

Sunday Headlines

Read more online at LifeJourney.church

March 25, 2018

LifeJourney
Church



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship Celebration – Happening Today

Together, during both worship services, we'll ponder the meaning of the Passion of Christ.

Maunder Thursday Fellowship Meal – Thursday at 7:00 pm

We're saving a seat for you at MCL Cafeteria (2370 W. 86th Street). We've reserved a private room where we'll commemorate the Last Supper with a fellowship meal together and Holy Communion. This is a great opportunity to get to know new people in the congregation and grow our bonds of fellowship. **Reservations required; please RSVP on the response form.**

Good Friday Worship – Friday at 7:00 pm

"The Via Dolorosa" is unlike any Good Friday service we've ever presented! We will retrace the last steps of Jesus in a virtual pilgrimage inspired by the Stations of the Cross. This special program will include stunning music, dramatic narration, and stories from several congregants that will help us apply lessons we can learn from the suffering of Jesus. Don't miss this moving worship experience!

Easter Sunday Worship Celebration – Next Sunday

Together, during both worship services, we'll celebrate the risen Christ. There will be an inside Easter Egg Hunt for the kids during their class time in addition to their morning lesson.

HELLO... I AM

Are you new to LifeJourney today or within the past six months? If so, you're invited to a casual reception in your honor (snacks included) **this Wednesday at 7:00 pm.**

We'll get acquainted and answer questions you may have, like, *"Is this church the right place for me? How do I fit in and make friends? What resources are available?"*

RSVP through the response form in today's bulletin. Questions may be directed to: PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church or call the church office at (317)722-0000 x103.

Welcome to LifeJourney!

Married, divorced, and single here,
It's one family that mingles here.

Conservative and liberal here,
We've all gotta give a little here.

Big and small here,
There's room for us all here.

Doubt and believe here,
We all can receive here.

Gay, trans, and straight here,
There's no hate here.

Woman and man here,
Everyone can here.

Each and every gender here,
In all their splendor here.

Whatever your race here,
For all of us, grace here.

Christ above us,
Christ beside us,
Christ within us.

Amen.

Reserve Your Easter Lilies

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

If you would like to commemorate this tradition and/or honor someone special this Easter, please reserve your personal Easter Lily for Easter Sunday. (After service, you can take home your Lily.) Complete the response form and return it to Pastor Vivian or Spencer with \$10 payment attached. **Do not deposit payments into offering basket or Welcome Center. Today is the last day for reservations.**



Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

The Beauty of Christ - Living in Me

Key Verse:

“Take up your cross and follow me.” *Matthew 16:24.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *Ancient of Days*
More Than Anything

Affirmation

Connection Moment

Offering Invitation

Song: *Higher Ground*

Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

Song: *I Never Lost My Praise*

Prayer

Scripture: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Sermon: *Learning To Love Failure*
Rev. Jeff Miner

Communion (9:30 Service in Room 9, 11:00 Service in Sanctuary)

Closing Song: *All Glory Laud and Honor*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, forgive me for being so risk adverse. Forgive me for playing it safe. Forgive me for letting failure and misfortune drive me to despair. I want to be more like Jesus. I want to learn from the cross. Help me to realize that failure and misfortune creates space for creative change in my life. Give me the courage to seize those opportunities. Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

Proclamation of our Faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is here now, and Christ will come again. Alleluia!

Distribution of the Elements

If this is your first time with us: You are welcome to receive Holy Communion (or simply observe). You can take Communion alone, or with friends or family. Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. **Gluten free** communion wafers are now available, upon request for those with dietary restrictions.

Sermon Notes:

Decision Form:

If you feel moved to respond in a tangible way.

- I am making a decision to become a follower of Jesus, or I want to rededicate myself to that decision.
- I have questions about spiritual things and would like to talk to someone.
- Other: _____

One of our pastoral staff would be happy to make an appointment to talk with you about your spiritual life and what steps might come next – but only if you wish.

- I would like to schedule a time to talk.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Place this form in the basket at the Welcome Center.

Webcast Reminder: The morning services are recorded for our webcast; crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section of seating.

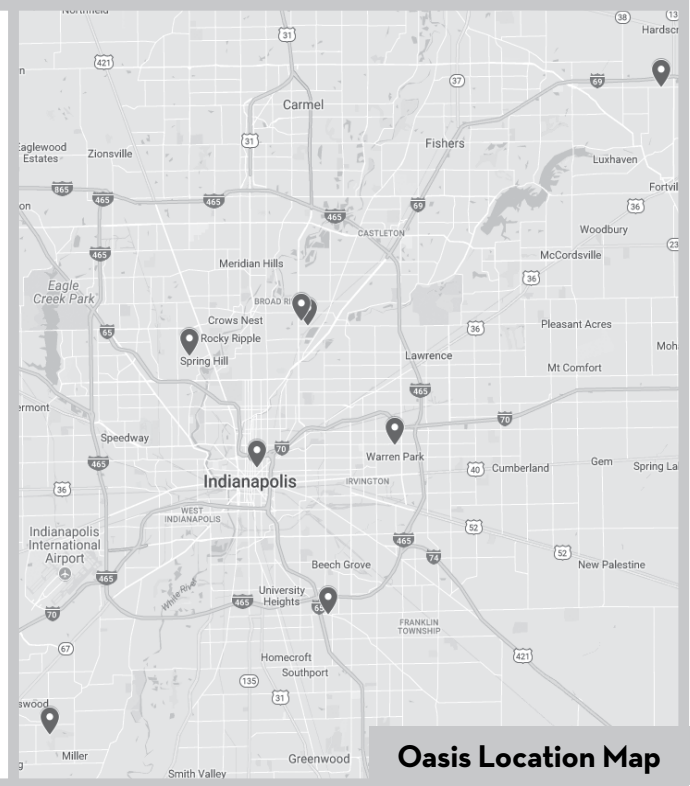
If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit the back half of the left section.



Oasis Meeting Times...

- Oasis groups are small groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer. This is a great way to make connections!
- Groups are open to everyone and meet evenings at 7:00 pm in various locations. (Crossed out exceptions noted below and on the calendar.)
- No registration is required. If you're new, it's suggested you contact the church office to ensure times/locations have not changed due to special events or unforeseen circumstances.

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton.
New Castle Oasis, 205 S 21st St., New Castle.
- TUE:** Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave., Indianapolis.
Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.
- WED:** F·R·I·E·N·D·S Oasis, Room 7-
- THU:** Broad Ripple Oasis, 2525 Dell Zell Dr., Indianapolis.
Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.
Southwest Oasis, 6561 Walton Dr. N, Camby.
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6.



Oasis Location Map

The Week Ahead...

- Today**
- 9:30 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 9:30 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
 - 11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
 - 11:00 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)
 - 11:00 am Teen Life (9-12 grade), The Loft (Room 10)
 - 1:00 pm Creative Care Team, Room 8
- Monday**
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
 - 7:00 pm Local Outreach Board, Room 7
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Big Book AA Meeting, Room 8
 - 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Newcomers Welcome, Room 7
- Thursday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Discipleship 101 (Registration Required), Room 7
 - 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner, (See Holy Week Activities)
- Friday**
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
 - 8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7

Exceptions...

- Wed. F·R·I·E·N·D·S Oasis meets at an alternate location, see article for details.
- Thur. Some events/groups will not meet in observance of Maundy Thursday.

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	117
11:00 am Service Attendance	176
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	131
General Offering: Last Week	\$9,637
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,824
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$8,897

* When giving meets our budget goal, we are able to fully fund our ministries. When giving falls short, cuts are made to avoid deficit spending.

Text your giving amount
GIVE+Text
 (317) 793-3417

Enroll in automated giving or
 make a one-time gift
GIVE+Online
LifeJourney.church/give



2950 East 55th Place
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
 (317) 722-0000
Info@LifeJourney.church
<http://LifeJourney.church>

- David Zier, Pastor
- Jason Powell, Worship Arts Minister
- Jeff Miner, Pastor
- Spencer James, Operations Minister
- Vivian Ampy, Pastor

2018 Grounds Crew, Now Forming

The Campus Services Ministry is recruiting for the 2018 season. If you enjoy being outdoors while helping maintain the curb appeal of our church campus, this ministry may be the perfect opportunity!

- The **Mowing Crew** is comprised of many volunteers that serve once per month, typically on a Friday or Saturday, to mow and trim the grounds.
- The **Landscape Crew** is comprised of individuals (or teams) that adopt a landscaped area of the church to maintain through the season. Tasks include planting flowers, pulling weeds, fluffing mulch, and manicuring trees/shrubs.

If you would like to learn more about serving with the 2018 Grounds Crew, either on the Mowing or Landscape Crews, complete the response form and we'll be in touch.



GIVE UP YOUR PANTS

for the Lenten Season

Still trying to decide what to sacrifice this Lent? Well consider donating a pair of your pants— or two or three. Your small sacrifice will directly benefit the homeless in Indianapolis.

All sizes of men and women pants are in short supply, please donate.



Yes! I'd like to respond to these articles:

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Maundy Thursday at MCL Cafeteria
- Newcomer Welcome Reception
- Easter Lily (Please attach \$10 per Lily.)

Honoring: _____

- 2018 Grounds Crew
Mowing Crew and/or Landscape Crew (circle)

- LJC Spring Family Kick Off!

Attending (including you): _____

- Friends Oasis Info
- Revelation Discipleship Course

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the Welcome Center.

Spring Family Kick Off!

Attention All Parents and Children's Volunteers!



Be sure to RSVP for the *LJC Spring Family Kick Off!* taking place after worship at 12:45 pm on Sunday April 8. This will be your chance to get acquainted with our new Family Life Minister, Chris Edwards. Activities will include: free lunch, a conversation with Chris, balloon sculpting, bounce house, games, photo booth, and a spring planting craft for the kids. Don't miss the fun; be in the loop! This event is open to all parents, children, youth, and children/youth volunteers and their spouses! RSVP required. See response form in today's bulletin.

Journey Through the Bible

This Tuesday, Journey Through the Bible Oasis will begin discussing the Book of Romans. This is one of Paul's most comprehensive epistles and it can never be read or pondered too much. Come with a spirit of expectation to learn from each other. Join the discussions as they travel the Roman Road, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in Room 6.

F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis Outing

Are you a young adult (age 18-35) looking to make new connections? Then join the F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis this Wednesday as they dine and karaoke! The group will begin the evening at Puccini's (3944 E 82nd St, Indianapolis) for a meal together, then head next door to Tilly's for karaoke. It all begins at 7:00 pm. For more information about this Oasis, complete the response form.

Spring Prayer Retreat

A couple extra spots have been reserved for the prayer retreat. If you missed last week's registration deadline, contact PastorDavid@LifeJourney.church

Revelation Discipleship Course!

Do you have memories of reading the book of Revelation and being scared, confused, put off, or all three at once? In this 5-week Discipleship course, we will journey through Revelation, explore several different interpretations, unlock its mysteries, and discuss its original impact.

The course will be led by Alex Pittaway based on a similar class he recently took at Christian Theological Seminary. When we're finished, instead of fearing the book, you may just find it to be a source of peace and hope, as we discover things you've never understood before hidden deep in ancient Biblical language and symbols. We'll have guest speakers, interactive classes, and most of all a sense of adventure and fun!

The course will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm for five weeks starting April 4. Registrants must commit to attend all 5 sessions unless sick or out of town. There will be a \$15 registration fee due in the first class, but that fee will be waived automatically for anyone who feels financially stretched. To register, complete the response form in today's bulletin.