

Thanksgiving and Christmas at LifeJourney Church

The Giving Tree

Our traditional Giving Tree items are available by the tree in the social hall today.

We're purchasing gifts for **Indiana Youth Group**, a safe haven for LGBT teens and young adults, and **Dayspring Center**, our ministry partner that assists homeless families. Complete instructions and due dates are on the gift tags. *Questions?* Contact David Squire, dsquire@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Today, the Children's Ministry...

...will explore the origins of Thanksgiving through stories, games, crafts, and, of course, food! Preschoolers through fifth graders will take part in the festivities during both morning services.

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 24: Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner this Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

It'll be a great time with good food and church friends. The church will provide turkey and ham; please bring a side dish or dessert to help complete the meal. **If you plan to attend, please fill out the form** so we can plan appropriately.

Couples Oasis Christmas Party

December 3: Dinner at Chili Verde (www.chileverdeindy.com), followed by dessert and a white elephant gift swap at Paul Hancock and Richard Morse's home.

To RSVP or for more information contact Doug Snow at douglasesnow@yahoo.com or (317) 755-1469.

Sing Joy! Christmas Concert

December 8 and 9 at 7:00 pm. Join us for a casual, cozy, contemporary Christmas concert, with a classic reading of the Christmas story.

Concert participants include the Children's Choir, the Gospel Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, the Instrumental Ensemble and guest Charlie Morgan of the local band *Hyryder*.

Birthday Party for Jesus!

December 18. The Children's Ministry will hold a birthday party in Jesus' honor, complete with games, prizes, birthday cake, and a visit by Jesus himself.

Christmas Eve Dinner

December 24: Christmas Eve Dinner at Jeff Miner and David Zier's home. This is *not* a pitch-in, and all are welcome. Details and directions available soon.

Christmas Remembrances

Join us on Christmas Sunday at our regular worship times for a one-hour service of carols, scriptures, and Holy Communion. We'll have you out in an hour for the rest of your busy day!

I want to be part of Thanksgiving Dinner:

I'm attending and will bring a side dish or dessert.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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



Share Your Joy

For most of us, LifeJourney Church is an incredible blessing! Wouldn't you like to share that blessing with others who need a welcoming church home?

Church business cards are available at the info kiosk. We encourage you to carry a couple in your wallet, and when you're with a

friend who might enjoy our church, simply share the card. Or, when you're walking through a parking lot and see an LGBT bumper sticker, you might place a card on the windshield of that vehicle. Some of us are here because someone cared enough to do that!

So share your joy; pick up some business cards today. Please take only a few — each Sunday you can restock at the info kiosk.

Order of Service • November 20, 2011

Worship Theme: Perspective on This Life and the Next

Key Verse: Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourself with the same intention. . . .

1 Peter 4:1

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *We Lift Our Hands*

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *I Will Follow, We Fall Down, My Jesus I Love Thee*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-6

Anthem: *Ubi Caritas*, the Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: *The Circle of Life*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Grateful*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, sometimes I have a control problem. I resent suffering; I want everything to go my way. I resent mystery; I want everything to be clear and make sense. Teach me to accept what is, and trust what will be. Help me to let go of the need to control. 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 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.

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, November 20

- 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.
11:30 am **Teen Life**, Room 5. Teens are released before the sermon.
12:45 pm **Art Exhibit Planning Meeting**, Room 6.
1:00 pm **Board of Deacons Meeting**, Room 4.
1:00 pm **Financial Peace University**, Room 2.

Monday, November 21

- 7:00 pm **Understanding the Bible Better**, Room 1.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, November 22

- 7:00 pm **Square Dancing**, social hall. Info: Sandra Johnson at rjohnson1506@comcast.net.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Thursday, November 24

- 1:00 pm **Thanksgiving Dinner**, social hall. See page one for info.

Friday, November 25

- 7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, November 26

- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Dec 3 **Couples Dinner.** See page one for info.
Dec 5 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** Info on page four.
Dec 8 & 9 **Sing Joy! Christmas Concert**, 7:00 pm. Info on page one.
Dec 18 **Children's Ministry Birthday Party for Jesus!** Info on page one.
Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Dinner** at Jeff Miner and David Zier's home. Details available soon.
Dec 25 **Christmas Remembrances.** Regular worship times for Christmas day; a one-hour service of carols, scriptures, and Holy Communion.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	132
Morning Service Attendance	263
Other Events Attendance	195
General Offering	\$7,760
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$8,998
General Offering Average <i>Goal</i>	\$9,554



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Nominating Committee Notice

At our Annual Congregational Meeting in February, we will elect three members of our Board of Directors. Those positions are currently held by Todd Cox, Sheryl Holko, and Tony Benner. Todd and Sheryl are willing to be considered for re-nomination. However, after 12 years on the Board serving as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Tony Benner has decided he's ready for a rest! **We honor and celebrate Tony's remarkable service!**

Pursuant to our Bylaws, the Board of Directors creates a Nominating Committee before each election to ensure that at least one qualified candidate is available for each position to be elected. This year's Nominating Committee will consist of Pastor Jeff, one Board member (Todd Cox), and two other Church Leaders.

The Nominating Committee will review the incumbents and any other individuals who express an interest, then prepare nominations. Because our Treasurer is retiring, we especially need candidates who have financial and accounting skills.

If you are interested in being considered, please fill out the form below. To stand for election to the Board of Directors, you must be a member of the Church for at least six months prior to the election.

I'd like to request an application.

Do you have financial/accounting skills? Yes No

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Who Stole Jesus? Bumper sticker magnets, T-shirts, and a few yard signs are still available at the bookstore.

What's Hot in the Bookstore

We have some great stuff in the church bookstore, including:

- **A new CD from Marcus Young: *The Collection*** for just \$8.
- **A "basic" Bible.** It's a hardback *New Revised Standard Version Bible* that sells for just \$12. This is in addition to all the other Bibles: *The Beginner's Bible* for young children, *The Hands-On Bible* for older kids, *The Youth Bible*, *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, and *The Message*.
- ***Made in God's Image***, a thoughtful introduction to gender diversity. Also: Justin Tanis' *Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith*.
- Two powerful DVDs: *Inlaws and Outlaws* and *For the Bible Tells Me So*.

Do you shop at Amazon.com?

If you shop on Amazon.com, go to LifeJourneyChurch.cc **first**. On our front page, near the bottom on the right, there's an "Amazon link." Click that, and you'll be taken to Amazon. We'll then receive a commission (about 6%) for your purchases. *This does not increase the price you pay—it just redirects a percentage of your payment to the church!* The commission is paid for almost everything on Amazon, including gift cards.

Free HIV Tests

Planned Parenthood of Indiana will recognize World AIDS Day (December 1) by offering free HIV tests at 19 of its health centers from December 1 through December 8. Center locations can be found here: www.ppin.org/healthcenters/locations.html.

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 **Monday, December 5 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, December 5

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

If you believe in the ministry of LifeJourney Church, we would like to invite you to become a regular giver.

People who give on a *regular basis* — even small amounts — are the financial backbone of our Church. Their giving makes possible all the incredible work we do together.

How can I become a regular giver?

More than half of our offerings are now received electronically. Simply go to:

www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate

or scan the QR code
with your phone:



You set the amount you want to give and decide the frequency of your donations. You can stop or change your giving immediately at any time at the same link.

What if I don't want to use electronic giving?

You're also welcome to place checks or cash in the offering on Sundays. Some who give this way use offering envelopes, which are optional. You can pick up a box of envelopes at the table by the info kiosk.



Why is regular giving so important?

- You get the blessing of knowing that you're changing lives through the work of this church.
- Generosity is a basic spiritual virtue; practicing generosity grows our souls.
- Regular givers have the most impact. Someone who gives a small amount on a predictable schedule has far more impact than someone who gives even larger amounts at unpredictable intervals. Regular giving allows the church to plan ministry endeavors with confidence, knowing the money will be there.
- Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38.
- Donations are tax deductible; tax receipts are distributed at year end.



To become a regular giver, go to
www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate
today!