

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Holy Week— Sunday, March 28 through Saturday, April 3.
- Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 1, online service available by 7:00 a.m.
- Good Friday— Friday, April 2, Ministerial Alliance online service available all day.
- Easter Sunday—Sunday, April 4 live streaming service at 9:00 a.m. and Outdoor Service at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a mask and chair.
- April Board Meeting—Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

All links for services are on the front page of our website at:
www.longviewchapelcc.org



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Chapel Office Hours

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Monday—Thursday
 Closed on Friday

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Longview Chapel Happenings

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

On Sunday, March 21, we started streaming our Sunday morning worship. We have social distancing space for 25 people each week to come and worship. We know many of you are missing coming together and it is also a help to those leading the service to have others actively worshipping too. To participate, please call the office or Pastor Donna to register. Wear a mask and arrive by 8:50 a.m. Your temperature will be checked and we will begin at 9:00 a.m. Since we are live streaming it's important we are all in our places and ready to worship by our start time, which is 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 – Online service available all day. Links are on Facebook or the front page of our website.

Good Friday, April 2 – Ministerial Alliance Good Friday service available online all day. Links are on Facebook or the front page of our website.

Easter, April 4 – 8:50 a.m. for live streaming service to begin at 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - outdoor worship service on the front lawn – we will worship unless it is snowing or raining. Children and Youth will be making resurrection gardens to take home after the Children's Moment. Please let Shelby, Tammy or the office know if you would like to bring a child, grandchild or guest from your neighborhood. Please bring a mask and a chair.

Who can you help welcome to Longview Chapel?

Matthew 28:6a He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.

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MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor:
Rev. Donna Rose-Heim
Administrative Assistant:
Shelley Humphrey
Music Director:
Beth Fleer
Preschool Director:
Sara Conley
Children's Director:
Rev. Tammy Gill
Youth Director:
Shelby Seymour

FROM PASTOR DONNA:

Happy Easter and spring to each of you! Green is beginning to pop out all over and hope is in the air in so many ways. Sometimes though, especially when we are frustrated or discouraged or fearful, that can be hard to see and know in our hearts.

We are sometimes like the women who first proclaimed resurrection. We return to the tomb – the places where we anticipate death and challenges – and expect to find the worst. Surely this group of women knew firsthand how terribly Jesus’ body had been treated in his last few days. They knew that bodies in the best of shape, do not smell well after 24 hours. They knew and still they went. They wanted to honor Jesus. It took a messenger or angel of the Lord to convince them that God could take the absolute worst moments in history and bloom something amazingly beautiful from it IF we are willing to open our eyes and our hearts and see a reality beyond what we expect.

This year of Covid has been hard AND as we look back, how has God resurrected from this mess wonderful things?

Here are just a few that come to mind to me.

- We have missed being with each other in worship and in service and fellowship. The moments we have been able to safely gather, or even see each other online, have been more precious. Hopefully, this desire to worship and be together will continue to grow and draw us together.
- We now have an online service for those who are unable to attend church due to health or travel. We’ve even reached some folks from other states. We plan to continue this ministry.
- For many, we have re-learned the importance of caring for our neighbor, even when it is not fun or easy for us to do so.
- We have missed singing together – I can’t wait for us to be able to sing in outdoor worship with masks on, but still singing!

- We have recognized that we have about 20 of us who are not connected through email and internet. We are making a weekly connection with them by mail.

What comes to mind to you?

I hope to see you very soon at the live streaming service (limited to 25 with sign up by calling the office or Pastor Donna) or at the outdoor service at 11 a.m. (We will push it back to 10:30 a.m. as soon as it warms up a bit more.

Pastor Donna

PASTOR’S CLASS

There is a Pastor’s Class for those considering baptism and wanting to deepen their faith. In the past, we have shared this class with adults and children and it has been a gift to share between generations. We will hold these classes the last 3 Sundays in June after the outdoor service.

Please let Pastor Donna or the office know if you would like to participate.

MILLER TIME

Will You Pray With Us?

- That the Lord would prepare the perfect place to call home in the new city.
- That He would strengthen us during the transition.
- For hope and a vision for what God has for us in his next season.
- For comfort as we start to say goodbye.

Honoring Graduates in May

We will be honoring high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 16. If you have a graduate, please call the office and let us know so that we can include everyone. Thanks!!

Financial Report:

(2021 Financials)

Submitted by Paula Diehl

**Thank you for your ongoing gifts of tithes and offerings!
Longview Chapel Christian Church
2021 Financial Report**

	Current Month February	Year to Date
Contributions to General Fund	\$ 12,092.50	\$ 26,935.33
Pre-School Tuition	\$ 6,170.00	\$ 12,820.00
Expenses	\$ 19,496.88	\$(41,364.96)
General Fund—Surplus or (shortage)	(1,234.38)	\$(1,609.63)
Special Mission- Non Budgeted Giving		\$ 570.00
Contributions to Building Fund in February to be deposited in March		\$ 633.33
Funds Available for Capital Improvements (2-28-21)		\$ 44,117.35

Chapel Spring Clean Up

Many thanks to all those who helped with the clean up on Saturday, March 27th. Here are some pictures to enjoy!



April Anniversaries & Birthdays



- 4/14—Deb & Greg Kreie
- 4/15—Rosie & Jim Harrison
- 4/29—Linda & Rick Long

- 4/1—Martha Ryberg
- 4/4—Lyle Hocker
- 4/10—Claudia Jones
- 4/13—Norma Berry
- 4/14—Marie Johnson
- 4/14—Jackie Hamilton
- 4/15—Cheryl Belanger
- 4/16—Fred Guthrie

- 4/18—Greg Kreie
- 4/19—Don Forbes
- 4/20—Traci Holman
- 4/22—Andrea Andrews
- 4/27—Barbara Seyburn
- 4/29—Ken Hyatt



Greetings from the Music Director:

Beth Fleer

What a joyous time for Longview Chapel as we celebrate Easter!

Despite all the confines of Covid we will find a way to continue to worship, pray, preach and enjoy music during Easter Sunday.

Let us hope for GREAT weather and if are able to celebrate outside, bring on the spring colors and sunshine.

On Easter when we sing, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", you may not realize that the hymn is based on a medieval Latin text. The perfect word for Easter Sunday is "Alleluia", which means "Praise the Lord." It is used to glorify God through the scriptures for the mighty things God has done. During this Easter season, let us praise God for what HE has done. Alleluia!

Many thanks to the singers who keep us in tune with the many seasonal songs of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and now Easter. The congregation and I appreciate the time and effort you make to bring us the songs of the church.

Happy Easter and many blessings to all!

Beth

TALL OAKS CAMP DATES:

Registration starts March 15th

www.kcdisciples.org

- Day Camp: Saturday June 12th 9am-4pm Pavilion & Vespers. Lunch (limited to 25 people) \$50*
- CYF Camp: Sunday, June 20th—Friday, June 25th— \$393*
- Chi Rho Fine Art: Monday June 21st—Friday, June 25th—\$362*
- JR 1: Tuesday, June 22nd—Friday, June 25th—\$299*
- Grandparents Camp: Friday July 2nd @ 3:30 pm—Sunday, July 4th—\$215*
- Eighter's Camp: Monday July 5th—Sunday, July 11th—\$477*
- JR 2: Tuesday, July 6th—Friday, July 9th—\$299*
- Day Camp: Saturday, July 17th—\$50* (Pastor Donna is directing this camp)
- Chi Rho Classic: Sunday, July 25th—Thursday, July 29th—\$362*
- Primary Camp: Sunday, July 25th—Tuesday, July 27th—\$252*
- Grandparent Camp: Sunday, July 25th—Tuesday, July 27th—\$215*

* Fees listed are Early Bird fees. Add \$50 for registration after May 1st with the exception of Day Camp add \$5.00. Deadline for registration is 2 weeks prior to the start date of each camp. No registration will be taken after that date. Contact Rev. Shandra Yost-Soltani with questions or concerns at Shandra@kcdisciples.org.

CHAPEL NEWS

Property:

Hoping all of the congregation are doing well, and we are all about to be vaccinated for Covid 19.

The people on the Property Team are ready to start helping our Chapel remain a great place to worship.

We have 14 active members on our team as of today, so if you would like to get sweaty and dirty, you may want to fill out a participant information form to indicate your interest. If you don't have a form, they will be available at 9:00 a.m. live streaming and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship on Sundays. You can also call the office to get a form.

Worship:

Happy Easter everyone! As I write this, it's a beautiful day outside. I hope and pray Easter is the same.

As we begin our return to outdoor worship, there are a couple of things to remember. If it's raining or cold (less than 30 degrees), we will not have outdoor worship. Currently, we will worship outdoors at 11:00 a.m. as it's a bit warmer. Our indoor live broadcast will continue to happen every Sunday.

We are trying out having our outdoor worship in front of the Chapel. We are more visible to the neighborhood that way. We hope some folks may stop by and join us.

Also, we now have a bike rack in the parking lot. If you'd like to ride your bike to church, you now have a dedicated parking place!

Karla Williams

Ambassador Class:

Our imbibing of the Holy Spirit, and thus God, continues through this month. While we don't have Sunday school class on Easter, we will be having it in Long Hall at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. We have been studying what it means to be holy and so we continue. As with the change from winter into spring we are seeing things go from dormant to fully alive once more through God's divine plan. The sun is warmer, the rains come, and everything seems to be awakening. Just as nature needs all these things to affect change, we do too in our faith walk. We are to be made new in Christ and in doing that we live by new standards, we change our behavior, and we allow ourselves to experience the Gospel message in a new light. Through our experiences with the risen Christ we need to reflect on how we were before our encounter and where we are headed with our relationship with Christ. Are you working on it, have you expanded your love for your Creator, do you desire more of God? Do you just desire more? We will delve into Ephesians and 2Corinthians in April and we hope you can join us. You are welcome to fellowship with we fellow travelers.

Marlene Miller

Outreach:

This month we are highlighting Lee's Summit Social Services.

Lee's Summit Social Services mission is to assist low-income, elderly and/or disabled persons in the Lee's Summit Social Services service area with emergency needs while enabling them to maintain their dignity and learning to set and meet realistic goals which will lead to greater independence.

Our chapel is familiar with them through the Thanksgiving food drive. In addition to that they also provide help with food, utility bills, rent or small home repairs, prescriptions, budget counseling, school supplies, toiletries and baby formula and food.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, their website is <https://www.lssocialservices.com>.

Carol Gardner

Children's Ministry

Dear Longview Family,

This has been a month of learning for me as I have been struggling a bit with the technology and how to "pretend" I am talking to a church full of people. I appreciate all of your support and encouragement and prayers as I find myself more at HOME with you every week. Thank you so much for your gracious hospitality!

I am finally figuring out how to post on Facebook and have been able to provide 2 "Parenting Moments" and 2 teachings for children and families. We focused the past couple of weeks on how to involve children more in the contributions around the house (aka chores) by emphasizing we are serving each other while doing them. And, we looked at how to begin teaching children about giving by allowing them to have some money to practice with. Parenting is an art more than a science and I am eager to explore and learn more with parents and other caregivers in the next few months. Our hope is to have a Parenting with Love and Logic class starting in the spring. So, if there is anyone you know who might be interested please let them know.

For Easter we are excited to learn about the mystery of the Resurrection by planting Resurrection Gardens. This season of new life brings special meaning after a year long "tomb-like" experience for us all through Covid restrictions. Be sure to invite families with children so we can continue to spread the Good News. New life and freedom is coming and I am excited to experience this with our children and families.

Much Love,

Tammy Gill, Children's Ministry Director

Youth Ministry

It's quite exciting to get back to worship at our beautiful Chapel! Seeing the daffodils, the chives and clover around the Chapel grounds brings up feelings of hope and renewal. This month in Youth Group we will focus on hope, new beginnings, reconciliation, and sorting out priorities! We'll celebrate Easter by gathering together during service to make resurrection gardens and throughout the month of April we'll collect donations for Wayside Waifs. Items needed are: cat & dog beds, cat litter and litter boxes, cat & dog toys, easy walking harnesses for large dogs, dog collars & leashes, cat & dog food.

Please keep the youth in your prayers as they work to navigate life in today's world.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

God Bless,

Shelby Seymour

Youth Ministry Director



Sara Conley
Preschool Director



Happy Spring! We have been enjoying the warmer weather at preschool. Our preschool has been busy this month! We have been spending a lot of time outdoors, and we enjoyed one of the nice days with picnic lunches. Our Lions Class has been working on letters and counting, as well as art projects to help learn fine motor skills. Our PreK Class has been learning about space, practicing writing letters, and had a parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our Tigers Class has been learning about letters and numbers, in addition to activities for St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

We are currently enrolling students for the 2021-22 school year. Our Tigers Class is already full for 2021-22, but we have a few openings left in the Lions Class and in the Bears/PreK Class. Please contact Sara Conley for more information about enrollment. We are so thankful for the continued support and encouragement we have received from Chapel Board and Pastor Donna! We are grateful to be able to continue to have a safe and healthy learning environment for preschool! Thank you for the many ways you support our preschool!

Sara Conley

BREEZE CHURCH MANAGEMENT

One of the issues we and other churches have always struggled with is how best to contact it's members and special groups within the church. Say for example we want to send a note out to let folks know that a group of us are meeting to clean up the church yard or go for a walk in the park. If you have ever been a committee leader you have picked up our directory and thought, now who would be interested in this?

The Membership committee is very excited about Longview Chapel's new communications and information tool, Breeze. This is a tool designed especially for churches to help us easily search and find information on people in our congregation. It helps us store and then retrieve information on each person and we can customize just for us. We can view or send messages to groups of people that match any number of criteria and quickly communicate with them through email or text message.

This will make it so much easier on church staff and volunteers to let the choir know rehearsal has canceled, contact the Sunday school class, or ask for help with a specific task for the building committee. We can use it to print nametags, find March birthdays or send giving statements. I am sure we will find lots of ways to use this tool that we have not even thought of!

In this newsletter is a questionnaire asking for your input on data about your family's info, interests, and hobbies. This will help us know what you want to hear about. Please fill it out and return it promptly so we can start building the database. Of course, all your information will remain just with the church as your privacy is important. Just ask me or any board member if you have questions. You may also pick up a copy at the Chapel.

Blessings to each of you,

Stephanie Hope