



# Lynnhurst Ledger

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## AROUND LYNNHURST

### Sunday, April 21st Easter Sunday

**\*\*Worship Service 9:15 AM**  
\*Bringing the Cross to Life  
\*Easter Communion  
**Fellowship Time 10:30 AM**  
\*Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday School 11:00 AM**  
**Friends Church 1:30 PM**

**\*\*Service will start 15 minutes earlier than normal.**

### Monday, April 22nd

**PAL 2:30-5 PM**  
**Explorer Post 209 7:00 PM**

### Tuesday, April 23rd

**Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM**  
**Pastor's Office Hours 10 AM-2 PM**  
**PAL 2:30-5 PM**

### Wednesday, April 24rd

**PAL 2:30-5 PM**  
**Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM**  
**Chancel Choir Practice 7:00 PM**

### Thursday, April 25th

**PAL 2:30-5 PM**  
**Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 PM**

### Friday, April 26th

**Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12PM - 5:30PM**  
**PAL 2:30-5 PM**  
**Good Friday Service 7:00 PM**

### Saturday, April 27th

**Friends Church 3:00 PM**

### Sunday, April 28th

**Worship Service 9:30 AM**  
**Fellowship Time 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday School 11:00 AM**  
**Friends Church 1:30 PM**

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES April 19 - May 05

**Birthdays**  
04/25 Roland Richmond  
05/02 Patti Hurley  
05/03 Chuck Shannon  
05/04 Tim Wallen

**Anniversaries**  
04/26 John & Kelly Cason (22 Years)

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*The* Easter cross is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Easter cross represents God's amazing love for Jesus, for God's people and for you. It represents God's wondrous mercy and forgiveness that surrounds you and leads you into new life. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

On Easter the tomb is empty for Jesus Christ rose from the dead. We find Jesus in the upper room on Easter evening blessings you with the words, "Peace be with you!" We still find Jesus at the table when we break bread together. We find Jesus among us when we worship as a faith community. We find Jesus in our homes when we cry out in pain and suffering. We find Jesus in our homes when we tell the gospel story to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We find Jesus in the classroom when we share Bible stories. We find Jesus when we sing spiritual songs and hymns. We find Jesus when we care for someone in need, someone who is hurting, someone who is grieving. We find Jesus in our hearts when we pray. We find Jesus when we share the good news with people who do not know Jesus Christ. We find Jesus in our hearts when we are facing the end of our life. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Jesus is with you when you travel to work, school, the grocery store, the doctor's office, the YUM! Center, a basketball game, South Louisville Community Ministries, and to church. Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there when you walk outside at a beautiful spring day Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there when two or more people are gathered in his name. Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there when you are feeling lonely or depressed. Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there when you gather at the table for a family meal. Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there when your knee or your back or your neck hurts. Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there when you are worried and when you are happy. Look for him, he is there. Jesus is there in your home, your workplace, at the marketplace and everywhere you are. Jesus is there in your heart when you praise God! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Hear the good news: Christ is risen! And his living presence is within and among us today! May God in Jesus Christ bless you this Easter season! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Blessings on the journey,

*Pastor Monica*

## SUNDAY, MAY 5TH - WEAR YOUR DERBY HATS!



Pastor Monica is new to the Bluegrass State and wants you to show her what the Kentucky Derby is all about. She is asking **everyone**, women and men, to wear your finest and favorite Derby hats to church on **Sunday, May 5th**. Whether it be the traditional, fancy hats of the grand stands or the zany, handmade creations of the infield, wear your hats to church and show it off!

The shops are full of choices for women's Derby hats, so have fun with choosing the style and color that suits you. The experts are divided on which comes first, the dress or the hat.

Fellas, are you unsure of what hat you should wear? The Kentucky Derby website states "Top it all off with a fedora or bowler hat for the complete Kentucky Derby look. Men's Derby hats are generally solid in color and inspired by the style from the 1920s." Page boy/ "Newsie" hats and straw hats are also traditional options for men's Derby attire.

Don't like any of traditional choices? Make your own fun and festive head gear!



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## EMAIL LIST

There will be a sign-up sheet at the front of the sanctuary. Please add your name and email address to the list if you would like to receive prayer request emails.

### Joyous Singers

*Directed by Anita Mowery*  
present

#### A Choral Collage

**Tuesday, April 23rd at  
2:00 PM**

Christ Lutheran Church  
9212 Taylorsville Rd 40299

**Saturday, May 11th at  
2:00 PM**

Springdale Presbyterian  
Church  
7812 Brownsboro Rd 40241

Concerts are Free and Open  
to the Public!

### Fellowship Time Hosts/Hostesses

#### APRIL

07 **Compton**

14 **Tiitsman**

21 **Easter Sunday**

28 **Whalin**

#### MAY

05 **Shannon**

12 **OPEN**

19 **OPEN**

26 **OPEN**

### Scripture Readers

LOOK FOR AN EMAIL ON  
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY  
OF THE WEEK YOU ARE  
SCHEDULED

#### APRIL

07 **WHALIN**

14 **PASSION SUNDAY**

21 **CROSBY**

28 **ENTRICAN**

# ALINOTI - A PAL YOUTH CENTER STORY

This is the story of Alinoti, a student at Iroquois, and a PAL Center youth. He is from the Congo, where he grew up in a refugee camp. His family came to Louisville in September 2015. He is one of 8 brothers and sisters, ranging from 22 years to 6 months.

When his family arrived, they knew no English and had no support or resources. One of his family's first real challenges was navigating the TARC system, while knowing and understanding little English.

It's trials, like navigating the TARC system, that have helped to guide Alinoti to want to help others in similar situations. He dreams of returning to his birthplace in Africa to share his story and to help other people like him.

When we met Alinoti, he was a very shy young man. We tried explaining to him about PAL - and what the letters stood for -- "Powerful Arriving Leaders." He went home that night and Googled the words, and this is what he found:

**Powerful** - something that is on a high level

**Arriving** - to become

**Leader** - he knew what that meant

He wanted to learn to become a leader. He felt he could be a leader. He said, "This looks like me." And now, he feels like a leader. PAL has been able to show him that.

His family has even noticed a positive change in him, and he is able to bring what he learns home, sharing stories of advocacy, health and wellness, and healthy relationships. He shares this over family dinners each night.

When I asked why he comes to PAL, his face lit up. Because of the opportunities he has been granted since joining us last year. At first, he was nervous and needed to think about it. He didn't know the language and so it was a little boring for him because he couldn't understand what was going on and what everyone was saying. But as time passed, he understood more - because PAL gave him the chance to meet new people.

Iroquois, as most multi-cultural schools do, has a Newcomer Academy where immigrant and refugee students are grouped together. attending classes and lunches together. They have few opportunities to meet other people outside of their cultures. They stay with what they know and are comfortable with.

PAL was different. It gave him the chance to meet others. New, interesting people he could learn from. He told me he learns a lot from meeting others, and about how we can all live together.

PAL has broadened his horizons. He has been able to engage in new initiatives he wouldn't otherwise have known about. PAL sponsored his attendance at PEACE

Education "Peer Mediation" training and "Conflict Resolution" training. Now Alinoti is a Peer Mediator at Iroquois.

Through a partnership with the Kent School of Social Work, we have been able to pilot a trauma impacted support group specifically for youth refugees in Louisville. A therapist, assisted by Social Work students trained in Cognitive Behavioral Intensive Therapy, comes to the PAL Center weekly and holds group meetings for the PAL Refugee students. Here they can safely share about their experiences growing up in camps, arriving in a foreign land and starting over with very little. They journal, talk and learn coping strategies they can utilize and share with their friends and families.

It's because of these opportunities that he has found his confidence and his voice. He wants to help others in similar situations. By meeting and talking with others, he has learned he is not alone. It's that feeling he wants to share with others. He said he now has the confidence to talk to "a million people" - to share his story of hope and inspiration, to help new refugees adjust to living in Louisville, something that he did not have a lot of help with.

During his time at Iroquois, Alinoti won the "Who's Who" award. The "Who's Who" is a prestigious award in which you have to be nominated by 2 separate teachers and have several letters of recommendations from outside organizations and individuals, along with maintaining a 3.0 GPA and good behavior.

Alinoti is an earner for their family, helping pay the bills and rent. He goes to school each day, then to PAL, then to work. At the PAL center, he received assistance filling out a job application at eBay (in Fern Valley). He got the job and worked for almost a year, 3rd shift, while still in school and summer school. During the summer, he worked 2 jobs.

It has been awesome to watch Alinoti at the Center, growing from a smiling shy boy to the young man he is today. He is eager to learn and speak up and get out of his comfort zone to help others who have been in his shoes.

Here at the PAL Center, we are blessed with the opportunity to see kids have a place to go where they can be kids. These kids come from all over Louisville and the world. Watching them all team up together to play dodgeball, cook together, or talk about their lives...it is a priceless opportunity for us as well as them.

~Tomy Baker