LITTLE PRAIRIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE



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LOCAL MISSIONS

PARTNER IN MISSION: THE HOPE CENTER

23 W. Cherry Street, Albion, IL 62806 | Director: Chaplain Steve Smith

"We desire to be a helping hand, not a handout."

Who We Are-Founded in Dec 2004 by Chaplain Steve & Mary Beth Smith, The Hope Center is a faith-based, non-denominational Christian outreach ministry. While we are located in Albion, our doors & our hearts are open far beyond Edwards County to include all surrounding communities. Anyone who walks through our doors is someone we are going to try to help. We operate with zero government funding or grants, relying entirely on God's providence & the radical generosity of local churches, individuals & businesses to love our neighbors in practical, life-changing ways.

How We Serve Our Community

• Honoring Our Veterans 🎖️

One of our most exciting & impactful programs is our dedicated Veteran outreach. On the fourth Wednesday of each month, we host a professional Veteran Service Officer at the Hope Center to provide direct, life-changing assistance, resource navigation & support for our local veterans.

• Weekly Food & Fellowship 🤝

We invite and encourage everyone to join us every Wednesday for food & fellowship. It is a wonderful time to fill the pantry, connect with neighbors & build meaningful relationships.

• "Feed the Family" Distribution Events 🧺

In partnership with the Midwest Food Bank, our large-scale community food distributions are held quarterly (and more often as specific needs arise) to provide major grocery, meat & fresh food relief. For our homebound elderly & disabled neighbors in Albion, volunteers provide direct front-door grocery delivery.

• Family & Pregnancy Support 👶

We walk with families from pregnancy through early childhood, offering continuous parenting education, diapers, formula & essential child safety gear to build strong, Christ-centered homes.

• Crisis & Cancer Support ❤️

We step into the gap to help individuals and families navigating a major life crisis, providing specialized care & encouragement for those bravely fighting cancer.

• Clothing & Household Aid 👕

Our active distribution center provides free clothing, shoes, boots & essential household goods to families weathering a financial crisis or transition.

• Regional Toys for Tots Ministry 🧸

We help bring the joy of Christmas to over 1,600 children across our region through Toys for Tots, with a deeply focused mission to support kids who have one or both parents incarcerated.

• Paths to Self-Sufficiency 💼

We offer job application assistance, life-skills tutoring & biblically grounded financial training (including Dave Ramsey curriculum) to help families build stable futures.

The Heart of the Mission-Material relief is just the doorway to our true mission: sharing the hope of Jesus Christ. Every individual who visits the Hope Center receives an encouraging message, a Bible & personal prayer.

How You Can Pray for Us:

• For the spiritual strength and health of our volunteers.

• For open hearts as we share the Gospel with every family we serve.

• For continued provisions to meet the rising needs in our communities.

Thank you for standing with us as a beacon of light and hope!

SUNRISE SUNDAY



Sunday, November 15 @ 7am all High School/College Age students are welcome to join us for breakfast, devotion, and a time of prayer. We will be walking around the church (inside and out) praying over the building, members, and those who haven't accepted Jesus.
If you have questions or would like to help prepare breakfast please contact Monica Terry or Jennifer Cunningham.

FOR K-4TH GRADE KIDS WHO LIKE TO SING

We have an opportunity for K-4th graders to sing "I'll Sing My Hallelujahs (Go Tell it On the Mountain)" Christmas special on Sunday, December 20th, if there is enough interest. The song is easy to learn. A few solos are available for the verses. Tryouts for solos would be scheduled in November. See the link to the YouTube video on our FaceBook page. The kids will practice on Sunday mornings during Kids and Wee Worship. We would hold two short, separate group practices. Tricia is willing to schedule those practices based on availability. Tentatively, one practice would be Sunday 12/6 at 5:15 pm with Saturday 12/19 at 10 am being the 2nd practice. If your child is interested, contact Tricia Cater or sign up at the foyer table.







- **The First Thanksgiving**-The Mayflower pilgrims founded the Plymouth colony in Massachusetts and had a three-day meal with the Wampanoag tribe in 1621.
- **October 3, 1863**-On this day, Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday.
- **U.S. Towns Named Turkey**-There are four, and they are in Texas, Arizona, Louisiana and North Carolina.
- **Estimated Number of Turkeys Prepared**-Each year, it is estimated that 46 million turkeys are prepared to provide the traditional feast.
- **3,150 to 4,500 Calories Consumed-**You read that right. That is the average number of calories each person consumes on this holiday!
- **The First Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**-Balloons are of extreme importance in the Macy's Parade these days. However, the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade did not feature balloons at all! Instead, animals from the Central Park Zoo were included in the procession.
- **Third Thursday-**Thanksgiving has not always been held on the fourth Thursday of the month. In 1939, President Roosevelt moved the holiday back one week to allow more shopping days after Thanksgiving in order to boost the economy. The change was not well-liked, and in 1942, Thanksgiving was again moved to the fourth Thursday.
- **Plumbing Woes-**Black Friday is also the biggest day of the year for plumbers. Due to the influx of using garbage disposals, kitchen drains and toilets from multiple guests, plumbers have their busiest days right after Thanksgiving.



1~Benevolent Sunday
7~All Church Bonfire
13~Forge
22~Congregational Prayer Time
26~Happy Thanksgiving





UPWARD
The Upward Basketball and Cheerleading season is coming up!! Stay tuned to the bulletin and our Facebook page for more details.



Luke Perkins



Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns: Lupita Arriaga, Norma English, Garrel Knight, Jeff Loyd, Mike & Brenda Loyd, Seth Loyd, Diane Magligner, Kerri McCaleb, Irma Over, Ellen Sams, Dave Skillman, Gary Stevens, LuAnn Stevens, Brenda Swegman, Jeff Wick

Those Fighting Cancer: Jason Balding, Ruth Barnett, Ed Black, Linda Caldwell, Marlenys Cortez, Patricia Fisher, Diane Haines, Michael Hunt, Mart Johnson, Steve Knackmuhs, Harley Lear, Todd Lingafelter, Silas Martinez, Cally Mitchell, Harper Newport, Bob Orr, Irma Over, April Perkins, Glenda Raber, Nathan Tillotson, Todd Weiss, Joe Williams, Dan Woodward