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## the Weekly News • March 29, 2015



Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service RSVP Required, See Article •••	7:00 pm
Friday	Good Friday Service	7:00 pm
Saturday	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am
Sunday	Easter Sunday Services	9:30 am 11:00 am

# HELLO... I AM

Are you new to LifeJourney within the past six months (or even today)? If so, you're invited to a casual reception in your honor (snacks included) <u>this</u> **Tuesday at 7:00 pm**.

We'll get acquainted and answer questions you may have, like, "Is this church the right place for me? How do I fit in and make friends? What resources are available?"

**RSVP through the response form on the back page**. Questions may be directed to: Info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc or call the church office at (317)722-0000. See you there!

## Christian Passover Seder Meal



This year, our Maundy Thursday Service will offer a truly unique experience as we present a Christian Passover Seder Meal. Participants will receive a plate featuring items the Hebrew people would have eaten and learn the significance of each featured item.

Afterwards, we will partake in a (bit more) substantial meal while enjoying the fellowship of one another on this special evening.

Due to the unique characteristics of this service, space is limited, please RSVP by using the form in today's bulletin.

Sunday #FUNDAY (of Games) All are welcome TODAY at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall.

#### RFRA: What is it?

You've probably heard about the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, SB101, which recently made its way through the Indiana Legislature and has been signed into law by our governor. And you've probably heard our church's position on this bill-it is bad policy. The entire purpose of this bill is to sanction discrimination under the safety net of religious freedom. Make no mistake, this bill brings about anything but religious freedom.

So what do we do now? The most important things we can do is continue to pressure our elected officials and to vote every time you have the chance. But we can also take action by supporting groups like OpenforService.org. Encourage businesses you frequent to register with this organization to build a database for business who refuse to discriminate.

In the event, you experience discrimination in the name of misguided religious freedom, contact the Indiana Civil Liberties Union (ICLU) and speak to an attorney. The best place to challenge this ungodly law will be in the courts. If you need information about how to do that, feel free to speak to a member of pastoral staff.

Know your rights and stand strong. Together, we will see the day when this is overturned!

## Order of Service

#### Worship Theme: Palm Sunday

Key Verse:

"As Jesus came near and saw the city [of Jerusalem], he wept over it, saying, '… [Y]ou did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'"

#### Our Approach To God

#### **Connection Moment**

Song:	Every Praise with Henry Pippenger	
Song:	O Give Thanks with Henry Pippenger	
Prayer	with D'Yon Todd-Neal	
Homily	with Jerel Todd-Neal	
Special Music:	Some Kind of Happenin's Happenin' in Jerusalem with LJC Kids! Oasis	

#### God's Word To Us

Scripture:	Luke 19:35-44
Sermon:	Recognizing God Moments
	Rev. Jeff Miner

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#### Our Communion With God • 11:00 am service

- Sending Song
- Benediction
- Postlude

Notes	

**Webcast Reminder:** The morning services are recorded for our webcast; crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section

of seating. If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the left section.



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#### **Silent Confession**

**General Confession:** God, forgive me for times I've been so preoccupied that I've missed moments when your Spirit was seeking to break through in wonderful ways. Help me to live with a keen awareness of Your presence in, over, and around me. May I look for You in even the most unexpected places. Amen.

#### **Consecration of the Elements**

**Proclamation of our Faith:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is here now, and Christ will come again. Alleluia!

#### **Distribution of the Elements**

**If this is your first time with us:** You are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You're also welcome to just observe, if you prefer. You can take Communion alone, or with friends or family.

Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to come forward, please notify an usher.

#### **Decision Form:**

If you feel moved to respond in a tang	gible way.
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I am making a decision to become a follower of Jesus, or I want to rededicate myself to that decision.

- I have questions about spiritual things and would like to talk to someone.
- Other: \_

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One of our pastoral staff would be happy to make an appointment to talk with you about your spiritual life and what steps might come next – but only if you wish.

I would like to schedule a time to talk.

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Place this form in the basket at the info kiosk.



#### About this Calendar

Online Calendar – LifeJourneyChurch.cc/Calendar Events are open to all – rare exceptions will be noted. Questions? Inquire at the info kiosk, see any staff member, or email Info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

#### Sunday, March 29

#### 9:30 am Early Worship Service.

10:00 am Blast Off! (Age 2-2nd grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1).
11:00 am Morning Worship Service.

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- 11:00 am **The Bridge 2.0** (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5).
- 11:00 am **Teen Life** (9-12 grade), The Loft (Rm 10). Youth are released from the Sanctuary before the sermon.

#### Monday, March 30

7:00 pm Northeast Oasis meets at the home of Burns Gutzwiler & Nathan Tuttle, 207 W. Staat St., Fortville. Info: Linda Bernabie at (419)297-7576 or Ibernabie@hotmail.com

7:30 pm **AA Meeting,** Room 6.

#### Tuesday, March 31

- 7:00 pm Newcomers Welcome Reception, Room 7.
- 7:00 pm **Southwest Oasis** meets at the home of Kim Dixon & Kay Champion, 6561 E.Walton Dr. North, Camby. Info: Randy King at reckking@aol.com
- 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Oasis,** Room 9. Info: Jim Rednour at (765)388-0256 or jrednour@hotmail.com
- 7:00 pm **Westside Oasis** meets at the home of Jackie Harris, 4465 Cloverlake Dr., Indianapolis.
- Info: Pastor David at PastorDavid@LifeJourneyChurch.cc 7:00 pm **Young Adult Oasis,** Room 7. Info: Graham Melendez at grahammelendez06@gmail.com or Samantha Hasty-Zander at samjzander@gmail.com

#### Wednesday, April 1

- 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Oasis, Room 6. Info: Melody Merida at (317)722-0000 x102 or PastorMelody@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc
  6:30 pm LJC Kids! Oasis, Room 2.
  - Info: Melody Merida at (317)722-0000 x102 or PastorMelody@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc
- 6:30 pm **Praise Team Rehearsal,** Worship Arts Room.
- 7:00 pm **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Monica Law, 1440 N. Edmundson Ave., Indianapolis. Info: Vivian Wyatt at (317)722-0000 x106 or PastorVivian@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc
- 7:15 pm Instruments/Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary.

#### Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm **Garfield Park Oasis** meets at the home of Tex Green & Jerry Dowell, 615 E. Southern Ave., Indianapolis. Info: Jared Hancock at hancockjsh@yahoo.com

- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Registration Required)
- 7:00 pm **Northside Oasis** meets at the home of Jody Bracken, 11249 Woodcreek Drive, Carmel. Info: Jeff Miner at (317)722-0000 x103 or

PastorJeff@LifeJourneyChurch.cc

7:00 pm Northwest Oasis meets at the home of Robert Ferguson, 3637 Catalpa Ave, Indianapolis. Info: Robert Ferguson at rob1ferg@yahoo.com or Genese Parker at gp4justice@gmail.com

#### Friday, April 3

6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6. 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

#### Saturday, April 4

8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** serves Dayspring Center. 10:00 am **LJC Kids! Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration.** 

#### Exceptions...

Wed. Choir Rehearsal, begins earlier at 7:15 pm.
Thurs. Thursday Evening Oasis, attending Seder Meal.
Thurs. Instrumentalist Rehearsal, moved to Wed at 7:15 pm.

#### Coming Soon...

Apr 17 Couples Night Out, Mimosas & Masterpieces.

#### Last Week's Numbers

9:30 am Service Attendance	118	
11:00 am Service Attendance	262	
Oasis Attendance	101	
General Offering: Last Week	\$12,727	
General Offering: Weekly Average (prior 3 mo.)	\$10,867	
General Offering: Weekly Budgeted Goal	\$9,955	

In Loving Memory...

A beloved member of our congregation, Rich-

ard Morse, passed away Wednesday. We will miss

him so much. He is survived by his husband of 20



years, Paul Hancock.

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www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch email: info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc Vivian Wyatt, Pastor

David Zier, Pastor

Melody Merida, Pastor

Jeff Miner, Pastor

**Shellye Bradford,** Minister of Worship Arts

**Spencer James,** Director of Communications & Technology



## **Service Opportunities**

In the Building Blocks for Spiritual Growth model at LifeJourney Church, the S-Block stands for Service...encountering Christ as we meet others' practical and spiritual needs. Here are a few ways you may consider serving:

## **One-Time Service Opportunities**

- Egg-cellent Treaters: The LJC Kids! Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration is Saturday. We are still in need of donations and small toys to fill hundreds of Easter Eggs. (Please ensure they are small enough to fit inside eggs.)
- Mother's Day Tea: We will be celebrating Mother's Day this year with a traditional tea on Saturday, May 9. We are currently in need of amazing people with skills as an organizer, cook, server, decorator, or craft-maker.
- Circle City Pride Festival & Parade: Each year LifeJourney Church participates in this summer event. From our parade unit design, festival booth organization, and planning activities surrounding the event on Saturday, June 13, our participation requires many, many helping hands.

## **Reoccurring Service Opportunities**

- Paid Nursery Workers: If you enjoy spending time with babies and elementary-age children and want to earn a few extra dollars at the same time, then consider joining the Wednesday evening nursery team. This position pays \$10 an hour, each Wednesday from 6:15-8:15 pm.
- Grounds Crew: Enjoy the outdoors as you help keep our grounds neat and/or adopt a garden. Crews rotate through once a month and complete specific tasks.
- Temples Keepers: Give your time, once a month, to help keep the church clean. You will be assigned a specific task... Don't worry we don't make you clean the whole building.
- **Recycling:** Already running errands? Stop by LifeJourney and help transport our recycled aluminum cans and card board to the recycling facility. Typically this task is completed on a biweekly basis by one or more people.

Will you help with some of our most urgent needs for service? Please let us know or request more info through the response form on the back page of the bulletin.

## And Then... It's Luigi Pizza Time!

Coming soon, on April 12, Luigi's Mission Pizza & Cookies will be available for order! When you support the LifeJourney Church Missions Ministry's annual fundrasiser, your purchase of pizza and cookies help build a home in the Navajo Nation, or send a girl to school in Sudan, and also help children in Guatemalan schools. You can even buy a pizza to help



people here at home; donate a pizza to IYG, helping LGBT youth have a safe space or to DaySpring, supporting homeless families with children.

Back this year, gourmet cookies! We are offering chocolate chip, chocolate chip cookie sandwiches, peanut butter, and peanut butter dipped in chocolate.

Luigi's Mission Pizza fundraiser, along with your support, allows the LifeJourney Church Missions Ministry to help change a corner of the world one slice at a time...one cookie at a time.

The Missions Ministry needs your help! If going on a missions trip is not quite your style, there are other ways you can assist the team. Review the ways you can participate on the form below.

I would like to help the Missions Ministry by:
$\Box$ Selling pizza outside the church to friends,
family, coworkers, etc.
$\Box$ Staff sales table after services on April 12, 19, 26.
$\Box$ Loan a freezer and/or help transport freezers to
the church.
🔲 Setup to make pizzas: Friday, May 1 at 5 pm.
🗌 Help make pizzas: Saturday, May 2 at 9 am.
Name
Phone
Email Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk.



## Join a Ministry Team!

Looking for a place to use your gifts, interests, and abilities in service? Consider the groups listed below. For more info, fill out the form and we'll put you in touch. All are welcome to participate; church membership is not required.

## **Ministry Teams**

Altar Care
 prepares the all

prepares the altar each SundayAnimal Ministry

- helps homeless animals
- **Be Still and Know Writers** write for our online daily devotional
- LJC Kids! teaches our children how to build a strong relationship with God
- Communion serves Holy Communion during 11:00 am worship
- Homeless Ministry works to help the homeless in Indianapolis
- Hospitality provides snacks and a welcoming atmosphere after services
- Library Ministry oversees our collection of books and media
- LifeJourney Press produces and markets LGBTQ Christian resources

- Media Team
  - oversees sound and video for worship and webcast
- Mowing Team keeps the grass mowed during the warm months
- Music Ministry provides music for worship. Groups include vocalist and instrumentalists
- Nursery provides a loving place for our little ones during service
- Office Volunteers and Receptionists perform clerical and computer tasks; serve as church office receptionists
- Temple Keepers keeps the building clean
- Usher/Greeter Teams welcomes folks to worship and helps the service run smoothly
- Word Alive! presents Scripture readings for worship

I'd like more info about: **Ministry Teams** Altar Care Animal Ministry Be Still and Know Writers Group LJC Kids! Communion (11:00 am worship) Homeless Ministry Hospitality Library Ministry LifeJourney Press Media Team Mowing Team **Music Ministry** Nursery Office Volunteers/Receptionists **Temple Keepers** Usher/Greeter Teams 9:30 am 11:00 am Word Alive!

Print name

Phone

Email

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk.

#### Oasis is the best way to connect and make friends at church—small **Choose YOUR Perfect Oasis** groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer.



#### Tuesday Southwest Oasis Young Adult Oasis Westside Oasis

#### Wednesday Eastside Oasis Tuesday Evening Oasis Wednesday Evening Oasis LJC Kids! Oasis

#### Thursday

Garfield Park Oasis Northside Oasis Northwest Oasis Thursday Evening Oasis

# REGISTER

Waycross Camp is ready to host the LJC Kids again this summer for some awesome weeks of camp! There are multiple options to choose this year:

- Week 1: Ready, Set, Camp! June 14-18 for grades 1-8 completed. Early Bird Pricing \$300
- Week 2: Leaders In Community. June 14-20 for grades 9-12 completed. Early Bird Pricing \$390
- Week 3: Adventure Camp. July 12-18 for ages 8-15. Early Bird Pricing \$390

To register your camper, go to http://WayCrossCenter.org. To request a scholarship for your camper, complete the form in the bulletin.

Stay connected to recent news from LifeJourney! Subscribe by email at: LifeJourneyChurch.cc/connect

See the full events calendar from LifeJourney! View this month at: LifeJourneyChurch.cc/calendar

## Yes! I'd like to respond to these articles:

#### Service Opportunities:

- Egg-cellent Treaters
- ☐ Mother's Day Tea
- □ Nursery Worker
- Grounds Crew
- Temple Keepers Recycling
- Circle City Pride: Parade & Festival

#### **RSVP and/or More Info:**

- Newcomers Welcome
- Summer Camp
- □ Maundy Thursday: Christian Sader Meal
- 🗋 Navajo Nation Mission Trip

Name
Phone
Email ———
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## TWO BIG Leader Transitions

Today we honor Andrea Platt and Dale Betts. For the past 12 years, both have faithfully led key ministry teams, and now both are ready to transition. Twelve straight years of steady leadership is a remarkable feat!



Andrea began leading our Media Team when it was just a few tiny pieces of equipment tucked away in the back corner of the sanctuary. Under her leadership, we received a Lilly grant that allowed us to substantially upgrade. Through it all, Andrea has recruited, trained, and supported our many Media Team volunteers. In fact, the

Team has grown to the point that it's no longer fair to ask a volunteer leader to keep up with it all. So, moving forward, the Team will be led by Spencer James, our church's Director of Communications and Technology.



Meanwhile, Dale has led "Word Alive," our scripture reading team, during the same 12 year period. Week-in and week-out he has recruited, scheduled, and helped prepare our scripture readers, allowing us to hear God's Word read vividly by many different voices in our congregation. And now, he is handing over the leadership

reins to - guess who? - Andrea Platt! As Andrea steps into this new role, we're going to continue to build on the incredible foundation Dale laid and strive for even greater levels of presentation excellence.

When you see Dale and Andrea today, please thank them for their incredible years of service!!