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Tell Me More: Tackling Tough Topics

Everyone has questions about tough topics. What happens after I die? Why do people do bad things? Why are Christians hypocrites? How do I respond to a broken relationship? Maybe some of these are questions you have wondered about and never had anyone answer for you.

We would love to help you find answers to tough questions such as these, and maybe other topics you wrestle with, too. That's why we've created Tell Me More. We want to help you connect with safe places to ask questions and find answers that can provide peace.

<u>Tell Me More</u> is also an invitation to try out a church where we are exploring these tough questions. Over the course of four weekends, we encourage YOU and yours to attend. Le Roy Christian Church is one of fourteen Central Illinois churches who will be talking about these very topics during our worship services this fall.

Come and find answers to your questions.

What happens after I die? September 10th, 2017

Why do people do bad things? September 17th, 2017

Why are Christians hypocrites? September 24th, 2017

How to respond to a broken relationship? October 1st, 2017

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Fall Youth Programming!

I'm really looking forward to kicking off our fall youth programming. <u>I.A.M.</u> goes into its first full school year as a <u>preK-3rd grade program</u>, and similarly <u>BreakPoint</u>, enters its first full school year ever, serving our 4-6th grade students. The addition of <u>BreakPoint</u> has been a tremendous success to our midweek offerings because it has allowed these age groups to grow somewhat organically on their own. It makes complete sense too. No 6th grader wants to learn alongside, doing the same projects on the same level as a 1st grader. Those two beings are on completely different levels of development. That's not bashing or elevating any one group over another, that's just the way it is. The 1st graders will get there in a few years and by then, those 6th graders will be figuring out abstract thought and going through all sorts of other identity crises as they navigate their last couple years in high school. Fun stuff! Another cool point about these programs, those hormonal, not-quite adult, teens are getting involved and helping these other younger kiddos go through the same stages they've been through in their own faith and life journey. By doing so, we help solidify these teens' identities as important members of Christ's body, who are actively participating in the life of the church. That service idea is a major theme we'll be pursuing on multiple levels in the youth ministry for this school year. Again, really excited, motivated, and anxious about what good things will happen in these groups and across the board in 2017-18!

All of our <u>Fall mid-week programming</u> begins Wednesday September 6, which includes J.A.M. and BreakPoint. <u>J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)</u> is for your "PreK" (as young as 3, if potty trained and can handle being away from parents) students through 3rd grade. We begin at 6:30 p.m. and go till 7:30 p.m. <u>BreakPoint</u> is for 4-6th graders and a van leaves from LCC at 6:20 p.m. to begin at the <u>Carpenter's Inn</u> at 6:30 p.m. It runs until 7:25 p.m. and van kids will be back at the church at 7:30 p.m. Parents can drop off and pick up directly to and from the Inn if this works better for families.

Finally, a couple big events are coming to the area that families need to be aware of. First, the Forge at Lincoln Christian University is a weekend conference for Jr. High students. It's October 27th-28th and costs \$20! This will be a great way for your 7th-8th graders to get a first-hand view of a great Christian college and get a vital boost in their faith journey. Later in November, the Student International Conference on Missions (SICOM) comes to Peoria, November 17th-19th. This is my favorite big yearly conference, bar none. It's cheap, it's inspiring, and it's real. The cool thing about it is that it's \$30 for students if registered by August 31st. For adults, if we register as a church, you're in basically free. And that's a good deal! I'm personally excited to attend and would love if we took a big group, students and adults. If you're interested, let me know!

Blessings, Joe Willis - Associate/Youth Minister - joe.willis@leroychristianchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES RETURN!

Wed. Night Meals @ 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. See foyer bulletin board for meals/sign-up info.

J.A.M.(Jesus And Me) - Program for ages 3 thru 3rd graders @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

BreakPoint - Program for 4th thru 6th graders from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. @ Carpenter's Inn.

Bible Studies @ 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsals @ 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Exercise Class - M, W, F from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Children's Wing.
 Area Men's Fellowship - 9/5 @ 7:00 p.m. at Little Galilee Christian Camp.
 Adult Choir - Christmas Cantata practice starts 9/10 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 Prayer Team Meeting - 9/7 @ 11:30 a.m. in the Communication Office.
 Senior Saints - 9/9 @ 6:00 p.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall (please bring dish to share).
 Servant Leaders Meeting - 9/10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Facilities Team - 9/26 @ 6:00 p.m. <u>Missions Team</u> - 9/26 @ 7:00 p.m. <u>Food Pantry</u> - Open Monday nights (except the 5th Sunday of a given month) from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

<u>Unity Worship Service</u> – **Sunday, September 3rd** @ **10:00 a.m.** <u>RSVP on Facebook</u>. The church office will be closed on **Monday, September 4th** for the Labor Day holiday.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

<u>Youth Group at the Carpenter's Inn</u> - Sundays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. (121 E. Center Street).

AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September's <u>Area Men's Fellowship</u> meeting will take place at <u>Little Galilee</u> on September 5th at 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Dave Upchurch
The meal is being provided by Peterson's Grilling. Join us for great food & fellowship!

LIVING PROOF SIMULCAST

Join this FREE simulcast at the <u>First Christian Church of Clinton</u> on Sept. 16th w/speaker Beth Moore & worship with Travis Cottrell. See foyer Bulletin board for more.

GOSPEL JUBILEE

The first concert of the year will take place on Sunday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Swartz of First Christian Church of Champaign will be the musical guest. The Gospel Jubilee will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month through October.

Prayer Corner

Prayer concerns are published monthly with weekly updates via e-mail.

You may submit prayer requests by calling the office or by e-mailing our Prayer Team.

Subscribers will receive prayer requests as they are received in the office.

To subscribe to the e-prayer chain or to submit requests, please e-mail:

PrayerTeam@leroychristianchurch.org

We pray for: Our President, Government & World Leaders, Our Church, Sister Churches, Missions, the Lost, Military Personnel, those traveling away from home, Kingdom workers and...

Hospitalization and/or Surgery: Ronnie Sue Munster (Laparoscopic Hysterectomy).

Healing: Kyle Scheuer, Asher Moberly, Mary Lavey, Kathy Walker, Ed Boyle, Vernon & Katherine Oakley, Pat Michaels, Steve Brickey, Preston Donaldson, Lola Brittin, Tara Howard, Mary Beth Wampler, Brandon Oliver, Danny Craig, Loretta Temples, Danny Long, Denny & Linda Fosen, Lucille Miller, Linda Miller, Ron Munster, Lillie Duffie, Crystal Kemplin, Bud Moreland, Barbara Parido, Lyman & Loretta Veach and all who need healing.

Healing from Cancer: Nick Riordan (husband & father of 3 young children with terminal cancer), Frank Anderson, Teresa Marksteiner, Wes Barrow, Sue Pellum, Roberta Fuller, Emma Burbank, James Eitel's cousin Amanda, Mike Miller, Ed Moreland, and all who need healing from cancer.

Loss of Loved Ones: The David & Sarah Soper family and the B.J. & Darlene Poindexter families in the loss of Hannah Soper. The David Fittro family in loss of his father Joe Fittro. The family of Vince Albert.

Praise(s): Craig & Ashley Noe welcomed Harper Kay on 8/16 weighing in at 6lbs. 15oz, 20.5 in long. Mike Miller's cancer is in maintenance mode! He's still undergoing treatments but is in remission stage.

Thank you: Thank you for all the cooking you did [for Tommy's funeral dinner] it was amazing - God Bless. - **Joe and Dawn Pruett**.

I would like to thank Jeff for his phone call while he was out of town and I was in the hospital. Thanks to Joe Willis and Sam Eddy for coming to pray with me. Thanks to Lisa Lunn for coming to check up on me and to Gail Wohlwend for the great meal when I came home. A big thank you to all who sent prayers my way. What a blessing it is to belong to my church family. Blessings to you all. — **Glenys Crutcher**.

Borrowed church items: Any items borrowed from the church need to be signed out through the office before leaving the building. Sign out sheets are available and labeled in the church office mailboxes. No tables and/or chairs should ever leave the church building.

Planning Center App: the church's weekly scheduling is coordinated through this site. Visit <u>Planning Center's website</u> or download the App on your mobile device to view and manage your volunteer schedule on the go. <u>Android App | The App Store</u>

Blood Pressure Checks: monthly checks from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on 9/10 in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry: The <u>food pantry</u> is open Monday nights (except for the 5th Monday of a given month) from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. inside the church Fellowship Hall at 603 S. East Street. Entrance is behind the church building. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Food Pantry volunteers serve from 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. on Monday evenings. **See church bulletins for needed pantry items**.

Do you shop on Amazon? Shop through <u>Amazon Smile</u> and designate "Leroy Christian Church" as your charitable support organization.

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ONLINE GIVING

Do you pay bills online? Don't have your wallet or offering envelope handy? Online giving is available via our website! Visit http://LeRoyChristianChurch.org and click "Give Online".

Our Mission: "Knowing, Showing & Sharing the Love of Jesus"!

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Hour

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Activities

Listen to Worship messages on our website: www.LeRoyChristianChurch.org/media

BIBLE STUDY DIRECTORY

New Bible Study Group: Tuesdays starting on 9/5 at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

Women of the Word: "Lord, Teach me to Pray" – Weds. @ 6:30 p.m. in Sr. Minister Office.

Daughters of the King: "To Be Determined" – Weds. @ 6:30 p.m. in Large classroom.

Auditorium Bible Study group: "Tell Me More" – Weds. @ 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium/Sanctuary

More details are available on our online directory: www.LeRoyChristianChurch.org

AREAS IN NEED OF SERVICE/VOLUNTEERS IN THE FALL SEASON:

- Wednesday Night Meals cooks and clean-up crews.
- Communion Preparation.
- Sound and ProPresenter operators (Audio/visual).
- Worship Team (Singing/Playing).
- Youth Ministry: Wee Worship/Children's Church Teams/Small Group Leaders.
- Nursing Home Ministry.

If you feel led to serve in any of these capacities, please contact the office & we will get you plugged in!

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2017 BUILD

The second <u>Habitat For Humanity</u> build is underway and there is a great need for a wide variety of volunteers to complete this year's home! Volunteer to assist with the build <u>online</u> and contact the office to prepare food/snacks on Saturday mornings. The Habitat house is located on the corners of Oak and Main Streets.

The **deadline** for inclusions in the <u>weekly bulletin</u>: Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.

Deadline for the next Cornerstone: October 2nd @ Noon.

E-mail or call (309) 962-6491. *

