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**DECEMBER 2017**

<b>Church office hours</b>	<b>Pastor's Hours</b>
M-W-F 8:15-12:15	MW 8:30-Noon
<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>Youth Pastor Hours</b>
Friday 8:15	MWSu 5-8

Friends,

When I was young, some would play with two cups and a string tying them together to form a rudimentary phone. As far as I know, it did not work well. About that same time I remember visiting my grandparents who lived outside of town and they were part of a party line. I can't remember exactly what their ring was, whether two shorts and a long or something like that, but I do remember that you had to be mindful that others might very well be listening in. Then along came walkee talkees! The ones we could afford were not fancy, and frankly, not very clear to listen to, with static sometimes overwhelming the sound of voices. But then something amazing came along called a . . . pager. This wonderful device would let you know that someone was trying to reach you and you could then locate a land line and call them back! Oh the wonder!! Finally, the cell phone became available for regular folks like me. I was then reachable almost everywhere and no longer tied to a land line. You can even use a program called Face Time and do video conferencing from across the country and world. Wow, we live in amazing times.

So where are we in our communication with the Living God? Are we hearing Him more and more clearly, perhaps even some frequent video conferencing it is so clear? Or are we hearing Him with minor interruptions of distortions as we realize that "we see through a glass darkly and are yet to see face to face?" (1 Cor 13:12 paraphrase) Maybe our connection is more periodic, like walkee talkees, with quite a bit of static, but we hear God's words in the midst, or we are getting more often reminded to contact God as He reaches out to encourage more time with him like a pager? Or maybe we are just beginning our walk with Him and it seems hard to believe we can hear from the Holy Spirit, like when the two cups were tied by a string. My point is, God wants us to seek Him, to desire fervently to hear His voice and listen. He will make His voice more and more plain to us as we increase our time and focus to hear.

And then as we hear, we must be willing to act upon His instruction. As we read and learn from His word, the Bible; as we pray and hear His voice whisper instructions and direction; as we hear from Him through prophets and other fervent followers of Christ. May God make His plan to us increasingly clear and may He be glorified as we live for Him.

God sent His son Jesus into the world to offer Himself as a sacrifice out of God's amazing love for us, so that we might be able to establish this intimate relationship with Him that will grow because of our conversations with Him.

John 10:27-28 *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.* NIV

Are we listening?

In Christ,  
Pastor Alan



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **Sundays**

8:15am Praise Team  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship  
6:00pm H.S. Youth  
6:30pm Young Adults  
(every other week)

### **Monday**

6:30 pm Bible Study

### **Wednesday**

5:15 Chuckwagon  
5:45 Pioneer Club  
6:00 M.S. Youth

### **Thursday**

9:00 Men's group  
6:30pm Bible Study

**Sunday, December 24 is Christmas Eve Day.  
There will be NO Sunday School that day but  
Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. and the  
Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m.**

**BACKPACK PROGRAM.** LeGrand Friends Church is collecting items for the East Marshall Elementary Backpack Program This program serves students who have need of supplemental food to get through the weekend.

#### Suggested items:

Canned soups/soup cups, granola/cereal bars, microwave popcorn, microwave mashed potatoes, Chef Boyardee, microwave mac and cheese, fruit/applesauce cups, instant oatmeal packets, small/individual boxes of cereal, rice packets, pasta packets, juice boxes/pouches, raisins, pretzels/Golfish/crackers, pudding cups, cheese w/ crackers, peanut butter w/ crackers, fruit snacks, canned vegetables.



### **Winter Weather Policy**

In the event leadership feels it is wise to cancel **church services or events**, we will send out an email to our church network indicating such. We will also notify television station channels 8 and 13 of the cancellation. Also radio station KIX 101.1 will be notified. If the weather is in question, *please check one of these places before you leave home.* **If school is cancelled on a Wednesday, Pioneer Club is also automatically cancelled.**



## **Pioneer Club Program**

**Wednesday, Dec. 13  
6:30 p.m.**

On December 13, Chuckwagon is at 5:15 and Pioneer Club at 5:45 p.m. as usual. However, at **6:30 families and friends are invited to join us** as the children present their program. There will be cookies and fellowship afterwards with a chance to meet the teachers.

*Everyone is welcome!*

### **2018 Dates for laYM Youth Activities**

Feb. 9 – Blizzard Blast  
Mar. 9-11 Ignite  
June 8-10 Little Fry Camp  
June 10-15 Middle/High School Camp  
June 17-22 Kaleo  
June 24-28 Elementary Camp  
July 18-22 Chicago Youth Mission Trip

### **Other laYM Upcoming Dates**

Jan. 10-17 Belize work team  
Feb. 17 Quaker Men's Winter Banquet  
Feb. 24 Open Worship – 1:00  
Grinnell Friends  
Mar. 3, 2018 Board on Coordination (BOC)  
Mar. 24 Spring Body Meeting  
July 25-28 Yearly Meeting Conference



# Christmas Caroling

Followed by soup at the church

Sunday, Dec. 10

4:00 p.m.

**Did 50 Days of Prayer awaken a desire for more of the Holy Spirit?**

*Then join us as we create time and space for the Holy Spirit to move among us.*



## Unprogrammed Worship

February 24, 1:00 p.m.

Grinnell Friends

*Everyone Welcome!*

*Sponsored by laYM M & C*

*Save the Date!*

**Follow-up Workshops:**

**Going Deeper with the Spirit**

*To be offered March 2018-February 2019*

### Scholarships

Several scholarships are offered to college students from laYM churches. laYM Mission's Board offers a college scholarship for 2018-19 of up to \$1,000 for people who are preparing for missions. Deadline in **March 1, 2018**. Contact laYM office.

Applications are being taken for the laYM Trustees Scholarship of \$500 for second semester next school year (January 2019). Deadline is **January 1, 2018**. Contact laYM Office.

WPU Scholarship is offered by USFW for students attending William Penn University. Deadline is **January 31, 2018**. Apply to USFW.



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*Strengthening and Expanding the Church of Jesus Christ One heart at a time.*

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 24

