



LAWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Lawson Memos

From the Pastor

For the last two months you have heard me talk about the ministry we plan for May 3 to **Be the Church** as we join forces with Old Union Christian Union Church and now the United Christian Presbyterian Church. Somebody once said that the **CHURCH** is what is left when the pastor leaves town and the building burns down. Kind of blunt but it really is the truth. How many times have you heard about a catastrophe of a tornado, hurricane, or fire where the church building was completely lost and yet the **CHURCH** still exists and sometimes even greater than before. People coming together to help each other rebuild their lives, rebuild their homes, rebuild their church building. The outpouring of God's love that is evident when people need it the most never ceases to amaze me.

I have been involved in leading mission teams to help after a tornado has gone through a community, two times to help with rebuilding in Gulfport, Mississippi following hurricane Katrina, and following ice storms that have left communities unable to function. Every time the **CHURCH** is present whether it be the United Methodist Church, the Salvation Army, Red Cross, the Amish Community, or just kind, good hearted folks who felt another's pain and wanted to do what they could to bring comfort and hope. The sad part of this is we usually don't see and experience this until there is a crisis that brings us together. **Be the Church** is an opportunity for us to witness the love of God to the people of the Lawson Community in such a way that everyone would understand and get a clear picture of **CHURCH**.

Dear friends I pray that you will be a part of this wonderful opportunity on Sunday, May 3 as we celebrate **CHURCH** from outside the walls of the building by signing up for one of the projects. There will be tasks for everyone to match their skills and abilities from our young children to our more life experienced patrons.

The final joy of the day will be all three denominations coming together to celebrate **Being the Church** here at Lawson United Methodist and praising God for what He can do through us.

Pastor Homer

Parsonage

A few years ago Lawson UMC bought a new parsonage, a beautiful home to be enjoyed by our pastor. It was a large commitment by the members of the church with a significant debt to pay. Through a capital campaign a good portion of the debt was scheduled to be retired and through the efforts of the membership those goals have not only been met but exceeded. At the present time the remaining debt on the parsonage is down to about \$42,000. Thank you to everyone who made a covenant with God to assist in reducing the debt and a special thank you to those who have continued to contribute past the anniversary of this capital campaign. It is through your efforts that Lawson United Methodist Church will be able to be effective in ministry in this community and the world.

Birthdays Anniversaries

Birthday Celebration

5th Sunday

Be the Church

Confirmation Class



April Birthdays

1—Kendra Brazzle; 2—Kelly Korb
 3—Ellie Smith, Clark Hewitt;
 4—Glenda Fine; 5—George Bill
 O'Dell; 7—Frank Adams; 8—
 Tammy Dunn, Chris Hull, Andrew Fine; 9—
 Brooklyn Bright, Larry Knoch; 10—Jennifer
 Tipton, Halen Briant; 13—Allison Bertoldie,
 Shannon Stroud, George Brock; 14 - Helen
 Anderson, Dennis Hisek, Morgan Malott; 15—
 Florence Brookshier, Tom Jacobsen; 16—
 Hillary Ashcraft, Jenifer Danner; 17—Cheryl
 Stolz; 18—David Clasen, Leigha Stroud; 19—
 Jeff Lewis; 21—Larry Brazzle, Jeff Schwarz,
 David Bibb, Emilee Silvey, Gabrielle Knoch;
 23—Kassidy Findley, Beth Crawford, Dee
 Shipley, Dean Craig, Brad Hisek; 24—Drew
 Rohlf; 26—Jessica Hull; 27—Bill Ashcraft,
 Richard Korb, Leslie Silvey; 29—Kent Boehm,
 Curtis Phipps, Dan Lawrence

5th Sunday United Service This Sunday

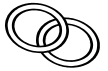
Because there are two services available many members don't have the opportunity to meet each other. Beginning with the 5th Sunday in March (29th) we will have one combined service with a basket dinner to follow. The service will be at 10 am and will be a blended service of traditional and contemporary. We will not have Sunday school. We look forward to gathering as one church and sharing in worship, fellowship and food.

Be the Church

We are called to "Tend my sheep." The mission field of the church is not to take care of the physical plant but rather to reach out into the community. We have been asked by the Old Union Christian Union Church to participate in a ministry called Faith in Action or Be the Church. On May 3 there will be no Sunday morning services. We will gather in the park with projects for folks of all ages to do what we are called to do, help others. Lunch will be served by the two churches in the park and Lawson UMC will have a service of celebration at 6 pm. Mark your calendars, look for projects, and plan on participating as the Church.

April Anniversaries

1, 1986—Brad & Deborah Holder
 9, 1988—Gary & Shannon Stroud
 10, 1983—Doug & Maria Rowe
 12, - Dan & Sharon Lawrence
 14, 1984—Larry & Jan Cain
 20, 1996—Andy & Glenda Fine
 25, 1980—John & Jewel Bailey
 25, 1981—Mark & Shelley Stephens



The "OLD MAN " is turning 60!

Because you have been an
 important part of
 Dennis Hisek's life,
 please come and help celebrate 60 years
 of friendship, fellowship, fun, and frolic!



What:
 A Rock and Roll dance
 To honor Dennis' 60th birthday

When:
 Saturday, April 18th
 5:00-11:00 PM
 Salad and Sandwich bar
 5:00-6:00 PM
 Dance begins at 7:00 PM

Where:
 Spirit Lodge Basement

If you are coming from out of town
 and need a campsite or lodging, the
 lodges are available.

Please do not bring gifts.
 Our newest project is building a tree
 house village at the camp. If you would
 like to donate toward a tree house in
 Dennis' honor, a donation can will be
 available.

Please RSVP to Jeannette at 580-7008 or
 email at jhisek@liberty.K12.Mo.us

Lawson Members & Friends,

The confirmation class plans to go to Grand Avenue Temple on Saturday, April 4th and would like to take a gift of New White Cotton Socks, and Men's or Women's Underwear for the Sojourners. If possible could you bring these items this Sunday or get them to the church by Thursday of next week.

Thank you for your participation in this ministry. Also, anyone that would like to go with us on April 4th is welcome to do so. Let me know.



Lilies/Camp Fund

Holy Week Opportunities

Summer Camps

Easter Egg Hunt

Smorgasbord Committee

EASTER LILIES/CAMP FUND



Option 1—If you would like to provide a lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, the cost is \$10.00. Please include payment with your order. Forms are located in the vestibule and by the church office. The deadline to order is April 5. Option 2— You may also donate to the camp fund. Donations always accepted.



Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday (April 9)

We will join the United Christian Presbyterian Church for this service. It will begin at 7 pm at the UCPC. Pastor Homer will deliver the message.

Good Friday Worship (April 10)

The United Christian Presbyterian Church will host this Ministerial Alliance sponsored service. It will begin at 7 pm. Pastor Homer will be preaching.

Easter Sunrise Service (April 12)

We will have a combined service with the United Christian Presbyterian Church here. It will begin at 6:30 am. Rev. Loyd Gentry will provide the meditation and the combined choirs will sing.

Easter Breakfast will follow the Sunrise service.

It's time to register for camp!

Registration Reminders: Make sure you get into the camp you want.

Go Online for faster processing! (www.mocamps.org)

Early bird deadline is April 16 to receive \$25 off! It is *Much* easier to register **online** and the church will pay 100% of the camp fee, excluding the deposit fee of \$50. In order to make registering easier, please pay the \$50 deposit fee to the church, and we will then give you the Church Voucher number needed for registration. Cancellations must be done at least two weeks prior to the start of camp. You will receive a refund of what you paid, minus a non-refundable \$50 deposit fee. If you must cancel after the two week cutoff, there will not be a refund issued. **Grade levels for camp are for the grade going into as of the fall of 2009. Camps are filled on a first-come, first served basis.** If you cannot register online, there are registration forms by the office.



EASTER EGG HUNT—We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 5 immediately following the late service at Wilderness Camp. Please bring a side dish. The meat will be provided. We also need filled egg donations. Contact Pam Bessmer if there are questions 296-7370.

SMORGASBORD COMMITTEE—The Smorgasbord Committee is in need of two new members for the main planning committee. Those interested can contact Becky Hartman 679-2325 or Sandy Hendrickson 296-3198. Thank you!





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Our Worship Times

Early Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Late Service	11:00 a.m.
Jr. High Youth (Sunday)	5:00 p.m.
Sr. High Youth (Sunday)	6:30 p.m.

Homer Davidson

Pastor

Julie Burge

Secretary

Liz Hull

Student Ministries

Mary Bertoldie

Choir Director

Julie Titus

Preschool Director

Terri Teeter

Custodian

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS & SERVICE

Prayer Requests: Lucile Anderson, Nancy Baret, Kenna Bradley, Bill Brookshier, Jim Bush, Julie Dolt, Pam Gay, Dorothy Gowin, Phyllis Green, Adam Mattenklodt, Marva Owen, Helen Pitts, J. W. Pitts, Steve Pitts, Bill Proctor, Mary Sharp, Kris Snoble, Trisha Stark, Shelley Stephens, Tamara Tucker, Carl Van Winkle, Kathy Wickler, our troops

Gifts Received—Needed Weekly	\$3,027.92
March 1, 2009	4,617.70
March 8, 2009	2,860.00
March 15, 2009	3,585.77
March 22, 2009	1,923.25

Worship Attendance

Mar. 1 (8:30-44; 11:00-55)	99
Mar. 8 (8:30-40; 11:00-60)	100
Mar. 15 (8:30-55; 11:00-50)	105
Mar. 22 (8:30-64; 11:00-50)	114
Parsonage—total pledged	\$74,358.00
Parsonage-received as of 3-22-09	\$84,687.07

Service-Thank you to Karen Proctor for preparing March communion. Thank you to Pastor Homer for replacing light bulbs.

Easter Breakfast

The youth will serve Easter breakfast on Easter morning. It will start at 7:30 after the sunrise service. Donations for breakfast will be used to send our youth and children to camp. There is a sign up sheet posted in the foyer for donations of food for the breakfast. If you sign up for a food item please have it here on Friday, April 10th. I will have the church unlocked. We prepare things on Saturday, morning so we have to have the items there by Friday night. Hope to see you all on Easter morning! Liz

Mission Trip News

We have passed out M&M containers for everyone to collect quarters in for a donation for the mission trip. If you didn't get one and want one please see one of the youth, Liz or Nancy. We have also posted a list of things that the Boy's Ranch can use. If you would like to donate any of those things please purchase them and put them in the bucket by the church office. Everyone can be a part of this mission trip! We will have a dinner in the fall to show all that we did at the Boy's Ranch. Thank you for all your support! Liz

**Administrative Council Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009
7:00 pm**