

# CENTRAL CONNECTION

## Upcoming Events

February 19  
NO Ladies' Bible Study

February 21  
10am - Cherry Street  
Chapel  
6pm - Youth Group

February 22  
7pm - Immerse Study @  
Parsonage

February 25  
10am - Sunday school  
-Immerse Study  
11am - Worship  
12pm - Potluck Lunch

## UPCOMING

March 13 -  
7pm Board Meeting

**Don't forget to check out  
our website or Facebook  
page to find worship  
services, newsletters and  
more!**



A very special thank you to Larry and Steve for leading worship yesterday in my absence. I've spent the last week fighting migraines (nothing to worry about) and Saturday afternoon when it moved beyond a headache and light sensitivity, I knew I needed to stay home. I spent yesterday under multiple layers of blankets with a mask over my eyes to block light. I so appreciate a church that can carry on without a hitch when things change at the last minute!

This is an example of why I'm focusing on lay preaching for my doctoral work. While y'all are pros and one or two Sundays are no big deal for our elders to cover on the spur of the moment - for many churches, that would cause all sorts of chaos!! The reality is: sometimes one or two weeks can quickly turn into one or two months if a medical emergency happens with the pastor. And it isn't a good thing for the church to flounder or just stop during that time. The church is the people - not the building, not the pastor alone - and it's up to the people to be the church and do the work of the church day in and day out.

I'm looking forward to finishing up the project proposal in the next few weeks so I can start recruiting participants from our local area churches and begin training sessions in May and June to prepare them for preaching at Central during August, September and October. I'm grateful to be able to combine classwork, a great need for the larger church, and my sabbatical time into one project that will hopefully help all of us to grow in faith and our understanding of what it means to be God's people and to be faithful in the context of rural church life.

Please remember to be praying for all those who are sick, recovering from surgery and grieving this week. We've had a hand full the last few days!  
Pastor Lory

### *PRAYER CONCERNS*

Our Nation and World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Brylie, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Tony Barker, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Dieter Stratemann, Shirley Miller, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chad Brown, Joe Kalal, Morgan Heck, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Johnny Martin, Denise Chamberlain, Lynn Hanson, Molly Major, Jack and Shirley Roberts, Ben Hill, Margaret Centofanti, Nicole Rahmer, Dean Prine, Connie O'Neill, Chris Tettleton, Brenda Sutton, David Howard, Abel Jesus Hernandez. Kal Luke, Barbara Saunders, Nicole Saunders, Sandy Major, Patrick Major, Crystal Shelton, Yvonne Mesler, Raenell Nunneley, LaQuita Hewitt, Clara Boyd, Scott Baker, Steve, Bruce Major, Hubbell Kabisch, Christy Mesler, Jennifer Hallack

Family of: Shirley Keck

### **Worship This Week:**

Elders: Lierly  
Deacons: Saunders  
Communion: Prine  
Sermon Text: Mark 8:31-38  
Sun School: Immerse Wk 8

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**Join us this  
Sunday for our  
monthly potluck  
lunch after  
church! Bring a  
dish to share and  
stay for the  
fellowship!**



The 2024 Lawn Care sign up sheet is on the stand in the sanctuary. Sign up for a month or two and help keep the church grounds looking beautiful!

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS**

**Our Central devotional booklets are available on the table in the sanctuary and the foyer. Pick up a copy and use them as a guide for your reflections during Lent. Thank you to all who contributed by writing a short**