

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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**MARCH
2023**

The First Christian Church Caller
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Dear Church,

As we inhabit the Season of Lent this month, consider this classic illustration about a jar, rocks, pebbles, and sand:

A professor stood up before his class with a large empty mayonnaise jar. He filled the jar to the top with large rocks and asked his students if the jar was full. The students said that yes, the jar was full. He then added small pebbles to the jar, and gave the jar a bit of a shake so the pebbles could disperse themselves among the larger rocks. Then he asked again, “Is the jar full now?” The students agreed that the jar was full. The professor then poured sand into the jar to fill up any remaining empty space. The students then agreed that the jar was completely full. The professor went on to explain that the jar represents everything that is in one's life.

The large rocks are equivalent to the most important things you have going on. This means that if the pebbles and the sand were lost, the jar would still be full and your life would still have meaning. The pebbles represent the things in your life that matter, but that you could live without. These things often come and go, and are not permanent or essential to your overall well-being. The sand represents the remaining filler things in your life and material possessions. These things don't mean much to your life as a whole, and are likely only done to waste time or get small tasks accomplished.

What if you attempt to fill the jar by beginning with the sand, then the pebbles, and finally the large rocks? All of the items will not fit in the jar. This holds true with the things you let into your life. If you spend all of your time on the small and insignificant things, you will run out of room for the things that are actually important. The point is this: pay attention to the “rocks.” It is important to manage the things that really matter first.

I use all of this to pose a question: In your living right now, how do God, church, and spiritual practices fit? Are they large rocks, pebbles, or sand? Are they of utmost importance, or are they for when other commitments and time are left over? May you seek God and his kingdom first this Lent.

Prayer is an important part of our congregational life. If you have an update for prayers and praises, please contact the church office 837-4760 or email: Churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org

Remember our shut-in friends:

Winona Hornbuckle
Myrtle Lee Reed
Bill Shaffer
Peg Irwin



PRAYERS - Deb's **granddaughter** found help with Crohns disease; Joe Shaffer's Uncle **Johnnys** death; Maurine's friend, **Mary** has cancer; **Ed Flener** Associate Pastor from Methodist church had surgery and doing well; **Residents** of Vintage Park and Louisburg Healthcare and Rehab; **Rod Pederson family** as wife Cathy passed away; Melody's **granddaughter** in car accident; Melody's son-in-law's father, **Jerry Mercer**; Ronnie's **friend**, Steve French passed away; **Linda Cole** halfway through cancer treatments; **Stephen Lawson**; Nancy's friend's 7 month old grandbaby **Noa**; **Mary** needs dental work; **Jeffrey Mowen** had Covid; family of **Connie and Clancy Matsuda**, as Clancy passed away; Justin's friend, **Allan** (in Mexico) looking to raise more funds for his missionary work; Roy's friend, **Doug Warren** has hurdles to overcome; **Week of Compassion staff and ministry**; Jim Ward's niece, **April Glass** pregnant with 7th child;

PRAISES - **Jack** thankful for the hope of heaven; **Mary's** knee healing; Fantasy football was fun; **Outreach** has programs set up for 2023; Joanie's sister, **Kathy** has decided to go back to church; **Zoey** had first sleepover; **Winona** celebrated her birthday; **Bernie** donated a new picture of the church; **Jill's mother** was released from hospital Feb.13; Justin's friend, **Jon** recovered from gall bladder surgery; We had a great potluck on Feb. 12; **Eslinger boys** went to state wrestling; **Jill** glad to be back home and her **mother** is home; **Linda Cole** has 3 weeks to go for cancer treatments; **Ken** had a scope procedure and all ok; **Elders** gathering on Feb. 25 at our church; **Mark Hadsall** out of hospital and at home; **Abigail** got braces Feb. 9th; **Nancy & Jack** visited his brother in Tampa, FL., for a gathering of his siblings;

Continuing Prayers - Tom & Linda Cole; Bill Shaffer; Frank's sister, **Debbie**; Jill Niebrugge's mother, **Priscilla White**; prayers for church board; **Betty Reed**; our Nation; our church family; **Ruthie Boles**; all of our missionaries, **Allan Contreas**; the **Pronins, Barkers & McKnights**; Joe Shaffer's daughter, **Lesley**; **Pastor Justin**; **Residents** at Vintage Park and Louisburg Health & Rehab; also **all** those who give care!



Story Time!

Join us Fridays in Lent @ 7pm for stories and sharing with friends:

March 3, 10, 24, 31

Join on ZOOM

zoom.us/j/808946274

or Schwartz home

1537 S. 5th St. East



If your birthday does not appear on our list and you would like it to, please send your birth date, **only day and month**, to Jean at the church office, or call 837-4760.

Also, please let us know if we have made an error in recording your birthday.

Birthdays March

2. Darlene Hadsall
5. Thor McKiearnan
8. Leola Eslinger
Christa McLanahan
9. Brandy Mowen
10. Sue Apple
19. Myrtle Lee Reed
22. Mark Hadsall
24. Ashley Kohlenberg
29. Linda Cutshaw
30. Jeremy Armstrong
Clarence Dellinger
31. Karla Dennis

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

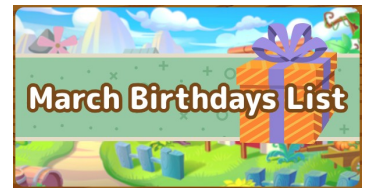
Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Louisburg

Time: 5-7pm each night

Dates: March 3, 24 & 31

Menu: Baked & fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, baked potato, green beans, rolls, mac-n-cheese & home-made desserts.

Join Pastor Justin and church family for fellowship time over a meal.



Agape Food Pantry

- We are collecting
- individually wrapped
- toothbrushes and
- tubes of toothpaste.
- There is a box in the
- narthex to place your
- items.



Tall Oaks Camp Dates

Day Camp: Dates: June 21st and July 8th. Age: 5 - 8 years

Primary Camp: Dates: July 10th - 12th. Age: 2nd - 3rd grade

Junior Camp: Dates: June 26th - 29th. Age: 4th to 5th grade

Chi-Rho Camp: Dates: July 16th - 20th. Age: Grade 6th - 7th

8ers Camp: Dates: July 7th - 13th. Age: just graduated 8th grade

CYF Camp: SUMMER CAMP
Dates: June 20th - June 25th
Age: High school

For registration:

www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration
or Registration Inquiries: 913-301-3004



Louisburg Schools will be on
Spring Break from
March 10 through March 17

Worship Attendance

	8:30am	10:30a.m.	online
January 29	9	29	13
February 5	7	29	23
February 12	8	34	18
February 19	11	33	26
February 26	6	33	21

Financials

	Jan.20-Feb.16
Beginning balance	\$45,478.14
Total Offering Income	\$29,451.34
Total Expense	\$14,943.13
Ending Balance	Feb. 16 \$59,986.35
Needed weekly	\$2,758.38

Join us for Bingo at
the Louisburg
Healthcare &
Rehab Center
1st & 3rd



Mondays at 2:30pm



Nursing Home
Outreach
ministry for
Vintage Park
and Louisburg Healthcare & Rehab Cen-
ter will be **March 26**

Prepare for the coming Sunday's
scriptures and sermon by following our
daily Bible reading plan.

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DAILY
BIBLE READINGS

WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leaders for 10:30am

- March 5—Sue Raines
- March 12—Damon Dennis
- March 19—Frank Morgan
- March 26—John Mowen

Greeters for 10:30am

- March 5—Sue Raines
- March 12—Susan Tate
- March 19—John & Jean Mowen
- March 26—Don & Steffany Aye

Elders

Offering & Communion
8:30am—Don Aye
10:30am—Frank Morgan

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

Join us in person or on Zoom as we study the book of Revelation on Thursday mornings.

Fellowship - 9:30am
Study & Prayer - 10:00am

Join on ZOOM
zoom.us/j/808946274

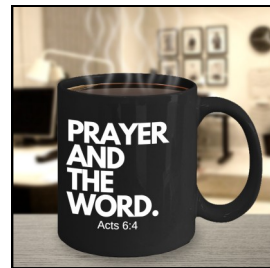
March Anniversaries

- March 2—John & Jean Mowen
- March 16—John & Connie Cleek
- March 22—Raymond & Christa McLanahan
- March 22—George & Betty Reed
- March 25—Ed & Adena Arnett

*Happy Anniversary
and God Bless*

Coffee and Prayer with the Pastor

Pastor Justin will be available in the narthex each Tuesday morning at 9:00am.



Live streaming on Sundays @ 9:30 & 10:30am

Watch recordings of
10:30 am worship

Subscribe and click on
the bell for notifications



youtube.com/@fclouisburg8221

Search for "FCC Louisburg"

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Our next newsletter will be published the week of March 26

please have items into the church office no later than Friday, March 17

The Church Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 16 — 7 p.m.

The **RED CAN** collection in **March** will be for **Rev. Pronin**



Pastor Pronin leads a church in Lviv, a city of about a million people in the western part of Ukraine.

“He and his church are ministering to refugees,” “His church itself is largely comprised of refugees from the east, from where the Russians invaded in 2014. And now they’re having to go through it all again on a much larger scale.”

Pronin, himself, is a refugee from the Russian invasion of 2014.



**WELCOME
TO
YOUR
CHURCH
HOME!**

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Distribution for the Food Pantry

March 15 @ 8:30am


**Volunteers are needed
for distribution**

The Food pantry is located at Louis-
burg United Methodist Church.

Contact 913/724-5311
for more information.

March 2023

First Christian Church Louisburg, KS. MONTHLY PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Bible Study at church and on Zoom. 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	World Day of Prayer Fish Fry @ Immaculate Conception 5-7pm Lent Story Time on Zoom 7pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<u>Worship</u> 8:30am 10:30am <u>Sunday School</u> 9:30am	Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	Coffee & Prayer with Pastor 9am		Bible Study at church and on Zoom. 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	Fish Fry @ Immaculate Conception 5-7pm Lent Story Time on Zoom 7pm	
Spring Break begins March 10-17						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>Worship</u> 8:30am 10:30am <u>Sunday School</u> 9:30am		Coffee & Prayer with Pastor 9am Happy St. Patricks Day	Food Pantry Distribution 8:30am	Bible Study at church and on Zoom. 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study Board meeting 7pm	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE IN CHURCH OFFICE	
SPRING BREAK — March 10-17						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<u>Worship</u> 8:30am 10:30am <u>Sunday School</u> 9:30am	Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	Coffee & Prayer with Pastor 9am		Bible Study at church and on Zoom. 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	Fish Fry @ Immaculate Conception 5-7pm Lent Story Time on Zoom 7pm	
25	27	28	29	30	31	
<u>Worship</u> 8:30am 10:30am <u>Sunday School</u> 9:30am 1:30pm. Shut-in communion. Vintage Park & Care Center		Coffee & Prayer with Pastor 9am		Bible Study at church and on Zoom. 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Study	Fish Fry @ Immaculate Conception 5-7pm Lent Story Time on Zoom 7pm	