



## 1st Pres eNews

October 5, 2021

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### Blog of the Week

Janet Starkey



#### Bless Them. Change Me

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2*

This week a friend died. I'm sad. I'm angry. I'm not angry with the person, but rather the circumstances that led to this death ... because I believe it could have been avoided. How could I know that specifically? I don't. ... [Read More](#)

## This Week



Saturday, October 23rd | 8:45 am - 1 pm | 1st Pres Gym

This is an important date for you to put on your calendar and you will want to attend. The Discovery Process day is an essential part of our transition season and will hopefully include as many members and regular attenders as possible.

This Discovery seminar is highly interactive, full of opportunities for personal reflection and group participation. It gets people's attention off their own agendas and on to looking at the whole church. The activity moves back and forth from individual thought time to

The lessons learned during this half-day seminar will directly impact the selection of our next pastor. Anyone wishing to be on the pastor search committee must attend this event.

The seminar will help the church:

- Focus on its best aspects.
- Observe its most significant experiences.
- Cling to its greatest strengths.
- Understand its essential values.
- Start taking its most important next steps.

table discussions to whole group interactions. The day is designed to give everyone a chance to be heard.

You can help your church define the next steps as we explore what we want our future to be and the type of pastor we want to call. Pastor Neal will be facilitating this event in partnership with the Strategic Planning Team.

Saturday Oct 23

8:45-1:00 | 1st Pres Gym

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### Office Closed

in observance of Columbus Day  
**Monday, October 11**

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### Bell Choir Rehearsal

Begins Sunday Oct 10th



The Bell Choir will once again begin rehearsals on Sunday mornings from 7:30 -

8:30 am! Our temporary home is upstairs in the Hunter Building. Check with Kent for the exact location.



### Update

It has been good to be back in our own church and interact with our guest family! This past week we hosted a father and his 7-year-old son.

This hard working dad, gets up at 4 am each morning for coffee and is off to his job. Due to the nature of his job, he is able to take his son with him who gets to catch a few more winks before dad takes him for a day at school which includes breakfast and lunch. Our volunteers have

# Venture

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This Wednesday | October 6, 6:30 - 8:00

For all of you participating in our Venture program don't forget we're meeting this Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The adult programs end at 7:40 so there is time for some fellowship in Krueger Hall before the kids and youth finish up at 8.

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### Serving Lunch

Ecumenical Food Kitchen This Week!  
October 7th

We are serving bag lunches this Thursday to our Ecumenical Lunch guests! Please contact Bev Rasor if you can provide a few lunches or help serve.



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### Nominating Committee

#### September Report

Your Nominating Committee has been hard at working searching for Class of 2024 candidates, both Elders and Deacons. Additionally, the search is on for the Pastor Nominating Committee members.

[Please read this important report.](#)

been amazing - ensuring our guests have a ready room, clean towels and linens, food, and space to be a family. These volunteers are at the ready, often at the last minute and we could not be more grateful. Please join us as we pray for a home that guests can call their own.

**Now** it's time to think about the next time we host: **Oct. 31 - Nov. 6**. We need volunteers for just about everything. The new sign-up board is in Krueger Hall.

If you are a faithful volunteer and you haven't been contacted in a while, please contact the office. We need you!

## CDAIDE Mentor Training

**Oct 11th & 13th**

Are you a good listener who wants to serve others? As a Christ-centered mentor, you will learn how to walk alongside hospitality workers through the challenges they face; a mentor is a friend and coach, not an expert or counselor.

This two evening training is being held in Krueger Hall from 5:30 - 7:30pm. If you can attend, please RSVP to [program.asst@cdaide.org](mailto:program.asst@cdaide.org)

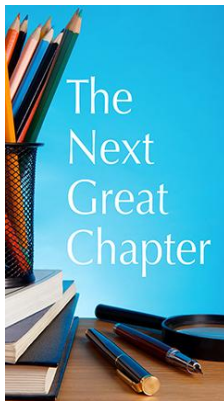
## Food Drive Results

Wow! The Food Drive collected 943 pounds of food for our community. Thank you to everyone who donated food. The next food drive will be in January of 2022.



## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

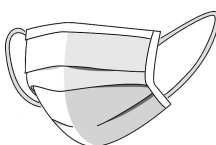


God's Flashlight. Just what is that? How is God guiding our way? With a lamp to our feet and a light to our path! Learn about what God's direction requires. [Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)

This week Carley continued with lessons that Jesus left us: how to live, how to pray, and what *not* to do. Read Matthew 6:9 and [Listen to her entire message.](#)

Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible! [Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

## Church News



### Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Chris and Eric Fehr are once again leading Sunday morning Bible study on Sundays at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or online using this [Zoom link](#).

## Prayer Shawls Available



Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic and have completed 11 shawls and lap robes. These are available to gift to those who would benefit from one of these prayerfully made shawls. They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.

## Family Promise is Hiring!

Shelter Manager - 20 hrs/week

The shelter manager maintains an in-home structure and maintaining day-to-day tasks of the shelter. This role requires the ability to be flexible, responsive, and work effectively with a wide variety of team members. This position reports to the Executive Director. [Full job description HERE](#) or [visit the Family Promise website](#) for more details.

## Meals On Wheels Needs Drivers



Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers. Relief or full-time slots are available with a 2 hours max commitment once a week. Please contact [Cindi O'Leary](#) at the Lake City Senior Center if interested.

## September Schedule

### Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room  
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online.  
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary.

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We encourage social distancing with  
masks highly recommended.

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DOXA 11 am

### Wednesdays

Venture - [see schedule](#)

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

I hope that you are staying healthy as we are transitioning into the fall season! Adventure Kids' Club is on for this Wednesday evening from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Drop off and pick up will be at the gym entrance. We still have



room for more students to attend, just shoot me an email so I can have enough materials prepared!

### Save the Date

Harvest Carnival, Pumpkin Carving, and Costume Parade! October 31st during and immediately following the church service.

I hope you have a blessed week!

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### Adventure Kids' Club Details

The club is being held on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group. Join in on this social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. Our fall/winter session focuses on learning about Jesus and ourselves through a look at New Testament parables. Any child, kindergarten through 5th grade, is invited to attend. [Register here](#)

**TIME:** 6:30-8:00 pm

**DATE:** Wednesdays: October 6, 20 | November 3, 17 | December 1

*Masks are strongly recommended, but not required by our Session at this time.*

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### Fall Schedule

#### October

- Venture/Adventure Kids' Club. First and third Wednesdays through December 1st, 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- Harvest Festival: October 31st after church. Carnival games in the gym after the service BYOP for carving.

#### November

- Family Game Night and Gingerbread House Contest: November 17th, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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## Youth Ministry

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### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family



newsletter! Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

## Groups & Gatherings

### Contemplative Worship Service A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. This service format is one where you can peacefully spend time worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

#### Contemplative Service Leads

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[Donna Brundage](#): Greeting  
[Susan Lauer](#): Setup & Sanctuary Design  
[Matt Broadway](#): Music  
[Yvette Wyatt](#): Scripture & Prayer



### Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday from 10-11:30 in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

### Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other. We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the office.

