

THE OBSERVER

JULY 2024

LoveJoy United
Presbyterian Church

LoveJoy United on Two Wheels

Six members of LoveJoy United took to the Madison County Bike Trails on Jun 29 for an inaugural church bike ride and then met up with other church folks for a picnic. Though it was humid, the overcast skies, constant breeze, and sporadic sprinkle of rain kept us cool as we pedaled through the wooded areas around Edwardsville and Glen Carbon.

We gathered at the Edwardsville Township Park on Center Grove Road. Janet Barringer and Joe Phillips met us at a pavilion and began to prepare our post-ride lunch. We set out about 10 a.m. with Delores Bloemker taking the lead and setting a good pace, fast enough to get us to where we were going on time, but slow enough to enable us all to chat along the way without losing our breath.

The Madison County Transit Agency owns and maintains 138 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout the county, most of which are old railroad right of ways that making for a safe, clean, and mostly flat(!) trail network, a bicyclist's dream. Our route took us in a triangle-shaped, 11.5 mile loop through wooded residential and agricultural parts of town.

Upon getting back to the park, we were joined by several other church members for a lovely pulled-pork luncheon accompanied by potato salads, fruit, cookies, and brownies.

The idea of this church outing was hatched in a conversation between Pastor Daniel and the Bloemkers, all of whom have a love for bicycling. We want to do this again in the early fall and hope others can join us!



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LoveJoy Children & Youth



Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3: 16

Do you take time to listen to the words of the songs and hymns sung in church by the choir, soloists or congregation?

Each song was written by someone whose heart was filled with love for Jesus. The song might offer praise, adoration, gratitude, happiness, prayer, comfort or a number of other reasons. The next time you join in with singing a hymn, think seriously about what the song is saying to your heart.



Read the lyrics (Verses 1, 4, & 5) of the hymn below.

Listen to it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/VBJDWSuflPg>

O CHRIST, SURROUND ME **Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

God be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me. O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey; going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways; O Christ surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.



**THINK
About It.**

What message do you think Richard Bruxvoort Colligan was wanting to convey in this song?

How does reading the lyrics of the song make you feel?

How does the melody of the song make you feel?

Try writing a song and singing it in your mind. What does your song say to you? Share it.

Announcements



Happy Birthday

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| 1 | 15 |
| Logan Inlow | Evan Leggett |
| Alaina Frankford | Ryan Leggett |
| Jennifer Hooker | Charles Randall |
| 2 | 17 |
| Beth Mabb | Carolyn Cook |
| Neil Huff | 18 |
| 3 | Ann Cook |
| Aubree Leggett | 19 |
| Hannah Carnes | Stephanie |
| 6 | Trudell |
| Kimberlee Belchik | 20 |
| Sarah Carnes | Nanette Cerny |
| 7 | 23 |
| James Klette | Dee Howe |
| Donna Crawford | Mallory Slayden |
| 9 | 25 |
| Allyson Klette | Reagan Lynn |
| Larry Abraham | 27 |
| Karen Wilson | Karen Cerny |
| Peggy Hagaman | 28 |
| 12 | Phyllis Suhre |
| Linda Duncan | 29 |
| Mark Utnage | Jeff Frankford |
| 13 | 30 |
| Judith | John Shugert |
| Hazelwonder | |

May 2024 LUPC Financial Notes

Checking Account Balance as 5/31/2024 \$101,686.29
 Savings Account Balance as of 5/31/2024 \$14,265.18
 Ending Balance as of 5/31/2024 \$115,951.47
 Pledge Income Received: YTD Pledge total \$93,477.05
 Mission Market Fund: The current amount in the fund \$124,203.71.
 The interest rate is holding at 2.15 %
 7 Month CD: The current amount in the fund \$30,000. The interest rate is 5.11%.

Seek and Find

What is it my Friend?
 Are you looking for something you are seeking?
 You try to find the answers to the questions you are asking.
 You have lost something, and are trying to reclaim it.
 Yes, my friend, let us seek together.
 We might, or might not, find what is being sought.
 Remember the adventure is half of the fun.
 The answers are there.
 We must seek and find them.
 Poet Laureate,
 Herbert J. Peel

Save the Date - Rummage Sale September 26th - 28th

Many of you have been asking if we are planning another Rummage Sale and the answer is YES! We are looking at September 26th - 28th. More information will be available later but meanwhile ---- start gathering your donations and mark your calendars to assist us the entire week of September 23rd when we begin sorting and pricing donations.

LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club:

Lyceum Book Club's current book is A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW by Amor Towles. We ZOOM it on 07/17 @ 7:15p. Our next book is MORNINGS IN JENIN by Susan Abulwaha. We ZOOM it on 08/21 @ 7:15p.



DONATING BLOOD ONLY TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR.

Can you spare one?



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive
Love Joy United
Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall
2550 Rock Hill Rd
Wood River, IL 62095

Wednesday, July 31, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LOVEJOY to schedule an appointment.

**Be a force for good: Come give blood in July for a
Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS on
us. Terms at rcblood.org/Twisters.**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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July



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 7/1 1:30p Good Samaritan | 2 6:30p Mission and Outreach | 3 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer | 4 Office Closed Independence Day | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship | 8 9a Food Pantry 12:15p PEO Women's Meeting 1:30p Good Samaritan | 9 6p Stewardship Committee | 10 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer | 11 6:30p Children & Youth Christian Ed | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30 a Deacon's Meeting 11:30a LoveJoy Children & Youth | 15 1:30p Good Samaritan | 16 6p Finance Meeting | 17 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer 7:15p Lovejoy Lyceum Book club | 18 1p ACE Committee Meeting | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30 a Fellowship Sunday | 22 9a Food Pantry 1:30p Good Samaritan | 23 | 24 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer | 25 6:30p Session Meeting | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Confirmation Group goes to Moro Church 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a LoveJoy Children & Youth | 29 1:30p Good Samaritan | 30 | 31 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Blood Drive 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer | 8/1 | 2 | 3 |



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