

**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Raffi Wright
Director of Youth & Music
Ministries

**The Ten Biblical Principles
of Revitalization:**

1. Remember
God's faithfulness.
2. Repent continually.
3. Be gospel driven
and Christ centered.
4. Pray without ceasing.
5. Minister the word.
6. Cultivate spiritual formation.
7. Engage clear vision,
mission and values.
8. Equip
empowering servant leaders.
9. Build small groups.
10. Pursue
Great Commission discipleship.

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Philippians 4:10-13 (1177) ***Contentment in an "If Only" World*** **Ed Kuffel**

Congregational & Corporate Meeting **Official Call to a Congregational Meeting** **Sunday, October 4, 2026 @ 12:00pm**

The members of Lancaster Presbyterian Church are hereby called to a Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Lancaster Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek which will be held Sunday, October 4, 2026 in the sanctuary at 12:00PM for the purpose of:

- Receiving an update on the new pastor search
- Approving the members of the Pastoral Search Committee
- Answer any questions

The Elders wish to provide thoughtful and complete answers to any questions, therefore, the Elders request that all questions be submitted by Friday, October 2nd.

Questions may be submitted to the Church office email [office@l-p-c.org] or feel free to place them into the Office mailbox outside of room 17.

LPC MISSION CONFERENCE

October 10 & 11, 2026

"Global Missions, Spiritual Warfare, and the Victory of Christ"

Ephesians 3:1-13

Featuring Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. Benjamin Giffone

The Harvest Dinner will be taking place Saturday, October 10th at 6pm & the Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, October 11th following our Adult Education Hour.

Sign up on the Information Table today!

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.**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

September 20, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome

Please sign the
Friendship pad as it is
passed through the pew,
returning it to the side
aisle.

Large Print Bulletins and

Hearing Assistance Devices

are available
An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided
through kindergarten in
room 217 on the 2nd floor.
An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are
available for special prayer
requests. Prayer cards can
be found in the pew
envelope holders and as
you enter the balcony.
They can be placed in the
offering basket.
A wooden box in the back
of the sanctuary is available
for confidential prayer
requests.

Please silence your
cell phone.

* *Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Mike Eaton Minute for Mission: Eric Ahl

Call to Worship

(Psalm 100)

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting

and His faithfulness to all generations.

And, so, Lord, we gather here this morning to worship You.

*Hymn: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Red Hymnal #349 (Verses 1-4 only)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father,

You are worthy of all praise, honor, and worship.

Your wisdom is beyond our wisdom,

Your power is beyond our strength,

and Your love is greater than anything we could earn.

We adore and honor You as the God of all Grace,

Creator of every good and perfect provision.

Yet, Lord, we confess that at times

we have been discontent with what You have given.

Forgive us, Lord, for our ingratitude, for our envy,



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

and for our unwillingness to rest in Your goodness.
Create in us a heart that is satisfied in You,
and renew a right spirit that delights in Your generosity.
Hear also our private confession
in the silence of these next few moments.

Silent Confession

Merciful Redeemer,
we are refreshed and renewed
because your Word declares that
"if we confess our sins, You are faithful and righteous,
and will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Thanks be to You, our God.

Children's Message: Cheryl Olszewski

Hymn: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(See insert)

Prayer for Illumination

Philippians 4:10-13

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

(Adapted from various Scriptures)

I affirm my God's goodness, which is new every day, because the Word says,
*"The LORD's lovingkindnesses never cease, for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."*

I declare that God is good, and His goodness is evident in all He does, because the Word says, *"taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him!"*

I trust the Lord to guide me, knowing His goodness will lead me, because the Word says, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."*

I believe God's promises are true, and His goodness will never fail, because the Word says, *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."*

I know that God's goodness is greater than any challenge I face, because the Word says, *"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my savior, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and my salvation, my stronghold."*

I proclaim the Lord's goodness, and I will live in gratitude, because the Word says, *"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."*

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Christ Our Wisdom* ~ arr. Sovereign Grace Music
LPC Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *I Love to Tell the Story

Red Hymnal #619

Postlude

Raffi Wright, Director of Youth & Music Ministries

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

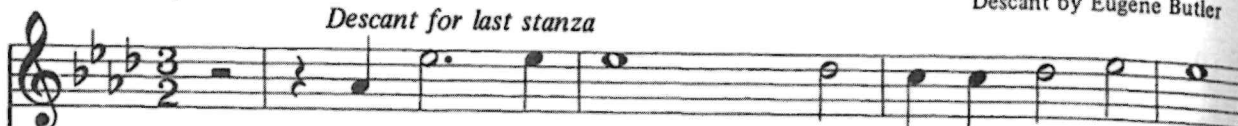
My tongue shall speak . . . praise all the day long. — Psalm 35:28

Charles Wesley

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Carl G. Gläser

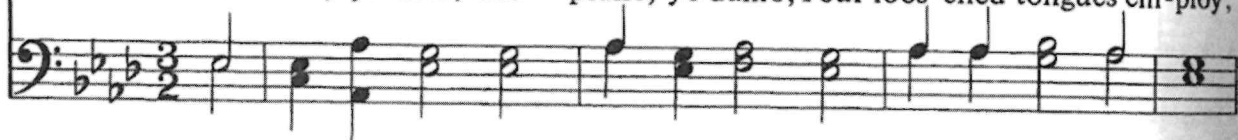
Descant by Eugene Butler

Descant for last stanza

5 O hear His praise, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;



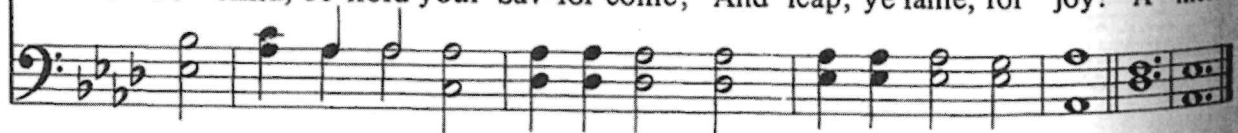
1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, He sets the pris-oner free;
 5 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;



5 Ye blind, be-hold Him come; And leap for joy! A-men.



1 The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!
 2 To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.
 3 'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 4 His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.
 5 Ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy! A-men.



SALVATION

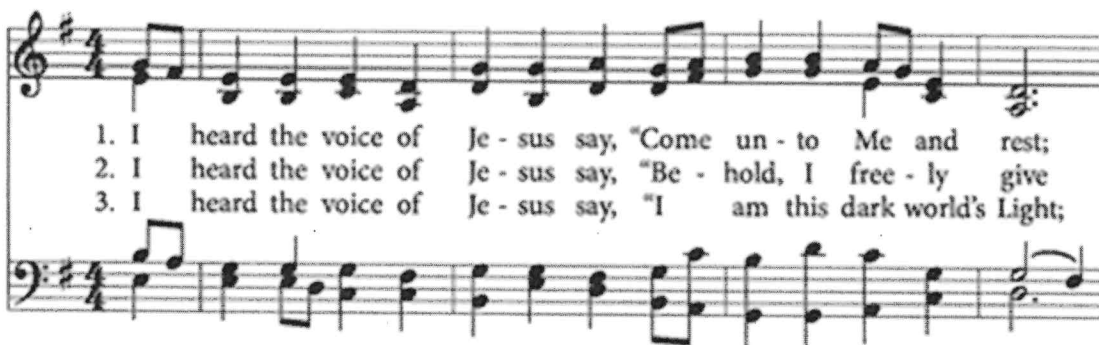
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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

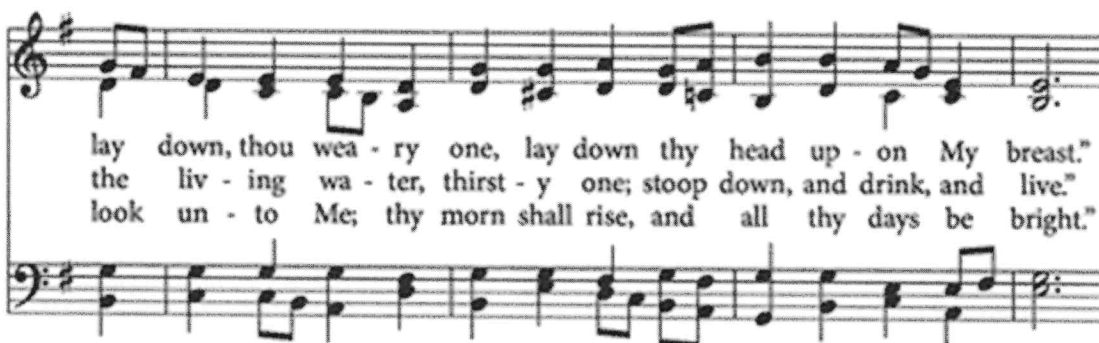
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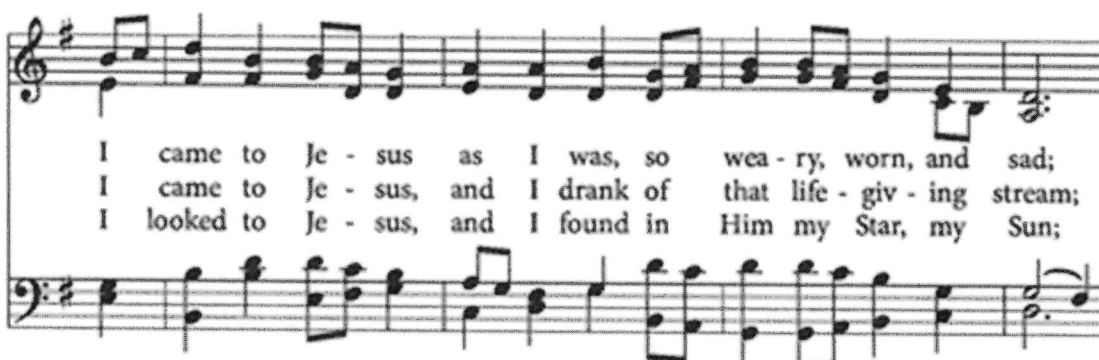
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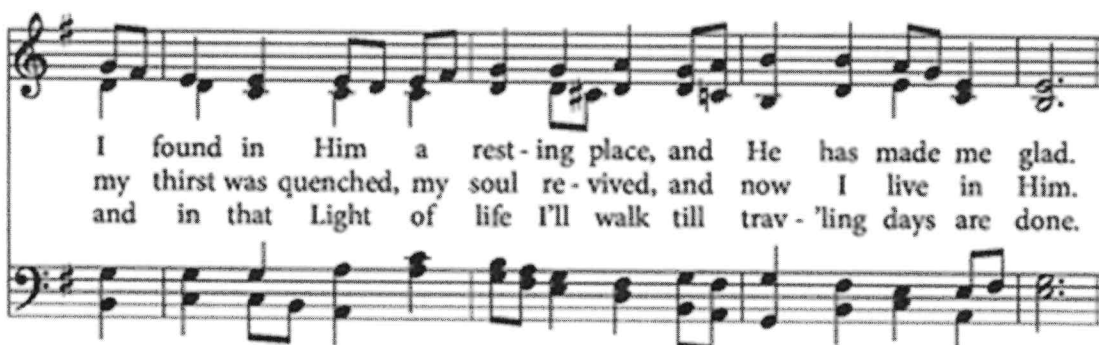
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;



lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on My breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down, and drink, and live."
look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;



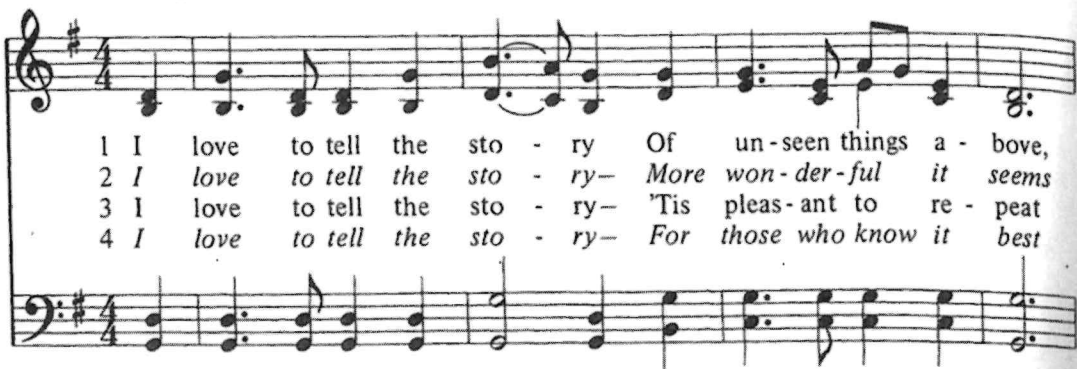
I found in Him a rest - ing place, and He has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
and in that Light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

I Love to Tell the Story

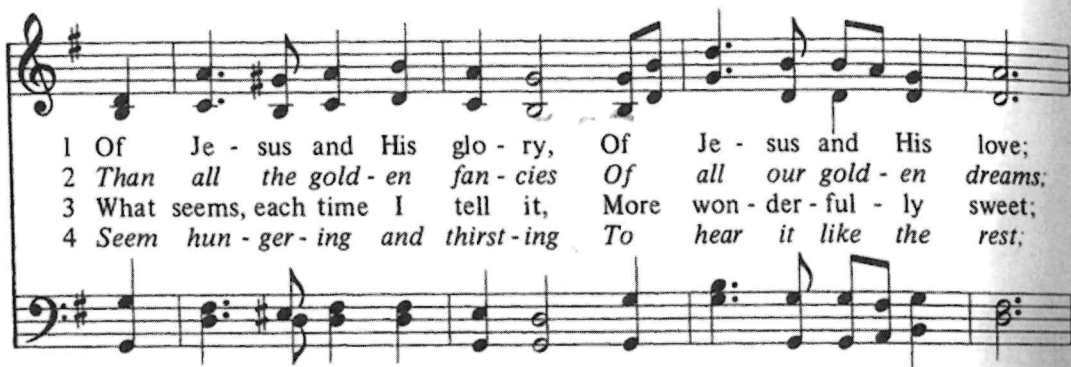
... They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

— Acts 8:4

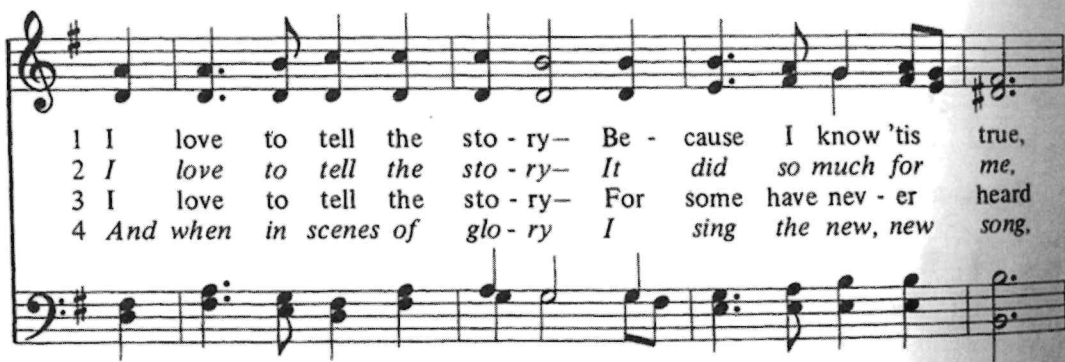
Katherine Hankey

HANKEY
William G. Fischer


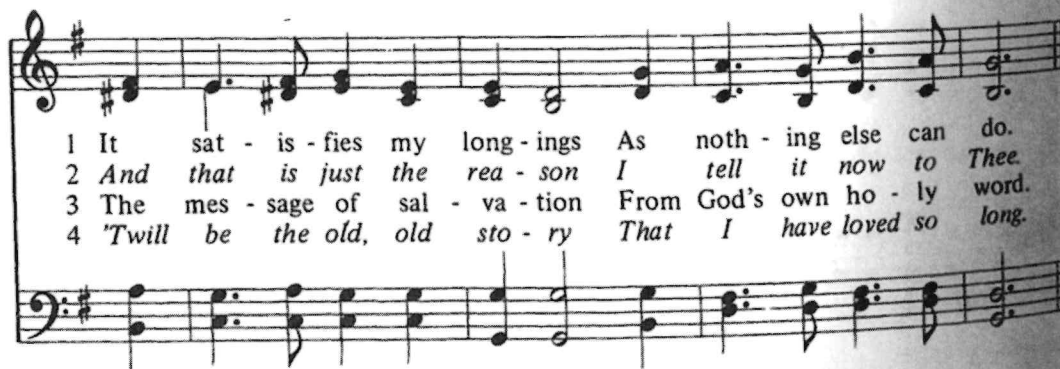
1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry— More won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry— 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry— For those who know it best



1 Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love;
 2 Than all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams;
 3 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet;
 4 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest;



1 I love to tell the sto - ry— Be - cause I know 'tis true,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry— It did so much for me,
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry— For some have nev - er heard
 4 And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song.



1 It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 2 And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to Thee.
 3 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly word.
 4 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry-



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.



Praying for Our Family

Pastor Kelly
Mike Bishop
Irma Zimpfer
KC Carlsen
Kathy Pumm
Mike Eaton
Jan Majors
Dianne Perry
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

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

Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

Prayer Ministry:

All prayer requests can be emailed to the church office at office@l-p-c.org, or simply complete the form on our church website.

LPC Ladies Ministry Fall Kick off - Bible and Brunch Saturday, September 26th 10:00am to Noon

Topic: Jesus in His Own Words and Exposing the Counterfeits
John 11:25 - *I am the Resurrection and the Life*

Cost: a donation of \$15, if able

What to Bring: a friend! *We will be collecting Shampoo and Conditioner for PATH (People Against Human Trafficking) to service to assist this wonderful ministry. Thank you to all who can help.*

RSVP: Contact Marie in the church office (Phone): 716-684-2277; (Email): office@L-P-C.org; or sign up on the Information Table this morning!

The Adult Bell Choir will be rehearsing weekly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Music Room. All are welcome whether new to music ministry or an experienced veteran.

Prayer Spotlight: Our Home Members - Judy Kish

The Deacons would like to share a little more about the people listed in the bulletin for prayer under "Home Members". These are individuals whom the Deacons visit each month because they are no longer able to attend services in person. Though they can't be with us at church, they remain a very important part of our church family. If you would like to brighten someone's day, please feel free to send a card or note of encouragement to any of our Home Members. Addresses are available in the church directory or from a Deacon.

Judy Kish is a beloved home member who lives in a group home in Cheektowaga. Judy grew up attending church with her family, and her mother, Barb Kish, was an active member of the church choir for many years. Judy stills joins us for worship occasionally with assistance in her wheelchair and dearly loves her church family. Her brother, Bill, also visits LPC whenever he is in town from North Carolina. We are thankful that Judy remains a cherished part of our church family.

MEAL TRAIN UPDATE: Hi, everyone! I just wanted to let you know that I have made a few updates to the Meal Train. Thank you so much for all the love and support you have provided so far—it has been greatly appreciated! After talking with Lisa, it seems that the dynamics at home have changed, so we will be suspending the Meal Train for the time being. The page will remain open, however, and gift cards are still appreciated. If you would like to send a meal occasionally, please feel free to contact Lisa directly to see what might be helpful. Thank you again for your continued care and support!

There's still time to donate items in the Barrel for Gbenekoro! We will be collecting items until Wednesday, September 23rd. *Thank you to all who have donated!*

New Members Class Beginning Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm, Ed & Diane Carlsen will be offering a New Members Class. They are planning to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings for 4 sessions (possibly more if needed). If anyone is interested in becoming a member of LPC, please call the church office or speak directly to Ed or Diane.

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)
Fall 2026 upcoming events! Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop!



TODAY! - Apple Picking at Smith's Orchard! Meet at LPC at 12pm; pick up from LPC at 4:00pm. Bring cash to purchase slushies/donuts at the Orchard. *Register ahead via the GroupMe.*

Saturday, September 26th - Youth Group

Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

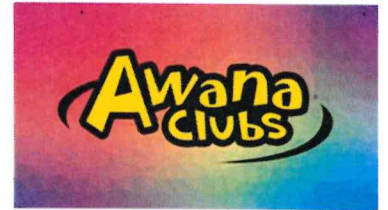
Saturday, October 17 - Missions Night! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

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

Wednesday Family Night & Awana Clubs @ LPC

Awana Clubs at LPC for:

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



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

Our family pizza dinner (5:30PM – 6:00PM) 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**. Wednesday night **adult small group** will be held during Awana (6 - 7:30 pm) with a focus on supporting parents and families. We will use the small group material biweekly, with topics of special interest and extra time for fellowship on alternate weeks. **Nursery care** (age 0 -2 years) is available for participants, so invite your **friends and young families**. We are making plans to subdivide/rotate the group as we grow.

***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!*

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

SAVE THE DATE! Trunk or Treat Event - Wednesday, October 28th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Mighty Warriors class will begin again Sunday, September 27, 2026, in the same classroom and at the same time as the Adult Education hour. We will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month, same as last year. This year we will finish the Ten Commandments and learn about how to lead godly lives from the book, "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tom Blackaby. We will continue to grow in God's wisdom as we study His Word together!

1 Peter 3:12, *The Lord's eyes look on godly people, and he blesses them. His ears are open to their prayers.* Love in Christ, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Jackson

**You are welcome to join in the One Year Chronological Bible Sunday School Class
as we transition to the New Testament in September!**

If you listen to Alistair Begg you'll often hear him say how Christ is found throughout the Bible:

"In the Old Testament He is **predicted**, in the Gospels He is **revealed**, in Acts He is **preached**,
in the Epistles He is **explained**, and in Revelation He is **expected**".

When Sunday School resumes on September 13th, the One Year Bible class will be completing our journey through the Old Testament, and moving into the New Testament with the readings beginning September 24.

You are welcome to join in as Christ is revealed in our New Testament readings in September. We will be meeting in the first floor Room listed as 114/115.

Adult Education Class - Fall 2026

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new video series this Fall called "**A Survey of Church History**", with Robert Godfrey of Ligonier Ministries. Each class centers around the ~ 20-minute feature video by Dr. Godfrey with class discussions around some specific events of historical significance in the Church from 100-600 AD.

The past centuries of church history give us a litany of God's deliverances. God has done it before, many times and in many ways, and He will do it again. And in that, we find courage for today and for tomorrow.

In church history, we see men and women facing challenges not unlike the challenges before us today. We look back and learn from the mistakes and missteps of the past. The study of church history, however, is meant to provide more than just inspiration. ***Serious reflection on the past protects us from error, reminds us of God's faithfulness, and motivates us to persevere.***

The class will meet in Waith Hall right after church. Come join us and learn about such figures such as Polycarp, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, and the Emperor Constantine. Who were these men and what was the significance of their lives on the Church? Come join us and we will find out.

LPC Fire Drill - Sunday, September 27th

Dear LPC Family,

The Safety & Security Team are planning a fire drill at LPC on 9/27/26 between 11:05 - 11:15 a.m., rain date 10/4/26 at the same time.

OBJECTIVE:

Our objective is to be better prepared in the event of a real emergency evacuation. We need to practice how best to exit the building and where to meet in the event of an emergency. Our prayer is that it will never be necessary.

DIRECTIONS

When the fire alarm sounds, calmly walk to the nearest exit and proceed to the very end of Heather Lane (the alley just west of the church). In case of a fire, everyone needs to be upwind (west) of the building to avoid smoke inhalation and safely away from parking lot entrances to be clear of all arriving emergency vehicles. We will congregate for a full five minutes, and a member of the Safety Team will notify when to re-enter the church.

PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS

If you are physically able we would appreciate your participation. If you are physically unable you do not need to participate, please remain seated. Please note that during the fire alarm there will be flashing lights.

CHILDCARE

We request that childcare workers advise all children ahead of time so they won't be startled. Please coach the children to hold hands and walk together following the childcare leader.

This is a learning experience for everyone.

Sincerely,

The Safety & Security Team