

Sunday Headlines

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Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign!

What's the deal with all these signs? The signs are an effort for LJC to stand with marginalized and oppressed communities represented right here in our own congregation. We've heard over and over that people of color, immigrants, and our transgender neighbors are feeling a heightened sense of oppression, marginalization, and hate crimes are way up. So in response, our church is standing in solidarity with these specific communities and, by extension, all marginalized communities.

If you want to show your support to your neighbors, pick up a sign and display it in your yard. A suggested donation for each sign is \$5, but that is merely a suggestion. Take as many as you'll use regardless of your ability to pay. Let's spread **#LoveAlwaysWins** all over the city!

This week's social post idea: Before you leave church, grab some friends and take a group photo around one of the three large banners we've installed along 56th Street near our church monument sign. Post your photo to your favorite social platform and remember to use **#LoveAlwaysWins**.

Senior Shenanigans

Seniors, meet in Room 6 at 12:45 pm, for an informational meeting about our activity group created just for you!

The next Senior Shenanigans outing will be March 31 in Fountain Squire for some Duck Pin Bowling at 6:30 pm, then Pizza at Maria's Pizza around 8:00 pm.

For more information and to RSVP to all the *shenanigans*, complete the response form in today's bulletin!



Monthly Prayer Gathering

Next Sunday at 2:00 pm

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 Thursday at 7:00 pm**.

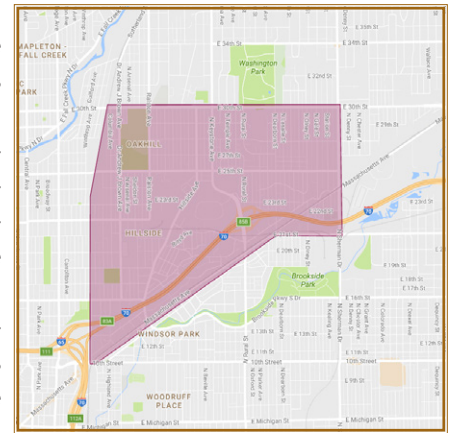
We'll get acquainted and answer questions you may have, like, *"Is this church the right place for me? How do I fit in and make friends? What resources are available?"*

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.

Community Ministry Grant Update

The Local Outreach Board and Community Ministry Grant Team have been working hard on the procurement of a matching grant to fund a new church community ministry. The Board has heard the congregation say that it is important to for us as a whole to focus on meeting basic needs for the most marginalized in our community. To that end, we are inviting our church family to participate in volunteer opportunities with Indiana Youth Group (IYG), the Immigrant Welcome Center, and to continue and expand our work with our homeless neighbors. These volunteer opportunities involve partnering with existing non-profits who do fabulous work in our city; the community ministry grant calls upon our church to create a brand new ministry not connected to another non-profit.

To discover what and where that might be, the local outreach team has poured its energy and time into the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. This neighborhood is just south of the church around 30th and Keystone. Our local outreach team chose this neighborhood because of its high poverty rates,



failing schools, high numbers of abandoned properties, food desert status, high crime rates, high unemployment rates, and more. Martindale-Brightwood is a neighborhood that exemplifies how racial inequity and systemic oppression have a lasting impact in our city and our world. We believe that there is significant opportunity for us to develop lasting relationship with our Martindale-Brightwood neighbors in ways that make us all better. But what are we going to do in that neighborhood?

Throughout our conversations we've heard the needs of the neighbors echoed time and time again. What keeps bubbling to the surface is the need for a community garden. But not just a plot of land with food growing—that's only the beginning. The local outreach team envisions this ministry being a garden for fresh produce, food preparation classes, dietary information sharing, youth mentoring, home repair and service, and more. Throughout the Gospels we are reminded that Jesus built relationships with people over the food table. We want to build relationships in the same way, over good and healthy food that builds strong minds and bodies.

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Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Journey To The Cross - Find Out What Got Jesus Killed

Key Verse:

“All in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.” *Luke 4:28.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: Say So
Everything

Prayer

Connection Moment

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Songs: We're Blessed
Worth

Scripture: Luke 4:16-30

Sermon: Who Are “My People”?
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Song

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, deep inside I harbor tendencies toward tribalism and prejudice. It's easy for me to empathize with people who are like me, but very hard to open my heart to those who are different. Forgive me. I want to be more like Jesus. Help me to open myself to the stories of those who are different from me. 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 in 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. **(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.

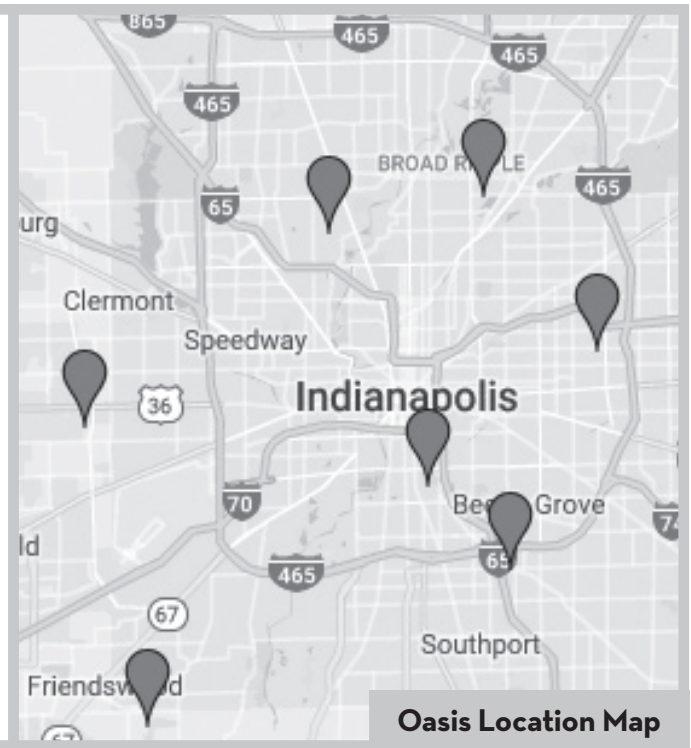
MON: Book Club Oasis, Room 8.

TUE: Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
Mornings with God Oasis, Room 6 at 10:00 am.
Southwest Oasis, 6561 Walton Dr. N, Camby.
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.

WED: Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis.
F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis, Room 7.
LJC Kids! Oasis, Room 2 at 6:30 pm.
Wednesday Evening Oasis, Room 6 at 6:30 pm.

THU: Garfield Park Oasis, 615 E. Southern Ave., Indianapolis.
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6.

FRI: Friday Evening Oasis, 609 New Moon St., Avon.



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)
- 12:30 pm Student Ministries Bowling, Pinheads in Noblesville
- 1:00 pm Deacons Meeting, Room 8

Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Discipleship 101 (Registration Required), Room 7
- 7:00 pm Newcomers Welcome Reception, Room 4
- 7:00 pm New Testament Story, Room 8
- 7:00 pm Wind Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday

- 6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
- 8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 6

Saturday

- 8:00 am Homeless Ministry serves at Dayspring Center
- 3:00 pm Trans Indy (Open Meeting), Room 6

Coming Soon...

Next Sun. LJC Monthly Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Exceptions...

Tuesday: Southwest Oasis meets at an alternative location, this week only, 12820 N. Bray Rd, Mooreseville.

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	113
11:00 am Service Attendance	221
Oasis Attendance	124
General Offering: Last Week	\$6,151
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,845
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,704
Budget Variance: Weekly Average	\$ -859



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Community Ministry Grant Update (Continued)

While it sounds simple, it really isn't. Here is where we are now in our process: We've listened to our congregation, we've listened to leaders in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood, and we are finishing our listening process with the general residents of the neighborhood. Then, we will be touring various community gardens in the city to see their operations. We will be working with the Martindale-Brightwood schools to determine what options we might have in their facilities to host programs. We are working with on site groups to determine the availability of land in the neighborhood, determining costs for the start-up, creating a detailed plan for the phases of the project to make it (eventually) a year round project, and more. The first draft of the grant application is due June 1 and we are working toward matching that goal. Approval would come in August. If the application is approved, we will have one year from the date of the approval to match and spend the funds requested. The local outreach team will keep you informed every step of the way throughout the remainder of this process.

These are exciting times at LifeJourney Church! With these new opportunities for outreach we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world; to do this we need your effort, your presence, your light to shine. Sign up today for existing opportunities and join us in prayer as we learn the ways we can build relationships with our siblings in Martindale-Brightwood very soon.

Local Outreach Opportunities

Last week, we launched new local outreach opportunities to get us out into our city showing our love in action. There were several opportunities for supporting Immigrants at the Immigrant Welcome Center, for working with LGBTQ youth at IYG, and for serving our homeless neighbors through Day-spring, Stopover, Love Train, and Find and Feed. If you want information about how you can be part of a service team in one of these areas, please complete the response form.

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Senior Shenanigans Info/RSVP
- Newcomer Welcome Reception
- Local Outreach Opportunities/Information
- Summer Camp Registration & Scholarship Info
- Easter Lily Reservation (Attach: \$10 payment.)

In Honor of (optional): _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the Welcome Center, unless you are submitting payment for Easter Lilies.

Today: Student Ministries at Pinheads

Youth, grades 6-12, are invited to an afternoon out today from 12:30-3:30 pm (meet outside Room 6). Bowling and lunch are covered for \$5. Consent forms are available at the Welcome Center; please remember to have these forms completed and returned to Ceci and Michelle.



Find Your SUMMER Camp!

Who wants to go to summer camp? This year LifeJourney Church is giving families the option of two weeks of summer camp.

Ready, Set, Camp is a shorter four day session for younger campers who have completed grades 1-8. Cost for this shorter session is \$305 and is scheduled for June 20-24.

Adventure Camp is for those with a little more experience under their belt or the need for a longer week away. Cost for this session is \$390 and is scheduled for July 9-15.

Both camping sessions include traditional camping activities and are open to all kids of varying gender identities. Parents are welcome to send their children to one or both weeks of camp.

We don't want any child to miss out on the opportunity to experience summer church camp so scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance. To get more information about registering for camp or to request a scholarship please complete the form below.

Healthy Living Hits Southside Oasis

On April 6, the Southside Oasis begins an 8-week series with a focus on healthy living – what to eat, what not to eat, how to exercise, healthy spiritual practices, stress management, and more. No registration is necessary, just show up on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 pm. This Oasis meets at 3905 Shelbyville Road, Indianapolis.



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 alters 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.

