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As you are no doubt aware, some of us have been reading and discussing *Love Thy Body* by Nancy Pearcey on Sunday nights since September. Our final session will be this week at 6:30, and I would like to invite **everyone** to join us. To help encourage you to come, I'm giving the author one more chance to convince you of the importance of the issues we've been exploring.

"In every decision we make, we are affirming a worldview. We may think we are just acting on our feelings of the moment, but in reality we are expressing our convictions about the cosmos. Either we are expressing a biblical worldview or we are being co-opted by a secular worldview. The secular moral revolution is built on the conviction that nature has no moral meaning, and that we are inherently disconnected, autonomous atoms connecting only by choice. As Morse writes, (in *The Sexual Revolution Reconsidered*) 'We act as if we believe that we are alone in a meaningless and indifferent universe, as if we ourselves have no intrinsic value, that our sexual acts have no meaning apart from the meaning we assign them, that our sexual acts are simply the actions of mindless particles bumping into each other from no particular cause at all, and with no particular purpose in mind.'

Christianity offers a genuine alternative to an empty, pointless cosmos. It says that we are not alone, that the universe is meaningful, that we do have intrinsic value, that sexuality has its own purpose or *telos*, that human community is real, and that there is objective truth, goodness, and beauty. Most of all, we are not products of mindless chance but the creation of a loving Creator.

Each one of us was loved into existence, and we have the high calling of inviting others into the astonishingly rich experience of living in a cosmos centered in love."

We will begin this Sunday by briefly reviewing how we have allowed society to redefine abortion, marriage, gender, and parenthood. You really need to be here.

God Bless, Rick



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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship 127
 Offering \$5,204.92

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-5/5/19

Greeters	Beryl & Jamella Reese
Visitors' Stand	Bonnie Ruebush
Communion Meditation	Chris Luzio
	Kirk Polley
Ushers	Paul Hunley
	Scott Bales
	Rich Mann
	Brad Stirmell
	Jim Trimberger
	Bob Williamson
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Julie & Lily Divjak
Infants.....	Dixie Williamson
	Kileen Huber
	Reagan Formea
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Rhonda Luzio
Infants:.....	Vicki Small
	Kristin Polley



- Victims of the synagogue shooting.
- Tornado victims in Louisiana.
- Kileen Huber's brother in need of a job.
- Jack Stucki's mom in need of the Lord.

The Hidden Word

EZRA 9:9

"For we are slaves; yet in our bondage, our God has not forsaken us, but has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to raise up the house of our God, to restore its ruins and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem"



MAY SERVERS

5/12: Kirk Polley, Chris Luzio
 5/19 & 5/26: Jonathan Sperry, Chris Luzio

MAY PROJECTIONIST

Chris Luzio

MAY GREETERS

5/12 Rhonda Luzio
 5/19 Will & Sara Bartels
 5/26 Brad Stirmell

MAY VISITORS' STAND

5/12 Bob & Dixie Williamson
 5/19 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
 5/26 Judy Marlow

MAY NURSERY

Worship - 5/12

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg
 Carter Hunley
 Infants: Karen & Kaelyn Mann
 Nicole Moore

Sunday School

Infants: Jonathan & Jeni Sperry

Worship - 5/19

Toddlers: Vicki Small
 Cooper Formea
 Infants: Nikki Hunley
 Jeni & Kate Sperry

Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson
 Shannon Higgins

Worship - 5/26

Toddlers: Erica Blakley
 Jake Divjak
 Infants: Kristin Polley
 Elizabeth Wright
 Courtney Bales

Sunday School

Infants: Kelly Donaldson
 Kileen Huber



We have been invited to play in the 2019 Rochester Church Softball League. In the past, the League play has included eight to ten games per team on Sunday afternoons in late May, June, July and early August at the Rochester Park diamonds. Churches can put together an all male or co-ed team.

While I have really enjoyed our time together on the field, I will not be able to be our "coach" this year or commit to every game. So, if anyone in the congregation wants to try and organize a team, please let me know. Coaches are asked to attend a planning meeting this Sunday, May 5th, at Rochester First Baptist Church. The meeting is at 4:30pm and will last about an hour.



LSCA has been collecting 1 million pennies which translates to \$10,000 to put towards the need at Cypress Cove. Everyone is welcome to go see what 1 million pennies looks like this Sunday from 3:00-4:30. There will be smores, popcorn, music and some camp activities like canoeing will be available for your family to enjoy. Let's hope for a beautiful Spring day so we can get out of the house and enjoy God's wonderful creation.

Prek - 12th Grades

YOUTH GROUPS

Thinking back upon the year, I have really enjoyed my time on Sunday evenings with the kids. We have covered important topics like authority, identity, putting others before ourselves, prayer, the Bible, the resurrection and most recently interactions within the family. Over the past year we have worshiped together, prayed together, snacked together and played a lot of games together. It truly has been a great year.

With one session left before the finale on May 19th, it was determined by the kids that our topic for the evening will be to focus on ice cream. The younger kids will be having a little group party with some special cold treats and games while the older kids will be loading into the church van for a quick trip to Scoop Du Jour. Please bring a little money depending on what you intend to purchase.

Also, be thinking this week of a talent you would be willing to share with everyone to close out our Sunday evening finale on the 19th. We did this a couple years ago and it was a fun conclusion to the evening. It doesn't have to be a talent that you have perfected. It could be a hobby, something you are interested in, something that you are practicing or a weird skill that few people might have. We do need to have at least a handful of participants to pull it off, so please see me on Sunday if you would be willing to share something with everyone that evening.



We have been asked to supply two volunteers to help in the kitchen at LSCA on Monday, June 17th from 10:30-12:30pm. Please let me know if you can help!