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The title, *Love Thy Body*, is intended to get your attention, and the subtitle, *Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality*, lets you know what the book is about. And while I wondered about the need to spend several months examining a book on sex and sexuality with adults on Sunday nights, it became obvious that there is a local need for biblical insight into why God made us the way He did.

Last Sunday morning the front page of the State Journal Register was headlined, "Health officials are frustrated by rising STD rates." The article began: "What federal health officials call 'steep and sustained' increase in sexually transmitted diseases across the United States the past four years have frustrated experts battling the trends in Springfield, Peoria and other Illinois communities."

After reminding readers of the physical consequences of STDs, and reviewing the statistical increase of their occurrence, the article noted that the trends in Sangamon County and nationwide are troublesome and probably related to a lack of education. A cooperative effort to provide age-appropriate sex education for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in Peoria resulted in an increase in adolescents and young adults being tested for STDs, and that was seen as a positive sign.

The article noted that the reality of sexual activity by young people conflicts with conservative or squeamish attitudes when it comes to promoting safe and enjoyable sex lives as people mature. It went on to say that in our society we don't talk about sex very much, and when young people hear talk about sex it's lumped in with drugs and alcohol, like it's a bad thing, which stigmatizes condoms. It further noted that sex is a natural thing, it's part of us, and that we are sexual beings.

Obviously sex is a natural thing, and we are sexual beings. But any attempt at sex education will fall terribly short if it doesn't explain why God made us the way He did, and that the only way for sex to be a blessing is to express it as He intended. Only then will anyone be able to truly "Love Thy Body." God Bless, Rick



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Kick-off this Sunday evening!

- . Dinner & Games 5:00-6:00
- . Dance Contest 6:00-6:45
- . Watergun Battle 6:45-Dusk



STATISTICS

Worship 112
Offering \$18,778.00

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-9/9/18

Greeters	Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand	Rick & Janet Polley
Communion Meditation	Jack Stucki
	Paul Hunley
Ushers	Kent Ballard
	Gary Gredzieleski
	Brad Stirmell
	Rick Polley
	Will Bartels
	Kirk Polley
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Karen Mann
	Emily Hughes
Infants.....	Marilyn Wenneborg
	Vicki Small
	Anna Hunley
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Julie Divjak
Infants.....	Rhonda Luzio
	Kristin Polley



Let Us Pray For...

- Paul Hunley's grandma at Lewis Memorial for rehab. Hopes to get back home soon.
- Marilyn Wenneborg's brother in hospital awaiting move to nursing home for extended therapy.
- Rick Polley's dad in hospital.
- Jackson Edmiston recovering from a tear in his esophagus.

ANOTHER REASON TO COME

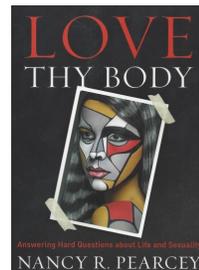
When Christians gather for preaching they come not only to hear, but to also be witnesses for the gospel. Even with the Scriptures available to confirm what's being said, most people will get their first sense of confirmation from the audience that's hearing the message. That's why it's so important that you come every Sunday, and that you listen responsively.



All adults are invited to participate in a Wednesday Night Bible Study that is held at the church on Wednesdays at 6:30, beginning September 12th. The study is very informal and discussion is encouraged, but silent participants are welcome.

We are going to begin this season with a look at II Thessalonians. This is a brief letter, but includes one of the most debated teachings in all of the New Testament, the appearance of the man of lawlessness. We probably won't settle the controversy, but we will help you gain an understanding of what to expect before the return of Christ.

The study is only one hour long, and babysitting is provided.



We are planning to begin a study of Nancy Pearcey's book, *Love Thy Body; Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality* on Sunday night, September 16th. If you are planning to be a part of this study, and would like us to order a book for you, please sign up on the bulletin board this Sunday.



Jr. High Students

Lincoln Christian University's annual Forge Conference for Junior High Students will be here soon! Due to schedules last year, we only attended the Friday evening session but it was still definitely worth the trip. Eating out at Culvers alone is worth the trip, but learning more about Jesus and Culvers makes for a fantastic night.

This year's conference will be on October 26th and 27th. For those interested in going, we can discuss if we will attend both days or just Friday depending upon other commitments. The sessions of the conference are designed to equip and encourage all of us to go deeper in our relationship with God and honor Him in all of our activities. Outside of the main session there will be praise and worship, games and small group time. Please check your schedules and we'll talk about it more in class!



LSCA

Just a reminder that Seniors' Day at LSCA is about a week away. It will be held on Thursday, September 13th from 10:00am-2:00pm. There will be music from the Wanda Mountain Boys, cinnamon rolls for breakfast, fried chicken for lunch and the main speaker will be Ken Idleman. Details and registration can be found on the LSCA website.



Everyone is invited to our youth group kick-off this Sunday evening. Even if you don't have a child in the program, come on out and enjoy a hamburger and hot dog with your church family. We plan to gather at 5pm and eat sometime shortly thereafter. While we are grilling and socializing, the kids can enjoy the bounce house, nine square and a variety of other games. Jeff Edmiston introduced me to Spike Ball over the weekend, if I can get one before Sunday, be sure to try it!

Next, we will all gather on the stage in the auditorium for the Fortnite Dance Contest. You don't even have to be a good dancer, you know I am not! We'll all try our best to follow the moves and the winners will receive a tasty first place prize.

Finally, we'll move outside to play a couple rounds of live Fortnite. I'll have obstacles and other barriers scattered all throughout the church property. As you make your way around the course, you might find larger water guns and balloons to use to win the battle. Pay attention to the air horn, because when you hear it, the field of play will get smaller and smaller until there are only two players left battling it out for the win. Also, remember to bring a white shirt to wear during this part of the night. That way, it will be easy for the judges to see whether or not you have been hit with the color of water for that round.

Most importantly, invite a friend or two to this event. All your friends know about Fortnite, but some most likely do not know about Jesus. I pray a few of them might become interested in our regular time together and will feel comfortable coming to learn about the King of Kings who can save them from their sins.