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Join Us for the Black Voices of Inspiration In Concert Palm Sunday

Join us Palm Sunday March 25th at 10:45 am as we welcome the Black Voices of Inspiration from Purdue University. BVOI is an exceptional choir dedicated to the performance of spirituals, gospels and contemporary songs of inspiration by African American composers. Your heart will be touched by the inspirational music of these young men and women. This is a single service Concert Worship at 10:45 am. Everyone welcome!



Examining the Evidence: The Case for Christ

This month we continue our series on The Case for Christ: Examining the Evidence. Let this inspire us to a deeper appreciation of the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. This leads us to celebrate the most sacred time in the life of the church—Holy Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as a welcomed messiah, even though Jesus knew he would shortly give his life in agony on the cross. We will have a special concert worship with our very special guests, The Black Voices of Inspiration with a single service Palm Sunday Concert at 10:45 am.

On Maundy Thursday, we recall Jesus' Last Supper with a special Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, which will close with a special Last Supper Communion Service.

On Good Friday we remember, Jesus agonizing in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, his betrayal, then his trial and his path to the crucifixion as he gave his life for our forgiveness and reconciliation. Our Good Friday Service is at 7:00 PM, which will be a Tenebrae Service with readings and music as we walk with Jesus from the Upper Room to Gethsemane and all the way to Calvary.

Then join us for the wonder and joy of Easter morning as Mary and the disciples are overwhelmed by the Risen Lord, bringing words of comfort and grace. Join us for a very special Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 AM, followed by Easter breakfast, and then our Resurrection Service at 10:45 AM with a special Easter Cantata entitled "Then Came Sunday—Easter is Forever!" Join us for a season of renewal!

Everyone welcome—Pastor TJ

- 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?



Holy Week

March 29: Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday
6:00pm

March 30: Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
7:00pm

Easter Sunday April 1

Sunrise Service 7:30am

Breakfast 8:30am

Sunday School 9:20am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:20am

Resurrection Service 10:45am with Cantata



Midweek Lenten Services:

Join us for a Bible Revival! We recently celebrated the 500th 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

March Special Offerings

March 4 CWU Food Pantry, March 18 OCWM, March 25 Black Voices of Inspiration

Great Banquet Spring Weekends



For those of you in church on the last day of 2017, you heard Don mention the Great Banquet. The Great Banquet is a 72 hour Christian retreat. The mission of the Great Banquet is to Know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and make him known. We along with several other members of Immanuel have been blessed by our experience at the Great Banquet, and we love to share that blessing. Have you ever thought about attending a Christian retreat? Are you interested in what a deeper relationship with God would mean in your life? Are you closer to God than anyone you know, and just hunger for some time to focus on that? We cannot tell you exactly what your Great Banquet experience would be like. We all are at different stages in life, and we bring different perspectives based on that. What we can say is that you would be richly blessed to take these 72 hours to build on your faith journey, no matter whether you are just beginning, or whether you are an old pro. If you are interested, we would love to talk to you more, answer your questions, and even sponsor you for a weekend. The spring Lafayette Great Banquet weekends are:

Men's: March 8-11, 2018, Women's March 15-18, 2018

There are weekends for youth in 9th through 12th grade as well which are called Awakening weekends. This spring they are.

Boy's April 6-8, 2018, Girl's April 13-15, 2018

Don is a member of the team for the Boy's weekend this spring.

We would encourage you to visit with us about this opportunity in the next few weeks. Forms need to be turned in a week or more before the event weekend. Don and Janice Partlow



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

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

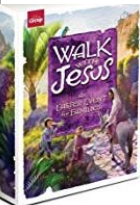


Summer Church Camp

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.

Children's Lenten Studies... An Easter Journey!

(Feb.21—March 21) at 6:30pm



Ages K-12 are invited! We will journey through Christ's life leading up to his death and resurrection. Children will enjoy a bible lesson, music, crafts, games, and an Easter treat! See you all there! Amy Russell

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 31st from 9am -12pm



Please join us for this fun community event. We will have breakfast, games, crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this fun event. Bring a friend everyone is welcome. We will need a lot of volunteers to make this event a success. If you are able to help with this please see Tari Seeger or Amy Russell.

VBS Volunteer meeting

The next VBS meeting will be held on March 20th at 6:30pm in the Library. If you are able to help please come. If you are not able to come you can still help with VBS. Please see Tari Seeger or Amy Russell. VBS is scheduled for June 24-29.





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



Registration Information

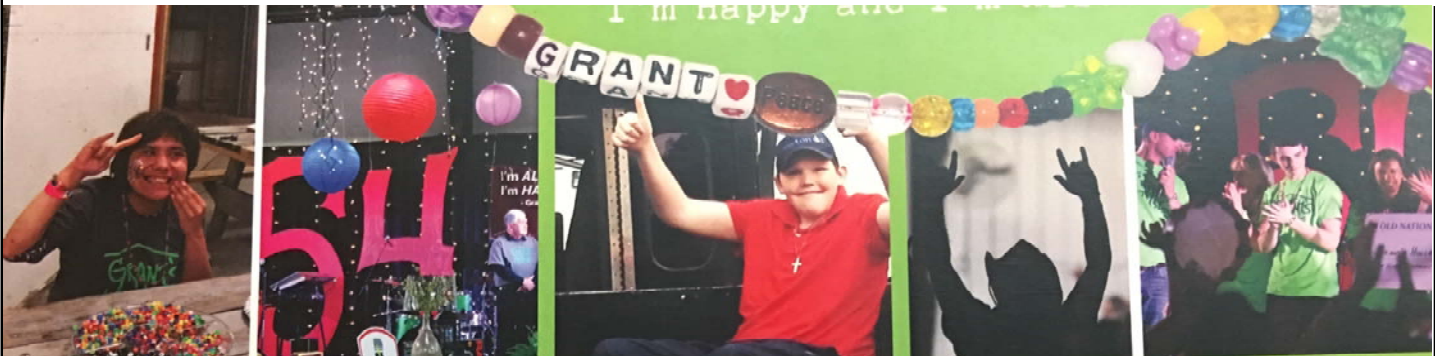
Registration 1/22/17 thru 3/7/18 \$35.00
Late Reg. up to race day 4/7/18 \$40.00
Register at www.lacesforlisa.com

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.—Merom Camp— MADD—Lisa's Fitness Trail at Immanuel.

GRANT'S HOUSE



“I’m Happy and I’m Alive” 2018 Celebration

Friday, May 4, 2018, 6:00-10:30pm Tippecanoe County Fair Grounds

Featuring the Band The Flying Toasters

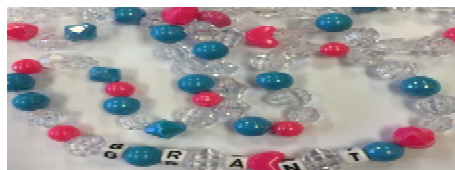
Meal/ Concert-25.00

Meal/ Concert/ Drinks –50.00

Child Under 12-10.00

VIP Table of 10 –1000.00

Ticket available at www.wabashcenter.com



Live Band

Beer Garden

Dan's Fish/Chicken Fry

Donor/Live Auction

2016

\$168,229.80

2017

\$332,398.78

2018

“Keep the total rising ...

NEW YEAR. BIG GOAL”

Fellowship Activities

Ladies Fellowship, will meet on March 26th at 6:30pm

Dorcas Circle, Will not meet in March. We will be providing the Lenten Meal on Wednesday March 14th.

Book Club, will meet on March 13th to discuss **The Radium Girls** by Kate Moore. It recounts the true story of the girls and young women exposed to radium while painting watch faces. As the poison began to have side effects the girls found themselves in one of the nations biggest scandals. Their courage led to a groundbreaking battle for workers rights, research and regulations which ultimately saved thousands of lives. The book for April will be *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom

Men's Brotherhood, will meet on March 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.

Extension Homemakers, Will meet on March 6th at noon for a meal, with a program to follow at 1:00pm. Our guest speaker will be Dave Sattler who is a retired Cartoonist for the Lafayette Journal and Courier. Dave will be sharing about 50 of his cartoons that appeared in the Journal and Courier, he will also be available to answer questions. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend

MOMS, meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the HOBO classroom.

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.

Livin' Life 21-41 Class, led by Clay & Sue Huenemann, 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 at the mall at 9 am. We will be studying Ecclesiastes, Wisdom for Living Well. Led by Annie Buckles

Adult Bible Study, Led by Pastor TJ. Meets on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm, in the Library.

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

Then Came Sunday – Easter is Forever

Then Came Sunday -- Easter is Forever rehearsal will begin Monday, March 5 at 7:00 PM We will decide on this date what day/time works best for most. Music is available from Steven Spencer or in the choir room.

Thanks to Everyone Who Made Heart Sunday Possible

Our thanks to Marilyn Bell Velten and Kristy Price and everyone who made Heart Sunday such a success. We appreciate our Parish Nurses and everyone who makes this such a special ministry.



Help Needed

Brad and Cyn Black are moving and are looking for people who are willing to help them. If you would be willing to help please see Cyn Black 765-404-5261 for more information.


We
Need
Your
Help
Please

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Blake Chase	3/2
Carol Burge	3/2
Ashley Luzadder	3/4
Anastasia Swift	3/8
Jay Huenemann	3/8
Aron Meihls	3/10
Mary Alice Bauman	3/11
Carolyn Beets	3/11
Larry Halsema	3/13
Jeffrey Dean	3/15
Clay Huenemann	3/19
Jason Beard	3/20
Max Smith	3/21
Joan Bonnet	3/21
Clare Cougill	3/21
Kyle Heide	3/21
Raymond Taylor	3/23
Rachel Moore	3/24
Tom Kuespert	3/24
Whitney Wallace	3/24
Matt Wierman	3/26
Alice Black	3/27
Mike Hanley	3/28
Bruce Blair	3/28
Gayle Daniel	3/29
Mike Heide	3/31
Brandon Bechtel	3/31

Buffalo Sausage Cheese Dip

- 1 package Turkey Sausage Crumbles
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed, softened
- ½ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup Louisiana brand hot sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped celery
- ½ cup (2 ounces) blue cheese crumbles

Baked pita chips or celery sticks for dipping

Heat and stir sausage crumbles in a large skillet over medium heat for 4-5 minutes or until hot. Add cream cheese, sour cream and hot sauce.

Cook and stir until cream cheese is melted and sauce is smooth. Stir in blue cheese and celery; heat 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Spoon into serving dish or chafing dish.

Serve with chips and celery sticks.

Jeremy & Megan Swift	3/11
Raymond/Barbara Taylor	3/12
Rex/Janet Sheets	3/15
Ron/Robyn Beaver	3/18
Rene/Sharon Richardson	3/18
Tom/Karen Carney	3/28



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:30am Contemporary Service 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service	5 9:30am Baby Quilters 4:30pm Homework Club	6 12:00pm Extension Homemakers 6:30pm Worship & Music	7 10:00am Quilters 4:30pm Homework Club 5:45pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 10:00am Prayer Shawl 8:00pm Band Rehearsal
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25 8:30am Contemporary Service 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service 12:00pm Confirmation Class	26 4:30pm Homework Club 6:30pm Ladies Fellowship	27	28 9:00am Mary Martha 10:00am Quilters 4:30pm Homework Club 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29 6:00pm Seder Meal & Maundy Thursday Service	30 7:00pm Good Friday Service	31 9:00am Breakfast with Easter Bunny 1:00pm Dye Easter Eggs 8:00pm Band Rehearsal
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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


 Breakfast
 With the
 Easter
 Bunny
 March 31
 9am –
 12pm

