

Sunday Headlines

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LifeJourney Choir RE-LAUNCH

Sing for joy! It's that time of year again... The LifeJourney Choir is relaunching, re-uniting our existing choral vocalists and welcoming new voices.

It truly is an exciting time of the year; the choir continues to build momentum for the depth of inclusive worship at LifeJourney Church. They also play a vital role in our Christmas and Easter celebrations.

The choir is led by Pastor Jason Powell, Minister of Worship Arts. Jason studied choral conducting as an undergrad student and has worked with large and small choirs, through a variety of genres, across the nation. Jason is experienced in developing the voice and ear of vocalists; even if you can't read music you'll be coached on how to learn vocal parts, pitch awareness, and aural skills.

Being part of the choir also offers a spiritual component. For many, Wednesday evening rehearsals can be an uplifting time as individuals come together for a sense of community, prayer, and soul inspiring music.

If being part of the LifeJourney Choir is an opportunity calling to you, then please complete the response form to be included on choir communications. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm. Their first presentation in worship will be in the month of September!

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

All Church PICNIC

Sunday, September 15

Everyone is welcome to join the fun after church on Sunday, September 15 from 12:30 - 3:00.

Bounce House · Pony Rides · Petting Zoo
Adult Tricycle Race · Church Photo

Hamburgers · Hotdogs · Veggie-Burgers
Register your potluck dish at the Welcome Center.

We're Making Progress!

As you can see, progress is really picking up around our campus. Here's where our three projects stand.

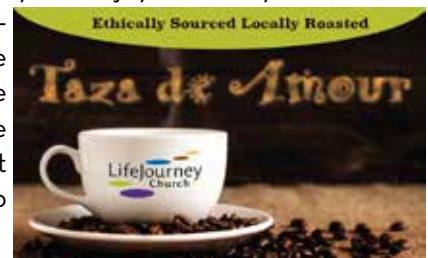
- **New Restrooms:** Plumbing passed inspection and framing began last week and continues into next.
- **Exterior Siding:** Did you notice the new siding installation? Now we begin to see transformation!
- **Parking Lot Resurface:** Parking lot work is scheduled to begin after the siding is installed, so we don't have heavy truck traffic on the new asphalt.

Taza de Amour

It's here! Today, the Hospitality Ministry introduces its specialty roast of coffee, ethically sourced from El Salvador, and roasted locally just for LifeJourney—Taza de Amour (Spanish for Cup of Love). This coffee, and installation of a reverse osmosis water system, is an enhancement they've planned just for you!

This new seasonal roast is infused with rich chocolate notes and a hint of orange zest for a bright, smooth finish. This medium body coffee is sure to be love in every fresh-brewed cup!

Taza de Amour will be brewed and served complimentary each Sunday morning for your enjoyment. If you love this signature roast, it is available for purchase in whole bean form to take home and enjoy throughout the week. Proceeds will support further enhancements to the Hospitality Ministry.



Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Finding Hope

Key Verse:

“The words of the wise prod us to live well. They’re like nails hammered home, holding life together. They are given by God, the one Shepherd.” *Ecclesiastes 12:11.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Affirmation Poem

Songs: *This Is Amazing Grace*
Flow to You

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Lord Prepare Me*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Isaiah's Cry*

Prayer

Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 1:2-11*

Sermon: *Is Life Meaningless?*
Rev. Chris Edwards

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

Song: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, we confess that we keep reaching and clamoring for things of no value. We try to fill the God shaped hole in our hearts with many things of temporary nature. Help us to seek you first, to receive the abundance that you have for us, and to enjoy it when we have it. Help us to slow down and enjoy the streams of living water that you lead us to. 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:

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK

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: _____

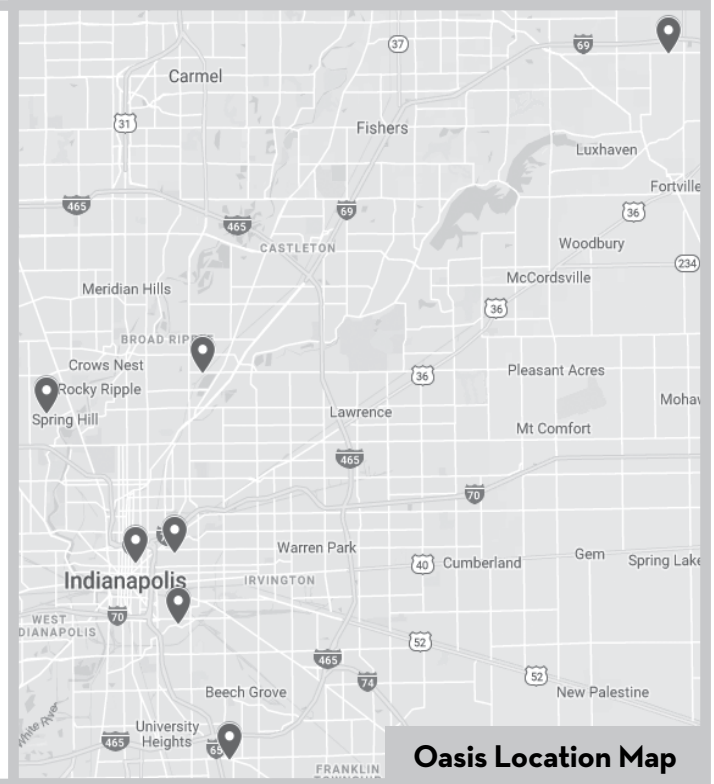
Email: _____

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.
1:00 PM Discipleship 101/102, Room 7
- Monday**
7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
7:00 PM Local Outreach Board, Room 8
- Wednesday**
6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Newcomers Welcome Reception, Room 8
- Thursday**
6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Spiritual Principles of Dating, Room 7
- 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

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	130
11:00 am Service Attendance	161
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	105
General Offering: Last Week	\$10,145
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,416
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,119

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CUSEN Network Conference

LifeJourney is part of the Central US Eastern Network of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Our very own Pastor David is the Leader of the CUSEN Network and recently promoted to Network Facilitator for all of the networks in the MCC denomination. *Congratulations Pastor David!*

On October 4 - 5, the CUSEN Network will be gathering at Eternal Joy MCC in Dayton, OH. Come for the weekend as MCC celebrates 50 years!

Friday evening includes a dinner, prayer, and music. Saturday includes a worship seminar, updates from MCC's recent General Conference (not to mention breakfast, lunch, worship and communion together). MCC's newly elected Moderator, Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston, will be present as well as one of the denominational Elders.

The Red Roof Inn group rate is \$40, the cost for Friday and Saturday registration is \$35, including meals.

For more information, pickup an information sheet at the Welcome Center or complete the response form in today's bulletin. You may also register online at <https://bit.ly/2M9O26A>.

October Prayer Retreat

LifeJourney will host the second Silent Retreat of the year on October 13 - 14. It begins Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM and continues through Monday (Columbus Day) at 6:00 PM.

The Silent Prayer Retreat will be hosted at Fatima Retreat House on 56th Street (just down the street from the church). It is local, so travel will be minimal. *Impact can be maximal!*

The retreat includes Sunday dinner, then breakfast and lunch on Monday. The time together will conclude with an afternoon devotional and then going out for coffee together Monday, late afternoon, for a debrief and discussion. The cost is \$72 per person. This price includes meals (excludes coffee outing). Paid reservations must be submitted by October 1.

Pastor David will be available for any questions and you may also complete the response form in today's bulletin for more details. Mark your calendars now for this spiritual retreat!

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

- Newcomer Welcome Choir Participant
- Prayer Retreat CUSEN Conference
- Discipleship Courses (circle):
 - Discipleship 101/102 • Jesus and Politics
 - Monastic Habits for Everyday Life
 - Requesting Scholarship

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Register Now Fall Discipleship Courses!

Discipleship 101/102

Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm (7 wks), bracketed by two Saturday Retreats, Sept. 14 & Nov. 23, each from 9:30 - 3:30 pm. Teacher: Pastor David Zier. Registration Fee: \$40

This is our flagship course that we encourage everyone in our congregation to take at one point or another. In this course, we will take a deep dive into what it means to be a follower of Jesus, experiment with different ways of praying and engaging the Bible, explore what it means to be part of a church community, and make some wonderful new friends in the process! As an added bonus, once you've completed this course, you're eligible to become a voting member of LifeJourney if you wish.

Monastic Habits for Everyday Life

Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Oct. 10 - Nov. 21. Teacher: Pastor Chris Edwards. Registration fee \$20.

Learn how monastic practices can be integrated into the everyday life of the modern Christian. These daily habits can enrich your spiritual life and guide you toward a closer walk with Christ. We will cover topics like the liturgical calendar, lectionaries, Lectio Divina, centering prayer, prayer beads, the Daily Examen, labyrinths, retreat, holy wandering, anamcharas/soul friends, and much more. Discussions will focus on how you can adapt these practices to your own busy life. Each session will include guided practice through one of the covered habits. In addition to serving as our Family Life Minister, Pastor Chris is also a member of a dispersed monastic community with the Celtic Church.

Jesus and Politics

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Sept. 18 - Nov. 6. Teacher: Pastor Jeff Miner. Registration fee \$20.

We will explore how Jesus dealt with hot political issues in his time and consider how our faith informs our position on a variety of hot-button contemporary issues like prolife or prochoice, immigration, gun policy, taxation/government spending/deficits, racism and multiculturalism, environment, Republican or Democrat or beyond. We will explore these issues from all viewpoints, looking at the Scriptures relevant to each issue. The goal is not to all agree on the "right" answers, but to help each of us grow our own understanding, while engaging in open, honest, loving conversations.

Registrants covenant to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town. Fees are listed above in the course description and will be collected at the first class meeting, but scholarships are readily available and may be requested on the response form to the right.