

STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

1596 E 250 Rd, Lecompton, Ks 66050

MARCH 2024 – NEWSLETTER

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

Giving for Lent

In December we were wondering if winter was going to happen this time around. In January, we found out. This is just another example of how things work on God's schedule, not ours. This year, Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day. Ashes to ashes and hearts to hearts. On Ash Wednesday, we enter the season of Lent, a time that is typically associated with forgoing life's little pleasures such as chocolate. However, Lent means more than giving up something that is pleasurable yet may not be good for you anyway. Lent is for us to experience, in our own way, the sacrifices that were made during the 40 days in the wilderness. Because Jesus is Jesus and we are not, we cannot be expected to fast for 40 hours, let alone 40 days. So, we choose things to forgo during that time. What I attempt to do without during Lent are the things that may intentionally or inadvertently cause suffering for others. But I don't stop there. While fasting from such things as anger, I feast on the things that are the opposite of the things from which I am fasting.

For instance, I:

Fast From:

Complaining
Gloom
Jealousy
Gossiping
Sin
Anger

Feast On:

Gratitude
Enjoy God's Gifts
Trust
Tongue Control
Virtue
Patience

Fast From:

Pessimism
Worry
Bitterness
Hatred
Negativity
Giving Up

Feast On:

Optimism
Divine Trust
Forgiveness
Return Good for Evil
Being Positive
Hanging in There

Why not give these things a try during Lent? You just might make these things permanent afterwards.

In His Service,
Pastor Kyle

You can catch Pastor Kyle's sermons each week by visiting Stull Community of Faith podcast on Facebook. They are usually posted by 7am the Monday following the sermon.

Pastor Kyle has established standing office hours in his office in the Faith and Friendship Center on Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30ish. He is also available to meet with folks at any time as needed; just give him a call.

God continues to bless us with congregants who show their support and love of God each and every week through their monetary offerings. If you would like to know about the different options available for making your financial offering, please contact Jane Edmonds or Mary Shultz. As it says in 2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Financial reports are generated each month showing bank balances and the budget report. Contact Jane or Mary to receive copies.

Please note the change in date for our Blanket of Blessing sewing day to Sunday, March 3rd with soup provided for lunch bring a side and a snack to share. We will also be celebrating Pastor Kyle's birthday!!!

Would you like to order an Easter lily in honor or memory of anyone to be displayed on Easter Sunday? Check the sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary or contact Brenna @ 785-887-6605.

Many thanks to those who contributed to our 21st annual Valentine dinner for the benefit of John Kennison from Overbrook. We are sending the family a check for over \$2000 to help with the out-of-pocket costs since John's diagnosis, surgery, and recovery from a double lung transplant last fall.

Many thanks have been shared for the Valentine care packages that were mailed to our shut-ins. They genuinely enjoyed the chocolates in the box!!!

Want to receive the newsletter via e-mail and also get special newsletters, please contact Carolyn at 785-925-0190 or cwulfkuhle@lpa-s.com. Help save a tree and postage.

Prayers: Kylie & Jim Jackson, Amanda Wray, Judy Wulfkuhle. **Joy** in the beautiful spring like days we've been having.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO LONE STAR LAKE FOR SUNRISE SERVICE (located on the NW side of Lone Star Lake):

From Stull church:

Head South on E 250 Rd; follow road around curve (becomes E 251 Diagonal Rd); stay on this road, headed East (becomes N 950 Rd); turn South on county road 1029 (Harrell's corner); travel three miles South to N 650 Rd; turn left on N 650 Rd (headed East/gravel road) go until come to a T; then turn left on 1W (headed North); should see parking area and cars parked along the road.

Breakfast at Clinton:

Back to county road 1029; West on N 950 Rd; turn right on county road 6/E 550Rd (look for Clinton sign); take road 6/E 550 Rd to T or county road 4/N 1200 Rd; turn right and go approximately 3/4 of mile; church on left hand side.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Feb 28th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning Muggers meets for coffee/tea and conversation. Anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Feb 28th, 7pm Lenten Bible Study (Simon Peter) in the F&FC.
- Mar 3rd. 12:15-5pm Blankets of Blessing sewing day held in the FFC. **CHANGE IN DATE!!!!** Many steps go into the completion of our blankets. You do not need to know how to sew to participate. Lunch will be provided, bring a side and a snack to share. If you can't come for the whole time, come for a few hours.
- Mar 6th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning Muggers meets for coffee/tea and conversation. Anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Mar 6th, 7pm Lenten Bible Study (Thomas) in the F&FC.
- Mar 7th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.
- Mar 13th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning Muggers meets for coffee/tea and conversation. Anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Mar 13th, 7pm Lenten Bible Study (Emmaus) in the F&FC.
- Mar 20th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning Muggers meets for coffee/tea and conversation. Anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Mar 20th, 7pm Lenten Bible Study (Paul) in the F&FC.
- Mar 21st, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.
- Mar 24th, 11am **PALM SUNDAY** service held in the sanctuary.
- Mar 27th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning Muggers meets for coffee/tea and conversation. Anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Mar 27th, 7pm Lenten Bible Study (Jesus) in the F&FC.
- Mar 28th, 12-1pm Harvesters Rural Mobile is in the church parking lot to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need, on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Mar 28th, 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service held in the sanctuary.
- Mar 31st, 6:50am **Sunrise Service** held at Lone Star Lake (driving directions in separate article) partnership with Worden Cornerstone Church, St. Johns Church, Lone Star Church of Brethren and Clinton Presbyterian Church. Breakfast for everyone will be held at Clinton Church immediately following the service with hosts being Clinton and Stull.
- Mar 31st, 11am **EASTER** Worship Service held in the sanctuary.
- Apr 3rd, 9:30am Wednesday Morning Muggers meets for coffee/tea and conversation. Anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Apr 4th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.

Apr 16th, 5-7pm Meatloaf Tuesday Community Meal served dine-in or carry out.
Meatloaf, loaded mashed potatoes, corn, tossed salad, roll, and homemade
desserts served. Donations accepted for local church mission and ministry
projects. Sunflower Fiddlers will be on hand to offer musical
entertainment.

Jun 18th, 5-7pm Tacos on Tuesday Community Meal served dine-in or carry-out.
Oct 15th, 5-7pm Ham and Beans Community Meal served dine-in or carry-out. (Beef
hotdogs will also be served.)



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"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27