

# Welcome TO LOST CREEK!

The “largest church on a gravel road,” Lost Creek doesn’t fit tidily into any one box. Our worship brings “tradition” and “today” into the same room. We’ve been on this rural corner for almost 120 years and continue to do new and exciting things. We are a United Methodist congregation with members from all kinds of faith journeys and backgrounds. We love God with our head, our heart, and our hands. We are an energetic, engaged, and generous bunch of people who care about our community, our nation, and our world.

**Our “True North” is to deepen relationships with Jesus Christ, and our mission is to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.**

We feel strongly that wherever you may come from, whatever your background, Lost Creek is a place where you can find a path to follow Jesus. Key signposts along that path are illustrated by what we call our “Four Commitments:”

1. A relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior.
2. An infilling of the Holy Spirit.
3. To be engaged in telling your story (evangelism).
4. To be actively involved in at least one area of ministry offered by our church.

We are convinced that while these four commitments do not *completely* describe the Christian journey, they are critical landmarks to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

## To Our Guests:

**Thank you for joining us this morning!** We hope you will see that you have a home and a place here — to encounter God and follow Christ with us. You will find an Information Card in the pew. Please fill it out and drop it in the offering plate. We don’t use this information to bug you — we would just like to get to know you better.

- Nursery care for children under 4 is available for any portion of worship
- Coffee can be found in the Fellowship Hall and at the Coffee Station.
- There is Children’s Church in our Shine Zone during worship for children ages 4 through the end of 3rd grade. Children will leave the Sanctuary together after the Children’s Time and return in time to receive Holy Communion with their families.



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# Announcements

## MUFFINS *with* MOM

SUNDAY, MAY 10 | 9:00 A.M.

**Spend Mother’s Day morning enjoying muffins with your mother, grandmother, or someone who’s been a mother for you!**

Muffins will be in the Fellowship Hall before and during the Sunday School hour.

## ALASKA MISSION LUNCH

TODAY | AFTER WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Stick around after worship today for a great lunch that supports our Alaska Mission!** The menu is cranberry chicken thighs, scalloped potatoes, sides and dessert. The suggested donation is \$10 per plate, and all proceeds go to our Alaska Mission sites!

## WORSHIP SURVEY | INPUT NEEDED

**Our church’s leadership is considering moving to two worship services in the fall as our attendance continues to grow.** We’d like your input on the timing and structure of these possible services. Scan the QR code to take this brief survey!



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING

TODAY | STILLWATER FIRST UMC

We and area Methodists will be packaging 38,000 meals this afternoon at Stillwater First UMC. The shifts are **1:30-3:00 p.m.** and **3:30-5:00 p.m.** Sign up in the Foyer!

## OSU WESLEY FINALS WEEK SNACKS

**Help the students of the OSU Wesley finish their semester on a high note!** We are providing them with finals snacks, which can be store-bought or home-cooked! Leave items in the foyer today, so they can be delivered for the start of Finals Week!

# Announcements

## OAK PARK

*Event Venue & Lodging*

**10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
SUNDAY, MAY 31**

**To commemorate 10 years of owning Oak Park,** we will have an anniversary celebration on May 31! Our morning worship will be at 10:15 a.m. at Oak Park, followed by a potluck lunch and community celebration with games and more!



Try our handy  
**QR CODES!**



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**WE’VE MADE IT EVEN EASIER FOR YOU TO CONNECT WITH LOST CREEK!**

You can now use these QR codes to register as a guest, share a prayer request, make your offering or update your contact information. It’s all as handy as your phone!

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONTACT**

Ashtyn Ball at 405.377.0927 or [aball@lostcreekumc.org](mailto:aball@lostcreekumc.org)

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOME GROUPS, CONTACT**

Michael Carpenter at 405.377.0927 or [mcarpenter@lostcreekumc.org](mailto:mcarpenter@lostcreekumc.org)

# This Week

## TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. | Worship
- 11:30 a.m. | Alaska Mission Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. | RAH Meal Packing
- 3:30 p.m. | RAH Meal Packing

## MONDAY

- 6:15 p.m. | Outreach Team Meeting

## TUESDAY

- 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal

## WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. | Food Bank Prep
- 6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. | Crafty Creekers
- 6:00 p.m. | Food Bank
- 6:15 p.m. | Board of Trustees

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### 5.3.26

Makenna Howey

### 5.5.26

Kinsley Jarvis

### 5.7.26

Connie Nicholson

### 5.9.26

Doug & Linda Griffin

# ORDER *of* WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

**PRELUDE** *Bound for the Kingdom*

**WELCOME** Kiersten Houser

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 31

**OPENING HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (UMH 57)

**PRAYERS**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Pastor Ashtyn Ball

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 14:15-17 | Eli Kinzie

**SONGS** *Heaven Fall Down*  
*Reckless Love*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Peter 3:13-22 | Sharon Kinzie

**SERMON** **Always Be Ready** | Pastor Michael Carpenter

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** *Gather Us In*

**DOXOLOGY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Praise You in This Storm* | Josiah Rizama

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**FOUR COMMITMENTS**

**AFTERTHOUGHTS** Bridget & Josiah Rizama | Wycliffe Bible Translators

**CLOSING HYMN** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* (UMH 569)

**BENEDICTION**

**IN JESUS' NAME**

**POSTLUDE** *Forward in His Name*

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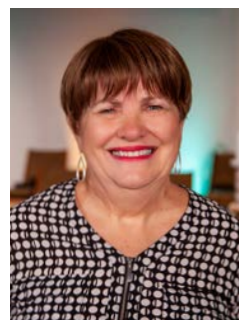
## Meet the Staff



**Michael Carpenter**  
Senior Pastor



**Ashtyn Ball**  
Associate Pastor



**Diann Rudd**  
Music Ministries

For a complete staff listing, visit [lostcreekumc.com/about](http://lostcreekumc.com/about)

# Free to Dream

WEEK 3:  
**ALWAYS BE READY**



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