



March Connection

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Sundays at 9 and 10:45 a.m.

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<https://www.youtube.com/>

[@LongsPeakUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@LongsPeakUMC)

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April Newsletter

Deadline: March 17

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your hearts, with fasting, with weeping, and with sorrow; tear your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive. -Joel 2:12-13 CEB

Dear LPUMC Family,

As we step into the month of March, we find ourselves entering the sacred season of Lent. This period of reflection, repentance, and renewal leads us toward the joyous celebration of Easter. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday—March 5th—and spans forty days, mirroring the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

Lent is a time for us to pause and look inward, to contemplate our spiritual journey and relationship with God. It is a season marked by prayer and fasting—two pillars that guide us in deepening our faith and serving our community.

Prayer: Lent invites us to draw closer to God through prayer. Whether through personal devotions, communal worship, or meditative practices, let us seek to strengthen our connection with the Divine and find solace in God's presence.

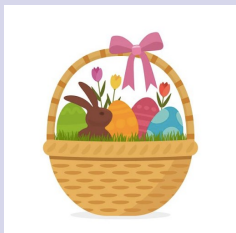
Fasting: The practice of fasting during Lent serves as a reminder of our reliance on God. By giving up certain comforts or habits, we make space for spiritual growth and renewal. Fasting is not solely about deprivation; it is about creating room for the Holy Spirit to work within us.

Fellowship: During this season, we invite you to join our Wednesday potluck (5:30 pm) and book study (6 pm). During this gathering, LPUMC will be hosting our neighboring UMC congregations as we reflect on the book *Witness at the Cross*. This is a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship as we break bread together, discuss meaningful topics, and support one another on our Lenten journey.

As we embark on this Lenten journey together, let us embrace the opportunity to grow in faith and holiness. May our hearts be open to the transformative power of God's grace, and may we emerge from this season with renewed hope and purpose.

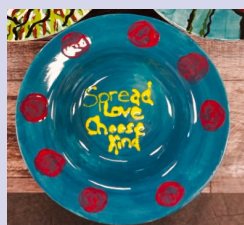
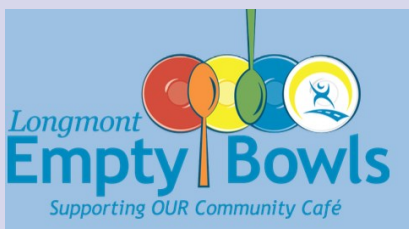
Blessings,

Jeremiah



Easter Baskets with Longmont Helping Hands

This Easter, we will be partnering with Longmont Helping Hands to fill Easter Baskets for children (ages 4-12) in our community. Was there a special candy or toy you received in your basket as a child? We are collecting donations to put in the baskets such as candy, coloring books & crayons, books, stuffed animals, toys (e.g. bubbles, jump ropes), etc., as well as baskets themselves. If you would like to help, please place your donations in the collection barrel near the sanctuary doors. Questions: Angela Leonard, LPUMCMissions@gmail.com



Thanks to a generous Faith Forward Fund grant, LPUMC is again a sponsor of the March 15 [Empty Bowls](#) fundraiser, 10:30 am-1 pm at Longmont High School. This awesome local event supports the OUR Center's Community Café. Tickets are available at Crackpots, the OUR Center, and online through the OUR Center's



On Saturday, March 8, we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Café. On March 29 (Saturday) we will provide dinner for 20 participants at [HOPE \(Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement\)](#). Sign up to help with either of these using the Meal Sign Up buttons below, or contact us at LPUMC@LPUMC.org

[OUR Center Meal](#)

[Hope Meal](#)

Council Meeting Update – February 19, 2025

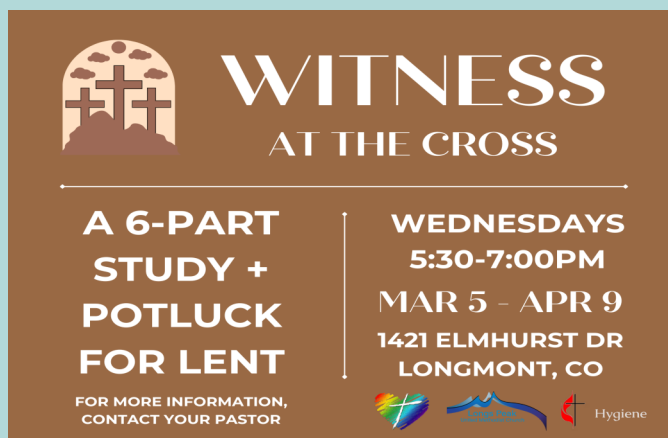
The leadership council gathered for a fruitful meeting, beginning with spiritual formation led by John, reflecting on Colossians, which reminded us of the importance of compassion and patience in our work together. Amine also led a session on seeking wholeness in our community, drawing on insights from Dennis Shaw and Dr. Bruce Birch, which sparked deep reflection on our mission in the world.

Financially, Caren reported that 2024 is looking positive, with income exceeding expectations by \$8k, and expenses slightly over by \$1k. We also discussed attendance trends—while online views are up, in-person attendance is slightly down, keeping our decision to maintain two services for the time being.

Several motions were approved, including keeping the Methodist Helping Methodists funds separate for now, and moving forward with a draft preschool rental agreement, pending legal review. We also reviewed and updated the church's leasing agreements for outside groups, with John heading up a subcommittee to ensure accountability.

Looking ahead, the Lenten book study, *Witness at the Cross* by Amy Jill Levine, will be a joint effort with local churches. We're also planning a town hall for April and exploring new cultural events to engage the church.

Our next meeting is set for March 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm, and we are excited about the continued work ahead. Thank you to everyone for your dedication and prayers as we move forward together.



Experience Lent from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die in a 6-part series: Witness on the Cross. Based on the book by Amy-Jill Levine, join us on Wednesdays starting March 5 as we explore what we can learn from the witnesses who saw Jesus on the cross. Order your book [HERE](#) or call the church office to place an order, and read along as we journey to Good Friday together. Witness at the Cross is hosted at LPUMC in connection with our friends at Heart of Longmont and Hygiene UMC.

Each gathering will begin at 5:30 pm with a potluck meal. Check out the themes below:

- Week 2, March 12: Green Food
- Week 3, March 19: Sandwiches
- Week 4, March 26: Gluten Free Night
- Week 5, April 2: Handheld Foods
- Week 6, April 9: Snack Foods

Don't let the cost of the book stop you from participating - a limited number of donated books are available. Can't bring a potluck dish? That's ok, too! We will provide extra and invite everyone to break bread together.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, March 13th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Mary Jane Mees. She will be speaking about the tradition of St. Joseph's Day. It should be interesting. A snack will be provided and all ladies are welcome. Please join us for fellowship, fun and food.

Save the date! We're tentatively planning a tea for Saturday, June 7th! We're hoping to be able to have our new national president, Jana Jones, as our speaker. Jana is a member of Smoky Hill UMC and our previous Peaks Pikes Peak District. A few of our officers have known her for several years. Watch for more details in the coming months.

We hope to see many of you soon.

Blessings,

Jan Spitler, UWF President



Hey Parents!

Praise is such an important part of a relationship with God.

This Lent season, we're inviting all kids in 8th grade and younger to participate in a Kids Bell Choir to practice praise and worship. The Kids Bell Choir will practice every Sunday between services starting March 9 and running through April 6. On April 13, we'll perform during both Palm Sunday worship services.

If your kiddos want to participate, we'd love to have them! Pick up your child after Sunday School each Sunday during Lent and bring them to Room 110 for practice. Parents are invited to participate in The Table next door, or stay with your children during practice, which will last about 30 minutes each week.

Thanks to your family for being a part of the LPUMC community! Please contact Jase@LPUMC.org with any questions.



the **TABLE**

a tasting experience for adults under 45

sundays, march 9-april 6
10am | room 106

Join us as we taste and discuss foods
straight from scripture!

For more info: Jase@LPUMC.org



Bible Studies and other groups

Sundays:

6:30 p.m. (on Zoom) - We are studying "Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire". There is no accompanying book but the participant study guide will be provided. Contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for more information.

Mondays:

7 p.m. (on Zoom) – Ladies Bible Study: We are studying: ***52 Weeks with Jesus. Fall in Love with the One Who Changed Everything***, by James Merritt. Zoom link is in the *Weekly Reminders*.

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. - Quilt Group. Meets in God's Harbor

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Study (in Fellowship Hall): We are studying the book: *Becoming Heart Sisters* by Natalie Chambers Snapp. Contact Jan Spitler for more information.

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.

Worship Attendance

Date:	9 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Online:
Feb. 2	88	33	116
Feb. 9	88	35	128
Feb. 16	77	39	89
Feb. 23	104	20	55

March Birthdays

Carolyn Driver
Kristin Miller
Joe Pieper
Steven Hershberger
Jan Baker
Ginny Walker
Leigh-Ann Black
Laurie Faye
Steve Gaffney
Jan Steger
Brenda Henry
Rebekah Fisher
Matt Fisher
Rebecca Schwendeman
Wyatt Eklof
Rob Freeston
Kathy Cowley
Dale Sherrod
Randy Carlson

Finance—January 2024:

	Jan. '25	Jan. '24
Income:	\$44,002	\$31,892
Expense:	\$37,565	\$32,565

Four ways you can donate to Longs Peak UMC with your normal everyday spending:

- 1. Kings Soopers Rewards:** If you shop at King Soopers using their loyalty program, you can link LPUMC with your account. Longs Peak receives 5% back on every purchase you make. We have earned \$1690 in rewards this year. It's easy to sign up: sign into your King Soopers account. Click on "Community Rewards" and search for Longs Peak United Methodist Church or TW440 and enroll the church as your organization.
- 2. IGive.com:** Turn your online shopping and searching into much-needed donations. Click on this link www.iGive.com/LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch and then shop at your favorite online stores.
- 3. Christianbook Giveback:** If you shop online at Christianbook.com, we get cash back! Our Giveback code is: QSFUY
- 4. RaiseRight App:** if you use egift cards, you can purchase many of them through the RaiseRight™ app. If you sign up with LPUMC, we earn a percentage of your purchase. Scan the QR code to get set up.

