



The weekly sermons and Small Group Studies will be continuing their focus on BIBLICAL PRIORITIES, and how we can grow in them, all for the GLORY OF GOD and for the peace in our hearts.

Join us in Sunday morning worship and in Small Groups as we study and pray and hold each other up in this journey called the Christian life!

For more information about the Small Group Ministry or to sign up to join a group, please contact Lisa Negus at 341-3223.

## Kele-Communication



I was headed out to the study first thing this morning (7:20 a.m.), pleased for such an early start. You know how it is. It's a busy season. There's a lot going on. I thought to make a good start on a full day. I never have a moment's trouble with the little car. It is always just as reliable as can be. Well, this morning there were other eventualities in store. I was driving along, happily, minding my own business, when all of a sudden the blower fan for the heat/defrost just stopped, completely. No warning. No grumbling or growling. Just nothing. I thought, "I'm not driving around in freezing rain and snow with no blower." So I headed for home in hopes that the shop would be able to fit me in.

When I talked to my friends at the shop (They're always so good to me!), they said, "O sure! No problem. Bring it right in and we'll take a look." That connect right there was a great blessing.

My friend at the counter seemed genuinely happy to see me. I always try to take an interest in the lives of the dear souls that our Lord brings into my life. This morning my friend

had his little dog with him. I happen to know this pup quite well and have been following his progress recovering from a surgically repaired ACL. He's a wise little old man dog now. He always peeks his head around the corner when he hears my voice, and I make a special effort to connect with him. It's such a small thing, but I sense that this interest is valued and appreciated. I try to make time for the little things whenever possible, and my friend paid me the complement of opening up and talking with me for a few minutes about his furry friend's history and how they came to be pals. These connections matter. In time, the cumulative force of successive encounters may well build into an opportunity to speak the gospel. It's true. I have never introduced myself by title, but everyone at the shop calls me "Pastor Kelly". I have four friends at the shop for whom I am praying. How about you?

When I left out of the shop to walk home, I quick-dialed Marie to let her know that I wouldn't be in today because of the situation with the car. When she found out that I was walking she immediately said, "O no! You want me to come get you." I laughed. The distance from the shop to home is hardly worth noticing. And so close on the heels of Thanksgiving with Christmas and New Years looming large we can all understand my need for a little exercise. It encouraged me though to find that Marie was so quick to ask if there were anything that she might do for me.

No sooner did I slip the phone into my pocket and focus on a good full stride than I felt a white car slowing into my peripheral vision. I looked over and there was Alan Nowicki smiling and calling out to ask if I needed a ride. What a sweetheart! Of course I shouted "No," and tried to explain in two seconds the scenario that I laid out above about the defrost blower. Alan seemed to understand, and I texted him an explanation as soon as I reached home.

## Help

The thing is, Alan's simple demonstration of kindness, and Marie's solicitations for my well being mean so much more to me than these little encounters seem to warrant. It matters that friends think of us.

This time of year one can hardly miss the old movie "It's a Wonderful Life." You know the story. George Bailey is a solid guy that looks after everybody but himself. As the story progresses he finds himself in a scandalous bind through no fault of his own, and in the crush and pressure of life he slips into thinking that nobody cares for him—that everybody would be better off without him. Sound familiar? Do you ever feel like your contributions in life are valueless? I'll admit to feeling a little under the pile today for not being able to drive up to the study. But, as you can see, I am doing my best to make the most of the time by getting ahead on my December Kele-communication.

What I really wanted to say is that it sure feels nice to be appreciated! I feel like if I ever did truly need anything then there are at least 500 people that I could call, and you'd all be happy to help! You really are a great congregation! And we truly have something special in our church family. I know that any of you all would help me if I needed help. What a blessing! Keep up the good work, and let's continue to celebrate the amazing kingdom strength that we share in Christ Jesus. Merry Christmas! And God bless you!

All my love,

Pastor Kelly

# Church Announcements

**Attention Members:**  
New envelopes for 2019 are available in the lower foyer of the church. If you have any concerns or questions please call Diane Carlsen.

## Ministry Opportunity

*If you enjoy kids, and enjoy organizing events, we need your help!*

We are looking for a Vacation Bible School Director for this upcoming summer. This is a ministry that we have watched grow over the past three years and we'd like to see it continue to grow. Prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you have new ideas as to how VBS should be run we are open to suggestions. If you are interested please contact Pete Gawron, Director of Family & Youth Ministries by January 1st.

## Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study

The Ladies Afternoon Prayer and Bible Study group invites all ladies to start the New Year 2019 off right - "In the Middle of the Mess" with host Sheila Walsh. We will be continuing this insightful DVD series first Tuesdays through June. However please note the time change for January. We will be meeting the second Tuesday, January 8th, this month only, due to New Year's Day being the first Tuesday of January. Sure hope you can join us! As always, tea and dessert will be provided. Please feel free to bring friends. Questions may be directed to Lisa McElhinny at 651-9218.



## 2018 Annual Report

*Please start preparing now!*

Annual reports of all groups, committees, and ministries of LPC will be due in January. Reports should include all pertinent information, personnel and accomplishments of 2017. Please send to the church office by January 15th in order for your report to be included in the Annual Report. The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Report

This year we collected a total of 126 shoe boxes. Included in that number are 23 shoe boxes that Marie Babcock's PIYO group filled and completely covered the shipping cost for as well. Way to go



PIYO girls!! Also included in this number are 13 shoe boxes that we collected items for and put together as a church. We left a box of left over donated items and made them available to the congregation to use in packing their own boxes. Someone at church (unknown to us) put together 4 more boxes from these left over items and left the boxes open by the already collected shoe boxes. Bonnie and I did some supplementing to those boxes. We were then able to send those 4 boxes also from the church. Included in the items we put in the church shoe boxes were things the children from VBS this summer brought in to donate. Operation Christmas Child was the VBS Mission Project for VBS. The VBS children also brought in \$40 cash to help with shipping costs. After the boxes from the church were all put together, I put a notice in the Bulletin asking if anyone would be interested in helping with the remaining shipping money needed, which at this point, was \$77.00. The congregation was very quick to respond and donated \$80.00. A week later another donation of \$50 came in which covered the additional 4 boxes that we put together. A total of \$170 was collected. \$153 was needed (13 + 4 boxes = 17 x \$9.00). I will donate the additional \$17 to Operation Christmas Child so they can use it to help ship other boxes. It should be noted that Ann Gordon purchased 50 cardboard boxes from O.C.C. She used what she needed and donated the rest to us to use. I think there are only a couple of those boxes left. Thank you Ann!! Thank you to everyone who donated to this great collection!! We very much appreciate all donations of items, money for shipping costs, and shoe boxes. Please continue to pray for all of our shoe boxes!!

Please note: If you paid for your shoe box shipping cost on line, you can go to the Operation Christmas child website and click on "Follow your box look-up tool." If you enter your email address, you can find out where your box went. When I entered my email address, it gave me information on my boxes for several years.

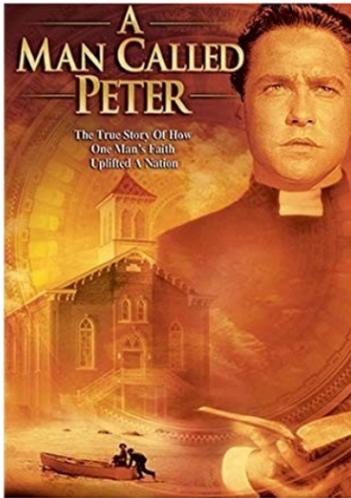
### Family Movie Night

**Saturday, January 19th @ 7:00pm**

**Waith Fellowship Hall**

### **A MAN CALLED PETER (1955)**

Based on the true story of a young Scottish lad, Peter Marshall, who dreams of only going to sea but finds out there is a different future for him when he receives a "calling" from God to be a minister. He leaves Scotland and



goes to America where after a few small congregations he lands the position of pastor of the Church of the Presidents in Washington, D.C. and eventually he becomes Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Although he was a Presbyterian, the wisdom and sincerity of his sermons appealed to people of all faiths. Featuring outstanding performances, A MAN CALLED PETER is also a touching love story.

*Movie style popcorn and refreshments will be served.*

*Invite your family and friends.*

*All ages are welcome!*

### 2019 Deacons Information

Please keep these numbers handy if you need to call the Deacons:

- To order Memorial Flowers:
  - ◊ Judy Dalconzo: 683-7382
  - ◊ Judy Domnick: 681-5082
- For necessary rides to doctor appointments:
  - ◊ Gloria Chaves: 683-8501
- To volunteer to greet on Sunday mornings:
  - ◊ Judy Cavanaugh: 683-1837
- To arrange for a funeral luncheon:
  - ◊ Dianne Conklin: 548-1699
  - ◊ KC Carlsen: 706-8800
- For information or to advise of needs of LPC members:
  - ◊ Gloria Chaves: 683-8501

## Youth Groups at LPC

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



### Sunday Evenings at LPC 7:00pm—8:30pm

3rd-6th Grade Youth Group—Room 114 at the church

7th-12th Grade Youth Group—Potters House

### Junior/Senior High Youth Group January Schedule

#### January

**Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group @ the Potters's House, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Saturday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Duff's & Bandits Game**

More information to come!

**Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** - **No Youth Group**

**Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

*A full schedule will be sent home in the next few weeks*

*and can be found online at [www.L-P-C.org](http://www.L-P-C.org).*

For questions or concerns, please contact Pete Gawron, Director of Family & Youth Ministry at LPC.  
Email: [petegawron@gmail.com](mailto:petegawron@gmail.com) Phone: (716)220-5443

**Important message for parents:** In order to keep communication effective between the leaders and children, all parents, and any one else who is interested, are encouraged to join Remind—a private mobile text messaging platform for parents and children in a particular group. Receive text messages containing important updates, announcements and messages for Junior/Senior High Youth Group!

**How to join:** Enter the number 81010 on your smartphone; text the message @pagaw

#### Important Dates

- **Confirmation Parent Meeting**—Sunday, January 20th at 9:45am
- **Confirmation Sunday**—Sunday, June 16th, one service at 9:30am
- **Summer Youth Camp**—June 27 to July 3, 2019
- **Senior High Camp Staff Meetings**—Sunday, March 17th & Sunday, March 24th (students and parents must attend one of these meetings), both meetings at 6:15pm - 7:00pm in Waith Fellowship Hall
- **Youth Mission Trip**—July 28 to July 31 (more details to come) Please note the youth and leaders will be doing mission work locally.

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Closed	2 Choirs Mission Committee Mtg—7:00pm, Outreach Committee Mtg—7:00pm	3	4	5
6 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am Ordination & Installation of New Officers SS & AE—9:45am Youth Groups—7:00pm	7	8 Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study— 12:30pm, Deacons Mtg—7:00pm, Trustees Mtg— 7:00pm	9 Choirs	10 Women's Evening Bible Study— 6:45pm	11	12
13 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am Communication Forum Soup Luncheon Youth Groups—7:00pm	14 Missionary Prayer Gathering—1:00pm	15 Stated Session Meeting—7:00pm	16 Choirs Technology Committee Meeting— 7:00pm	17	18	19 Jr/Sr High Youth to the Bands Game, Family Movie Night— 7:00pm
20 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am Confirmation Parent Mtg— 9:45am No Jr/Sr Hi Youth Group 3rd-6th grade YG—7:00pm	21 Office Closed	22	23 Choirs	24 Grapevine Crew—11:45am, Women's Evening Bible Study— 6:45pm	25	26
27 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am Youth Groups—7:00pm	28	29	30 Choirs	31		

**Ordination & Installation of New Officers will take place on Sunday, January 6th at both services.**

**January Soup Sunday Luncheon  
Sunday, January 13th**  
All are invited to stay after services for the January Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday January 13th. A wide variety of delicious homemade soups & desserts are available to enjoy, while getting to know others in the congregation. Please contact Mike Bishop if you would like to make a soup or dessert.

**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
- 3rd-6th grade YG; Junior & Senior High Youth Group—7:00pm

**Monday**

- Men's Bible Study—7:00pm (Rm. 215)

**Wednesday**

- Adult Bells—6:00pm — Music Room
- Chancel Choir—7:00pm (Sanctuary)

**Thursday**

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



## Prayer Page—January 2019

**Pray for the pastors:** As our pastors preach, let them proclaim Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:28). Let our pastors' preaching be in the energy of the Holy Spirit.

*The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.156*

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

**Deacons:** Please pray for families to give their children spiritual nurture at home.

Deut. 6: 5-7 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Please pray for harmony and unity within the body of Christ using the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:10 "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

**Session:** Session asks people to pray about how they may serve our Lord in the many short and simple task areas at LPC that often have needs of extra hands.

**Christian Education Committee:** Pray that the Jr./Sr. High letter of encouragement for participation in the youth missions trip and summer youth camp is received positively and that it is used by the Holy Spirit to inspire the students to take an active role in his/her spiritual growth.

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**Outreach Committee:** Pray that people that attended The Christmas Lamb and others from the community will join us for worship throughout the Christmas season.

**Prayer for our country:** Pray that God will send His revival to our nation, that the true church will stand firm against the lies and deceptions of Satan. Pray for provision and strength for Peter Vlaming, a teacher in Virginia who was fired for refusing to use a feminine pronoun for a male student because of his belief in God's creation of male and female.

**Prayer for our World:** Pray that God will strengthen the faith of the members of the congregation of Early Rain church and other persecuted churches in China. The government has arrested pastor Wang Yi of Early Rain and about 100 leaders for "incitement to subvert state power." The Chinese government sees the exploding Christian church as a threat to its one party power.

### *Praying for our family*

Eugene Haas  
Bud Krisher  
Anna Rettew  
Colleen Ludeking  
Bob Ludeking  
Glenn Tanner  
Don Metzger  
Donna Herget  
Pat Shaner  
Doug Everts  
Rob Benzel  
Sally Godfrey  
Nancy Lyon  
Joyce Olivieri

### **LPC's Military**

#### **Personnel:**

Laurel Foss  
Thomas Eaton  
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#### **Missions:**

Emily Pulley  
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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.

**Address Service Requested**

## **Announcing Summer Youth Camp 2019** **Thursday, June 27th - Wednesday, July 3rd**

- **Thursday, June 27th:** Check-in 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **Wednesday, July 3rd:** Parent Program at 10:30am (check-out to follow program)
- Due to the changes in the school schedules for 2019 as well as the 4th of July, Summer Youth Camp will run an unusual week (Thursday-Wednesday) this coming year. This tends to happen every 7-8 years, however the late ending of the school year this year adds to the unusual schedule.
- Please address any concerns regarding graduation participation to Bethany at [LPCcamps@gmail.com](mailto:LPCcamps@gmail.com) prior to registration so arrangements can be made.
- **Registration opens February 1st.** Forms can be found at [www.L-P-C/camp/php](http://www.L-P-C/camp/php)
- **Parent Information Meeting**—Sunday, March 10th at 7:00pm in the church library