



From the Pastor:

Gospel Story Telling: Part 1
Embracing the Imperfect Without Embracing the Imperfection

As a pastor I find it very hard to keep the right things always before us as a community. It is easy to get caught up in the concerns of the moment, or the hot issue at hand, and forget to keep the important in front of the urgent. As I returned from my sabbatical rest and study, I felt very driven to make sure that we judge our effectiveness by the right scorecard and that we truly learn to do a few things and do them well.

These two main focal points I presented to our leadership upon my return were to make sure that we are teaching everyone to be Gospel Storytellers and that we were leading people in true discipleship.

In January, I preached through a short series on the topic of Discipleship and addressed the issue of a disciple being a person who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus and being on mission with Jesus. We will continue to return to this amazing topic often and in many ways. In and through the current series on Romans we are constantly addressing the issue of discipleship while also thoroughly addressing the idea of the Gospel.

Beginning this month, I want to be very intentional in using this newsletter and our weekly email newsletter to help us unpack the idea of being Gospel Storytellers. The idea of Gospel Storytelling is “developing the ability to naturally give testimony of the Gospel’s impact in your life while on the natural path of life”. I will unpack that more in future writing, but before we even get to that I need to share again our definition of the Gospel.

We are defining the Gospel as “Imperfect people, clinging to the perfect Christ, being made perfect through the Holy Spirit and helping other imperfect people”. Through our study of Romans so far, we cannot help but see that we, all humans, are without a doubt Imperfect.

In my 8 years of pastoring here at LFC, I have had one sermon series that has generated the most positive comments, and easily four times the positive comments of any other. That series was “No Perfect People Allowed: Creating a Come as You Are Culture in the Church.” This series, based on a book of the same name by Pastor John Burke, spoke to people of all ages, backgrounds and at differing points in the spiritual journey. I believe that the church, over the last 20 years, has grown greatly in our ability to allow people to be more open and honest about their sin and imperfections.

I believe that the ability to be honest about our sin condition is the first step in truly understanding and sharing the Gospel. I also believe that we have to carefully learn to embrace the imperfect person without embracing the imperfection that plagues each of us. In loving the struggling person, it is easy to minimize the struggle that they face. We need to strive to love the person, while aiding them in overcoming the source of their struggle. Biblical community exists to allow us to hold each other up while we stumble through the minefields of life, but our goal needs to get the person out of the minefield.

As we seek to become Gospel Storytellers we must start with a clear understanding of our imperfections and accepting the challenge to remove the stumbling block of sin that puts a rift between us and God.

I will have more on this topic in the weekly email newsletters for April, so please make sure to read them! If you do not get the emails, contact the office to make sure we have all of your correct contact information.

In Him,

Pastor Dennis

young adults...

Leduc Fellowship Church Young Adults Group

Keeping in line with our church's mission, our goal is to create an open and inviting space for young adults (18 - 35) to worship God and share life together.

Bible study: every **Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm** at the church in the Youth Room. For a list of upcoming topics, search LFC Young Adults on Facebook.

Upcoming Community Nights:

Friday, April 15th, 7-9 pm. Search for LFC Young Adults group on Facebook for more information.

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LFC Kids Newsletter:

As Spring begins, we have our usual programs going full force! Here are the opportunities for your children ages birth to Grade 6 along with contact information that you might need.

DURING THE WEEK:

Moms & Tots: Meets Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00am.
Contact Adrienne Braithwaite - litldods@shaw.ca

Jujubes (Gr. 5-6): Meets every other Wednesday, 6:45-8:15pm.
Contact Darrell Ohlmann - darrelohlmann@yahoo.ca
or text/call: 780-970-8245

LFC KIDS: SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10:15am-12:00pm

Nursery for ages birth to 18 months and **Toddler Room** for ages 18-36 months. Contact Heather Feldbusch - feldbusch@shaw.ca
or text/call: 780-906-3516

3-K class and Grades 1-4 class.

Contact Joanne Gulley - joanne@leducfellowship.ca
or text/call: 780-441-1671

COMING THIS SUMMER!

CAVE QUEST VBS! Coming **August 22-26!** VBS will be available for *kids going into Kindergarten through Grade 5*. Our theme is Following Jesus - The Light of the World! If you are interested in helping in any capacity, talk to Joanne. We will again be offering nursery and a program for Preschoolers for the children of VBS workers. Don't miss out!

RE-IMAGINE BUILDING PROJECT COLLECTION BANKS!! Thanks to all the kids who brought in their coins for the Re-Imagine building project!! Money is still trickling in so I will let you know the grand total very soon! Thanks again!! Every penny counts!

Any questions concerning LFC Kids Ministries can be directed to Joanne Gulley at joanne@leducfellowship.ca or text/call: 780-441-1671.



Youth

Come hang out with us every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm.

For the most current news and info, join our Facebook group LFC Youth, and follow us on twitter @LFCYouth



Wednesday, April 13 1:00-4:00pm

We meet every month to do some White Cross work cutting and rolling bandages to send to missions. Everyone is welcome!

Jubilee's at Taylor Seminary April 22, 11:00am

Taylor Seminary will have the program with special speakers Joanne Van Beek and Petra Lewing, founders of Riseup House Society. Joanne is a graduate of Taylor Seminary and is beginning a new ministry to assist victims of violence called Sophia's Voice.

April 17 ~ Hymn Sing

6:00 p.m. at Zion Baptist, Edmonton. For more info call Gladys at 780.986.8920.



SISTERlife (Women's Ministry) announcements:

WAR ROOM Bible Study (5 sessions) will begin on **Monday, April 4, 2016 from 12:45-3 PM. PAID REGISTRATIONS OF \$15.00 REQUIRED.** Childcare will be provided upon request. REGISTRATION is available by responding on our Facebook page, or email sisterlife@leducfellowship.ca OR contact Corinna Weslosky (780-665-3419)

ARMOUR OF GOD Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

This 7-session study **begins on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 7-9 PM.** Location TBA. PAID REGISTRATIONS OF \$20.00 REQUIRED. REGISTRATION is available by responding on our Facebook page, or email sisterlife@leducfellowship.ca

APRIL 9th at 7 pm - "Banana Splits Ladies night." Come and join us for a FUN evening of getting to know our sisters here at Leduc Fellowship Church. Personal testimonies will be shared, and lots of banana splits will be enjoyed!



SISTERlife...

Designating Support

We are so grateful for your faithfulness in financially supporting all that God has called us to here at LFC. A church simply cannot function without your tithes & offerings!

When designating portions of your offerings to any of those listed at the right, please make sure it is clearly marked on your cheque as well as your giving envelope:

Current designations:

General offering = our operating budget

Re-Imagine = our current building fund

Short Term Missions = i.e. Tijuana and Ethiopia trips.

(If any short-term trip is oversubscribed, the funds will be held for another trip.)

Any undesignated funds go into the General fund.

THANKS FOR GIVING

Want to know more about Gospel Storytelling?

Want to know what BI, BO, BT & Gspl are?

Then keep your eyes open for the April E-mail Newsletters!

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ministry updates...

Re-Imagine Update

Spring greetings from the Building committee.

March has been a good busy month for the building addition. Let me share, in simple point form, the things that have been done over the last month or so:

- Drywall is nearly complete in the new addition.
- Taping and mudding will start shortly.
- The ceiling has been painted in the youth room (This will be an 'open' style ceiling with exposed trusses, and ducts.)
- Ron's guys have been busy removing existing parts on the exterior and building up the roof parapets to be ready for additions.
- Re-roofing has begun on the existing south side of the building.
- Electrical rough is complete and work is progressing in the mechanical room for additions and wiring on the roof for heat/air units.
- Windows have been installed in the north addition.
- Sprinkler contractor has completed design drawings and installation has begun.

When the north addition is completed, the office staff will move over. Once the frost comes out of the ground the construction crew will begin the South and West addition.

From time to time, when there is a need for help, we will send out an email requesting certain services required for the building. I have been very pleased with the responses we have had in the past, and it is appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers and giving. Keep it up!
Warren Bender *On behalf of the Building Expansion Committee*



Electrical Panel delivered!



Replacement of roof on south portion of existing building is well underway!



New roof on the north addition.



Drywall nearly complete in offices & youth room.



grow together...



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