



**Summer Youth Camp**  
**Sunday, June 24th—Saturday, June 30th**  
**3rd—8th graders**

Developing a closer to God, building relationship with others, playing games, making crafts, swimming, spending time in the sun – this is just some of what is waiting for campers at our annual Summer Youth Camp! Don't miss the opportunity to sign your kids up for this unforgettable week!



**NEW for 2018:** Dig deeper into God's Word as campers Investigate the Truth! Based on "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel, campers will search the scriptures to better understand Jesus as Messiah & Savior.

**Registration is open now!!**

- Early Registration Deadline: **April 15<sup>th</sup>** (all campers registered by this date receive \$50 off)
- Final Registration Deadline: **June 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Registration forms available for print online or contact the church office for a paper copy.
- Registration on a first come, first serve basis  
**2018 Note: Register early, as we anticipate that some programs will fill to capacity this year!**

For more details and registration forms visit the Camp page of our church website at [www.L-P-C.org/camp.php](http://www.L-P-C.org/camp.php)

Contact Bethany Potozniak, LPC Camp Director, at [LPCcamps@gmail.com](mailto:LPCcamps@gmail.com) or 716.573.7810



**H**ave you ever thought of what the LORD's judgment will be like without Jesus' forgiveness? It will be beyond terrifying! No one will be able to stand through that ordeal. No one will be able to endure. Without the forgiveness that is in Christ Jesus, no one can stand the judgment of the LORD. The Psalms say, "If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?" (Ps 130:3). Asaph said, "You, even You (LORD), are to be feared; and who may stand in Your presence when once You are angry?" (Ps 76:7). No one can endure God's righteous anger—His holy wrath.

No one has any hope of passing safely through the coming judgment without forgiveness in Christ Jesus. David quailed at the thought, saying, "Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living is righteous" (Ps 143:2).

I know I cannot endure God's anger. As Nahum asked, "Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire and the rocks are broken up by Him" (Nah 1:6). Who can even stand when He appears? Malachi asked, "Who can endure the day of His coming? And who

## Resurrection Forgiveness

can stand when He appears?" (Mal 3:2). The answer, clearly, is NO ONE.

Who will be able to stand the great day of God's terrible wrath? Rev 6:15-17, with the breaking of the sixth seal of judgment, makes it all too plain:

Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

In the face of that dread reality David asked the LORD, "Remember me, but please forget my sin." He prayed, "Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindness, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your lovingkindness remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD" (Ps 25:6-7). David understood the frightening consequences of sin. He prayed, "For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great" (Ps 25:11).

I relate with David's great fear of sin when he owned how his strength failed because of iniquity: "My life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength has failed because of my iniquity, and my body has wasted away" (Ps 31:10). He went on to declare, "My iniquities are gone over my head; as a heavy burden they weigh too much for me" (Ps 38:4). Surely sin is a heavy weight from which we all need to be delivered. David affirmed, "I confess my iniquity; I am full of anxiety because of my sin" (Ps 38:18). David's Psalms are especially vivid in their portrayal of the overwhelming reality of sin's consequences: "Evils beyond number have surrounded me; my iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; they are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me" (Ps 40:12).

Moses also demonstrated this dread of sin's reality when he affirmed, "You have placed our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence" (Ps 90:8). There is no hiding anything from the God who sees all!

Dear hearts, this biblical appraisal of sin's dread sway informs the glorious good news of forgiveness in Christ Jesus who took our place in the judgment of God so that we are forgiven by faith in Him. Isaiah put it this way:

He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening of our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed . . . All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him . . . As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities (Is 53:5, 6, and 11).

What I need more than anything is this Savior to take the penalty of sin for me and deliver me from the judgment. This need is the greatest need of every person: man, woman, boy or girl. And this realization brings us to the great significance of Jesus' resurrection for believers. Paul put it this way: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:17-19). It really is all or nothing. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We who desperately need forgiveness have it because Jesus is risen. Hallelujah! Happy Resurrection Day!

All my love,  
Pastor Kelly

# Church Announcements

## National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 3, 2018

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 3. There will be a community gathering in front of the Lancaster Town Hall at noon. Please invite your neighbors. There will also be a prayer gathering at Lancaster Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. on that date. It is the hope of those organizing and promoting this day of prayer that Christians across this nation will gather in unity to pray for our nation according to Ephesians 4:3, "Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

From the earliest days of our nation, presidents have called the people to prayer. In 1952, an official annual day of prayer was recognized and implemented, and has been observed each year since, on the first Thursday in May. Our nation desperately needs the unified prayers of Christians in this nation, as we see the moral decay, violence and secularism all around us. Plan to attend one or both National Day of Prayer events in Lancaster to unite with fellow believers in prayer and petition for our nation.

## Operation Christmas Shoebox Collection

We are still working on our all church shoe box collection.

We are still collecting the "WOW" gift that Samaritan's purse recommends to go in each box. Some suggestions are as follows:

- Stuffed Animals
- Dominoes
- Uno Cards
- Small boxes of Legos
- Soccer ball and pump
- Puzzles
- Miniature Spyrograph
- Miniature Etch-a-Sketch
- Slinky--metal

These are only suggestions. Any game or toy that will fit in a shoe box is acceptable.

We will also collect toothbrushes, combs and hair brushes.

Thank you in advance for all donations. If you have any questions, please call Pat Gerber 668-2670

## Summer Camp Staff Meetings

**Sunday June 3rd**

**All Camp Staff: 12:30pm-1:30pm**

**High School Staff: 12:30pm-3:30pm**  
(staff meeting and training session)

## Spring Fling Dinner Dance Saturday, April 14th

Come one, come all, to the third annual "Spring Fling" adult dinner/dance at Lancaster Presbyterian Church!

- Appetizers will be served from 5:00-6:00pm and dinner to be served at 6:00pm, followed by dessert and dancing in Waith Fellowship Hall.
- Our meal will be catered by Lucarelli's Restaurant.
- The donation will be \$20.00 per person.
- If you would like to sign up or have any questions please call Sharon Miller at 912-0977, or email to [faithincrisisadhd@gmail.com](mailto:faithincrisisadhd@gmail.com)
- We hope to see you there! The Spring Fling Committee

## Family Movie Night Saturday April 21, 2018 7:00pm in Waith Fellowship Hall

**China Cry** is a 1990 biographical film set during the rise of the communist state in China, Set in the 1950s, it is based on the true story of Sung Neng Yee, now known as Nora Lang.

Born into a wealthy Chinese family, she is first eager to become part of Mao Zedong's "new society". However, the Maoist regime only brings hardship and misery to her family. Authorities arrest her, and she believes that only Jesus Christ must have saved her when she survived a firing squad. She refused to deny Christ even while enduring physical abuse late in her pregnancy in a labor camp. Sung survives to take her children and family to freedom in Hong Kong.

A gripping story of love, struggle and flight to freedom.

## Women's Celebration Lunch Saturday May 12th 11:00am—1:00pm Waith Fellowship Hall

Honor the special women in your life at this free lunch!  
This is for all ages and genders!

- The menu will consist of roast beef and cold cut sandwiches, fresh fruit & green salads, chicken noodle and New England Clam Chowder soups, desserts and beverages.
- A special message will be given by Mike Eaton.
- RSVP by signing up online through the Events page on our website, on the table outside the sanctuary or by calling the church office. Please RSVP by May 6th!

*Spend some time together focusing on the ways we have been blessed by the amazing women God has placed in our lives!*

### Update from Sarah Michel

The last time I updated everyone, I was about to start my semester at the Center for Global Action (CGA), the discipleship school at Adventures in Missions. It's been an incredible five months of learning, challenge, and growth. I graduated at the beginning of March, and now I'm back in Buffalo.



But I won't be here long! I came to CGA with the idea that I wanted to be prepared to do whatever God called me to next. As my time here comes to a close, those next steps have become clear.

This spring, I will be joining the long-term missions team at the Adventures in Missions base in **Manzini, Swaziland**. I'll be an intern for one year, specializing in writing, digital media, and communications. I will also be working closely with short-term teams and World Race squads that come through the base, as well as mentoring some of the Swazi staff members.

Ever since spending a month in Swaziland on the World Race, I have known that I was called to serve there in some capacity. It is also where I learned firsthand that ministry and evangelism are urgent tasks. Swaziland is considered to be a dying nation, with one of the highest HIV/AIDS rates and lowest life expectancies in the world. Its economy is unstable and the government is one of the few remaining absolute monarchies. Still, in Christ, hope is not lost, and AIM is working to provide family support, empower locals, and raise up a new generation of leaders.

Most of my work will be project-based, both in the Adventures office in Manzini and at the various carepoints—centers that provide food, education, ministry programs, and other community programming—in the surrounding towns and rural areas. However, even though I'll have a "day job" of sorts, one that's mostly behind-the-scenes, I have every intention to be a witness for the gospel no matter what I'm doing.

My tentative departure time frame is late April/early May 2018, which I realize is not that far away. In order to secure my plane ticket and arrive in Manzini as planned, I need to have all of my living expenses covered. Please visit my new website, [www.sarahinswazi.wordpress.com](http://www.sarahinswazi.wordpress.com), for details, fundraising information, and updates.

Yours in Christ,  
Sarah Michel



## The Klassens in Concert Paraguayan folk harp and keyboard

**Sunday, May 6th**

**Welcome Reception—6:30pm in  
Waith Fellowship Hall**

**Concert 7:00pm—8:30pm in the sanctuary**

Eduard Klassen was born and raised in an isolated area of Paraguay, South America, (508 km from the nearest city) and was 15 years old when he first saw a paved highway. Playing the harp has been his passion since 1977. His formal musical training included 5 years of study in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Christine Klassen was born and raised in Ontario, Canada, and has played the piano since 1976. She studied nursing in Stratford, Ontario and graduated as an R.N. Christine has recently started playing keyboard alongside her husband and touring together once again.

The Klassens have experience in a variety of settings including churches of most denominations, large and small concerts, banquets, fundraisers, and ministry to seniors. They have made numerous appearances on radio & television including Charles Price of the People's Church (Living Truth Television Program) and Toronto's "100 Huntley Street". They have also recorded 21 albums, 3 DVD's, and 1 Book. Tours have taken them to 31 countries having performed over 4500 concerts in the past 31 years.

At age 30, Eduard accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and since then has followed the call into full time music ministry. When not touring, Eduard presently lives in Stratford, Ontario with his wife Christine, and their two sons, Mathias and Sheldon.

The Klassens prove the power of Philippians 4:19 by not setting a fee for their personal appearances, however, remuneration is typically addressed on an honorarium or freewill offering basis.

The Klassens would welcome the opportunity to join you in sharing the "Good News" of the gospel through music in your community.

"I'm working for the Lord", says Eduard, "wherever He leads. In my life and in my travels I seek to uplift the Lord's name. I love to tell others what God has done for me. My desire is to use my gift of music and testimony to exhort and encourage other people in all walks of life. "We appreciate your prayers and encouragement as we minister and travel in different countries. We thank you for supporting us in this way."

***A free will offering will be taken at the concert for their ministry.***

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## Youth Groups at LPC

*Bible Discussions - Games - Activities - Retreats - Service Opportunities*



### 3rd—6th Grade

*Each week will focus on a different character trait*

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

### 7th—12th Grade

*God: The Promise Keeper*

Sundays 7-9pm

### 3rd—6th Grade Youth Group Spring Retreat

#### April 6th-8th—Spring Retreat at Duffield Camp & Retreat Center

- ◇ Meet at the church on Friday, April 6th at 1:30pm
- ◇ Travel in the church van to Camp Duffield
- ◇ Return to the church on Sunday April 8th at 4:00pm
- ◇ Visit the Events page on our church website for the required permission slip



**Youth News**

### Junior/Senior High Youth Schedule

#### April

- **Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – No Youth Group**
- **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7—9pm**
- **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7 – 9 pm**
- **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Retreat at Camp Allegany State Park**  
Meet at the church on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
\$75.00 per person  
Pick up at the church Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at approx. 1:30pm  
Permission slip required (available on the church website)
- **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Youth Group**
- **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7—9pm**

#### May

- **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7—9pm**
- **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – No Youth Group (Mother's Day)**
- **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Scavenger Hunt @ the Potter's House**  
\*\*\*time change 1:00pm—5:00pm  
Snacks will be provided
- **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – No Youth Group (Memorial Day weekend)**

#### June

- **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7—9pm**
- **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Pool Party at the Carlsen's Home (94 Elm Place, Lancaster) 6—9pm**

Visit the Events page on our church website for more information ([www.L-P-C.org](http://www.L-P-C.org))

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Resurrection Sunday</b> 2 Worship 8:30; Easter breakfast 9:45am; Worship 11:00am No Jr/Sr Hi YG		3 Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study—12:30pm, Worship Committee Mtg—7:00pm	4 No Choirs & YG Outreach Committee Mtg—7:00pm, Mission Committee Mtg—7:00pm	5 No Gathering In His Name Bible Study	6 Craft Fellowship—10:00am	7
8 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 with Communion SS & AE—9:45 Jr/SrHiYG —7:00pm	9	10 Deacons Mtg—7:00pm Trustees Mtg—7:00pm	11 Choirs & Youth Group	12 Women's Evening Bible Study—6:45pm	13	14 Spring Fling Dinner/Dance—5:00pm
15 Worship 8:30&11:00 SS & AE —9:45 Cooking Class—12:30pm	16	17 Stated Session Mtg—7:00pm	18 Choirs & Youth Group; Technology Committee Mtg—7:00pm	19	20	21 Family Movie Night—7:00pm
22 Worship 8:30&11:00 SS & AE—9:45am No Jr/SrHiYG	23	24	25 Choirs & Youth Group	26 Grapevine Crew —11:45am	27	28
29 Worship 8:30&11:00 SS & AE—9:45am Jr/Sr HiYG—7:00pm	30					

**3rd—6th grade Youth Retreat**  
 Friday, April 6—Sunday, April 8

**Junior/Senior High Retreat**  
 Friday, April 20—Sunday, April 22

**Please note that Communion in April will take place on Sunday April 8th at both services.**

**Seasoning With Love Cooking Class—Sunday April 15th**  
*"He gives food to all who live. God's love never fails." ~Psalm 136:25*

Interested in bringing flavors out in your cooking?  
 Want to know some kitchen tools, tricks & seasons for food?  
 Join Mike Bishop & Gabrielle Miller for a fun & interactive cooking class:



- Class #2: Sauces
- Sunday, April 15th @ 12:30pm
- Waith Fellowship Hall & kitchen
- \$3.00 per person to cover food supplies for class & lunch
- \*\*\*Limit of 10 people per class\*\*\*
- RSVP to Mike 393-0084

*Additional class will be held May 20.*

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**

- Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am  
 Nursery and pre-school child care during both services
- Sunday School and Adult Education Classes — 9:45-10:45am
- Junior & Senior High Youth Group 7:00pm —PH

**Monday**

- Men's Bible Study—7:00pm Rm.114

**Wednesday**

- Adult Bells—6:00pm — Music Room
- 3rd-6th grade YG 7:00-8:30pm
- Chancel Choir—7:00pm (Sanctuary)

**Thursday**

- Gathering In His Name Bible Study—10:00am
- Worship Team Rehearsal—7:30pm



## Prayer Page—April 2018

**Pray for the pastors:** O God, allow our pastors to enter Your rest (Hebrews 4, Matthew 11:28). Put Your yoke on our pastors. When our pastors are heavily laden and burdened, may they find comfort and peace in You, refreshed and renewed by Your power in every aspect of their lives.  
*The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p. 156*

### **Praying for LPC ministries:**

**Technology Committee:** Pray that the Lord is leading us in a Direction to bear fruit.

**Session:** America's divisions feel larger and more divisive than in the past. Session asks people to pray for God to give us opportunities to reach and share God's love across all divisions. Session also asks people to praise God for those who served at LPC for the past 200 years and for the fact that God was blessing their labors.

**Worship Committee:** Prayer for guidance in crafting and facilitating our Saturday Praise Nights, in order to advance your Kingdom. That the Spirit touches the heart of each and every person who enters our sanctuary for Worship.

**Deacons:** As we joyously celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for prayer that those who come to worship with us will receive a warm welcome by our greeters and find a sense of love and hope in our midst.

**Outreach Committee:** Pray for those that will celebrate Holy Week at LPC during Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Resurrection Sunday. Pray that we will begin or continue to develop relationships with those that worship with us, so we can ultimately support them in their spiritual growth & development and lead them to Christ.

**Christian Education Committee:** Pray for staffing for all youth programs including camp, VBS, and summer youth activity. Pray for people to respond to these staffing opportunities.

**Camp:** Pray that all staffing positions will be filled. Pray for staff as they organize and write this year's curriculum.

**Prayer for our country:** Pray for judges across this nation, that they will make their rulings in accord with God's law, and the constitution of the United States. Pray for Supreme Court Justices Roberts, Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch, Kennedy, Breyer, Kagan, Sotomayor and Ginsburg as they decide major cases that will affect the first amendment rights of all people in this nation, especially people of faith.

**Prayer for our world:** Pray for the people of Mexico. There is a high level of persecution against Christians from several sources. Corruption in government leaves the people unprotected from criminals and drug lords. Evangelical Christians are persecuted by those in established religions. The increase of secularism denies the rights of Christian to freely express their faith.

### *Praying for our family*

Donna Herget  
 Norm Schafer  
 Pat Shaner  
 Paul Welker  
 Alice Hirsch  
 Jackie Harbold  
 Doug Everts  
 Prudy Allein  
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 Janet Kranso  
 Rob Herget  
 Ken Gordon  
 Kathy Frank  
 Jan Stasiowski  
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 Sally Godfrey  
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 Nancy Lyon  
 Joyce Olivieri  
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### **LPC's Military Personnel:**

Laurel Foss  
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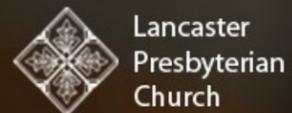
**Purpose:**

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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**Coming April 8th**

**Questions that Keep  
You Up at Night**

Tackling Life's Big Questions

What do I want?  
Where am I going in life?  
Am I doing the right thing?  
Why do I act the way I do?

**Sunday Mornings**  
**@ 8:30 & 11am**