

Happy Anniversary!

On Sunday, August 21, our Church turns 20 years old. We'll celebrate this milestone with a special worship service, and long-term members will be recognized.

We will also make an exciting announcement about an **extraordinary new outreach effort** that could reverberate far and wide. You won't want to miss it!

Also as a part of that celebration we will hold our **Annual Church Picnic** on Saturday, August 20 from noon to 5:00 pm right here at the church. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and **we can all bring a dish and beverage to share**. There will be a bounce house for the kids and games for all ages. Bring your lawn chair to sit outside and enjoy the fellowship of our church family!

We do need a few folks to help make the magic happen: chair, table and game setup, a face painter, and tear down/cleanup. **If you'd like to pitch in, fill out the form below.**

I'd like to help with the picnic.

Set-up Tear down/cleanup Face painting

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Exciting Changes in the Children's Ministry

Our new check-in system for the children begins today! Parents, please take your children to the Check-In Station before the service.

We're making some changes in the Children's Ministry to accommodate our growth. One of the most visible changes will be the elimination of the children's sermon. We may miss the energy kids bring to each service, but the changes are important for our kids.

- **Safety.** Dismissing 30 children during worship creates risk that a child will not get to class safely. Beginning today, we're moving to a direct check-in/check-out system.
- **Quality of Learning.** Our kids will greatly benefit from spending more time together and with their teachers.
- **Explosive Growth.** A children's sermon works well with 5 to 10 kids. But now we routinely have 20-40 each Sunday. Logistics (and keeping their attention!) is far more difficult with a large group.

So it's time we moved to the next level in our children's programming. We'll still get to experience the joy of seeing our children in worship when the children's choir sings. Special arrangements will also be made for children on the Communion Teams. Also, on the first Sunday of each month, kids will stay in the sanctuary with their parents until sermon time, when they'll be dismissed to go to Blast Off Worship.

If you have thoughts or questions, please contact Melody Merida at (317) 722-0000 x 102 or mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Children's Choir

After a summer hiatus the children's choir is ready to jump back into action on August 24! The children's choir meets **every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**, concurrent with the Family Oasis.

This year the choir director, Nathan Tuttle, will be adding some **child-friendly music composition and theory education** to accompany the usual choral repertoire. The choir members will love learning how to read music and understand its composition.

If your child is age five or older we welcome them to be a part of the LifeJourney Children's Choir! Return the form below for info.

We're interested in the Children's Choir.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child's name/age _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

On September 11, LifeJourney Church will participate in an **interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace and Unity** coordinated by St. Luke's United Methodist Church. More info will follow soon.

Welcome Indiana Black Pride!

Order of Service • August 14, 2011

Worship Theme: Emotional Wellness

Key Verse: Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *Matthew 2:12*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *God Favored Me*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Great Is Your Mercy, They That Wait, Grateful*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Matthew 2:7-12

Anthem: *Order My Steps*, LifeJourney Gospel Choir with soloist Vanessa Waters

Sermon: *Go Home Another Way*, by Rev. Samuel Offer

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *I'll Trust You*, LifeJourney Gospel Choir

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I often get stuck thinking the same way and doing the same thing over and over again, even when the results are negative. Forgive me for being so passive. Give me

the energy to make some changes. Give me the courage to try something different. 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 members.

Ushers will release the rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a short prayer. After receiving the elements, please 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.

After all are Served the Elements

Rise and sing *Alleluia*.

Benediction

Postlude

Deacons will be at the front of the sanctuary after service for any who wish to pray.

Webcast Reminder: The morning services are recorded for our webcast, and crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section of seating. *If you don't want to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the east section (near the media booth).*

Notes

Decision Form: *If you feel moved to respond in a tangible way.*

- 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: _____

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

Events are open to all – the only exceptions are SoulShift classes, which require advance registration.

For more info, inquire at the info kiosk, see any staff member or ministry team leader, or contact the office at info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

Sunday, August 14

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
11:00 am **Morning Worship Service.**
11:30 am **The Bridge 2.0** (junior high / middle school), Room 7.
Youth are released from the sanctuary before the sermon.
12:30 pm **Heartmenders Rehearsal**, sanctuary.

Monday, August 15

- 7:00 pm **Decoding God's Will For Me SoulShift Class**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **Discipleship 102 SoulShift Class**, Room 8.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, August 16

- 7:00 pm **Jesus Seekers Oasis** meets at the home of Roger Brown.
Info: See Chuck Levi or call Roger at (317) 446-5604.
7:00 pm **LifeJourney Press**, Room 4. Info: Lynne Kaminski, lynnekaminski@yahoo.com.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Thursday, August 18

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 1. Info: Larry Heavilon, larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.
7:00 pm **Discipleship 101 SoulShift Class**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] L³: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2.
Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284.

Friday, August 19

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce, (317) 294-5225 or mmbruce59@hotmail.com.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, August 20

- 8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** provides breakfast at The Dayspring Center. Contact April Kerulis at kerulis512@hotmail.com or (317) 370-8214 for information.
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.
12:00 pm **Church Picnic!** See page one for details.
4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Aug 27 **Singles Game Night** at the church. See page four for info.
Aug 31 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! See page four for info.
Sep 11 **Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace and Unity** at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. More info to follow.
Oct 14-16 **Fall Family Retreat.** Mark your calendar today! More information to follow.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	140
Morning Service Attendance	248
Other Events Attendance	142
General Offering	\$12,799
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,505
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



Jeff Miner, Pastor

Melody Merida, Minister of
Congregational Life

Mark Brown, Minister of
Worship Arts

Vivian Wyatt, Minister of Care
and Business Administration

David Zier, Minister of
Outreach and Development

David Squire,
Communications Director

Cans for Kids

Did you know we have plans to expand the children's playground? The next phase will just about double the size of the play space. We currently have **\$2,174.18** in the playground fund, all of which was raised by **recycling aluminum cans!**

If you'd like to help with this effort, just bring your aluminum cans to church and leave them at the collection point in the coat room. *Thanks!*

Be Kind to Your Office Volunteers!

Every week you dutifully fill out the attendance pad as it comes down your row. *But do you know what happens after you fill it out?*

The Ushers collect the sheets, then they're handed off to our *Office Volunteer Team*, who input the data and produce reports for our pastoral staff. The reports help our staff know who's new and who's been missing, so we can follow up with those people.

Because collecting correct data is so important, here are a few suggestions that will make our Office Volunteer's work more accurate (and easier):

- Please keep in mind **someone else has to read what you write!**
- **Please Print!** Our volunteers struggle valiantly to decipher the artistic swoops and swashes of some folk's signatures. But really, what we need is **JUST YOUR NAME, LEGIBLY PRINTED.**
- **Please use your full name.** Everyone in your Oasis surely knows who "William and Eugene" are, but do all of our Office Volunteers know you?
- **Use the areas provided at the bottom of the sheet** if you have an update of your contact info. The top part is reserved for guests.

The Easiest Way to Give

More than 50% of our weekly offering now comes in electronically. Electronic giving is easy, quick, and you can change it at a moment's notice. Just go to LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate to set up your secure account. You can change or stop your electronic giving at the same link.

Electronic giving helps our church enormously! It means your giving occurs even when you're away on travel, allowing our budget to remain stable. Plus it eliminates the need for us to count and handle cash or checks every Sunday. Make the most of your giving — go electronic!

Kings Island Pride Night

Two groups are going to Kings Island on **September 9** for Pride Night: the **Music Ministry** and the **Young Adults**. Both groups will carpool from the church. The cost is \$36.

If you'd like to go with the **Music Ministry**, give your payment to Mark Brown no later than September 5. Checks should be made payable to LifeJourney Church. **If you are considering joining the music ministry or are already in the music ministry, please join us.** We'll leave the church at **3:00 pm**, and return around midnight. Contact Mark with questions: mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc, (317) 722-0000 x 104, or [facebook.com/BrownMarkC](https://www.facebook.com/BrownMarkC).

If you'd like to go with the **Young Adults (18-35)**, payment should be given to Melody Merida. The Young Adults will leave the church at **4:00 pm**, and return around midnight. Questions: (317) 722-0000 x 102 or mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

I plan to attend Pride Night with:

Music Ministry Young Adults

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Singles Social: Game Night

All singles are invited for food, fellowship, and a relaxed social time playing your favorite board and card games. **We'll gather on August 27, 6:30 pm at the church.** Bring your favorite game, an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share, and your soft drink of choice. Contact Jim Rednour for info: jrednour@hotmail.com or (765) 388-0256.

New to LifeJourney Church? Be our guest!

If you're new to LifeJourney Church within the past six months or so (or even if today is your first Sunday!) we invite you to a **Welcome Reception** at the church on **Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm**. The reception is casual and will include snacks and dessert. We'll get acquainted, share stories and info, and answer any questions you have. **If you've wondered, "Is LifeJourney Church the right place for me? What resources are available? How do I fit in and make friends?" then this reception is for you!**

RSVP with the form at right. **If you have questions**, contact the church office at info@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000.

Newcomer's Welcome Reception, August 31

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Which Team is right for me?

A few suggestions for finding your spot:

- What are you interested in? What are you good at? What makes you happy?
- Take the *Discipleship 102* class. In that class you'll complete a *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* that will help you determine your gifts.
- Ask your friends, Oasis leader, or church staff. Sometimes those who know us well can see things we're missing.

Here are a few highlights of the ministry opportunities available at LifeJourney Church. See the back of this page for a list of all our teams.

Children's Ministry

Team member Melissa Hummerickhouse says, "I love serving in the Children's Ministry! The relationships I have with the children mean the world to me. Being a part of their lives has made a huge impact on my own life — I get to share with them how much Jesus loves every one of them! It's a fun-filled adventure!"

Like Melissa, you can develop new skills, build friendships and feel good about service by being a part of the Children's Ministry. Right now there are opportunities for the following roles:

- **Acting/Directing:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Art Projects:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Check-In Supervisor:** One Sunday service a month.

All you need will be provided, including a bit of courage to take on a group of children! Join us!

Let's Make Music!

The Choir and the Instrumentalists are back!

LifeJourney Choir's first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Room 1. All singers are welcome! If you have an ear for music please join us, whether you can read music notation or not. Our season ends with the Christmas program.

The Instrumentalists' first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the sanctuary. Instrumentalists must be able to read music at a good to excellent level. This group accompanies congregational singing and special music every other Sunday, and the ensemble plays through Christmas. If you played in high school, college, or professionally please consider serving with us!

Helping our homeless neighbors

The **Homeless Ministry** has teamed up with the **Dayspring Center** to assist families who are in crisis. Dayspring Center operates 24/7, offering the essentials of food, clothing, and shelter.

The Homeless Ministry provides breakfast on the third Saturday of each month. Team member Greg McMullen describes what the team does: "We cook breakfast in the Dayspring Center kitchen, preparing items as varied as egg casserole, pancakes and fruit salad, and biscuits and gravy — you do not have to be Julia Child to help on our team! We then serve our meal to the families, and it's rewarding when the kids or parents come back for seconds, thirds and even fourths! They're always so appreciative of our efforts to nourish their bodies, while we appreciate the opportunity to nourish our own souls."

You're welcome to check out the team by helping us serve breakfast! **We'll be at the Dayspring Center on August 20, 8:00 to 10:30 am.**

Make a difference in a cat's life

The **Animal Ministry** is assisting with a **feral cat spay/neuter day** on August 21, 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Our volunteers will help keep the clinic clean as the doctors work and assist in other ways as needed. The veterinarians donate their time, so let's help them by donating ours to make the process run smoothly!

Location is **Allisonville Animal Hospital**, 10173 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Attire is casual, but appropriate. LifeJourney tee shirts with jeans and tennis shoes would be nice if you are able! Training isn't necessary, but plenty of support is provided to anyone who's new to the team.

Ministry Opportunities: I'd like more info about

- Homeless Ministry Children's Ministry
 Choir Instrumentalists
 Animal Ministry

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Make a Difference!

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 altar each Sunday
- **Animal Ministry**
helps homeless animals
- **Be Still and Know Writers**
write for our online daily devotional
- **Children's Choir**
provides creative worship outlets for our children
- **Children's Ministry**
teaches our children how to build a strong relationship with God
- **Communion**
serves Holy Communion during 11:00 am worship
- **LifeJourney Press**
produces and markets LGBTQ Christian resources
- **Gardening Team**
maintains the flower beds and greenery
- **Homeless Ministry**
works to help the homeless in Indianapolis
- **Hospitality**
provides snacks and a welcoming atmosphere after services
- **Instrumental Ensemble**
provides instrumental music for worship
- **Library Ministry**
oversees our collection of books and media
- **Media Team**
oversees sound and video for worship
- **Mowing Team**
keeps the grass mowed during the warm months
- **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
- **Pastoral Care Team**
provides care to the congregation
- **Security Team**
oversees security procedures during Sunday services
- **Special Music**
provides music for worship. Groups include the Sanctuary Choir, the Gospel Choir, and the HeartMenders.
- **Temple Keepers**
keeps the building clean
- **Usher/Greeter Teams**
welcomes folks to worship and helps the service run smoothly
- **Welcome Team Ministry**
helps newcomers feel welcome and at ease
- **Word Alive!**
presents Scripture readings for worship



I'd like more info about:

Ministry Teams

- Altar Care
- Animal Ministry
- Be Still and Know Writers
- Children's Choir
- Children's Ministry
- Communion (11:00 am worship)
- LifeJourney Press
- Gardening Team
- Homeless Ministry
- Hospitality
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Library Ministry
- Media Team
- Mowing Team
- Nursery
- Office Volunteers/Receptionists
- Pastoral Care Team
- Security Team
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- Temple Keepers
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 - 9:30 am
 - 11:00 am
- Welcome Team Ministry
- Word Alive!

Print name

Phone

Email

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