesians 1:23). The fullness of the risen Christ fills the church through the person of the Holy

Spirit. By His power the living Christ still reveals Himself to His disciples in the world and exhorts and emboldens the faithful to participate in His ministry of reconciliation. As ministers, the faithful are to dispense the duties of the church on Earth: preach the Gospel, forgive sins, baptize, and unite believers in the foretaste of the supper of the Lamb.

Through the Spirit the faithful become Christ's competent ministers. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, "Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant" (2 Corinthians 3:4-6) which is confirmed and made visible in the resurrection.

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God has raised Jesus from the dead. And through Christ's death and resurrection, God raised up His church to witness to the Almighty power of God and to testify that "The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46-47).

When Christians are baptized into the church, they are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. The church is the risen body of Christ.

As members of the church of the living Christ the faithful must relinquish all claims to this world and be subjects of the living Lord. The fear that grips us when we think of this submission is the reason so often we want to roll the stone back over the tomb. The living Christ calls us to a life of obedience. By His grace He turns our hearts toward God and exhorts us to do the work of God through His Spirit. The living Christ expects His followers to imitate Him in the world every day and join together each week to celebrate the feast of the Lamb, look ahead to the Church Triumphant, and be strengthened by the truth that Jesus is alive.

On the day after Easter, and each day after that, the stone remains rolled away from the entrance of Christ's tomb and all God's ministers must get to the divine work of proclaiming the eternal truth to a dying world that Christ is alive.

*Blessings,
Kelly*

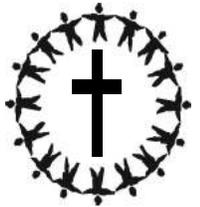


On the third day, the friends of Christ coming at daybreak ... found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly

realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener, God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn.

—G.K. Chesterton

**FROM YOUR
MODERATOR**
Carroll Rinker



The spring rains will be welcome when they come. Although we have had a very mild winter it still feels so good to see the brilliant colors of spring. The rains wash away the dirt and grit of winter and provide the stimulus for the plants to begin renewing themselves.

The storms in our lives help to wash away the old life. It should be a chance for us to renew ourselves. Same with the church. As we experience challenges it gives us a chance to grow. We are seeing that growth in the church right now. The March fellowship dinner attended by 80 people illustrates that growth. But it is just the beginning. Each of us has the opportunity to share the Good News with the community. As we experience the positive effects of God's love we will want to share that with others. Many opportunities will become apparent as you look around the church and community. Don't wait for someone to ask you. Step forward and volunteer when you become aware of that opportunity. Become the cleansing water of God.

What will you do for God's service?



BOARD MEETING

Thursday,
April 13th
@ 11 a.m.

**(The time has moved from
10 a.m. to 11 o'clock)**

Copies of the monthly Board Minutes
and Financials are always available
in the church office.



Applying Bible Principles

The writer of the book of Hebrews made this short but powerful statement about the Lord Jesus, "Consider Him." That admonition is nowhere more needful than in the matter of giving and receiving.

Consider Him, the Lord of glory, who gave His life so that we might gain eternal life. Consider Him, who was rich, yet became poor for our sakes, that we through His poverty might be rich. Consider Him, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Consider Him, who was quoted by Dr. Luke in Acts 20:35, as he urged us to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Although many Christians would at first glance agree with that premise on an intellectual basis, by their lifestyles, they demonstrate that their lives are diametrically opposed to this biblical principle. They might even go so far as to state their agreement with what the Lord Jesus said, but not so far as to change their selfish "me first" attitude. They might give mental assent or even verbal assent to His teaching, but in reality, their lives are consumed by a passion for "receiving" instead of "giving." It is as though they pass through life's portals with this striking question emblazoned across their foreheads: "What's in it for me?"

Such an attitude should be foreign to the lives of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ. If our role in life is to follow Him, and to obey Him, we should demonstrate daily, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

God, who owns everything, gives material possessions freely and willingly to us, His children, for a number of reasons, but one of the primary reasons is for us to be able to give them back to Him. Each time we give to the Lord's work out of a heart that responds to His love and grace, we give away a little of our selfishness and gain a bit more of Christ's sacrificial spirit. As John MacArthur expressed it so well, "The major money issue in Scripture is not how you feel about it, or even how you spend it. The primary concern of Scripture is how you give it."

Dr. Herschel Hobbs wrote this, "One of greed's victims read this verse, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' How revealing of his sordid, shriveled soul was his comment: 'Well, perhaps so, but receiving is good enough for me.' Is receiving good enough for you? Would you rather be a beggar than a benefactor? a panhandler than a philanthropist? a blight than a blessing? a parasite than a producer? a getter than a giver?"

As you think about your answers to Dr. Hobbs' questions, and as you give of your resources to the Lord's work, "Consider Jesus." "Consider Him" by remembering and obeying His words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2..... Kyle Flieger
- 2..... Krista McGinnis
- 4..... Judy Smith
- 6..... Beckie Huckriede
- 10..... Bob Yates
- 15..... Olive Lindsey
- 16..... John Harris
- 16..... Sharon Hofer
- 18..... Pete Renick
- 19..... Donna Kissell
- 20..... Kevin Flieger
- 21..... Kyle McGinnis
- 22..... Betsy Garvin
- 24..... Kathie Williams
- 27..... Mel McKeown
- 28..... Jo Herndon
- 30..... Chuck Folker



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ellis & Nancy Clark
- 2 Kent & Mary Elliott
- 4 Mike & Susan Thrams
- 5 Melvin & Doris Bayless
- 7 Roy & Connie Reimers
- 10 Bob & Olive Lindsey
- 10 Larry & Ruth Magill
- 14 Bruce & Sandy Schaefer
- 22 Kelly & Nancy Caldwell
- 22 Arnold & Louise Hancock

If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please notify the church office.

CWF NEWS

Christian Women's Fellowship

I just love the brilliant yellow of forsythia and daffodils! Soon the tulips and the redbud will add their colors to the landscape. If we hadn't just gone through winter would we truly appreciate the rebirth of spring?

CWF had a great program in March. Author Sue Ellen Cleaver shared thoughts about positive words and their effects upon others. She challenged us to spread that positivity to others around us. We'd love to invite all women to come to our monthly CWF meetings to experience that positive feeling! This group of women works hard and accomplishes a remarkable amount of good for the church and community. Come be a part of that.

Join us at our next meeting on April 11 with a potluck lunch at 11:30 AM. Hostesses will be Diane Gilmore and Joyce Keck. Hope to see you there.

Carroll Rinker, President

<p>CWF MEETING</p> 	<p>Tuesday, April 11, 2017</p>
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CALLING ALL ELDERS AND DIACONATES!

Offertory and Communion Service Training
Sunday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Elder and Diaconate Retreat Picnic
When? Saturday, April 15 from 10-2 p.m.
Bring a dish to share - Spouses are welcome!
Where? At Gil & Cindy Hoch's house.

Dinner for Eight (6-8)
Sunday April 30, 2017
Save the date!

Sign-up on sheet can be found in entryway.
Deadline is April 20.



Dinner for 8 is an evening when a group of folks from the church (6-8 people) gather to share good food and fellowship in a "host home". It is an excellent opportunity to get to know folks you might not know well yet. Experienced participants say this is where they got better acquainted with individuals they otherwise might not know well.

How it works: There will be a sign up sheet in the church entryway. Sign up to participate and indicate if you would be willing to be a "host home". (If you only have room for 6 people just indicate that on the sign up.

The Church Growth Committee and Event Coordinator, Norma Johnson, will arrange groups. Hosts provide the main dish and beverages and contact their assigned guests about what to bring appetizers, salad, side dish or dessert. All couples and individuals are encouraged to sign up for this fun event!

<p>Please join us in welcoming our newest member who joined our congregation on March 26, 2017.</p> <p>Jean Woods 304 Brook Valley Lane Gravois Mills, MO 65037 573-374-1046</p>	 <p>Welcome to your new church family Jean!</p>
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"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"



Prayer List

Thelma Boice	Nathan Lofland
Debbie Arnold	Steve Miles
Kim Bruner	Eva Millard
Helen Caldwell	John Miller
Kelly Caldwell	Gail Renick
Inez Couch	Pete Renick
Pam Cummins	Judy Rockwell
Don Drake	Marilyn Rothove
Angela Flores	Taylor Schade
Emma Head	Debbie Schultz
Dona Johnson	Kimberly Sublett
Roy Johnson	Charles Thrams
Donna Killion	Debbie Teal
Ken Kimminau	Linda Wintermute
Teresa Kimminau	Bob Yates



Remember those at:

Laurie Care Center & The Knolls Residents

Helen Blackwell,
Helen Caldwell,
Maxine Ellis,
Stanley Field,
Freida Shackelford,
Lorene Wilcox.

The above people have been in need of our prayers. Please call the church office if you would like a name on the prayer list. Names will be taken off the list after one month, but you are always welcome to request that the name be added again.



Supper & Soul Services

Come join us every **Wednesday at 6:30** as we share a potluck meal and fellowship. Afterward we join our hearts and prayers at a casual Worship Service in the Loehr Center. Everyone is welcome!

April Supper & Soul Servers:

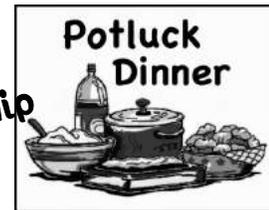
April 5: ELDERS: Carroll Rinker, Carrol Lowrance
**Jo Herndon & Tony Smith, Joyce & Herb Keck, Nancy Caldwell.

April 12: ELDERS: Cindy Hoch, Gerri Beard
**Norma J. & Rick Pace, Mary Ellen Flinn, Pam & Chuck Folker,

April 19: ELDERS: Herb Keck, Mel McKeown
**Carroll Rinker, Charlie & Chris Turner, Gregg Kissell, Joe Proch.

April 26: ELDERS: Mike Thrams, Carroll Rinker
**Mike & Beckie Huckriede, Mike & Sue Thrams, Jack & Susan Chapman.

April
Fellowship



Our next Fellowship dinner will be Sunday, April 23 after the Sunday Worship Service. Remember to bring a dish or two of your favorite foods for the Fellowship Dinner!

Come and give the gift of yourself to others.
"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" --1John 3:17--

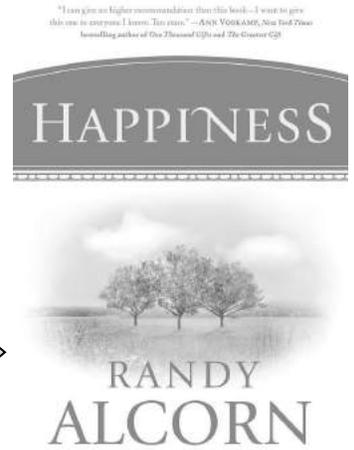
Fellowship Dinner Kitchen Team

April 23: ** Ed & Nancy Milburn, Jim & Linda Nielsen, Susan & Jack Chapman, Bruce & Bobbi Miles, Nancy Caldwell.



FISHING FOR WOMEN WOMENS STUDY

Join the next Women's Study on *Happiness* by Randy Alcorn. In *Happiness*, Randy Alcorn dispels centuries of misconceptions about happiness and provides indisputable proof that God not only wants us to be happy but also commands it in the pages of his word.



Presented by

Fishing for Women Ministry at West Lake Christian Church

Hosted by: Nancy Caldwell, Pam Folker, Sharon King & Linda Nielsen

Date: Every Thursday, APRIL 20 - MAY 25

Time: 9 a.m - 10:45 a.m.

Please sign up with a Team member or call the church office ASAP!

From Our Parish Nurse

Betty Greenley



Colorectal Cancer

Lake Regional Health System

Becky Beck, RN

WHAT IS IT?

Colorectal Cancer is a cancer that affects the colon or rectum and is the 3rd leading cause of cancer deaths. Many cancers start as the result of polyps in the colon.

Symptoms include:

- Changes in bowel movements-constipation or diarrhea that continues over time
- Bleeding or cramping in the rectum
- Blood on or in the stool
- Bloating or discomfort in the belly
- Urgency to have a bowel movement
- Loss of appetite, Unexplained fatigue and loss of weight
- Pelvic pain

RISK FACTORS

Over the age of 50, although there has recently been an increase in younger age groups.
More common in men

- History of Adenoma Polyps
- Previous history of colon cancer, ulcerative colitis or Crohn's Disease
- Immediate family history of colorectal cancer
- Diet- those who eat a diet high in fat and cholesterol and minimal fiber

Being overweight, drinking alcohol, smoking, and not exercising

Diabetes

Being African- American

Treatment

If symptoms occur, see your primary care physician. Blood tests may be taken to check for anemia. Then they may recommend a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy for diagnosis. If cancer is found, you may then be referred to a surgeon or a cancer specialist.

Prevention

Making changes in your lifestyle will reduce your chance of having colorectal cancer. This may include stopping smoking, watching your diet (eating foods that are low in fat and cholesterol and high in fiber), exercising, losing weight, reducing alcohol consumption and controlling your diabetes.

You should get Colonoscopies starting at age 50 and repeating at least every 10 years.

Resource-www.webmd.com/colorectal_cancer

Lake Regional Health System

54 Hospital Drive

Osage Beach, MO 65065

573.302.2743

www.bbeck@lakeregional.com

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Sunday, May 7, 2017

after the 10:30 service in the Loehr Center (lower level)



We welcome all who have joined our membership within the past year including all regular visitors to come and get acquainted with the pastor, other new members and learn more about West Lake Christian Church.

This is an informal time for visitors and newer members to enjoy and learn more about West Lake Christian Church along with— our affiliations, services and governing groups (Elders, Diaconate, committees) and outreach opportunities. Feel free to ask questions, tour the church and chat with Pastor Kelly and other church leaders. Learn about your spiritual gifts and opportunities to serve.

Call Jan in the church office 573-374-0647 by Wednesday May 3 to reserve a spot!

MEMBERS - Encourage anyone you know who would like to learn more about the church to attend.

THE REAL GOD

There is a deep sense of unease in our rapidly changing world. We all know something has been lost but don't know why or where it all leads.

Popular culture says *it's all about me* – that the end justifies the means, that love means self-satisfaction, that status and appearance are what count. And this ultimately self-destructive perspective has thoroughly infiltrated the church as confusion replaces conviction.

We've created a god in our minds who *only faintly* resembles the God of Scripture. These mental idols comfort our emotions, but they are powerless to deliver us from evil or transform our lives. The way back, the path of hope, starts with knowing God for who He really is.

Anyone who has tried to describe God to someone else, especially an unbeliever, knows that it is easy to find yourself at a loss for words. It seems that this part of our lives, which we claim is central, is often difficult to put into words. But if you know God, shouldn't you be able to describe him? What is he like?

Join Chip Ingram (Kent Elliott – facilitator) in this fascinating study of seven attributes of God. See God in a whole new light and discover that our view of God impacts every decision in our lives. It will change the way we pray, the way we live, and the way we think about the world around us.

April __, 2017 - Sunday 9 am - Choir room
- Kent Elliott - 573-723-2071



Church Directory Changes

New Address:

Gerri Beard
722 Highway O
Gravois Mills, MO
65037

Helen Caldwell
Laurie Care Center
P.O. Box 1068
Laurie, MO 65037

Kelly & Nancy Caldwell
Effective April 15th
14632 State Hwy P
Gravois Mills, MO
65037

Emma Head
Jerry Head
100 Bobcat
Gravois Mills, MO
65037

Herb & Joyce Keck
104 Osage Ave
Gravois Mills, MO
65037

Cheryl Knapp
P.O. Box 32
Tilden, IL 62292

Pete & Gail Renick
54 Forgotten Circle
Gravois Mills, MO
65037

Ruth Somers
2284 Boulder Dr.
Normal, IL 61761

Please be sure to make these additions in your directory so that you will always have the most current information.

Thank you. Jan Martin

April 2017



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sunday Schedule 9:00 A.M. ADULT STUDY ⇒ UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM ⇒ DOWNSTAIRS CHOIR ROOM 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>**Please note:** On April 23rd, there will be a “Offertory and Communion Service Training” for Elders and Diaconates at 1:00 p.m.</p> </div>					1
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 <p>FIFTH Sunday in Lent</p>  <p>2 pm Laurie Care Center</p>	<p>9:00 CRAFTS 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER</p>		<p>9:30 EXERCISE 5:00 PRAISE 6:30 SUPPER & SOUL 8:00 MAUNDY THURS. PRACTICE</p>		<p>9:30 EXERCISE CENTER</p>		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15
 <p>PALM Sunday</p>  <p>CFC FOOD DRIVE</p>	<p>9:00 CRAFTS 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER</p>	<p>11:30 CWF MEETING</p>	<p>9:30 EXERCISE 5:00 PRAISE 6:30 SUPPER & SOUL</p>	<p>11:00 BOARD MEETING LIBRARY 6:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>ELDER & DIACONATE RETREAT POTLUCK PICNIC 10am-2pm</p>	
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 <p>EASTER Sunday</p>  <p>Easter Offering</p>	<p>9:00 CRAFTS 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER</p>	<p>1:30 CHURCH GROWTH MTG.</p>	<p>Newsletter Deadline! 9:30 EXERCISE 5:00 PRAISE 6:30 SUPPER & SOUL</p>	<p>9:00 -10:45 Women's Study “HAPPINESS” BY RANDY ALCORN</p>	<p>9:30 EXERCISE</p>	<p>Mother Daughter Luncheon 11:30 Tea Noon Luncheon</p>	
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<p>FELLOWSHIP DINNER @ 11:30**</p>	<p>9:00 CRAFTS 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER</p>		<p>9:30 EXERCISE 5:00 PRAISE 6:30 SUPPER & SOUL</p>	<p>Fold Newsletter 4:30 HAPPY HOUR SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 ELDER'S MEETING</p>	<p>9:30 EXERCISE 6:00 DOMINOES</p>		
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<p>DINNER FOR EIGHT</p>							

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Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse

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You are Invited
to

Saturday, April 22, 2017
11:30 a.m. Tea ~ Noon Luncheon
\$12 Adults ~ \$5.00 under 10
Tickets on Sale Now
Come enjoy a wonderful time!



West Lake Christian Church
Loehr Center
936 Highway O, Laurie, MO

For reservations, call 374-0647 by April 17