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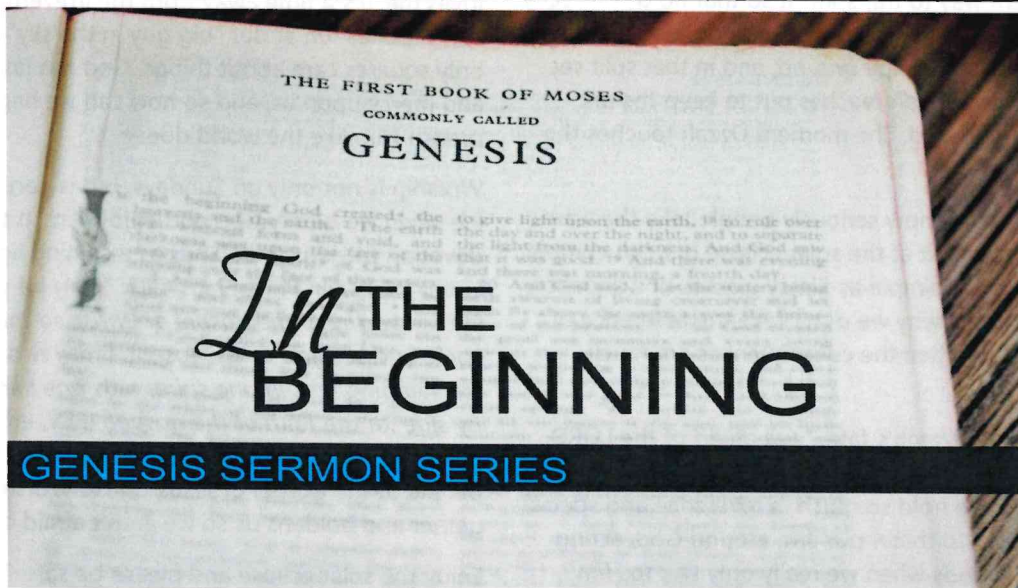
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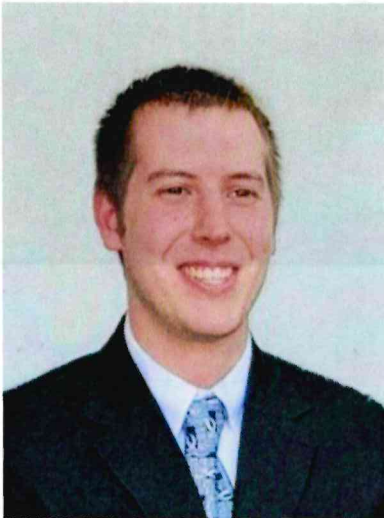
ANNOUNCING this year's Summer Youth Camp!
Sunday, June 30th to Wednesday, July 3rd

This overnight camp is open to those children who have completed 3rd through 6th grade.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
See inside for additional details.



Join us for worship every Sunday!
8:30am - Traditional Worship (childcare provided)
11:00am—Contemporary Worship (childcare provided)
9:45am—Sunday School & Adult Education



Big Deal

Not until a few weeks ago did I realize how much people are fascinated by solar eclipses! I didn't think it was a big deal at first: didn't we have one back in 2017? According to NASA, Buffalo (and my hometown of Greenville) are in the "path of totality" (which sounds very ominous) this year, meaning we will get to see the

total solar eclipse in all its glory.

For this momentous event, some stores are closing, even for just 30 minutes! You can go to the library and pick up special glasses so you don't hurt your eyes when watching it. It's a strange event to be able to bring so many people together to talk about this eclipse!

It reminds me of the Israelites' response when they brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 6. 30,000 men went with King David to carry the ark. What made the ark special? It was shaped like a box, but was seen as the throne of God. It was to be carried on poles: a reverent way to transport it so that no one directly touched it. When David decides to set it on a cart, he was disobeying. They hit bumpy ground, and in that split second, a man named Uzzah reaches out to keep the ark from hitting the ground. The moment Uzzah touches the ark, he is struck dead.

It's fascinating to see how seriously people take the warning not to directly look at the solar eclipse but can combat it with something as simple as flimsy glasses or a shoebox. It makes me wonder why we don't take the reverence of God this seriously, when the consequences are much greater.

David, after seeing Uzzah's fate, "was afraid of the LORD that day and he said, 'How can the ark of the Lord come to me?'" (v.9, ESV). We hold so much in reverence and special care, but we seem to throw our arm around God, acting like we're best friends when we really only talk to Him once a week. When even King David questions his worthiness, that should get us thinking.

After waiting some time and regaining his confidence, David continues the procession. However, this time he does so correctly. He even goes so far as to offer a sacrifice every six steps! We need to carefully consider how we

worship God. Are we doing so reverently, or are we approaching him haphazardly? We cannot put God on a cart and call it a day. I love one church's motto that worship is to be "done with excellence." Do we, personally and collectively, pursue worship done with excellence? Our worship both reflects our unworthiness and God's graciousness.

As David approaches the city, we read, "David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn" (v.15, ESV). The whole city rejoiced together at the thought of the throne of God being brought back to its proper place. We read prior to this verse, David "danced before the LORD with all his might" (v.14). He didn't worry about shame or embarrassing himself as his wife felt (v.16). Our love and joy in the LORD should be overwhelming. We can't contain it! Our worship should not be distracting to people to where the focus is no longer on God, but we should also not be afraid to publicly declare our love and devotion to God, especially in the presence of other believers.

We have such an amazing God, and I cherish Sundays because they're a time when we gather together and share a time to be in awe together. It's not just that I learn something new every time I hear Pastor Kelly preach, but I also find from his preaching a renewed passion for the Lord who loves me. It's a time away from the irreverence of the world which pokes fun at our "big guy in the sky" and thinks that only squares care about things. God has lavished His grace and mercy upon us, and so how can we haphazardly approach Him like the world does?

Worship is not only on Sundays, but is part of our everyday life when we glorify God and enjoy Him. It testifies to our devotion to Him, and stands as a shining light to others. Listen to Paul in Philippians 1:27: "Only let your manner of life be *worthy of the gospel of Christ*, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm *in one spirit*, with *one mind striving side by side* for the *faith of the gospel*" (ESV, emphasis mine). Our lives should demonstrate how we view God and points people to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Worship is done together and boldens us so we aren't afraid of anyone.

Enjoy the solar eclipse and please be safe. The next total solar eclipse will be in 20 years: August 23, 2044. It truly is spectacular and not something to miss. At the same time, remember that our God has established things like the solar eclipse to testify to His magnificence. When we approach Him, understand the true weight and amazement of being able to be with our Lord and Savior, and let's not do it with a shoebox or 3-D glasses made of cardboard.

Prayer Gathering - Monday, April 8th

Come and pray silently or aloud, but join with fellow believers in praise, thanksgiving, confession and petition. 1:00pm in the Church Library

Women's Evening Bible Study - The Gospel of Mark (Part 3)

Thursdays in April - April 4th & April 18th at 7:00pm

New Adult Sunday School class

Lancaster Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce a new adult Sunday School class for differently abled young men: Mighty Warriors. The class will be taught by Elder, Sharon Miller, who has extensive experience personally and professionally with special needs individuals. The first class will be Sunday, March 17th and continue April 21 and May 19 during the Adult Education hour. The class will be meeting on the first floor (the room at the opposite end of the hall from the library). Sharon teaches the first Sunday each month on evangelism in the Adult Education hour. All are invited to attend and bring a friend!

Proverbs 2:6, "For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Adult Education Class – every Sunday at 9:45am

The Adult Sunday School class is studying a new lesson series by Dr. Derek Thomas. This series will look at the lives of those individuals from both the Old and New Testament who trusted God in difficult circumstances – often from the prison cell. This class, led by Kevin Selkregg, will have discussions focused around the feature video by Dr. Thomas.

From Genesis to Revelation, there is no shortage of God's people who have found themselves imprisoned.

They have been thrown into dark dungeons, locked behind closed doors, and exiled to remote lands. For each one of these people, there are lessons to be learned that can be applied to any trying circumstance. Dr. Derek Thomas journeys through the whole of Scripture to draw out these lessons to strengthen our faith in whatever circumstances we might find ourselves. The AE committee invites all congregants to join us in this important series to be held in Waith Hall at 9:45.

Sunday, April 7th - Imprisoned: God's Reassurance through John the Baptist

Sunday, April 14th - Imprisoned: God's Boldness to Peter & John

Sunday, April 21st - God's Salvation Through Paul & Silas

Sunday, April 28th - Imprisoned: God's Assurance & Paul's Final Imprisonment

Sunday, May 5th - Imprisoned: God's vision to John on Patmos

Sunday, May 12th - John MacArthur Ligonier Message

Sunday, May 19th - Study Your Bible/Devotions Ideas/Types of Bibles/Bible Resources

Sunday, May 26th - Study Your Bible/Devotions Ideas/Types of Bibles/Bible Resources

Sunday, June 2nd - American Gospel

Sunday, June 9th - Meet Your Elders/Pastors

LPC women are invited to come to the Olive Tree restaurant for a "dutch treat" breakfast at 8:30 A.M. on the third Friday of each month. All are welcome and no reservations are needed. Our next get-together will be April 19. If you would like to be added to the reminder email, contact gjchaves2@gmail.com.

LPC Short-Term Mission Trip to Albertville, Alabama

July 13 - 20, 2024

Grace Fellowship Church in Albertville, Alabama

LPC is planning a Mission Trip to Grace Fellowship Church in Albertville, Alabama to help reach out to a multi-ethnic community through a Vacation Bible School put together by Grace Fellowship. We will be flying from Buffalo to Birmingham, Alabama. More details to come!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our high school & young adults. If you have any other questions or would like to express interest please see Pastor Will or email him at will@l-p-c.org.

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 2, 2024

12:00 noon in front of the Lancaster Town Hall

7:30 PM at Lancaster Presbyterian Church

Our nation has strayed far from the day when John Adams, second president of the United States, said, "The Christian religion is, above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity and humanity." Sometimes it seems that we in an Evangelical Church in the United States of America are estranged from the worldviews of our neighbors and co-workers. There is more and more antagonism towards Christianity. This shouldn't surprise us (Jesus said, "If they hated Me, they will hate you.") but it does, because until recently Christianity was respected by a large segment of our nation's people and government. Today we are finding ourselves viewed more like Christians have been treated throughout history.

Our recent Sunday School classes have highlighted just a few of the persons in the Bible who suffered for their faith: Joseph, Elijah, Jeremiah, Daniel. The prophets were mocked and mistreated for their lonely stand for truth. Stephen and the apostles were martyred for their faith. Early Christians were martyred in horrific ways. During the Reformation, faithful servants of God were hunted down and martyred for not adhering to the edicts of a false church. Today, believers around the world are killed and imprisoned for their faith. So we in this country should not be surprised that we see a changing tide in our nation. Satan is always at work attempting to destroy God's Church. "He is a liar and a murderer," Jesus said, and a deceiver of many. God has always saved His remnant throughout the ages, and He calls us to be faithful no matter the dangers.

All of this to say that we have an opportunity to boldly stand up for truth on Thursday May 2, The National Day of Prayer. For many years, Lancaster Presbyterian Church has taken the lead in organizing this event, and this year we will again stand for our faith in the public square.

A community gathering of local congregations will meet in front of the Lancaster Town Hall, 21 Central Avenue, at noon on May 2. Pastor Kelly will lead us in song and prayer. Please make every effort to come. If you are at work and unable to be in attendance, there will also be a National Day of Prayer service at 7:30 in the evening at Lancaster Presbyterian Church.

Do you have friends who are concerned about the direction of our nation? Bring them to either or both of these prayer opportunities. Don't stay home. Come and stand with fellow Christians in solidarity against the schemes of the devil who wants to censor the Gospel message and silence Christians. Let's stand faithfully with those who have gone before us and who are rejoicing in heaven.

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TRADITIONAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE
FOR STUDENTS FINISHING 3RD-6TH GRADES

June 30th at 10am - July 3rd at 10am, 2024
CAMP DUFFIELD, DELEVAN, NY

REGISTER BY 5/1/2024



More information at l-p-c.org/ministries/summer-camp

First Time at Duffield?

HERE'S SOME INFORMATION!

- LPC has upheld this summer camp tradition for over 50 years! Due to the school calendar and the timing of 4th of July, this year's camp is shorter than usual. We still plan to include all of our favorite activities!
- Campers sleep in cabins with bunk beds, supervised by counselors (who are 18+).
- Camp Duffield's pond is a great place cool off on hot days! A certified lifeguard is always on duty.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are homemade meals served family-style in the dining hall.
- Campers are encouraged to bring a friend!
- The focus of camp is having fun and learning about Jesus! This year's theme is "Firmly Planted," and we'll be talking about how we can be rooted in the truth.
- \$100 registration fee helps cover the cost of food and camp rental.
- At check-in, families are welcome to help their camper settle in to their bunk and meet counselors & other campers.





Pizza Dinner at 5:30pm

Come for a pizza dinner with the whole family! Just \$1 per slice of pizza.

Mini Youth Group (PreK 4 year olds - 2nd grade) A special youth group for our little ones that include activities, games, coloring, stories and singing!

****6:00pm to 7:00pm, meeting in room 114****

Kids Youth Group (grades 3-6)

Kids Youth Group takes place every Wednesday at the Potters House during our Family Night programming!

****Drop off at 6:00pm, pick up at 7:30pm.****

Wednesday Night Adult Group 6:15 -7:00pm

Discussion time with the pastor and his wife on topics ranging from the Bible to parenting to why we believe. Open to all. Come with your questions and to make new friends.

NO Family Night - Wednesday, April 3rd

**Junior & Senior High Youth Group
at Lancaster Presbyterian Church**

****Gatherings will be on the following
Saturdays from 5:30pm to 8:00pm****

January 13, January 27, February 10, February 24, March 9,
March 23, April 13, April 27 (May dates TBD)

**Gatherings include: cooking & eating dinner together
followed by Bible discussion & games!**

COMPASSCARE WALK FOR LIFE

ERASING THE NEED FOR ABORTION

Saturday May 4: WALK FOR LIFE Save the Date and JOIN US

PARTICIPATE EITHER AS A WALKER OR AS A FAMILY AND OR AS A FUNDRAISER OR PRAYER WARRIOR...YOUR CHOICE!

Logistics

- 9 AM - 10 AM REGISTRATION SIGN IN, coffee, donuts, fruit, OJ
- 9:30 AM to 10 AM speaker(s) and or video(s), testimonials and information
- 10 AM to 11 AM actual walk
- 11 AM to Noon Lunch, drinks and fellowship time

Policy for Walk

People must sign in and register at LPC to participate

- Only supplied signs can be used
- Walk is to be a prayful, peaceful, and loving outreach

Participate by: Prayer....Giving financially....Attending event at LPC....Walking....Volunteer see Pat or Frank Gerber

What is the In-Person Walk? Publicly, lovingly, peacefully express your pro-life convictions by joining us on this family friendly walk. It's CompassCare's primary fundraiser. It costs \$570 to serve 1 woman from the initial visit thru 12 months of follow up and support.

How do I sign up or who do I ask if I have questions?

Contact the Gerber's, home ph 716-668-2670. Please leave a message if we do not answer and we will get back to you. Or register on-line by typing compasscarewalk.com into Google, select Join a Walk, Join a walk team, Join LPC and then register.

How do I donate? (optional)

The CompassCare Pledge Raising hardcopy handout IF you're planning to seek pledges for the walk and record in writing.

Checks can be given directly to the Gerber's made out to CompassCare.

Online type compasscarewalk.com into Google, select 2024 Walk for Life Weekend, clic on Give and follow the easy instructions (do accept charge). Here you can credit your gift to a specific walker and or our Lancaster Presbyterian Church team(called LPC). This is a secure website.

About CompassCare

CompassCare is a Christ centered organization dedicated to erasing the need for abortion by transforming a woman's fear into confidence. All services are free. Women primarily get abortions because they feel alone and unsupported. They feel trapped by their circumstances and relationships into a decision they wouldn't otherwise make. CompassCare erases the need for abortion one woman and one baby at a time by providing three key medical services of 1) Unplanned Pregnancy Decision Care 2) STD testing and treatment and 3) Abortion Pill reversal. They serve women with compassionate, nonjudgmental, and ethical medical care, comprehensive community support, and an invitation to submit their lives to Jesus Christ.

It is the first Christian organization educating people about abortion's risks and side effects.

It is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization approved by the ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).

NY is the abortion capital of America with the most abortions per capita.

NY has the most permissive abortion laws in the world after China and North Korea.

6 weeks



7 1/2 weeks



10 weeks



Prayer Page

Pray for the pastors: Lord, let our pastors have a discerning mind to prioritize the precious minutes in the day. Let our pastors discern what is most important and be guarded against tyranny of the urgent (2 Corinthians 11:14, 1 John 4:1)

The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.155

Praying for LPC ministries:

Session: The KAP prayer is to be prayer asking for the Lord's blessing upon and His help with the work of Session. Session this month wishes to offer the following KAP prayer requests regarding staff and the Music Ministry:

- Please pray for a new Music Director.
- Please pray for Pastors and their health concerns.
- Please pray for future decisions in ministries at LPC.

Deacons: Dear Lord, Please help us to keep our roots shallow in this world and deep in You; that we may not be so content in this world that we do not desire You more. We will have trials, as You told us; yet we have the promise, the truth, that we will have a precious eternity with You. Thank you in Jesus's all sufficient Name, Amen.

Prayer for our country: Lord God of Hosts, we Your people bow before You in repentance for the sins of our nation and seek Your mercy. Keep us bold and faithful to Your word. We ask for Your revival in our nation, but we accept Your will, knowing that You are always carrying out Your plans. During this presidential election season, the true attitudes of people seem to be on display, and we ask that You will give us wisdom to see this and to vote wisely, not just for candidates, but for what they and their political party stand for. Help us to identify candidates whose beliefs conform to Your word concerning life and marriage and purity. And most importantly, remind us to pray fervently for truth and light to come to the United States of America.

Prayer for our World: Heavenly Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit, please protect and encourage Your church in Bangladesh. You have Your faithful servants in this dangerous place. Give them joy and peace and hope as they continue to trust and worship You. Bring light and life to those who persecute because they have been deceived into false religion and belief in a false God. Provide fellowship for believers and safe places to worship. Shield them from attackers and provide them with Your word either digitally or in printed Bibles. Thank You that many people in Bangladesh are learning about the truth of Jesus through media outreaches.

Praying for our family

Joyce Klaasesz
Sandi Tadusz
Bill Stortz
Marsha Haas
Ann Gordon
Judy Kish
Carol Koch
Violet Chaves
Barb Benzinger
Rob Herget
Maureen O'Connor
Sandy Wiepert
Judy Cavanaugh
Beth Kroecker
Ron Stasiowski
Judy Martin
Don Flaig
Bob Foley

Home Members

Don Metzger
Norma English
Lois Marks

LPC's Military

Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II
Laurel Foss
Dan Pulley
David Boncore

LPC Prayer Ministry:

If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer email list please contact the church office by email (office@l-p-c.org) or call Marie in the church office at 684-2277.



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Purpose:

For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.

Core Values:

We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.

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Worship with us every Sunday

Traditional Worship @ 8:30am

Contemporary Worship @ 11:00am

Childcare provided at both services.

LIVESTREAM available (8:30am service only) on our LPC You Tube channel & Facebook page.

Sunday School & Adult Education classes @ 9:45am

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**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1 (NASB)**