

Chmil Family Sendoff



The Chmil family will be leaving for France at the end of August to begin language training for their missionary service in Togo. The Chmils have been an integral part of our ministry here at LPMC and we are excited to partner with them as they fulfill the calling God has placed on their hearts. On August 12 we will be hosting a sendoff for them here at LPMC. On that Sunday morning we will have a single worship service at 9:00. At the end of the service we will spend time praying for the Chmils. Following the service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall where everyone will have the opportunity to spend some time saying goodbye to them. Our hospitality committee will provide continental style breakfast items for us to enjoy. Feel free to bring a card or note of encouragement for Steve and Bethany and their children.

(Please note, we will not have Sunday school or our second service on this Sunday.)

The “Hannah Fund”



Hannah Fuller is serving the Chmil family as a nanny for their children while they attend language school in France and while they set up their home in Togo. The Chmil family is covering Hannah’s transportation costs as well as room and board while she is with them, but their missions budget does not provide for any remuneration for Hannah while she is with them. We would like to bless Hannah while she serves the Chmil family. Our church board has authorized the establishment of the “Hannah Fund”. You can designate offerings to the “Hannah Fund” through your weekly giving. For the duration of Hannah’s service with the Chmil family, we will send whatever funds are collected for Hannah directly to her each month. In addition, on Sunday,

August 12, we will receive a door offering for Hannah immediately following the morning service. We are confident that you will give generously to this new fund.

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Safe Families *for* Children

Safe Families creates an extended family - you can help

Safe Families for Children is an alternative to foster care. In foster care, children are placed into homes through the courts and foster families receive compensation for their care.

Through SFFC, host families receive no compensation for caring for children, and parents voluntarily place their children with them.

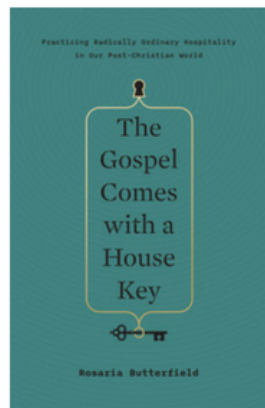
This temporary care for children in need gives parents time to establish stability in their homes. Host families care for children whose families are in crisis.

The goal of the SFFC ministry is to offer support in a time of need and reunite children with their families in a stronger home environment.

We will be hosting a volunteer information meeting on Sunday night, August 12, at 6:00, in the Fellowship Hall. Representatives from SFFC will be on hand to answer our questions and let us know how we can partner with them in this important ministry. There are several different ways that you can be a part of this important ministry to families in our community. Being a “host family” for children is just one of them. Please come and see how you can be a family coach, a family friend, a resource friend, or a part of our LPMC church leadership team.

Please RSVP to the church office by August 5, if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided so that couples may attend together.





Ladies' Book Club

Thursday, Aug. 16th
6:30-8:00pm

The word "hospitality" can often create various levels of anxiety because of the perfect images of fashionably dressed hosts and impeccable homes that media and culture bombard us with. Yet, **Rosaria Butterfield**, in ***The Gospel Comes with a House Key***, casts a far more reassuring and ordinary vision for what hospitality should actually look like. Using engaging stories from her own experiences of being on the receiving end of radically ordinary hospitality, Butterfield shows how one's simple, but authentic, welcome can become a bridge for the gospel to reach the lost friends and neighbors in your life. This type of hospitality views our homes as God's tools where authentic love and grace can be seen in action, revealing what true Christian faith looks like.

The book is available online or see Mauhrai Walker for details



Ladies' Discipleship Groups

Ladies' discipleship groups are coming! Each of the ladies in our congregation will receive information regarding this exciting new opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord & your sisters in Christ. Look for the display in the foyer starting August 5th! If you have any questions about this new ministry, please contact Mauhrai Walker.



Sam Haschke, Curt Werner, Ethan Galloway, Caleb Walker, Tori Walker, and their parents, thank you for your generous support of the Worldview Scholarship Fund at LPMC. They had the "best week of their lives" being equipped to share and defend the Christian worldview.

The God whose roar can shatter the heavens,
COMES DOWN TO WHISPER COMFORT TO HIS PEOPLE.
He is strong enough to save & close enough to care.

TREVIN WAX



LPMC Building Project Update

As our building project moves forward there are several "milestones" we need to pass in order to begin construction of our new sanctuary. The first of these milestones was a congregational vote that we took on July 22. We needed a 2/3 majority of members present to proceed with the project.

Here are the vote numbers:

Members - 72 of 78 approval - 92%

Non-members - 25 of 25 approval - 100%

All Votes - 97 of 103 approval - 94%

The next step was to secure district approval for the project and for them to set a "debt ceiling" for our congregation. This meeting took place at the District Resource Center in Elkhart on Tuesday night, July 24. Many aspects of our Building Project were discussed: reasons; plans; congregational support; funding; and timing.

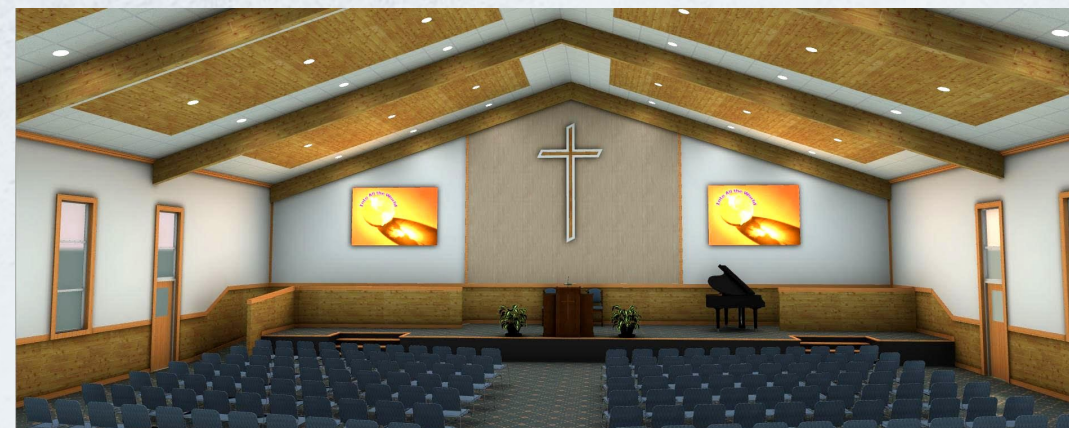
On the ride home Pastor Steve received a call from the District, informing us that they had just approved a debt ceiling for the full amount requested on our loan application. Praise the Lord! This is an important "vote of confidence" from our district leadership. In an email from the District Office they wrote, "*We are grateful for the strong leadership at LaPorte and the way you all have approached things. We will be praying alongside you for the pledge process!*"

Our next major milestone comes on Sunday, August 5. This is when we tally all the pledges. If the monthly pledges are \$6000.00 or more, we will then move to formally obtain the loan from UMLI on August 15. July 22 was the first day we received pledges. On that Sunday 26 of our families pledged monthly support in the amount of \$3860.00! That leaves just \$2140.00 per month remaining. In addition, these families pledged one time gifts to the fund in the amount of \$12,100.00 and there was an additional \$2250.00 in the box!

If you have not yet pledged to this project, please pick up a pledge form by the Pledge Box in our foyer and deposit it in the box. We need all pledges in by the end of the Second Service on 8/5/2018.

If we achieve our pledge goal, we will schedule a groundbreaking service for the last Sunday in August with our church family and district and/or denominational officials. Our contractor, Larson Danielson, has informed us that they will be able to begin construction on September 1.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and the spirit of unity you have demonstrated through this building project! God is good!



All Day Quilting

The La Porte Mission Quilters announce another "All Day Quilting" event to be held on August 30. This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the La Porte Missionary Church. If you would like to join our quilters for that day or have any other questions, please contact Linda Sardeson.