

Friday February 16, 2024

Good Friday Friends,

Greetings and Salutations. The groundhog is telling everyone that spring is around the corner. What do you think? Let me know!



Missouri experienced great pride on Sunday when the Chiefs won the Superbowl. At our church Sunday so many wore red, they were excited to watch the game. And afterward people were texting one another posting on Facebook, and making phone calls, it was very exciting for so many. What a glorious time of cheers and the game fun to watch. And then we turn around and Missouri experiences something so needless and shameful. The shooting at the parade.

At a victory rally and parade celebrating the Kansas City Chiefs Superbowl 58 win the city experiences a shooting, one killed and 21 injured. On Valentine's Day. At Union station. What a tragedy. My heart and prayers go out to the victims and all those that experience this tragic event.

On a happier note,

I'm looking forward to our time together over Zoom. Just a week from tomorrow Saturday February 24th at 9:00 a.m. I have not received the new Just Women Bible study magazine yet. I sent you a link to order the book, I understand that's a slow process, I believe they are working on the pre-orders. But we have several studies still available in the magazine we currently have. Our next Bible study is by Rev. Dr. Cristal L. Williams.

Scripture verse is from Numbers chapter 27:1-7 The title is The Daughters of Zelophehad Versus the People. Her questions for consideration:

1. What do you believe is the cost for women speaking out in the 21st century?
2. What would it take for you to be a conduit of change?
3. Is there a gift in this story for you? What is it?
4. Who are the women in your life, church, circle that have used their voices to bring hope, change, and inspiration?
5. What makes you uncomfortable about the story?

6. What does God's redemption look like to you in this story? And in the story of your own life?

Join us on Zoom. We will have a nice time checking in and sharing with one another across the region. Also, let me know your special events. I am joining Mt Vernon in May and Warrensburg in June. If I can, I would enjoy joining yours too.

Hey there moms, aunts, grandmother's, the camp schedules are now available. Don't forget to get registered and plan early for your children's opportunity to go to camp!

**2024 Camp Dates**

<p><b>Faith Adventures</b> July 22- 26th - \$195 JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF</p> <p><b>Try It- \$95/pair</b> July 25-26 Adult or parent must come with Child</p> <p><b>Regional Canoe Camp \$280</b> July 14-18</p>	<p><b>Jo Ota</b> Try It Camp- June 7-9 \$225/pair Adult or parent must come with Child</p> <p><b>CYF - July 8-13</b> \$375</p> <p><b>Elem \$185/Jr\$335 - July 15-19</b></p> <p><b>Chi Rho - July 28-August 2</b> \$375</p>	<p><b>North West</b> Chi Rho- June 29-July 3 \$230</p> <p><b>CYF- July 6-11</b> \$230</p> <p><b>123 Go- July 13-15 \$150</b></p> <p><b>Junior - July 17-21</b> \$230</p> <p><b>Combo (Junior &amp; Chi Rho) July 23-27</b> \$230</p>	<p><b>Our Bodies Our Faith \$385</b> July 28-August 2 at Camp MOVAL 8<sup>th</sup> grade (9<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome is they have never attended)</p> <p><b>Regional Sons &amp; Fathers Retreat</b> Oct. 11-13 at Shannondale <b>\$190 for son and father together; \$99 per single adult</b></p>
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**Regional Young Adult \$185**  
(ages 18-24)- Eve of 6- 24- Morning 27<sup>th</sup> @ Jo Ota

**\*\*\*Registration Will Be Open March 1\*\*\***

<https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>

News from the farm:

It was a sad week on the farm as well as Kansas City. Luna's mother, Baby, that we nursed back to health after Luna's birth, was fine one day and the next, we found her on the other side of the hay mound with all the other goats gathered around her. We don't know exactly what happened to cause her death but Paul one

of the twins was showing signs of paralysis in his back legs. Once we assessed the situation, I ran back to the house to get the information on what medications we needed to get. One of our goats years ago had whatever this might be, and we had to keep her up, she was in pretty bad shape, but we nursed her back to health. Tim and I ran to town to the farm supply and to the veterinarian's office to get the medicines we thought we needed. We injected Paul with some medicine and treated all the goats. The next day Paul already showed signs of improvement and yesterday was doing very well.

On the farm, in our lives, it can seem like we have the world by the tail and all things are going great when all of a sudden, the tables can turn. In a heartbeat there can be change. When changes happen, it can be difficult to transition and rather than look for the positive we may tend to look only on the negative. At all times, we need a relationship with our Lord, it seems, particularly in those times. That is why it is important, not only to have a relationship with God, it's also important that we are able to share Jesus with others, so we can share with those we see going through trials that don't. We have a God to lean on and I'm so thankful for that. We have a God that we need to share with others, so they have the ability to lean also. I lean on our Lord often.

I pray the grace and peace of our Lord be with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer

Jennifer Long is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Disciples Women

Time: Feb 24, 2024 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81653914930?pwd=d0RWRmZHUHpFeVdJcHdqdFBYZW03UT09>

Meeting ID: 816 5391 4930

Passcode: 187080

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcstxuY43y>

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Micah 6:8 Message: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,

be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.

C.S. Lewis : "Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches."