

The Grapevine

February 2026



LPC JR +
SR HIGH

Winter Retreat

The Jesus
Way

FEBRUARY 27
-
MARCH 1

A FULL WEEKEND OF
WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD,
AND FUN AT CAMP DUFFIELD!
REGISTER ONLINE

QUESTIONS? RAFFI@L-P-C.ORG

HEY TEENS!

Enjoy a weekend of winter fun with your friends!

This will be a full weekend of worship, fellowship, food and fun
at Camp Duffield!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Be sure to register now to secure your spot!

<https://l-p-c.org/events/junior-senior-high-winter-retreat/>



Thank You!

You all have been so caring and thoughtful to me and to my family, providing dinners and desserts, cards, candies, gifts and flowers, inquiring after our well-being and my progress in recovery. I will never forget the great gathering in prayer you staged for us right before the onboarding of the subcutaneous dopamine infusion pump. No pastor's family could ever ask for more. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are thrice blessed.

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Please keep us in your prayers. The levels have not yet equalized in my system. It's not so much that I'm "on again—off again". I wish! It would be nice to be **on** now and again. Instead, it seems I'm always out of kilter.

The *juice* and the *spark* that enable healthy function of a normal brain with all its systems— muscles, nerves, reflexes, connective tissue— just aren't there yet. Accordingly, I never seem to be able to catch my breath, swing my stride, swallow my coffee, type, study or string my thoughts together coherently. I am able to sleep well, and for this gift I am truly thankful. In sleep I have the benefit of escape from all of the harsh waking realities. In waking I am many times in an out of deep wells and bottomless pits when my neural dysfunction seizes my muscles and nerves, and rattles my bones like a Rottweiler playing shake-a—shake-a with a GI Joe doll. Even when I can't catch my breath, I still know the Lord's presence and I praise him. "*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being*" (Psalm 104:33).

Dear friends put us in touch with some new friends who are about 9 months ahead of us on this path. What a blessing! They have shared with us that the medical team was a while getting his levels sorted but when equilibrium righted the ship it was all well worth it. I pray our Lord to steady the ship for me.

Thank you for your love and your prayers. He loves me best who loves me in his prayers (JC Ryle, Anglican Bishop, 1816-1900, one of my favorites for pastoral wisdom). Keep on keeping on, beloved. I love you all! Pastor Kelly

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, please click 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>

Annual Congregational & Corporate Meeting Official Call to a Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 15, 2026 @ 12:00pm

The members of Lancaster Presbyterian Church are hereby called to the Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Lancaster Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek which will be held Sunday, February 15, 2026 in the sanctuary at 12:00PM for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report of 2025 and any other business that properly comes before the meeting.

The Elders wish to provide thoughtful and complete answers to any questions, therefore, the Elders request that all questions be submitted by February 12th. Questions may be submitted to the Church office email [office@l-p-c.org].

Soup Sunday Luncheon - Sunday, February 15th

All are invited to this FREE soup luncheon, no RSVP needed! Invite your family, friends & neighbors! If you would like to help and provide soup, bread or dessert, please sign up on the sheet on the Information Table. *Please note the luncheon will take place following our Annual Congregational Meeting at 12:00pm.*

Winter Sewing Club Two Week Project!

HEY TEENS! Our Winter Sewing Club is back! Join us for 2 Saturdays to complete the project!

Saturday, January 31st & Saturday, February 7th: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Email the church office to sign up to attend (all materials will be provided).

Bring a friend and come make a project together! (Open to 7th through 12th graders)

Thank You all for sharing the Hats and Mittens from the Church's Mitten Tree Drive. The donation couldn't have come at a better time. The bins for these items were very depleted. Also thank you so much for all the blankets being donated. These are also an item that young mothers take for their newborn babies.

Children's winter clothing from Size 6-16 are also very much in need. If your children are growing out of clothes faster than you expect and you have no one to pass them on to, please consider HH Baby and Childrens Ministry. Donations can be left at the church, and we would pick up donations there.

Carol and Tom Koch, Harvest House

To The Congregation of LPC....I want to thank you for the many Sympathy cards and notes you sent me. They gave me great comfort during this time of grief. I'm truly blessed to be a member of a loving church family. Thank you Pastor Kelly for your phone calls. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Love, Sharon Bielmeier

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

December 28th Gifts	2025 Received
\$20,492	\$489,111
Weekly Required Budget	2025 Annual Budget
	\$470,000



How to Give Online

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit l-p-c.org/give/

The Lord has blessed LPC mightily through your faithful giving, Happy New Year!

Footnote: The 2025 gifts received include \$50,000 of recent planned giving as a blessing in memory of Gloria Chaves.

Missionaries of the Month - The Zimmerman's

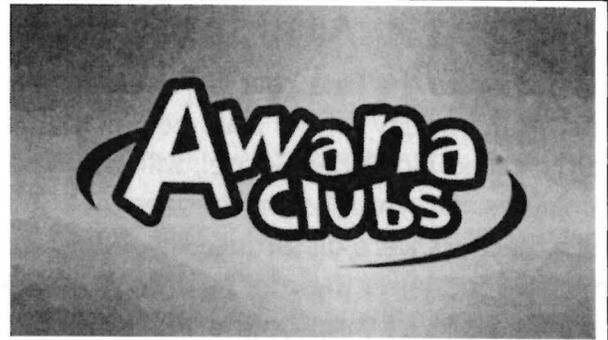
We serve in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as part of La Misión, a multi-congregational church network. Our ministry spans three congregations—Palermo, Flores, and Merlo—within the city and surrounding province, two of which (Palermo and Merlo) are church plants. We have been serving as missionaries in Argentina for 18 years. Our missions sending agency is Global Outreach International (Tupelo, MS). We serve locally in partnership with La Misión, a Presbyterian church network committed to church planting, discipleship, leadership development, and community outreach in under-resourced neighborhoods.



All of our 18 years of overseas missionary service have been in Argentina. During this time, we have served in a variety of ministry contexts within the country, including church planting, leadership development, discipleship, and vocational training. These years of long-term, on-the-ground ministry have shaped and deepened our commitment to serving the Church and local communities in Argentina. We are actively involved in church planting efforts, discipleship groups, leadership training, and outreach/pre-evangelistic cultural engagement programs. Kyle teaches and leads carpentry workshops and a woodworking-based microenterprise project designed to equip participants with practical job skills while intentionally integrating Gospel-centered discipleship. Claudia assists with leadership training, administrative duties, event planning, and serves as the secretary of the Education Committee of the Saint Andrew's Presbytery. Together, we help lead college and young professionals ministry, small groups, and children and youth programs. In addition to our ongoing ministry in Argentina, we are currently in the investigative and evaluation stages of assisting an existing Christian school in Uganda solely in a consultative role with the possible development of a Gospel-centered vocational curriculum. Our involvement would be limited to assessment, curriculum development, and leadership consultation, while we continue our long-term ministry in Argentina. If, following this evaluation, the project is formally approved, it would be structured as a long-term initiative of approximately five years. The initial phase focuses on a comprehensive assessment of the school's context, including facilities and equipment, existing training and curriculum, local job market conditions, supply chains, and relevant government regulations. The school serves more than 800 students and is the only Christian school in its region, giving this work the potential for significant and far-reaching impact. This effort is a natural outgrowth of/ and next step of the vocational discipleship model we have developed in our Gospel-centered, woodworking/teaching, workshop ministry in Argentina, with the goal of strengthening local leadership capacity, integrating faith and vocation, and supporting long-term sustainability within the school's existing ministry structure.



Wednesday Family Night: Awana Clubs resume Wednesday, January 7, 2026!



Awana Clubs at LPC for:

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

Cubbies will meet in the LPC building from **6–7 PM** while **Sparks/T&T** will meet in the Potter's House across the street from **6–7:30 PM**.

Our family pizza dinner (5:15 PM – 6:00 PM) with pizza from Picasso's will continue on Wednesdays before our Awana Clubs! We ask families to contribute \$1/slice, if possible. We strongly encourage parents to join their children for dinner, as it's a meaningful opportunity to grow in community together!

After dinner, the kiddos will go to Awana, and we welcome parents and guardians to join us for an **adult small group** (Bible study) with dessert and coffee. On select weeks, we'll also offer special activities for adults, such as crafting nights.

***Awana** is a fun, Bible memory program for kids that helps them grow in their faith through Scripture memory, engaging lessons, and exciting games. AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15). At LPC, we believe that the Word of God is precious and powerful and that the memorization and meditation of it transforms hearts and lives. This powerful ministry teaches young minds and equips parents in leading their children in the way of the Lord!*

This is going to be a BLAST! We hope you join us! It's never too late to sign up to attend!

Please sign up to join us by using the link below (this can also be found on our website under Youth Ministry). Signing up ahead of time helps us to plan for accurate materials!

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

No Family Night & Awana Clubs - Wednesday, February 18th

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

Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop!

Saturday, February 7th - Youth Group Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

Winter Retreat - Friday, February 27 to Sunday, March 1

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Register online at

<https://l-p-c.org/events/junior-senior-high-winter-retreat/>

Watch for some pop up sledding in February!!!

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



Adult Sunday School Class - The Book of Galatians

In addition to the One Year Chronological Bible class led by Rob MacDonald, there will also be a second adult Sunday school class held concurrently in Waith Hall studying the Book of Galatians. This study, called No Other Gospel, will include a 25-minute video featuring Dr. Derek Thomas of Ligonier Ministries. Dr. Thomas emphasizes that Christians must hold fast to the truth of the gospel. When false teachers were distorting the gospel among the churches in Galatia, the Apostle Paul wrote an impassioned letter in order to defend the message of God's grace in Christ. In No Other Gospel, Dr. Thomas walks us through the background, teaching, and importance of the letter to the Galatians. He encourages Christians to stand firm and rest in Christ for their salvation.

"A journey through the One Year Chronological Bible"!!

Our second Adult Sunday School class has started reading through the Bible in 2026! Each week we'll focus on:

- Reviewing the readings from the previous week
- Seeking a deeper understanding of key passages
- Reading aloud the Bible passages for the Sunday we are meeting

We will be meeting in the first floor classroom listed as 114/115 starting January 4th from 10:45am - 11:45am.

If you are unable to attend but would like to receive the daily readings electronically (via email) sign up at this website link: <https://chronologicalbibleblog.com/>

Thank you for joining in, we'll be learning as we enjoy weekly fellowship together. **Rob Macdonald**

Mighty Warriors Sunday School Class

February 8, February 22, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26

Come and grow in the Lord. He LOVES YOU! King David writes in Psalm 52: 8b

"I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever." May God be glorified!

In His Service, Mrs. Miller

LPC Emergency Closing Procedures

Lancaster Presbyterian Church will close under the following circumstances:

- Travel Ban in Lancaster due to weather related events
- State of Emergency in Lancaster due to weather related events
- Safety threat to Lancaster Presbyterian Church and its surrounding neighborhood

In the event of a closing or canceling of Sunday services, please refer to:

- Channel 2 News and Channel 7 News
- LPC Facebook page and LPC website

Please note that the decision to cancel Sunday morning services will be made no later than 7:30am.

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:

- In 2025, the congregation has been supportive and generous as the income generally met the increased 2025 needs. However, the future financial needs appear to be even greater than those of 2025, as LPC moves toward replacing Pastor Will with a Second Senior Pastor and yet supporting the fabulous youth programs, music programs, maintaining the facilities and expanding the Sanctuary's video system.
- Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in 2026.
- Please prayerfully consider "testing the Lord" by tithing if you are not doing so. "Test the Lord" per Malachi 3:10 as tithing is confirmed by Jesus in Mathew 23:23.
- Scripture warns against testing the Lord, except when it comes to tithing. Worship must include tithes and offerings. Let's joyfully worship the Lord!

Deacons: Dear Lord, as we start a new year, we desire to devote ourselves more to you – in service to Your people, in the study of Your Word, in our commitment to walk faithfully in our daily lives....however that may look for each of us. Help us be obedient to Your Word as we continue to learn it. May we "speak the gospel" to ourselves daily as well as to those around us. May we walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which You have called us. Thank you for the gift of salvation! -Amen

Praying for our family

Pastor Kelly
Lisa Dunbar
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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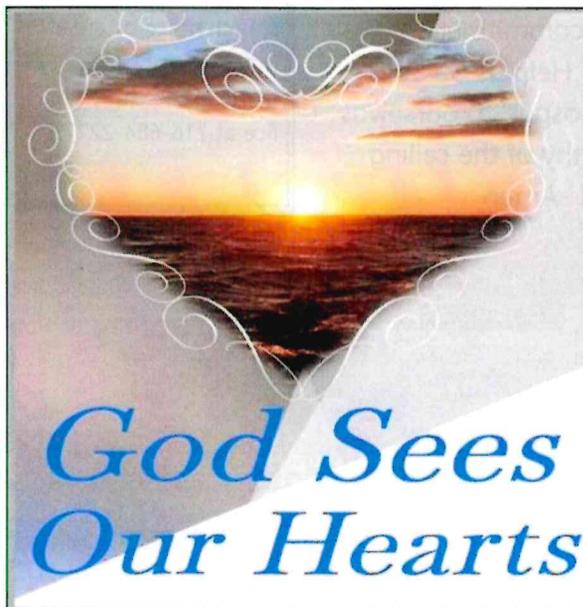
Purpose:

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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Sunday Sermon Series 1 Samuel

Join us for worship at 9:30am!
Adult Education & Sunday School
10:45am