

Sunday Headlines

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Invite a Friend on November 10!



Shelly Fitzgerald is a member of our congregation whose personal story has made national news. During the sermon time at both services on Sunday November 10, she will share what she's been through and the incredible spiritual lessons she's learned from this time of great adversity in her life.

After years of service at Roncalli High School, Shelly was fired last year because she married her spouse, Victoria. In an instant, she lost her career and, just as important, the close Roncalli community that had been so important to her for decades, going back to her high school days. Shelly's story made national news, including an appearance on the Ellen Degeneres Show.

Join us on November 10 to hear an inspiring story of courage and perseverance—and invite a friend to join you!

Honduras Gift Box Reminder

If you volunteered to prepare a Christmas gift box for one of the Honduran children, please remember today is the deadline for returning your gift box.

HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

Join LifeJourney Church at the Indiana State Fair Grounds this Thursday, October 31 from 5 - 7 pm as we co-sponsor Indy's *Safe Night Halloween!* This event offers kids and parents a safe place to spend Halloween with other families and organizations.

The event is free to kids 12 and under, accompanied by an adult. The activities are inside the climate-controlled 4-H Exhibit Hall. (Enter off 38th Street and follow the signs.)



Restroom Grand Opening

Next Sunday at 10:45 am—in between worship services—we will cut the ribbon and celebrate the grand opening of our brand new restrooms, then everyone will be invited to tour the new digs!

Update on MCC Forum



As you know, a few weeks ago our Board of Directors hosted a congregational forum to discuss the status of our denomination. LifeJourney is part of a small denomination known as the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). In recent years, MCC has experienced significant organizational challenges (i.e., declining revenue, declining attendance, and significant internal disagreements), with no overarching strategy to respond. Member congregations are expected to pay an assessment to the denomination equal to 10% of their offerings. That's a major investment and, as a matter of good stewardship, we need to evaluate whether we feel called to keep making that investment.

At the forum, the Board shared detailed information, then asked for congregational feedback. After a long discussion, the unanimous consensus of those present was that we should explore the possibility of withdrawing from MCC. As a next step in the process, the Board will seek input from those who were unable to attend the forum. Any Oasis Group that would like to host a discussion will be given that opportunity over the next couple months, followed by another general forum here at church. Based on all that feedback, the Board will then formulate a recommendation that will be presented to the congregation for a formal vote.

If ultimately the congregation votes to withdraw, that would not require any change in how LifeJourney operates. If a decision is made to withdraw, the congregation will have the opportunity to decide whether to affiliate with a new network of churches or remain freestanding. You are welcome to attend any of the upcoming Oasis conversations. You are also welcome to email any comments and questions to Board@LifeJourney.church. Please be sure to attend the next general forum once it's been scheduled. We want your input!

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 Tuesday 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 on the back page. Questions may be directed to: PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church or call the church office at (317) 722-0000 x103.

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Owning Our Own Stuff; Finding Our Power

Key Verse:

“In the ninth year of Hoshea, the King of Assyria captured Samaria; he carried the Israelites away to Assyria.” *II Kings 17:6.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Affirmation Poem

Praise & Worship: *Amazing
Do It Again*

Connections

Offering Selection: *Jesus Name Above All Names*

Offering Blessing

Song of Preparation: Cello & Piano Medley

Prayer

Scripture: *II Kings 17, selected verses*

Sermon: *Trapped*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Congregational Hymn: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, there are times when I let negative patterns take control and hold me captive. I know you want something better for me, but change is hard. Help me to step up the plate, own my own stuff, and claim my power to make positive change, knowing that you will be with me every step of the way. 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.

Sermon Notes:

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 in the back half of the left section.



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: _____

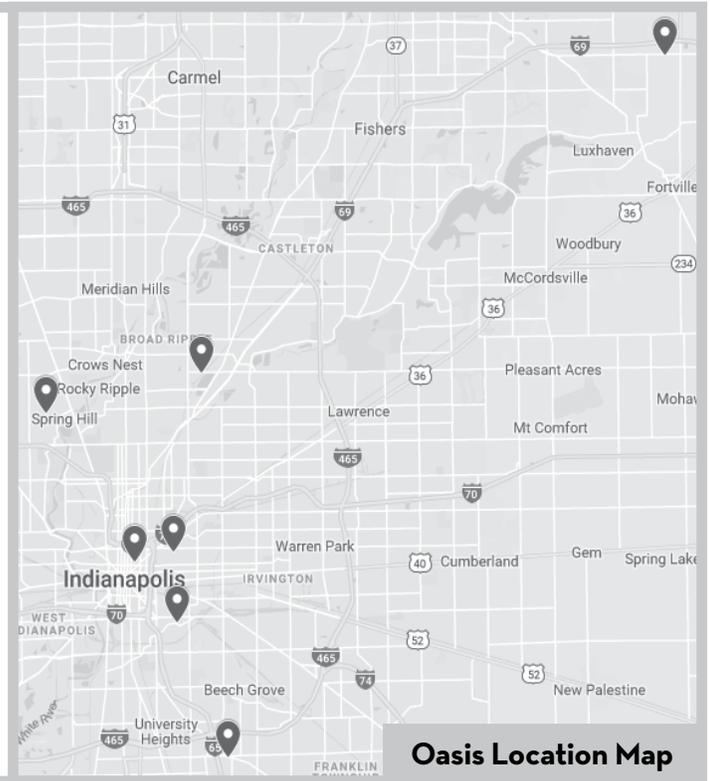
Email: _____

Place this form in the basket at the Welcome Center.

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. (Exceptions will be noted.)
- No registration is required. If you're planning to visit an Oasis for the first time, you may confirm meeting details by calling the church office.
- **If a group or location is crossed out please look for the revised information under "exceptions" in "The Week Ahead" section below.**

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton
- TUE:** Fountain Square Oasis (Child care available at location.)
1820 Orange Street, Fountain Square at 6:30 pm
~~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 (age 20-30 something), Room 7.
- THU:** Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Road, Indianapolis at 6:30.
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6



Oasis Location Map

The Week Ahead...

- Today**
- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 9:30 AM LJC Kids! (PreK-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
 - 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 11:00 AM LJC Kids! (PreK-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
 - 11:30 AM Teen Life (6-8th grade), The Loft (Rm 10)
- Youth are released from the Sanctuary before the sermons.*

- Monday**
- 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6

- Tuesday**
- 7:00 PM Newcomer Welcome Reception, Room 8

- Wednesday**
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 PM Jesus and Politics, Cafe

- Thursday**
- 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 PM Discipleship 101/102, Room 8
 - 7:00 PM Safe Night Halloween, See Article

- Friday**
- 7:00 PM Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
 - 8:00 PM Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7

- Saturday**
- 8:00 AM Homeless Ministry, serves Dayspring Center

- Exceptions...**
- Tues. Journey Through the Bible is on break.

See the new and improved events calendar at:
<http://LifeJourney.church/events-calendar>

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	133
11:00 am Service Attendance	154
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	71
General Offering: Last Week	\$11,725
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,353
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,119

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Save The Date: Spring Prayer Retreat

LifeJourney Church will be hosting its Spring Prayer Retreat at St. Meinrad Archabbey Monastery Ferdinand, Indiana. The retreat topic will be, *Listening For God's Gentle Whisper: An Invitation to Christian Mindfulness*.



Jesus tells us in Matthew 6 (excerpts from verses 25 - 34), "...do not worry... is not life more than possessions and things... look at the birds in the air... see how the flowers of the field grow... seek God first... do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself..." Jesus is asking us to be mindful.

Mindfulness, the practice of focused attention in the present moment, can help us tune into God and ourselves with more awareness. It has been shown that being mindful improves our physical and mental health, helps reduce stress, and allows us to be more compassionate, non-judgmental, and open-minded. It's a freakin' awesome tool for helping us live life to our fullest potential! Just ask Jesus!



Save the dates of Friday, April 24 at 2 pm through Sunday April 26 at 1:00 pm. Overnight accommodations, six meals, and all supplies are included for a rate of \$186 per person. (Rooms are double occupancy.) A variety of payment plans are available, including a \$31 installment plan for 6 months. Complete the response form for more information or to RSVP.



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

- Newcomers Welcome
- Spring Prayer Retreat: Info/RSVP
- Christmas Program (circle):

Dram Actor · Choir Singer · Set Builder

Name _____

Mobile/Text _____

Email _____

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



TeenLife: Sukkot "Camp Out" Lock-In

Sukkot is a Jewish Festival celebrating the harvest season. Celebrants would traditionally spend a week living in a small tent in remembrance of the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering the desert. For Christians it is also a reminder that God came to dwell among us in the incarnation of Christ.

In celebration of Sukkot, and in preparation for the Advent season, our youth are invited to "camp out" with us on Friday, November 8. Arrival time is 6 pm on Friday and pickup will be 9 am on Saturday. We will have many traditional Sukkot games and activities as well as some traditional harvest competitions.

Permission forms are at the youth table, in the loft, and at the concierge desk. Please sign up no later than Sunday, November 3. If you have a tent or two that you are willing to lend to any families that do not have tents please let us know. Reach out to Pastor Chris if you have any additional questions: ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church.

New Sisterhood Group Launches

Sisterhood is a new group forming at LifeJourney Church for those who identify as women. It's meant to provide a safe space for fun, fellowship, mutual esteem, concern, and support—a place for women to be authentic and intimate.

So are you ready to laugh, be entertained while taking a mental vacation? Join us as we laugh with a DVD performance of entertainer Chonda Pierce.

Bring your funny bones and your sister friends and join together November 9 at 10 am in Room 6. Light refreshments will be provided.

Christmas Program Call-Out

The Christmas preparation season is upon us and our Worship Arts ministry is looking for actors, singers and set builders! This year, we'll have dramatic/musical presentations featured during our Christmas services on Sunday, December 15, 9:30 am and 11 am)

We will have our first drama call-out with script reading opportunities on Sunday, October 27 at 1 pm, along with other meeting times for the choir and set builders. If you have a desire to use your skill sets to participate as an actor, singer or set builder, then we invite you to complete the response form in today's bulletin. Thank you and we will contact you providing further information.