

**MEDITATION** "O God, by the study of the night sky the wise men were led to your manger throne; teach us to wonder at the beauty of your creation, that we may be led on our way by the truth you reveal through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen. " *Michael Counsell*

### **TAKE HOME PRAYERS FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

#### **Table Grace**

God of all hopefulness, as we begin this new year we ask for the presence of your Holy Spirit to guide and protect us. We pray for good health in our family and peace in our world. We thank you for all our blessings including this food. Amen.

#### **Community Concern: For Peace**

Great God over us all, destroy prejudice that turns us against one another. Teach us that we are all children of your love. Encourage us to live together loving one another in peace. Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 8, 2012**

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God

**BULLETINS** are given by Shirley Hill in memory of her mother's birthday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ETERNAL FLAME** is given to the glory of God.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 11:1-2, 6-19; John 1:43-51

**PROGRAM LEADER'S MEETING** today from 12:15 to 1:30. All leaders of various ministry groups are asked to attend this meeting as we re-cap the events of 2011 and plan for the new year.

**FAIR TRADE: IT'S A BRIGHT JANUARY DAY!** The January Fair Trade coffee of the month is ***Bright Day Brew, created by the adventurous, for the adventurous! Bright Day Brew is a medium roast coffee that is balanced with a malty aroma and hints of citrus.*** It's the perfect cup to start every bright day! Bright Day Brew and other coffees and teas will be on sale for \$6.25 today in the gathering area. Help WELCA fill justice to the brim!

**SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** meets at 7PM in the youth room. Come and bring a friend!

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets tomorrow evening at 7PM in the Jenner room.

**CENTERING PRAYER** meets tomorrow and every Monday at 7PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**WELCA TEAM LEADERSHIP** meets tomorrow, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the youth room. All women of LCR are invited to attend to help plan for 2012.

**SEW 'N SEWS** will meet at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, January 10, in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us as we start a new project for the year.

**MEN'S NIGHT OUT** happens this Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Fox Hollow Golf and Country Club in New Port Richey. All men are invited to attend this fellowship dinner. This month, all men are invited to the home of Bob Bouffard after dinner to view his rock, mineral and fossil collection.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome! We meet at 10AM in the Jenner memorial conference room.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** resumes Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. New voices are always welcome! If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the choir!

**ESTHER CIRCLE** will meet at 6:30 P.M., on Wednesday, January 11th at Nikos Restaurant in Oldsmar. All ladies are welcome to attend. For additional information, please contact Gertrude Baskerville

**CONGREGATIONAL MONEY MEETING** is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is limited to the discussion of the 2012 spending plan.

**BAGS OF BLESSING** to fill with non perishable food items for the food pantry will be handed out next Sunday, January 15 for return on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

**GLOBAL MISSIONS** will meet Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the High School room.

**NOISY SUNDAY** is January 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring your loose change to benefit our sponsored Navajo Indian student.

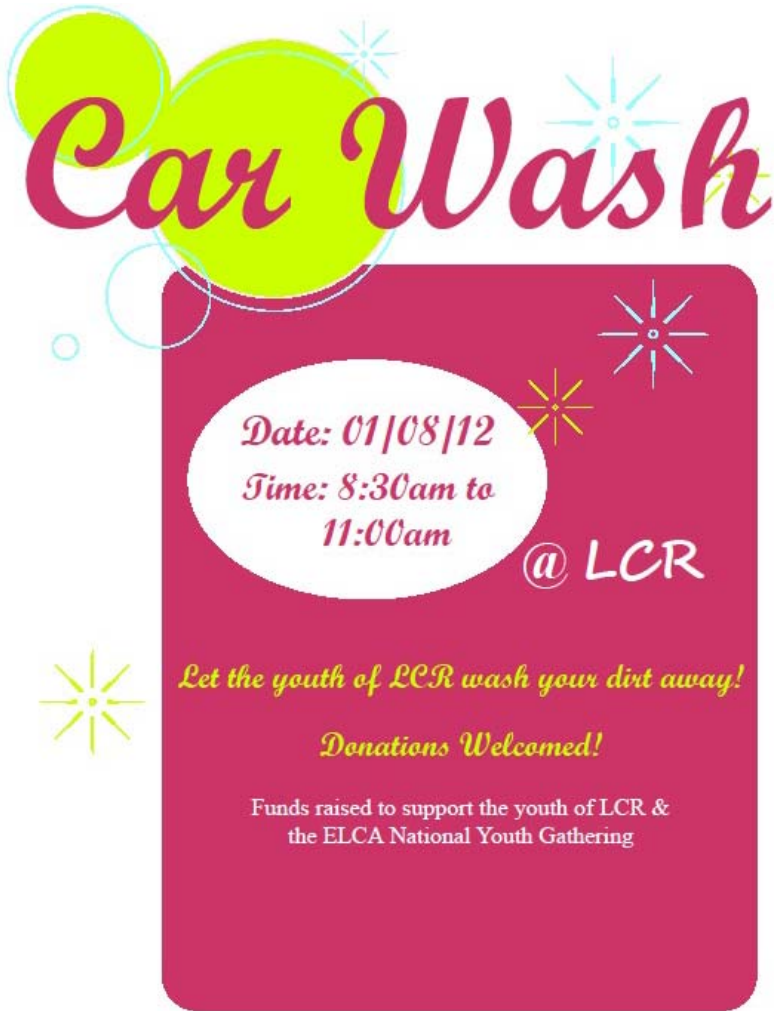
**ANNUAL MEETING** the annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. We'll come together for a potluck dinner followed by the business meeting at 7PM. Hope to see you there!

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL** will take place on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Jenner Room at 10AM. Refreshments will be provided. Don't forget ladies, it's customary to bring a little something for your sister. There will be a special treat to be sure to join your sisters! New secret sister forms for 2012 will be available on the bulletin board in the gathering area and should be returned by Jan 29<sup>th</sup> so that sisters can be assigned for the coming year. Contact Charlie Kirchner with any questions.

**CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB** The LCR book club will meet Tuesday, February 7th at 1:00. February's selection is "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck and in March, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay All are welcome!

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please add your name and contact information so we can plan the next new member reception. Thank you!

**ESTHER CIRCLE** the need for new and gently used athletic shoes is great! If you are able to help with a pair of gently used or new athletic shoes, your help is greatly appreciated. Esther Circle also continues to collect new, full sized toiletry items for the Haven Women's Domestic Abuse Shelter in Clearwater. All types of products from shampoo and body wash to makeup are appreciated. These items must be unopened and unused. There are boxes in the gathering area for both the shoes and toiletry items.



### Live a God-Pleasing Life!

This year's stewardship theme is **LIVE A GOD-PLEASING LIFE!** We have been "*created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*" (Ephesians 2:10). Together we'll learn how God not only prepares the work we are to do, but prepares and equips us, his stewards, to do that work.

Be sure to join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we study God's Word to find how we can **LIVE A GOD-PLEASING LIFE!** Both our worship and Bible study will focus on the following themes:

#### FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION

January 8<sup>th</sup>                7PM  
January 11<sup>th</sup>            10AM & 6:30PM  
January 15<sup>th</sup>            9:30 AM and 10:45 AM

#### DISCIPLESHIP IS THE PATH

January 15<sup>th</sup>            7PM  
January 18<sup>th</sup>            10 AM & 6:30PM,  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>            9:30 AM and 10:45 AM

#### GENEROSITY IS THE HALLMARK PART I

January 22<sup>nd</sup>            7PM  
January 25<sup>th</sup>            10AM & 6:30PM

January 29<sup>th</sup>            9:30 AM and 10:45 AM

GENEROSITY IS THE HALLMARK PART 2

February 1<sup>st</sup>            10 AM & 6:30PM,

February 5<sup>th</sup>            9:30 AM and 10:45 AM

It is our prayer that each of us will be overwhelmed again and again at the grace of God which has created us, saved us, and daily offers us forgiveness and strength to be stewards who please him.

Commitment Sunday is Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, which will be a day of joyful response to that grace of God. Please make every effort to attend both worship services and Bible studies during this program and prayerfully consider your privileges and responsibilities as God's stewards.