



WL Family News

MARCH 2019

Church News

- **Special Combined ABFs:** One follow-up to our "Invested" sermon series will happen March 10, 17, and 24 as we gather for three combined gatherings of Adult Bible Fellowships. Every class from middle school on up will join in these special times of focusing on discipleship and connection in the church family. Pick up a copy of the bulletin insert at the Info Center for complete details.
- **CareGivers Group** meets the third Sunday morning of each month. It will meet on March 17 at 10:00 in the café area of the Fellowship Hall. If you are the caregiver for a loved one and could use some encouragement and support, plan to join this group. Contact Gladys Deloe at gdeloe@gmail.com if you have questions.
- **Kids Chorale** will present their spring musical, "The BIG Bible Idea Group," on Sunday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. The church family is invited to this annual event.
- **Easter Choir:** You are invited to join Dr. Wally Brath for choir this spring as we prepare to celebrate Easter during our three worship services. The choir may sing a few Sundays before Easter as well. Rehearsals will be held in room 103/104 (across from the Fireside Room). *Rehearsal schedule:* Sunday, March 24, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 7, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **Palm Sunday Seder (Passover Celebration) and Communion:** How we celebrate communion today was inaugurated by Jesus as part of a Passover meal in the Upper Room on the night before He died. In addition to commemorating the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, God's great act of salvation in the Old Testament, Passover also anticipated God's all-time greatest work of salvation—Christ's death and resurrection for us. On the evening of Palm Sunday (April 14), we will be offering an Upper Room experience at the Gordon Rec Center. So that we can adequately prepare, we're asking individuals and families to sign up in advance, starting March 17. Childcare will be provided for infants through 5-year-olds.
- **March/April birthday list** is available at the Info Center. If you would like to be added to the list, contact Bonnie at the church at bnieter@wlgbc.com or 267-6623.

● **New Baby:** Congratulations to Charles and Aleah Lee on the birth of their son, Jonathan Josiah, born on February 16. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and joins siblings David and Evelyn at home.

● **Parent-Child Dedication:** Children dedicated on February 17 were *Ronin Beer*, son of Austin and Savannah Beer; *Ezra Bonfiglio*, son of Travis and Alisha Bonfiglio; *Deklin Etner*, son of Drew and Catey Etner; and *Benjamin Lenon*, son of Adam and Kyrsta Lenon.

● **Discipleship Counseling:** A team of men and women is available to offer biblical counseling, free of charge, to anyone in our church family who is out of high school or older. If you would like to talk, pray, and look at God's Word together, contact Rhonda at the church office at 267-6623. Time slots available on Tuesday nights and at other times by special arrangement.

● **Mousey's Mailbox:** If you know of someone in need of a special homemade card to be sent to them, reminding them that God is faithful, please stop by the mailbox in the entry and fill out a "card request."

● **Helping Hands:** Here are just a few of the ways our volunteers have been active over the past few months: ● raking, gutter clean-out, pruning and mowing for several of our senior saints; ● helped with housecleaning for families in need; ● helped move two of our single women; ● plumbing repair work for one of our single moms; ● provided many rides locally and out of town. Thanks to all who volunteer to be Christ's hands in this church family—you are truly being a blessing. But sometimes the number of needs outpaces the availability of our volunteers. So if you would like to be a Helping Hands volunteer, we could use you! Fill out the survey at www.bit.ly/WLHelpingHands or pick up a paper version at the Info Center, or contact Matt and Lisa Reimink at 267-2042. And if there are any of you needing assistance from Helping Hands, please call the Reiminks or let the church office know.

● **WL Softball** is coming up fast—and we want you to be a part of it! Sign up by April 1 to be assigned to a team. Cost is \$55. Signing up is not a commitment to pay; it's showing that you are interested in playing this year. We're hoping to have two teams this year. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/za2ymCD4dtBqDuZJ2> or contact Joel Hocking at 574-527-1235 or joel.hocking@gmail.com for more details.

Women's Ministries

●Women's Ministries is offering the 7-week Bible study, "Seamless," by Angie Smith, beginning Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space at The Hub and concluding May 21. Whether you are new to studying God's Word or just need to see the amazing way God brings everything together, you'll enjoy this study. Bring a friend along who is curious about the Bible—it makes a great "intro to the Bible" study. Sign up at the Info Center in the main building. Questions? Contact Lois Maxson at 269-3194. The study book should be purchased prior to the class at www.lifeway.com or other Christian booksellers (ISBN #9781430032304).

Thanks

"Dear WLGB, Thank you so much for your kind and generous gift of flowers for our mother's funeral. They were beautiful! It was very thoughtful of you and much appreciated. God bless you." — *the Tom Caron family and siblings*

●"Thank you to our church family for your prayers and support during Norman's hospitalization. It was such an encouragement to know you were standing with us. He is home and recovering well. We give praise and thanksgiving for what God has done!" — *Norman and Barbara Watkins*

Pray for the health needs of:

Carol Maurer	Larry Unruh
Leila Humberd	Jonathan Walter
Wayne Snider	Millie Pacheco
Mark Sharp	Joyce Loebs
Charles & Alice Koontz	Nancy Zellner
Ann Lakes	Jim & Tina Bauer
Michelle Phelps	Jim Morrison
Art & Nancy McGinness	Paul Wright
Roseann Heisler	Bethany Fluke
Annette Coenen	Claudia McCray
Michael Marsh	Jean Wallace
Phyllis Roberts	Miriam Bryant
Carolyn Brady	Dave Phelps
Carole Gordon	Norman Watkins
Bev Jordan	Ralph Ruch
Brenna Jeffreys	Rita Overmyer

Community News

●**Lakeland Christian Academy's** annual Italian Night is Saturday, March 9, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner (gluten-free options available as supplies last) in the Italian atmosphere of the school auditorium! In addition, you can bid on dozens of items and services donated by generous local sponsors during the silent auction. All proceeds go toward supplementing classroom needs for teachers and facility needs. Cost is \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for ages 6-11; and free for children under 5.

●**You are invited to hear** Dr. Georgia Purdom from Answers in Genesis on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace College and Seminary Westminster (105 - 9th St., Winona Lake). The conference will challenge you to think biblically, teach you how to defend your faith, and help you confidently communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ. Dr. Purdom holds a Ph.D in molecular genetics from The Ohio State University and is currently the Ministry Content Administrator for Answers in Genesis.

●**Israel Tour in 2020:** You've read the book; now experience the land. Dr. Randy Smith will be the group instructor for May 4-15, 2020. The tour host is Pastor Rob Barlow of our sister church in Dublin, Ohio. Those planning to go from that church have extended the invitation to WLGB to join them. Tour price will be set by May 2019. If interested in information, please contact the church office.

Reaching Our World Locally

1. Room at the Table

(WL's foster care/adoption ministry)

●**Thank you** to the 32 staff of volunteers from WL and Grace College who helped to provide a respite night on February 16 for parents of foster and adopted children. Thirty-nine children from eleven families in our community enjoyed activities, a meal, and a snack.

●**Adoption Fund Raiser:** A recent Cinnamon Roll Fund Raiser was held to help Barnabas and Marissa Brown from our WL family in their journey of adopting a baby girl. The frozen rolls come with defrost instructions and a packet of icing (\$5 per pack of 4). If interested, call 574-265-6168 or email brownfamily969@gmail.com

2. World Compassion Network

●Run/Walk for Hunger . . . and help We Care

Warsaw: World Compassion Network's annual Run/Walk for Hunger 5K will be held Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. at Winona Lake Park. All net proceeds go to charities in our community, including our church's We Care Warsaw community outreach where WCN donates free bags of groceries. Registration is \$20 before March 15; \$25 after March 15. Register at www.w-c-n.org or pick up a form at the Info Center.

This is a great opportunity to participate as a family or as a Life Group as we help a great ministry partner in our community.

3. Fellowship Missions

(community homeless shelter)

●**Urgent need for volunteers** to help prepare and serve lunch on any of these days: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Serve weekly or monthly; serving 25-30 people at 11:30 a.m. Food may be prepared in advance and brought to the shelter to serve; or the shelter kitchen and pantry may be used to prepare/serve the food. Sign up to volunteer at www.fellowshipmissions.net/volunteer or call 574-268-9555 and ask for Melissa for more information.