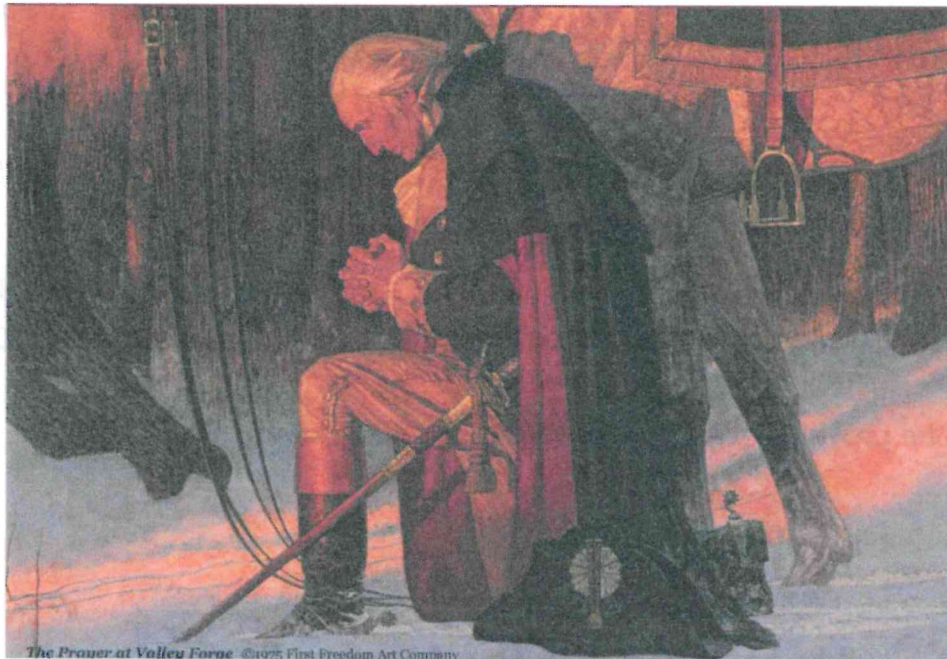


The Grapevine

May 2026



GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS **National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7th**



"On Thursday, May 7, 2026 we will observe the **75th Annual National Day of Prayer**, arriving in the same season that America commemorates the **250th anniversary of our nation's birth**. This convergence is not accidental, it's providential. We believe it is a sacred invitation from God. A moment calling His people to humility, repentance, and a renewed dependence on Him." ~National Day of Prayer Task Force

This year's theme: "**Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations**". Scripture calls us to "*Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.*" (1 Chronicles 16:24, NASB)

LPC offers two opportunities to participate in the National Day of Prayer:

1. Gathering in front of Lancaster Town Hall - 12:00pm
2. Evening Service - 7:30pm

Let's unite in prayer for our country. We encourage you to participate with your family and friends as we pray for the Church, for the Family, for Education, Business/Workplace, the Military, for our leaders in Government, and for Arts, Media and Entertainment.

Appreciation Celebration for Pastor Kelly

Sunday, May 3rd @ 12:00pm in Waith Fellowship Hall

Ice Cream Social and Celebration for Pastor Kelly and

his ministry at Lancaster Presbyterian Church

for the past 20 years.

A special box will be present at the celebration for cards, thank you notes, etc for the Negus family.

Spring Clean Up at the Negus Home - Saturday, May 9th 10:00am to 1:00pm

As part of our Pastor Appreciation Month, our children & youth will be serving through a spring clean up project at the Negus home. If you are planning to attend, please bring work gloves and rakes.

A simple lunch will be provided. We look forward to this time together!

Meal Train for the Negus Family

A Meal Train has been set up for the Negus family to help them during this time. If you would like to provide a meal for the family, use the link below for all details. If you have any questions please contact the church office (716-684-2277 or office@L-P-C.org).

<https://mealtrain.com/r0gv9l>

An update from Session:

Session has made the decision to proceed with EPC's recommended Transitional Program, thus LPC can expect to have a "Transitional Pastor" in a few months. Session expects to receive information on candidates in about a month. The Transitional Pastor candidates are all trained to lead congregations through this process.

The Transitional Process involves establishing a Vision Team, assessment of the LPC congregation, looking at LPC's history, alignment of vision, alignment of strategy, alignment of the structure, alignment of the congregation. The Senior Pastor Search committee will be established about midway through the process, assuming all goes as planned.

As always, the Board of Session welcomes questions. Please feel free to reach out to any Elder or you can submit questions to Marie Babcock through the LPC office.

God is Faithful!

Praise God for His faithfulness!

Bill Stortz, Clerk of Session

Current active elders:

Larry Cornwall	Kevin Selkregg	Mike Eaton
Jack Manley	Nate Flateau	Dave Young
Gary Meindl	Bill Stortz	Ed Carlsen
Rudy Bucci	Jimmie Jackson	

Library News

While updating our card catalog we realized the following books and DVDs are missing. Please check your shelves and see if you may have any of the following titles.

Books – Adult *A Voice in the Wind (Book 1)* by Francine Rivers; *Presbyterians – A Spiritual Journey* by Dirk Wierenga; *The Same Sex Controversy* by James R. White

Books – Children and Youth *Stories Jesus Told* by Nick Butterworth; *The Innkeeper's Daughter* by Carol Green; *Stuck in the Sky (Book 1) & Opportunity Knocks (Book 3)* by Lisa Halls Johnson; *Flip Flop (Book 2), Less is More (Book 3), Dating Do-over (Book 4)*

DVDs (#50) *Evan Almighty*; (#103) *Gifted Hands – Story of Ben Carson*; (#125) *God's Not Dead*; (#129) *Louis Zanperini – Captured by Grace*; (#130) *Do You Believe – Experience the Power of the Cross*; (#135) *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*; (#187) *Reformed Basics*; (#193) *R.C. Sproul – Teaching Collection*

Prayer Gathering—Monday, May 11th @ 1:00pm in the Church Library

Worship with us every Sunday!

9:30AM

Sunday Sermon Series

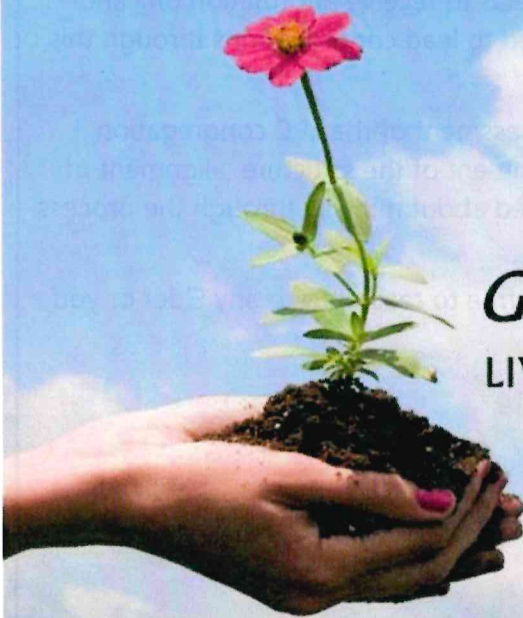
God Sees Our Hearts - 1 Samuel

LIVESTREAM available on our LPC YouTube channel.

Childcare provided.

Sunday School & Adult Education @ 10:45am

www.L-P-C.org



Child Care - Summer 2026

- We are looking for 2 adults & 1 teenage helper each Sunday throughout the summer.
- If you are able to help with this special ministry please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table outside the sanctuary.

A special thank you to all who volunteer their time during our worship services!

Mighty Warriors Class

meeting on the following Sunday mornings at 10:45am

May 10, May 24

God is ALWAYS good! Come to class and learn how to have a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.

A sign with the text "Music Sunday Sing TO THE Lord!" in a mix of cursive and bold fonts. Below the sign, the top of a piano keyboard is visible.

Music Sunday 2026

Sunday, May 17th @ 9:30am

Join us for our Music Sunday worship service as we will be blessed to hear from the LPC Musical Groups - Adult Bells, Cherub Choir, Chancel Choir & Worship Team
Our theme this year: *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series - Saturday, May 16th

Discerning the real Jesus from the counterfeits: Lessons from the Gospel of John

Time: 10-11:30am
What to bring: A friend
Cost: a donation of \$13 for brunch if able

Sign up by calling the church office.

SAVE THE DATE - Church Picnic!

**Sunday, August 2nd at the Como Park Gazebo Shelter,
following our Sunday Worship Service**

More details to come.

LPC is looking for **2 or more** volunteers to serve Christ by leading and coordinating.

First is the need for a person to coordinate and lead the "Shoe Box Ministry" at LPC prior to the Christmas season.

Second is the need for a person to coordinate the "Walk for Life" at LPC, through Compass Care Ministries. This would be for 2027 and beyond as it is likely too late for the 2026 walk-for-life event.

Training is available for both needs.

Please, anyone who is willing to serve God in one of these ways, should contact me or Marie Babcock.

Remembering God's faithfulness!

Bill Stortz, Clerk of Session at LPC

Wednesday Family Night: Awana Clubs



Awana Clubs at LPC for:

- **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK)
- **Sparks** (K–2nd)
- **T&T** (3rd–6th).

<https://lancaster-presbyterian-church-505410.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3066277>

Last day of Awana Clubs for the school year - Wednesday, May 20th.

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)

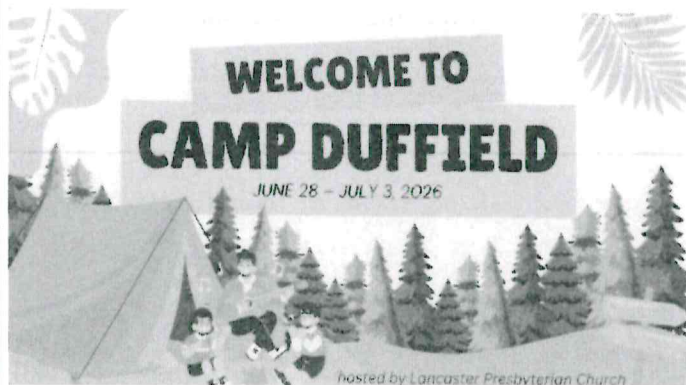
Join the **GroupMe** to stay in the loop!



Saturday, May 9 - Service Project As part of LPC's Pastor Appreciation Month, we will be doing some spring cleaning at the Negus home. Lunch will be provided. (10am to 1pm) *Address available in the GroupMe.* Bring work gloves and rakes!

Saturday, June 6 - Summer Kick-Off! Beginning of summer cookout and pool party at the Carlsen's! (5:30pm to 7:30pm) *Address available in GroupMe*

Contact Raffi Wright, LPC Youth & Music Director with questions (raffi@L-P-C.org).



ANNOUNCING Camp Duffield 2026!

We are excited for another year at Camp Duffield, running Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 PM through Friday, July 3 at 10:00 AM. This year's camp is open to students completing grades 3–6, with Outpost available for those finishing grades 7–8.

Space is limited and fills quickly, especially for Outpost.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Visit <https://l-p-c.org/ministries/summer-camp/> for all registration details and to register your child online. *Registration will close on June 1.*

We are looking forward to a wonderful week together at camp! Please join us in praying for the youth and staff as we ask the Lord to meet us in a powerful way at Duffield this year.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Prayer Page

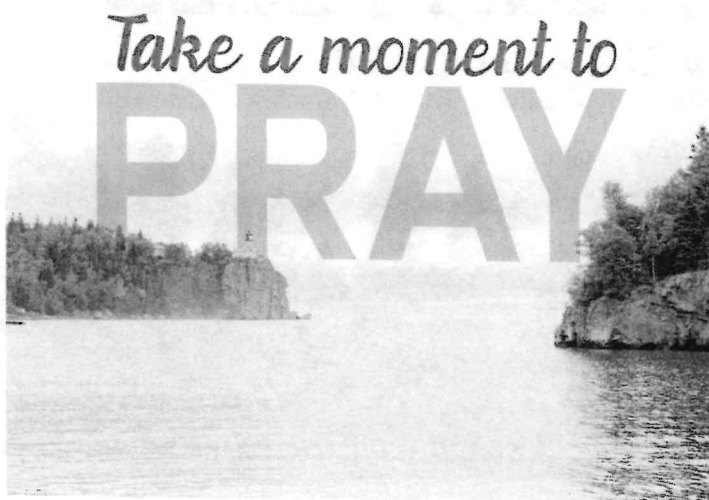
Pray for the pastor: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, we come before you to lift up Pastor Kelly. We ask that You lay Your healing hands on him, relieving his pain and restoring his body to full strength. Guide the doctors and medical team, giving them wisdom to find the right levels to treat the Parkinsons. We pray for peace and comfort for the Negus family. May this trial bring glory to Your name and allow Pastor Kelly to be strengthened by Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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:

- Please pray for the upcoming transitional process as LPC and a "Transitional Pastor" examines our strengths, weaknesses, vision, spiritual analysis, gifts, passions, programs etc.
- Please pray for the "Transitional Pastor" whoever he is.
- Please pray for unity at LPC as we strive to improve as we serve the Lord.

Deacons: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, We thank you Lord for your gift of Love, thank you for bringing us together this evening, bless this meeting tonight, all those present as well as the lives of those we seek to serve. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and the members of our congregation. Lord guide our efforts; help us to carry out each task ahead with love, humility, and the spirit of service. Lord lead us in all we do to further your kingdom.
In Jesus name we pray - AMEN



Praying for our family

Pastor Kelly
KC Carlsen
Lisa Dunbar
Jeremy Miller
Dianne Perry
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Paul & Carol Welker
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

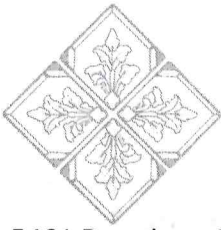
Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

LPC's Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

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 716-684-2277.



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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.

Address Service Requested



See inside for details about this year's Summer Youth Camp at Camp Duffield!!