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The Strength of the Body is in Our Connection to God and Each Other

Hebrews 10: 24-25 NLT ²⁴Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Can you believe our church initially shut down six months ago already?

Half a year has passed without conversations at our back coffee table or greeters at our doors, without singing out songs of worship and praise, without little children running around our pews and bringing up art projects to show their moms and dads, without a ladies breakfast, without church potlucks and without the loud buzz of chatter among our brothers and sisters before the start of a Sunday worship service. Oh how wonderful those connections were and will be again! *And yet our faithful God is still at work among us, still holding us together and still filling us with hope. Do you see what He is doing?*

In the last six months I have seen revival and refreshing in some areas, and **I believe there is more to come!** While other ministries have been put on hold, some are taking off again and trying something new. New names and faces have emerged in this time to join us for worship and weekly devotionals. New people have connected into our weekly small groups via online platforms. More letters, cards and phone calls have been made; people have been more intentional to connect with others who are isolated. *Praise God for this revival in intentional connecting!*

How are you connecting in this time to God and to the Body? If you have slid away from connection, I want to urge you to come back into the fold. *Come back home to your family.* Find a way to connect to the Body on a regular basis. It is so important to the strength of your faith and the strength of the Church. **Your presence matters.** You will also be blessed! *Let's connect!*



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An Invitation to Men of God to Gather Together

**Proverbs 27:17 NLT As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend sharpens a friend.**

The Lord calls on us to come together to aid each other in
our Christian walk!

We were never meant to go it alone.
We are designed for relationship!

Yes men, *even you* are designed to be in relationships. Our world teaches us we can and should handle all things on our own, but that is not of God. Godly men all throughout the Bible, walk closely with God and with other godly men as a support and for accountability to remain in His truth.

LGC's men's group is meeting Sundays at 8:30 am, in the lower level of church. This is an invitation to all men to come as you are for friendship and to grow in your faith. The purpose of this gathering is for men to build a comfort level with each other and with God's Word so we might lift each other up in hard & joyful times, even outside of church. We will dig deep into God's word together, but that doesn't mean you have to have deep Bible knowledge to join in the conversation. We'll walk through His Word together and talk about how it applies to our lives today.

Our environment is casual, friendly and encouraging. Our purpose is deeply rooted in learning to emulate the character of Christ in all aspects of our lives.

If you have the desire to build & participate in the life Jesus called us to, come join us for study & fellowship!

Contact Pat Graham at 608-697-9018 with any questions.

Celebrating- September Birthdays

Pat Graham	September 2
Kade Hessler	September 3
Dan Jennings	September 7
Olivia Arndt	September 11
Laurie Muench	September 14
Jessica Abela	September 18
Conner Richardson	September 20
Jane Biddle	September 21
Anna Benisch	September 23
Bob Dreifke	September 26
Daphne Hawley	September 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Marlene and Ed Spyros	September 19
Mary and Marty Martinez	September 24
Cindy and Nick Keunzli	September 25
Brittany and Al Sugden	September 29



World Harvest Mission Support

**September's Mission
Focus will be to support
the mission efforts
through IMA.**

The association our church is affiliated with is called International Ministerial Association or IMA. They have a program that funds 56 missionaries who have all go through an application and approval process before being brought under the support of IMA. These missionaries serve on 6 continents!

Every year at the national IMA conference there is a pledge offered to members to generously give to the work of God's servants in the mission field globally.

As an affiliate of IMA and being a mission hearted church, we believe it is important to give to the support of these missionaries and aid in what God has called them to do to advance the Gospel.

We invite you to please pray and give according to what is in your heart to missions this month, knowing all collected will be dispersed to support the work of these 56 missionaries.

Please remember it is not the size of your gift that pleases God but what you give from your heart. He is able to multiply immeasurably more than what we can give. Let us support our brothers and sisters who faithfully carry the Gospel forth. Thank you!



Finding Strength in Community Resources for Hope, Healing and Recovery

These times are hard, and can be even harder for those who struggle with addiction. Being in community is critically important to those who struggle with substance abuse or for those closely connected with loved ones who do. All too often this can be a lonely and isolating walk for those bound to this disease, which only further debilitates the person or family. *But it doesn't have to be.*

Chris Clancy with JourneyPure writes: *"One of the most enduring sayings in cultures across the world is 'It takes a village.' While it's a phrase used most commonly to describe raising children, it can also be said that it takes a village to be human. Since the earliest days, humans have operated in tribes. Being part of a community – a part of something larger than yourself – gives you a sense of purpose, belonging, and inclusion. In recovery, a community provides a lifeline. Alcoholics and addicts cannot rely on willpower alone. On the contrary, those suffering from substance abuse need the support of a community to stay clean. Seeking out the guidance of others who have been in your shoes is essential. Without this communal reinforcement, addicts tend to isolate, which can lead to depression and a greater chance of relapse."*

Please know there is no shame in seeking help from others and connecting to a community of people who understand your struggles and will walk with you to help you find health, healing and wholeness. God has designed us to walk through life's trials with Him and with each other. There is no shame to reach out for help in the church and in fact there are many ready to help guide you through a journey to freedom and recovery. Use the resources God puts in front of you. Share them with others who might need them. This is how He shows His love for His children, by drawing them into a community who will build them up.

Please check into these groups to find community and hope. Contact Pastor Karrie for information for local meetings and connections.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), Al-Anon (for families), Alateen (for teens).

James 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Coming Events

Monday September 14th– Ladies Prayer Group 9 am at church or via Google Hangouts. NOTE: change in week this month.

Freedom in the Spirit– Deepening Your Faith Through Small Groups.

Wednesdays: Going deeper into Sunday messages. 6:30 pm Google Hangouts. Contact Pastor Karrie to join.

Sundays: Men’s Bible Study 8:30 am at church or on Zoom. Contact Pat Graham for more information.

Real Moms. Real Jesus. Still meeting monthly online. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and location.

John 8:36 (NLT) ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

A visit on the Patio With Pastor Karrie

*Let’s gather on the patio
(mine is always available)
and encourage each
other. You minister to me
as much as I minister to
you when we connect
and pray together. It is
good for our soul to
gather. We can do so
safely.*

Please know I am always
here to pray with you and
lift you up.

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