



LPC to host the 31st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies Friday, May 3—Saturday, May 4

Friday, May 3 to Saturday, May 4 LPC has the privilege of hosting the 31st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies.

All are invited to the Celebration Worship service
on Friday, May 3rd at 7:30pm!

A special dinner will be prepared on Friday evening prior to the worship service for those attending the Presbytery Meeting. If anyone is interested in helping with this dinner (preparing food, serving, setting up, cleaning up, etc.), your help would be greatly appreciated! Please call the church office at 684-2277 if you are able to help out!

All are encouraged and welcome to attend the business meetings taking place during the two days.

Friday: 4:15pm—6:15pm

Saturday: 9:00am—12:00pm

Upcoming Services in June

Sunday, June 2nd: Last Sunday of regular services & Sunday School

Sunday, June 9th: Music Sunday, one service at 9:30am

Sunday, June 16th: Confirmation Sunday, one service at 9:30am

Sunday, June 23rd: Graduate Sunday, one service at 9:30am

Sunday, June 30th: Summer Worship Service, one service at 9:30am



Because He Lives is a favorite hymn with me. We sang it for my Mom's funeral celebration. The song evokes images of our Lord's faithfulness in life through the gift of children, to the calm assurance to face uncertain days, to His presence with us through "life's war with pain" and on into glory.

Because He lives we live. Jesus said, "Whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). In John 10:28 He said, "I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish. Again in John 11:25-26, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." The promise of eternal life is clear for all who are in Christ Jesus, as He said, "because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19). Because Jesus lives we will live.

Because Jesus lives we need not be troubled, but believe in Him (John 14:1). He is always with us. We can trust Him in all things. Because Jesus lives we may trust in Him.

Because Jesus lives we are assured in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 that one day we will all "meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Because Jesus lives we will always be with Him.

At the graveside of my beautiful mother, I heard the reading of 1 Corinthians 15:50-55 as if for the first time. It changed me forever:

Because He Lives

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

Because Jesus lives, we will be raised imperishable.

Because Jesus lives *life is worth the living*. Paul said it this way, "To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). With Jesus we can face the future with hope no matter what comes. With Jesus there is "eternal comfort and good hope by His grace"

(2 Thessalonians 2:16). With Him there is the "blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus" (Titus 2:13). And "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil" (Hebrews 6:19). According to His great mercy, the Father "has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Because Jesus lives we have hope.

Because Jesus lives we have peace and rest. We have His own assurance when He said, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27). As when John heard the voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them" (Revelation 14:13). Indeed, "The righteous man is taken away from evil, he enters into peace; the righteous rest in their beds, each one who walked in his upright way" (Isaiah 57:1-2). Because Jesus lives we have peace.

Because Jesus lives death is giving way to victory. The day is coming when Jesus "will wipe away every tear from our eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; for the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Because Jesus lives we can envision a day when death and mourning and crying and pain will be distant memories.

Because Jesus lives all fear is gone. Remember the affirmation in Psalm 23:4, when David says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Since this reality was true before the resurrection, it is even more true of the resurrection. Because Jesus lives all fear is gone.

Because Jesus lives the future is certain. He holds every moment of our future. With Jesus in control "the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). Because Jesus lives we know He holds the future.

But my favorite "because He lives" of all is in the reality that we will see Him one day. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). The beatific vision that is referenced in the close of every service envisions a day when we will enter into the glory of His presence: "The LORD bless you, and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26). One day we will see Him as He is. He will have to change us before that can happen, because we could never withstand His glory in the frailty of this earthly frame. I consider that the glory of the sun is small in comparison with the glory of Jesus. The glory that we will see in His presence goes beyond our comprehension: "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when Jesus appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. Because Jesus lives we will see Him as He is. Let us long for that day. Happy Resurrection Day, Beloved!

All my love, Pastor Kelly

Church Announcements

National Day of Prayer—Thurs., May 2, 2019 Lancaster Town Hall 12 noon—12:45 P.M. Lancaster Presbyterian Church 7:00 P.M.

Please come to the Lancaster Town Hall at noon on Thursday, May 2, for the National Day of Prayer, led by Pastor Kelly Negus. Bring a chair if you wish, bring an umbrella if needed, but please come. We have the freedom to gather in public to pray. Let's not take that for granted. It's too late to complain after we lose the privilege of exercising our guaranteed freedoms. The time to assure their continuance is now. Gather with Christians from our community from many different churches, as we petition God with one voice that He will send us His revival.

Then come to LPC at 7:00 P.M. for a time of silent and oral prayer. Churches in China and around the world are being attacked and destroyed. Let us pray for our nation, and also for those around the world who are suffering for the name of Jesus.

"Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study

Ladies Afternoon Prayer and Bible Study group invites all ladies to join us on May 7 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the upper classroom for the final installment of "The Middle of the Mess" DVD series hosted by Sheila Walsh. If you have been feeling weary or would like to learn more about bearing the burdens of the broken, this class is designed to impart more understanding and hope courtesy of the Head Master we have in Christ. Light refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring lady friends. You may call Lisa McElhinny at 651-9218 with questions or to RSVP.

KAIROS Prison Information

- Monetary donation towards a meal (\$5) or signing up for a 30 minute or hour PRAYER slot is welcome.
- Those led to write notes please notice! We only need 24 notes. Some of the volunteer team had to pull out of the weekend. That means 6 women who were going to come cannot. Needed by May 12th.
- Handwritten notes or colored pictures (24) with a first name and age from children or adults welcome.
- Volunteers to prison ministry are always welcome!

Contact Karen Beth Tanner (716 912-5441, or Judy Cavanaugh (716) 432-6834. Texting is great also.

New Yorkers Family Research Foundation Legislative Day 2019

At 4:00 A.M. on March 19, seven LPC members started out for Albany in two cars. We ran into a blinding snowstorm that obscured all highway lines and caused vehicles to turn on hazard lights because of the poor visibility. God took care of us and we finally emerged from the storm and continued on to our destination at the state capital where we attended Legislative Day, sponsored by New Yorkers Family Research Foundation.

The importance of Christians gathering together to support those like Jason McGuire, who are working to influence law makers with Biblical values, cannot be overemphasized. Legislative Day speakers spoke about the dangers to future generations of abortion, legalized marijuana, transgenderism, sex outside of marriage between one man and one woman, physician assisted suicide for the disabled and other important issues. Several conservative state legislators spoke, including Senator Patrick Gallivan, who has consistently supported conservative issues.

Attendees were encouraged to not forget the important issues when it comes time to vote. We should all be contacting legislators and writing letters to the editor. We cannot be apathetic about these things if we care about the future that we are leaving for our children.

Several of us also visited Assemblywoman Monica Wallace's office. We had made an appointment but were only able to talk with a staffer because the Assemblywoman was in legislative session. Ms. Wallace has supported The Reproductive Health Act which allows abortion at any stage of gestation, which has been criticized across the nation.

We ended the day in prayer for our government leaders. Please pray and stay informed about what is happening in our nation, and take action whenever possible. The life that our children and the children of this nation will face depends on us. Someone has said "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing."
~Gloria Chaves



Two opportunities to help local missions in May:



1. UNDERWEAR - for the Buffalo City Mission. Each man who comes to the City Mission finds a warm meal, a place to sleep and personal time with a Christian worker, who will guide them to resources and life planning. In addition we want to offer all new entries at least 1 pair of brand new underwear. The City Mission tells us they never have enough underwear for all the men. Your donation of any size men's underwear (brand new in the package) can be placed in the barrel in the hallway across from room 114. Check throughout the month to see if we are filling the barrel!

USED CLOTHING - Used clothing—mens, womens and children - can always be left in the clothing barrel in the hall across from room 114. It will be given to City Mission residents or sold at the City Mission store to benefit the mission. Used household items can be donated directly to the City Mission store on Dick Rd.

2. SOUP for PATH (People Against Trafficking Humans) - Each Wednesday in May we will provide a meal of soup, bread and cookies for the ladies and children receiving services at PATH in Buffalo. Please contact Becky Young to sign up to help provide food. Contributions should be dropped off in the church kitchen by 9 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Needs each week include:

- Large pot of soup (feeds 15-20)
- Large pot of vegetarian soup (feeds 15-20)
- Bread or rolls for 30-40 people
- 4 dozen cookies

**Dinner
and
Bible**
for young adults

**Mondays
6:00pm—9:00pm
Starting May 13th
The Young's House
12 Huntley Place, Lancaster**

Weekly Discussion Topics

Social Justice, Science & Sexual Identity, Loneliness Epidemic, Birth Defects & Abortion, Is Darwin Racist?, Does Scientific Evidence Exclude God?, God's Wrath in the Old Testament, James the Brother of Jesus

For more info, schedules & topics visit www.L-P-C.org/DaB.php

To join the DaB Facebook group or get text updates, contact young.rebeccah@gmail.com or call the church office.

**Summer Youth Camp
Registration is now open!!!!
June 27th—July 3rd
Students completing 3rd-8th grade**

Final Registration Deadline: June 1st

- Registration forms available for print online or contact the church office for a paper copy.

Questions & Details:

- Visit the Summer Youth Camp page of our church website at www.L-P-C.org for program details and registration forms
- Contact Bethany Potozniak at LPCcamps@gmail.com or 716.573.7810

High Schoolers:

- High School Staff Training Meeting: Sunday, May 19th, 5—7pm in the Potters House

**All Staff Summer Youth
Camp Meeting
Sunday, June 23rd @ 10:45am
Waith Fellowship Hall**

HELP! COMMUNION SUB NEEDED

I will need a helper to fill in occasionally when I am absent the first Sunday of the month. I will need someone for the June 2nd services, and the July 7th 9:30, Communion services as of right now. This is not to replace me but just sub!

- Must have availability to work with me to train. Saturday morning set ups take about an hour. Sunday morning line up in the summer starts at 9:15.
- Making phone calls will be taken care of by me or another volunteer. Bring a friend or I can call a former volunteer to assist.
- Must be: Able to carry 2-3 trays at a time from kitchen to sanctuary
- Must be: Available to lead and assist clean up after last service.

Please reply as soon as possible to Chris Gear 901-2191, and I will be glad to answer any questions or concerns. Thank you

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 May & June Schedule

May

Sunday, May 5th – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Sunday, May 12th – **No Youth Group (Mother's Day)**

Sunday, May 19th – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7:00pm—8:30pm

Sunday, May 26th – **Memorial Weekend Miniature Golf Outing**

6:00pm—9:00pm

Permission slip is required (Found on the church website www.L-P-C.org)

June

Sunday, June 2nd – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Sunday, June 9th – **Pool Party at the Carlsen Home (94 Elm Place, Lancaster)**

5:00pm—9:00pm

Guys bring snacks/desserts; Ladies bring drinks

For questions or concerns, please contact Pete Gawron, Director of Family & Youth Ministry at LPC. Email: 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

- **Senior High Camp Staff Training Meeting—Sunday, May 19th, 5:00pm—7:00pm in the Potters House**
- **Confirmation Sunday—Sunday, June 16th, one service at 9:30am**
- **Summer Youth Camp—June 27 to July 3, 2019**
- **Vacation Bible School—July 21 to July 25**
- **Youth Mission Work—July 28 to July 31 (more details to come) Please note the youth and leaders will be doing mission work locally.**
- **Confirmation Wilderness Trip—August 2 to August 5**

Youth News

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choirs Mission Committee Mtg—7:00pm, Outreach Committee Mtg—7:00pm	2 National Day of Prayer Town Hall— 12:00pm LPC—7:00pm	3 31st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies	4 31st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies
5 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am Youth Groups—7:00pm	6	7 Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study— 12:30pm, Christian Education Mtg— 7:00pm	8 Choirs	9 Women's Evening Bible Study— 6:45pm	10	11 Women's Celebration Luncheon— 11:00am
12 Mother's Day Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am No Youth Groups	13 Missionary Prayer Gathering—1:00pm, DAB—6:00pm	14 Deacons Mtg—7:00pm, Trustees Mtg— 7:00pm	15 Choirs	16	17	18
19 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am Sr. High Staff Training— 5:00pm Youth Groups—7:00pm	20 DAB—6:00pm	21 Stated Session Mtg, with Confirmation students— 7:00pm	22 Choirs	23 Grapevine Crew—11:45am, Women's Evening Bible Study— 6:45pm	24	25
26 Worship 8:30 & 11:00am SS & AE—9:45am Jr/Sr High YG Miniature Golf—6:00pm No 3rd-6th Gr YG	27 Office Closed DAB—6:00pm	28	29 Choirs	30	31	

Women's Celebration Luncheon Saturday, May 11th 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 soups, sandwiches & salads.
- A special message will be given by Pastor Kelly
- RSVP by May 4th! Sign up on the sheets on the Information Table outside the church sanctuary or call the church office at 684-2277.

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

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—May 2019

Pray for the pastors: Lord, as my shepherd spends quiet time with You, shed Your love abroad in their hearts. Let our pastors know how much they are loved.
(Romans 5:5) *The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.155*

Praying for LPC ministries:

Deacons: Please join the Deacons in prayer for those for whom the challenges of daily life are becoming difficult including those who are confined to home or care facility.

Session: Session asks the LPC Congregation to pray for the health of our dear Pastor, the Reverend Doctor Kelly Negus.

Worship Committee: That LPC's Maundy Thursday service is spiritually filling for all.

Prayer for our country: Pray that citizens in the United States will have wisdom and discernment to see the dangers of socialism, which is a godless system that destroys freedom. Pray that God's people will awaken to the need to faithfully and actively worship and serve the one true God, Yahweh, and His Son, Jesus the Savior.

Prayer for our World: Pray for the people of Venezuela that they will seek God. Pray that there will be a peaceful transfer to a legitimate government and that the next leader will seek God's wisdom in restoring the nation to peace and freedom.

Praying for our family

Ken O'Connor
Prudy Allein
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
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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



Sunday, May 19th @ 7:00pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
(55 Pleasant Ave., Lancaster)

Alan Nowicki will be presenting his program ***Searching for God Through Art Part 1***. If you missed this presentation in the past, now is your chance to see it! Please note this presentation will be taking place at *St. John's Lutheran Church in Lancaster*.

Refreshments at 6:30pm, Program at 7:00pm