



Lamar Christian Church

April 2026 Newsletter

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EASTER SUNDAY



SERVICES AT 8:00 & 10:30

BRUNCH AT 9:15 ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

BRING A DISH AND COME ENJOY FELLOWSHIP!

There will NOT be a program for elementary children during Easter services. We could use help with Preschool age children and in the Nursery during both Easter Services. Please contact Kelsey if you can help.

MISSION

Building a community that loves God, cares for people, and connects with both.

VALUES

- Unchanging Biblical Truth
- Unceasing Prayer
- Uncommon Generosity
- Unselfish Service
- Undivided Family

STAFF

Senior Minister - Ray Matteson
Associate Minister - Carlos Torres
Children's Director -
 Kelsey Thomas
Worship/Youth Director -
 Cassandra Batson
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg
Custodian - Brad Matteson

BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya, Monty Coen
Deacons - Brian Lauritsen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt, Dustin DeWitt, Anthony LaTour
Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Glenn Smith

Ray

Easter is the Best Holiday of the Year!

You may disagree, some love Christmas. Some may think their birthday is the best and should be a national holiday 😊. I contend Easter is the best because it is all about the best news ever. Jesus conquered our sins and death. What could be better than that? Join us this Sunday as we celebrate how *His Resurrection Ensures Our Resurrection*. It will be a special day of celebration.

This will also be baptism Sunday and we know there will be even more reasons to celebrate as some people are raised to new life in baptism.


Join us Sunday and invite some others to join you. We will also be having an Easter Brunch between services so bring some food to share and fix a little extra for visitors who may join us for the brunch.

Worship Survey

We will be inviting all who attend services on April 12 & 19 to fill out a short worship survey. We want every one possible participating so that we can evaluate how to make our services more meaningful and impactful for those who attend. We will give you time during the service to fill it out and share your thoughts.

Thank You!

Thank you for your contribution and prayers that made it possible for us to build a house for the Zulma Esparza Quiroz & Orlando de hoyos Martinez Family and their little girl, Aidey. We had a great trip even though some elements were delayed, but they now have a nice home to dwell in and they can be more active in their church.



**Lamar Colorado Ministerial Alliance
All Community Good Friday Service
Friday, April 3rd ~ Noon-1:00pm
First Baptist Church ~ 1600 S. Main St.**

Greetings Saints,

We will be having a Baptism Sunday on April 5th, Easter Sunday. If you would like to be baptized (whether it be on the 5th or not) please let Ray or myself know, so we can get you scheduled in, whether it be during early or late service, in between services, or even after service. We want to accommodate each individual, but we would like to be able to celebrate these baptisms as they are an important part of our faith journey. We would also like for each person baptized to attend a short (20-30 minute) "Next Steps" class to cover some important faith steps over the next 3 weeks (one day a week) either before or after service or another designated time during the week. We look forward to celebrating with you all.

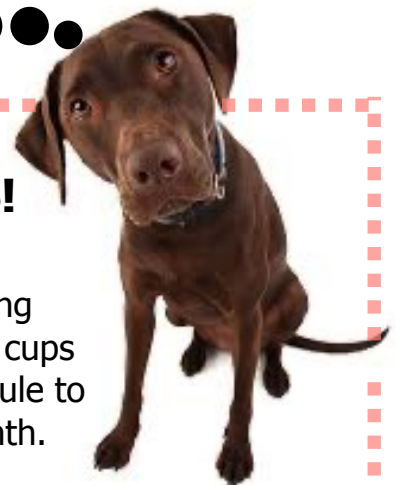
April 23-26 is our next Kairos Prison Ministry weekend. We are looking for some prayer warriors to pray during that weekend. There is a table just outside the sanctuary entrance with prayer sheets to sign up. Each time slot is 30 minutes. Choose what time(s) and day(s) works best for you. Those times run from Thursday afternoon to Sunday afternoon the weekend of Kairos. There are also sheets available to assist you in knowing the kinds of things to pray for. The Kairos team thanks you in advance for all your prayers. It's people like you that make this ministry a success.

Blessings,

Carlos



Can
you help?



WE NEED HELP IN A COUPLE OF MINISTRIES!

1) We need more volunteers on the Communion schedule.

This involves refilling the trays after the first service communion, emptying and cleaning trays after second service communion, and filling with new cups for the next week. We try to have at least 3 ladies on the monthly schedule to share the duties. Please call Luann if you are willing to sign up for a month.

2) We have a cabinet in the Fellowship Hall stocked with grab and go bagged meals for those that stop by and need help with food. Our supplies are very low right now, so we are requesting donations of items such as the following:

Tuna or chicken salad with crackers packs
Snack size chips or crackers
Snack size nuts
Peanut Butter to go

Juice bags or boxes
Squeeze pack fruit or veggie snacks
Cracker sandwiches
Slim Jim meat sticks

Basically anything prepackaged that can be added to a meal sack.
Please drop donations off at the office.

SERVER SCHEDULE

| ASSIGNMENT | 4/5/26 | 4/12/26 | 4/19/26 | 4/26/26 |
|-----------------|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| DEVO LEAD - E | Carlos Torres | Ron Clausen | Mike Duffy | Bryan Herrera |
| DEVO LEAD - L | Carlos Torres | Pat Leonard | Mike Duffy | Anthony LaTour |
| SERV IN CHG - E | Jared Crabtree | Jared Crabtree | Bryan Herrera | Jared Crabtree |
| SERV IN CHG - L | Buck DeForest | Anthony LaTour | Norm Arends | Ken Montoya |
| SHUT-IN 1 | Albert Moreno | Mitch Finney | Ken Montoya | Albert Moreno |
| SHUT-IN 2 | Brian Lauritsen | Joe Baca | Brian Lauritsen | Joe Baca |
| COMMUNION | Diane Smith, Melody Harris & Sheila Campbell | | | |

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| ASSIGNMENT: | 4/5/26 | 4/12/26 | 4/19/26 | 4/26/26 |
|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| LEADER - B | ROD T. | CARLOS | ALICIA J. | ALICIA J. |
| DRUMS | KEENAN | BRITTIN | KEENAN | JOSH |
| KEYS | JULIE | JADE | ALICIA J. | ALICIA J. |
| BASS GUITAR | DAVID | DAVID | EMILY | COLIN |
| ACOUSTIC | ROD T. | CARLOS | MARIAH | ROD T. |
| ELECTRIC | JOSH | | | |
| VOCAL | KATHY | CONNIE | SUSANNE | SHELBY |
| VOCAL | JOY | RHONDA | MELODY | CHAR |
| VOCAL | | | RON | RANDY |
| LEADER | ROD T. | CARLOS | ALICIA J. | ALICIA J. |
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| VOCAL | JOY | RHONDA | MELODY | CHAR |
| VOCAL | | | RON | RANDY |
| SOUND-BOTH | RORY | BRIAN | KEN | BRAD |
| MEDIA - B | HERRERA | SCHMIDT | HOMM | HERRERA |
| MEDIA - C | BRAD/BRITTIN | JOAN/PAT | JAYCE/CHLOEE | JOAN/PAT |

Prayer Requests

Joy Schultz
Madesyn Martin
Jade Torres
Josiah Wertz
Roger Cordova
Pam Weirich
Joanie Dorris
Robert Griffith
Allen Settles
Dale McWilson
Lori Blacker
Dick Ramsay
Myla Lucio
Deano Scranton
Cassandra Batson
Aimie Smith
Ruthie Turner
Shane Cass

There will be a
PRAYER MEETING
on Sunday,
April 12th
at 4:00PM in
the RFOM. All are
Welcome to attend!

*A monetary gift
was given in
Memory of
Norman Coen*



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Bo Brase | 19 | *Rod & Debbie Ausmus |
| | Pat Harris | 21 | Dianna Gilbert |
| 4 | Peggy Fowler | 22 | Monty Coen Rex Harper |
| | *Gary & Sheri Higgins | 23 | *James & Judy Souders |
| 5 | Sheryl Carrigan | 24 | *Mike & Tammy Duffy |
| 6 | *Shawn & Debby Pelley | 25 | Tammy Montoya |
| 7 | Alicia Ridder | 27 | Albert Moreno |
| 10 | Sydney Sires | 29 | Ann Turpin Diane Smith |
| | *Ernie & Tonya Esparza | 30 | Joe Baca Calum Brase |
| 11 | Ellie Brase | | *John & Janet Adams |
| 12 | Diane Pool | | |
| | *Brian & Nicci Lauritsen | | |
| 15 | Alice Mauch | | |
| 18 | Imarie Rankin | | |

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive is Tuesday, **April 21st** from 11:30 to 4:00 in the fellowship hall. Go to vitalant.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome as time allows.

Joy Ministries

JOY will meet on Thursday,
April 23rd at 1:00PM
in the RFOM

SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome to attend Senior Saint's Fellowship the 3rd Monday of the month (April date is the 19th) at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us for dinner and games!

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**



The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, **April 18th** at 7:00am in the fellowship hall. All Men are welcome to attend - come at 6:00 to help cook!

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LAMAR CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

www.lamarchristian.info

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP SERVICES:
8:00AM - Blended
10:30AM - Contemporary
Sunday School - 9:15AM
Children's Church - 10:30AM

SENIOR SAINTS

The purpose of the senior adult ministry of Lamar Christian Church is to share in Christian fellowship and encourage each other in spiritual growth, while striving to be a blessing to the church and community.

We had 13 people for our potluck and games Monday evening. The food was great and plentiful as always. After the meal Ron Clausen had the devotion. Cody Laughlin will have the devotion next month.

We set 3 tables to play Round-a-bout after the kitchen was cleaned up. Ron Clausen, Alice Mauch, Nancy Idler, Nancy Hutchinson and Deleta Downen were at table 1 - everybody won a game except Alice and Deleta. Table 2 was Glen and Diane Smith, Monica DeBono and Kara Matteson. Glen and Kara were partners and Diane and Monica were partners. Table 3 was Carol Pearson, Dorothy Comer, Debbie Yaeger and Sherly Perkins.

The next Senior Saints will be April 20th. Hope to see more people then.

See you all next time and bring a guest!

Ron Clausen

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

FCA has been around since 1954 with the **VISION** "to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes", and the **MISSION** "to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church". Our church provides lunch for the Lamar High School FCA meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month during the school year - **THANK YOU** to Linda Fowler for cooking the meal every other month, and to Lisa Denman for baking cookies every month! Cassandra and Kelsey give their time to serving the lunch at the school every month. We can always use more help in this effort - talk to Luann if you want to be part of this ministry.

ALSO....FCA is being introduced at Lamar Middle School. There will only be a couple of months to meet before summer break, so they are only asking for desserts/cookies to be donated instead of a meal.

Please contact Luann if you would like to provide for an LMS meeting in April.

The Lamar Christian QR code has been posted around the building and in the bulletin.
Scan the code with your phone for information about getting involved, to submit a prayer request, or to leave your contact info for future reference.

*Contact Ray or Luann if you need help!

