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October-November Calendar

Wednesday, October 11 ... LBC serves dinner at Sunrise Village homeless shelter

Sunday, October 29 ... Observance of 500th anniversary of the Reformation

Sunday, November 19 ... Thanksgiving dinner and stewardship Sunday

Tuesday, November 21 ... LBC serves dinner at Sunrise Village homeless shelter

Shelter dinner

Little Brown Church will provide dinner at Fremont's Sunrise Village homeless shelter on **Wednesday, October 11**. The menu is sloppy joes and vegetarian chili. Please let Robin Spindler know if you can be there to help cook and serve. The shelter is at 588 Brown Road.

Future dates are:

- Tuesday, November 21, 2017
- Monday, January 29, 2018
- Tuesday, April 17, 2018
- Tuesday, June 19, 2018

The shelter provides emergency and transitional shelter for individuals and families with children. It also provides job counseling, support groups, and other services. Typically, adult residents have jobs and the children attend school. We like to provide them with meals that are delicious, nutritious and different from typical institutional food.

Thanksgiving Sunday

LBC will again celebrate Thanksgiving on the preceding Sunday, November 19, coinciding with Stewardship Sunday. Please plan to join us for a potluck dinner immediately following the worship service.

Reformation Sunday

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. What began as an effort by Martin Luther to reform the Roman Catholic Church became a religious, political, and cultural upheaval that changed the course of history. Many things we take for granted today began with Luther's challenge, including intellectual freedom, the importance of reading the Bible in one's own language, and the right to question authority. We'll celebrate this momentous event on Oct. 29.

Christmas schedule -- your input needed

The Church Council needs to hear from people who plan to attend the Christmas worship service this year. Please read the following explanation and then let Pastor Mary, members of the council, or the newsletter editor (just click Reply) know your preference. And if you have no particular preference, please let us know that.

Christmas falls on a Monday this year, so Christmas Eve will be on a Sunday. We will only hold one service that day. Typically, Little Brown Church holds a Christmas Eve service in the early evening. The question the church council needs to decide this year is: Should the service be held in the morning (at the usual Sunday worship time of 10:30) or in the evening (as the traditional Christmas Eve service)?

News from Council Chairman

Update from Little Brown Church council chairman and moderator Allen Cook:

Even though we did not have a formal church council meeting in September, there was still a lot of activity during the month in and around Little Brown Church.

1) Through Wilson Property Management we used John Taylor Termite Company to replace termite damaged joists under the parsonage's floor, then tent and fumigate the entire house. This was accomplished the week of September 18.

2) Contractor Al Kellogg addressed various maintenance projects.

- A) Added stain to the new redwood front porch (looks great).
- B) Added redwood stairs to the porch, and stained them as well.
- C) Freed up the painted-shut windows around the parsonage.
- D) Cut off dry-rot wood at the house's side stairs.
- E) Added a phone line from the parsonage's phone junction box to Babbitt Hall kitchen.

3) Open tasks

A) Get an estimate for a wood storage shed to replace the metal one on parsonage's rear deck.
Status: Pending.

- B) Get an estimate to replace the linoleum floor in Babbitt Hall.
Status: No action to date.
- C) Light tower for stained glass window illumination.
Status: No further action to date.
- D) Courtyard fountain motor appears defective.
Status: Fountain drained. No further action to date.

Lastly, as of September 20 our new tenant has started moving in to the parsonage. Wilson Property Management will manage for us all aspects of the tenant/landlord relationship.

Thank you all,
Allen Cook

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