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## Take a Journey Examining the Evidence

Have you every had questions about faith? Or have you ever had questions about Christ? Most of us have had questions about our faith at one time or another. This Lent-Easter we invite you to go on a journey of discovery. Lee Strobel was a young journalist who was an atheist, and decided to investigate the case for Christ using the tools of investigative journalism. He followed his questions and interviewed experts in the various scientific fields, and eventually found a compelling case for faith in Christ. It changed his life. He wrote several books on his journey including, "The Case for Faith" and "The Case for Christ," the latter was recently made into a movie. We are going to take a journey and examine the evidence using Lee Strobel's book, "The Case for Christ," along with the Bible. Join us and invite a friend as we take this exciting journey of faith in Lent-Easter and "Examining the Evidence: The Case for Christ." We also challenge you to read "The Case for Christ" and join a small group Bible Study or start a small group Bible Study using Lee Strobel's book.

### Examining the Evidence: The Case for Christ

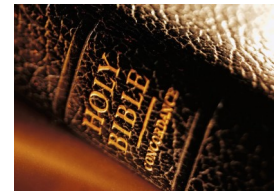
FEB 18 Examining the Evidence for a Creator  
FEB 25 Examining the Evidence: Eyewitness Accounts  
MAR 4 Examining the Evidence: Documents  
MAR 11 Examining the Evidence: Archaeology  
MAR 18 Examining the Evidence: Prophecy & Profile  
Palm Sunday MAR 25 Examining the Medical Evidence  
Easter APR 1 Examining the Evidence for the Resurrection  
APR 8 Examining the Evidence: Jesus-Human or Divine?



**Midweek Lenten Services:** Join us for a Bible Revival! We recently celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Luther, Calvin and other reformers emphasized the need to read the Bible and learn to study it ourselves. If you have ever wanted to know more about the Bible in a fun and relaxed setting this will be the time. There will be a light dinner at 5:45 pm (other than Ash Wednesday when there will be no dinner) followed by services at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome!

### Bible Revival:

FEB 14 Ash Wednesday: Rediscovering God's Word  
FEB 21 Overview of the Old Testament  
FEB 28 Overview of the Gospels and the Life of Jesus  
MAR 7 Overview of Early Church in Acts and the Letters of the New Testament  
MAR 14 How to Take Your Bible Study to the Next Level: Using Bible Study Tools to Make the Bible Come Alive  
MAR 21 Hymn Sing  
MAR 29 Maundy Thursday: Celebrate Jesus' Last Supper  
MAR 30 Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Readings and Music: Journey with Jesus to the Cross  
Join us this Lent and Easter and deepen your faith! –Pastor TJ



## **OCWM - A Little Bit Every Week"**

Gratitude is expressed to all members of Immanuel who participated in this campaign in 2017 to support OCWM!! These efforts, allowed Immanuel to meet our 2017 OCWM pledge to the conference of \$13,000! Thank you!! In 2018 the Deacons would like for us to continue this project. To accomplish this we are again asking the congregation to prayerfully consider stretching their weekly contribution by \$2 or \$3 (or whatever additional amount you might choose) and specify this amount to go towards OCWM. "A Little Bit Every Week" will go a long way in our effort to support our conference. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration to support this effort for OCWM in 2018.

## **Greater Lafayette Interfaith Events Interfaith Panel on Mental Health**

February 18 from 2 to 4 pm at St. John's Episcopal. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1836383176372085/>

## **Fabulous February A fundraising Vendor Event**

**Sponsored by MOMS Club of Lafayette**

**Saturday February 24th 2-6pm at Immanuel**



MOMS Club of Lafayette is hosting this amazing fundraiser with your favorite local vendors. Shop vendors like Thirty-One, LuLaRoe, Monat, Matilda Jane, Norwex, and many more! There will also be door prizes and baked goods! Free to attend!

\*\*The money raised will be used to fill thermal bags with basic necessities for the parents of local NICU patients.

## **Music of the Faiths – Hymn Fest**



Sunday, February 18 at Central Presbyterian Church 4:00 PM

All are welcome to join with the Chancel Choir to sing "O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Hymn #21 in our Hymnal). We will sing this at the 10:45 service on February 18<sup>th</sup> and then again at the Hymn Fest. It is always enjoyable to listen to other Lafayette church choirs and join with them and sing one verse together.

## **Then Came Sunday – Easter is Forever**



person!

Rehearsals will begin soon for our Easter cantata. There are many solos which means minimal group choir rehearsals!! Please prayerfully consider your participation for the 10:45 Easter service on April 1 (no foolin')! The invitation is extended to all IUCC singers from both services. For further information please contact Steven Spencer 765-413-7667 or [nspen10049@comcast.net](mailto:nspen10049@comcast.net) or in

## **Lafayette Great Banquet Spring 2018 Weekends**

The Great Banquet is a 72 hour experience, beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday evening. During this time, guests live and study together in a worshipful time of singing, prayer, sharing, and discussion. During each of the fifteen talks given by laity and clergy, the theme of God's Grace is presented. Guests participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and experience the grace of God through the presence of Christ in a loving, supportive, Christian community. For more info. See Don or Janice Partlow

Men's Weekend March 8-11- Women's Weekend March 15-18

**Awaking for Youth Grades 9-12**

Boys Weekend April 6-8- Girls Weekend April 13-15



## Victory Lane Homework Club

Meets every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm - Free Tutoring- Snacks-Quality Adult Supervisor For more information see Marcy Ritchie or Amy Russell.

### Youth Activities

Feb 3 SY make Souperbowl soup 3pm

Feb 16-18 Merom Confirmation Retreat

Feb 24 JY Movie Day 1-3pm

Mar 3 JY Maple Syrup Tour 1:30-4pm

Mar 24 SY Climb Time 1-4pm

Mar 31 Breakfast with the Eater Bunny

Mar 31 JY Dye Easter eggs 1-3pm

Apr 14 JY Wabash & Erie Canal Tour 1:30-4:30pm

Apr 27 SY Bowling at Purdue Union 6:30-9pm

May 6 SY Purdue Baseball game 1:00pm

May 19th JY Wolf Park 1:30-4:30p

Jun 24-29 VBS

Jul 18-20 Sports Camp



### Souper Bowl Sunday February 4th



Senior youth will be making soup on Saturday February 3rd at 3pm. The soup will be for sale on Sunday February 4th. We will be offering Cheesy Ham and potato and Chili.

### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



We will be hosting this community event on Saturday March 31st from 9am –12pm. We will have breakfast, games, crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. If you would like to help with this please see Tari Seeger or Amy Russell

### Summer Church Camp

It's not too early to start thinking about going to Church camp this summer. We have information available in the gathering space or see Amy Russell for more information. Please don't let the cost of camp hold you back. The Church has scholarships available.

### VBS Planning Meeting



We will have our first VBS planning meeting on February 20th at 6:30pm in the Library. We have a wide variety of volunteer needs. Please consider coming to the planning meeting to see where we can use your special God given talents, to make a difference in a young person's life. You never know they may make a difference in your life. If you have questions or want to help and can't make the meeting please see Tari Seeger or Amy Russell.





# Join us for the 2nd annual Laces for Lisa Walk/ run 5k April 7, 2018



## Registration Information

Registration 1/22/17 thru 3/17/18 \$35.00

Late Registration 3/18/17 thru 4/5/18 \$40.00

Register at [www.lacesforlisa.com](http://www.lacesforlisa.com)

## Race Day: Information

8:00-9:00AM Registration/Check-in

9:00-9:30AM Prayer and Balloon Release

9:30AM Run/Walk

11:00 AM Lunch

Proceed from the race go to charities that Lisa supported.

**Lisa's  
Fitness  
Trail**



## Sermon Series: Moses Follow the Fire

JAN 14 Facing Feelings of Inadequacy (Exodus 4:10-13)

JAN 21 Taking a Stand (Exodus 4:29-5:2)

JAN 28 Trusting God (Exodus 6,7)

FEB 4 The Price of Redemp-  
tion (Exodus 11)

FEB 11 The Lord Will Fight For  
You (Exodus 12)



## February Special Offerings

February 4 Grant's House

February 18 CUE-U Seminaries

February 25 Habitat for Humanity





### Fellowship Activities

**Ladies Fellowship**, will meet on Feb. 26th at Carole Huber's home at 6:30pm .

**Dorcas Circle**, will meet on February 13th at 1:00pm in the parlor

**Book Club**, will meet Feb 13 to discuss **Behind Closed Doors** by B.A. Paris a chilling thriller where appearances can be deceiving.

**Men's Brotherhood**, will meet on Feb 20th at 11:45 at MCL

**Mary and Martha Circle**, will meet Wed., Feb 28th at 9:00am for breakfast in fellowship hall.

**Hand Quilting Group**, meets Wednesday's from 10-2 on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.

**Baby Quilters**, meet the 1st & 3rd Monday's from 9:30-2:30 in the HOBO classroom to make quilts for local NICUs.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10-11:30am in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome.

**Health Ministry**, Please call the office or Marilyn, 474-6487, for appointments. Home visits are also available upon request.

### Christian Education:

Every Sunday, 9:45 am.

**The Hobo's Class**, led by Gary & Cathie Gangwer, to discuss the sermon and scripture lesson for that Sunday.

**Livein' Life 21-41 Class**, led by Clay & Sue Huene-mann, where you can RECHARGE your spiritual batteries for the week ahead.

**The Seekers Class**, led by Don & Janice Partlow, is beginning a one year study of the New Testament.

### Small Groups

**Women's Group**, led by Ruth Smith. Meet for dinner and discussion.

**Young Adult/Student Group**, meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Vienna Cafe in West Lafayette. Led by Brooke Flesher

### Saturday Morning

**Group**, meets every other Saturday at the Panera on Wabash Landing at 9 am. Led by Annie Buckles

**Adult Bible Study**, Led by Pastor TJ is currently studying the book of Acts; On Fire For God. Meets on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm. Meeting in the Library.

**Don't see a group for you?** Contact Ruth Smith at ruthmcsmith1987@gmail.com for resources to start one for yourself.

### The MOMS Club®

(MOMS Offering Moms Support) is an international nonprofit organization which provides support to full-time or part-time stay-at-home moms, including moms with home-based businesses. We are a group of Lafayette moms who want to make friends, socialize our kids, and be active in the community. Our monthly business social meeting will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am in the HOBO room at Immanuel.

### Annual Reports

Annual reports are due by January 26th. Please email to info@ucc-immanuel.org. Thanks— Tari

### Heart Sunday Feb. 18, 8am to 12pm in the Gathering Space

**Blood Pressures:** Please bring a list of your medications. if you take medication for your blood pressure, please take the medication before arriving at the church.

An information fact sheet will be provided that discusses what you need to know about blood pressure values.

**Blood Glucose:** If you would like your blood glucose (sugar) value performed, please fast (nothing to eat or drink after 12 midnight). Breakfast items will be available after the test is completed.

**Pulse Oximeter:** This test monitors the oxygen in arterial blood. Normal values should read between 90 to 93 when sitting. An information handout to define Pulse Oximeter will be available.

Educational handouts will be available that discuss having a healthy life style. Plan to stop by and take advantage of one or all of these services.



# Happy Birthday

# Happy Anniversary

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Trystin Wilson       | 2/1  |
| Mickey Dickinson     | 2/2  |
| Adam Lawson          | 2/2  |
| Andrew Lawson        | 2/2  |
| Dawn Boszor          | 2/2  |
| Ronald Stephany      | 2/2  |
| Leighann Cummings    | 2/3  |
| Peg Mellady          | 2/5  |
| Bill Blair           | 2/6  |
| Katelyn Smith        | 2/6  |
| Alec Beaver          | 2/7  |
| Marcus Smith         | 2/7  |
| Shely Ferguson       | 2/7  |
| Rob Blue             | 2/8  |
| Brooke Chase         | 2/8  |
| Marilyn Bell- Velten | 2/10 |
| Veneta Hazlewood     | 2/12 |
| Barb Strueh          | 2/12 |
| Kelsey Koehler       | 2/14 |
| Brody Smith          | 2/14 |
| William Cornell      | 2/15 |
| Tamara House         | 2/17 |
| Steve Reash          | 2/20 |
| Carla Brown          | 2/21 |
| Jake Wiebers         | 2/21 |
| Angie Gruetzmacher   | 2/22 |
| Julie Ayres          | 2/23 |
| David Settles        | 2/23 |
| Joyce Miller         | 2/23 |
| Marilyn Barnard      | 2/25 |
| Matthew Gruetz-      | 2/25 |
| Aden Smith           | 2/25 |
| Tom Carney           | 2/26 |
| Mary Watts           | 2/26 |
| Carolyn Christensen  | 2/27 |
| Doug French          | 2/27 |
| R.J. (Robert) Blair  | 2/28 |
| Blake Chase          | 2/28 |

## Asparagus and Mozzarella Stuffed Chicken Breast

2 large skinless, boneless chicken breast halves  
salt and black pepper to taste  
8 asparagus spears, trimmed - divided  
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided  
1/4 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs

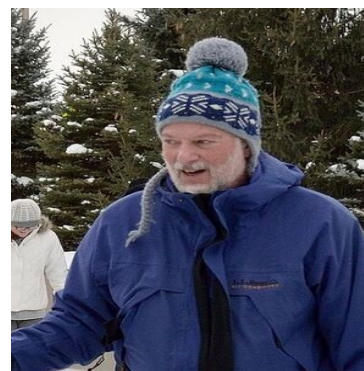
Preheat an oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease an 8x8-inch baking dish.

Place each chicken breast between two sheets of heavy plastic (resealable freezer bags work well) on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound the chicken with the smooth side of a meat mallet to an even thickness of about 1/4 inch. Sprinkle each side with salt and pepper.

Place 4 spears of asparagus down the center of a chicken breast, and spread about 1/4 cup of mozzarella cheese over the asparagus. Repeat with the other chicken breast, and roll the chicken around the asparagus and cheese to make a tidy, compact roll. Place the rolls seam sides down in the prepared baking dish, and sprinkle each with about 2 tablespoons of bread crumbs.

Bake in the preheated oven until the juices run clear when pricked with a fork, about 25 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

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| Cody/Erin Peabody      | 2/2  |
| Terry/Carol Burge      | 2/4  |
| Jake/Mary Ann Wiebers  | 2/21 |
| Chris/Stephany Bearden | 2/26 |



# February 2018

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                      | Friday                        | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 28<br>8:30am<br>Contemporary<br>Service<br>9:45am Sunday<br>School<br>10:45am<br>Traditional<br>Service<br>12:00pm Confir-<br>mation Class   | 29<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club                                | 30  | 31<br>10:00am Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club<br>5:45pm Neigh-<br>borhood Dinner<br>6:30pm Bible<br>Study<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal                   | 1<br>6:00pm Great<br>Banquet                  | 2                             | 3<br>3:00pm Make<br>soup (SY)<br>8:00pm Band<br>Rehearsal   |
| 4<br>8:30am<br>Contemporary<br>9:45am Sunday<br>School<br>10:45am<br>Traditional<br>Sell soup  | 5<br>9:30am Baby<br>Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club      | 6<br>12:00pm Exten-<br>sion Homemak-<br>ers<br>6:30pm Worship<br>& Music  | 7<br>10:00am Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club<br>5:45pm Neigh-<br>borhood Dinner<br>6:30pm Bible<br>Study<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal                    | 8<br>6:30pm Great<br>Banquet                  | 9                             | 10<br>10:00am Prayer<br>Shawl<br>8:00pm Band<br>Rehearsal   |
| 11<br>8:30am<br>Contemporary<br>9:45am Sunday<br>School<br>10:45am<br>Traditional<br>12:00pm Confir-<br>mation Class   | 12<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club                                | 13<br>1:00pm Dorcas<br>6:00pm Book<br>Club<br>7:00 pm Elders,<br>Deacons, Trus-<br>tees<br>8:00pm Consis-<br>tory | 14 Ash Wed.<br>9:30am MOMS<br>10:00am Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club<br>7:00pm Ash<br>Wednesday Ser-<br>vice<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal               | 15<br>6:30pm Great<br>Banquet                 | 16<br>Confirmation<br>Retreat | 17<br>Confirmation<br>Retreat<br>8:00pm Band<br>Rehearsal   |
| 18<br>Confirmation<br>Retreat<br>Heart Sunday<br>8:30am<br>Contemporary<br>Service<br>9:45am Sunday<br>School<br>10:45am<br>Traditional<br>Service<br>4:00pm Music of<br>the Faith | 19<br>9:30am Baby<br>Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club     | 20<br>10:00am E-<br>Team<br>11:45am Men's<br>Brotherhood<br>6:00pm CET  | 21<br>10:00am Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club<br>6:00pm Lenten<br>Meal<br>7:00pm Lenten<br>Service<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal                          | 22<br>10:00am MOMS<br>6:30pm Great<br>Banquet | 23                            | 24<br>9:00am Great<br>Banquet<br>1:00pm Movie<br>Day (jy)<br>1:00pm MOMS<br>Vender Fair<br>8:00pm Band<br>Rehearsal |
| 25<br>8:30am<br>Contemporary<br>Service<br>9:45am Sunday<br>School<br>10:45am<br>Traditional<br>Service  | 26<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club<br>6:30pm Ladies<br>Fellowship | 27  | 28<br>9:00am Mary<br>Martha<br>10:00am Quilters<br>4:30pm Home-<br>work Club<br>6:30pm Lenten<br>Meal<br>7:30pm Lenten<br>Service<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal | 1<br>6:00pm Great<br>Banquet                  | 2                             | 3<br>8:00pm Band<br>Rehearsal   |



*Uniting in Christ*  
*Listening to God*



If you move please let us know so you don't miss an issue of the Spire! If you prefer to read the Spire on our web page at [ucc-immanuel.org](http://ucc-immanuel.org) or do not want to receive the Spire through the mail please call the office - 474-6496, or send an email to: [info@ucc-immanuel.org](mailto:info@ucc-immanuel.org) Thank you.

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**Midweek Lenten Services begin  
 February 14**

**Come join us and bring  
 someone with you**

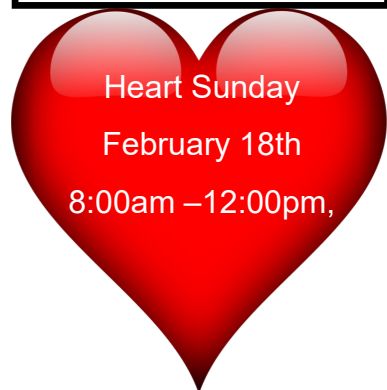
**Every Sunday:**

Contemporary Service 8:30 am  
 Sunday School 9:45 am  
 Traditional Service 10:45 am

**Wednesdays:**

Everyone is welcome to attend  
 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45p  
 and Adult Bible Study at 6:30pm

**Youth Activities**



Join us for the 2nd  
 Annual Laces for Lisa  
 walk/run 5K

April 7, 2018

Sign up at  
[www.lacesforlisa.com](http://www.lacesforlisa.com)