



Lamar Christian Church

July 2026 Newsletter

VBS DONATIONS

Monetary & Gift Card donations for meal/snack groceries worked great last year! This year, supplies will again be purchased in bulk with the church tax exempt status.

Donations will be accepted through Sunday giving (please mark VBS on the memo line), or through the church office from now through the end of VBS.



MEN'S SUMMER BBQ

Wednesday, July 15th
Willow Creek Park
6:00pm



Meat & Drink provided -
please bring a side to share

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
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

Celebrate & Consecrate

Celebrating 250 Years of America,
Eternally Consecrated to Jesus.

True freedom is found not only in the liberties we celebrate as Americans, but in the surrender we embrace as disciples of Christ. May we live as people devoted to both – honoring our nation's 250 years while consecrating every day to the One who offers all true freedom.

Sermon Series for July - Celebrate and Consecrate

- July 5th - Celebrate our Freedom / Consecrate our Freedom in Christ.
- July 12th - Celebrate our Past / Consecrate our Future in Christ.
- July 19th - Celebrate our Blessings / Commit to being a blessing.
- July 26th - Celebrate our Citizenship / Devote ourselves to Christ's Kingdom.

Thank You Servants!

With the resignation of Cassandra, I am grateful for the many who have stepped up and are filling vacant spots in leadership and worship teams. We are still in need of some help in the early service as we have three teams and musicians, so we may still need to use some music videos on some Sundays.

We want to have a Youth Volunteers Meeting on July 15th at 6:30pm in order to prepare for the fall. We will need some extra adult volunteers to help lead the Middle School and High School ministries. Please pray about possibly serving in this way and don't think you have to be a "young person" to serve in this way. Wisdom and experience is valued by youth today.

Como Ride '26

Hey riders and drivers, remember that the Como Ride is coming up August 13-16. The weekend is aimed at motorcycle riders who enjoy riding through the Rockies during the day, those who would like to drive up, enjoy the mountains and spend some restful time at the camp while still participating in worship, teaching and fellowship are also welcome. This has always been a fund raiser for the camp, but \$200 per person is needed to cover the costs of food and board for the weekend at the camp. Any gifts beyond that go to special projects at the camp. So even if you don't go on the ride, you can still contribute knowing your gifts will go to the camp. Thanks!

HELP NEEDED!

Some of you may have noticed exterior areas of the church building/grounds that need a little love! If you would be interested in volunteering time to do maintenance projects get a hold of Brian Lauritsen or Luann for more information.

Greetings Saints,

The Men's Bible Study/Accountability group will continue to meet through the summer. All men are welcome to come. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Youth Room with the exception of the third Wednesday of each month where we will gather for Men's Barbeque instead. The location and time for this month's Men's Barbeque will be July 15th at Willow Creek Park at 6 pm.

Also, I wanted to give a shout out to the 3 individuals who were baptized this past month. Congratulations on your decision! Such a great profession of faith and a testimony to what the LORD is doing in our church. Let us know how we can continue to assist you in your faith walk.

If you would like to be baptized let myself or Ray know, and we can make that happen. We look forward to continuing to build the Kingdom for His glory.

Enjoy your summer!

Carlos

Vacation Bible School!

**Sunday,
July 19 -
Thursday,
July 23 at
5:00pm -
the evenings
begin with
dinner
served
1st thing!**



**Check the
sign-up
sheets by
the office
to see
where you
can help
out!**

Preschool (age 4) - 5th Grade

SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	7/5/26	7/12/26	7/19/26	7/26/26
DEVO LEAD - E	Monty Coen	Ron Clausen	John Adams	Monty Coen
DEVO LEAD - L	David Barber	Mike Duffy	Pat Leonard	Ken Montoya
SERV IN CHG - E	Paul Mondragon	Bryan Herrera	Monty Coen	Ron Schmidt
SERV IN CHG - L	Scott Rankin	Anthony LaTour	Norm Arends	Rick Jones
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Joe Baca	Jason Herrera	Ken Montoya
SHUT-IN 2	Brian Lauritsen	Ken Smartt	Dustin DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen
COMMUNION	Peggy Fowler, DeeDee Smartt & Nancy Idler			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	7/5/26	7/12/26	7/19/26	7/26/26
LEADER - B	DENNIS & CARILYN	ALICIA J.	VIDEO	BARB, CHAR, SHELBY
DRUMS				
KEYS				
BASS GUITAR				
ACOUSTIC				
ELECTRIC				
VOCAL				
VOCAL				
VOCAL		RANDY		
LEADER	MARAH	ALICIA J.	ROD	JADE
DRUMS	JOSH	KEENAN	BRITTIN	KEENAN
KEYS	MARAH	ALICIA J.	JULIE	JADE
BASS	RAY	EMILY	DAVID	DAVID
ACOUSTIC	ROD T.	ROD T.	ROD T.	CARLOS
ELECTRIC				
VOCAL	KATY	HEATHER	KATHY	CONNIE
VOCAL	JADE		JOY	RHONDA
VOCAL				HILAH
SOUND-BOTH	KENNY	BRAD	RORY	BRIAN
MEDIA - B	JOAN	JOAN	HERRERA	HOMM
MEDIA - C	JOAN/BRAD	JOAN/PAT	CONNIE/PAT	BRITTIN/BRAD

Prayer Requests

Joy Schultz
Madesyn Martin
Jade Torres
Roger Cordova
Pam Weirich
Joanie Compton
Allen Settles
Lori Blacker
Roman Evans
Mykayla Crum
Karen Sperra
Don Burdick
Chris Cordell
Trent Hoesli
Olivia Wilson
Marty Campbell



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Judy Turpin | 18 | *Ron & Amy Schmidt |
| 3 | Barbara Koehn
Haley Reedy | 19 | Braelinn Penaflor |
| 4 | *Joe & Alice Baca
*Jason & Tiffany Whisenand | 20 | Blake Carere |
| 5 | Dennis Knill | 21 | Thelma Cole
Tress Gadash
Madelynn Wertz |
| 7 | Pat Leonard | | *Jim & Misty Hablutzel |
| 9 | Ken Montoya
Barbara Wertz
*Tom & Nicole Piner | 22 | *Ken & Tammy Montoya |
| 11 | Bri Brown | 23 | Connor Sniff
Robin Thacker |
| 12 | Susanne Matteson | 25 | Vicki Lefferdink
Barbara Scriven |
| 16 | Greg Ausmus
Stan Wertz | 27 | Joy Dashner
Laura Hobden |
| 17 | Shiane Dashner
Jr. Ortiz
David Payne
Nicole Piner | 28 | DeEtte Hobden |
| | | 31 | *Glen & Diane Smith |

Wednesday Morning Women's Stay Connected Day

Our next "Stay Connected Day" will be July 9th from 9:00-11:00am in the fellowship hall. We will have music, devotions, fellowship, and learn tips for "Spring Cleaning".

Child care will be provided.

PRAYER MEETING

July 12th at 4:00
in the RFOM

SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome to attend Senior Saint's Fellowship the 3rd Monday of the month (July date is the 20th) 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, July 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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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.

Senior Saints met on June 15th at 5:00pm for a delightful meal. Our numbers were down because of grandkids ball games, vacations, and even a few not feeling well. There was still plenty of delicious food.

No one was prepared for devotions so Nancy Idler gave an impromptu devotion on Matthew 19:24..."and again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter in to the kingdom of God." Jesus was using extreme exaggeration to illustrate that human effort alone cannot achieve salvation. He meant that relying on wealth or material success makes spiritual humility nearly impossible without divine intervention. With God all things are possible. If you'd like to hear "the rest of the story" be at Senior Saints on July 20th to hear how Roxy, the Ritzy Camel finally made it through the 'eye of the needle'. After meeting there were two tables of play Round-a-bout and everyone had a fun time. Every one was a winner and we're looking forward to our next meeting.

Come join us at 5 o'clock on July 20th.

- Nancy Idler

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 18th 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.

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!

