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(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone -
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When you finish reading this newsletter,
please share it with family and neighbors.

Coming up... *Happy New Year!*

Jan. 1 – 11:00am Worship & Communion

Jan. 8 – 11:00am New! Adult Bible Study

Jan. 16 – MLK Bday. Church Office Closed

Jan. 29 – 12:15pm – Eat & Greet free lunch,
All are welcome!



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A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

LOVE GOD

LCPC's mission statement is to “**Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples of Jesus.**” A pretty simple statement and it is one that should be guiding us as a church and as individuals as we seek to grow as fully devoted disciples of Christ.

On a regular basis, it is good to take an inventory on how we are doing as a church and as individuals. How are we loving God, loving the people around us and how are we making disciples of Jesus? Our next sermon series is going to help us in one aspect of this process as we look at the spiritual exercise of prayer.

Prayer is more than just a spiritual exercise though. It is foundational to loving God, loving people and it is foundational to developing a discipleship relationship with Jesus.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore the purpose of prayer, how does prayer work, how to prepare for prayer and in the midst of learning about prayer, discover different ways that we can pray.

So I hope that you can join us in the coming weeks as we explore how to love God through prayer.

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves His child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands.

In fact, this is love for God: to keep His commands. And His commands are not burdensome.”

1 John 5:1-3

Welcome New Members! Donna Swennes, Andy Ingersoll, and Jerry Vincent



LEMONS FOR LEMONADE

Our outreach ministries like to make fresh lemonade, but we are out of lemon juice. If you have lemons on your trees, we would appreciate donations for our upcoming luncheons.



EAT AND GREET AND THE GRANT FROM THE KINGDOM BUILDERS

Submitted by Sheila King, Chair of Spiritual Life Committee

Last November we happily reported that LCPC received a one-time Kingdom Builder's grant of \$6000 for the purpose of providing non-perishable pantry bags for our Eat and Greet guests and the purchase of a refrigerator for Fellowship Hall. As a requirement of the grant we pledged that the Word of God would be taught through a small devotional, and that the attendance of the ministry would grow. At the time we did not have any idea how many people would be interested in a non-perishable pantry bag, but knew that the number of guests who came for the meal, devotional and BINGO averaged between 20-26. In January 2022, we began taking a head count, total attendance was 21 with 15 people coming from the congregation. By July, attendance had grown to 36 with the majority in attendance coming from the community (22 guests) and the number of pantry bags distributed had grown from 13 giveaways to 26 pantry bags. Since August the average attendance has grown to 42 and primarily consists of returning and new guests.

In the early summer we began to offer two types of pantry bags: one that "requires kitchen" and the other is "no kitchen required". As the ministry continues to grow, live music (graciously volunteered) was added which provided wonderful entertainment for young and old to enjoy. I loved seeing some of the children's faces upon hearing "One-eyed Purple People Eater" during October's meal, or Nancy Britt and Joanne Laird dancing together while "Jingle Bell Rock" played. Check out the photos from Eat & Greet located on our church Instagram site (LCPC9) or just visit our website and scroll down on the front page until you see the camera icon (Instagram) then click the camera and it will take you directly to LCPC9.

The beauty of this ministry is seeing the smiles, hearing the laughter from everyone, and seeing some of our guests come to church on Sunday. If you have never been to Eat and Greet, you are encouraged to come. The majority of our guests live in the senior retirement community behind the church, or area apartments and need a little kindness. This is such a great ministry to be a part of, so come and share the love of God, love of people with your neighbor.

LCPC LIBRARY

With the New Year coming, it is a good time to consider using a daily devotional. The LCPC library has a selection of devotionals. Here are 5 that you may find beneficial:



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| 1. My Utmost for His Highest | Oswald Chambers |
| 2. Unto the Hills | Billy Graham |
| 3. Morning and Evening | Charles Spurgeon |
| 4. Streams in the Desert | Mrs. Charles E Cowman (Collection) |
| 5. Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life | Charles Swindoll |

While normally the check-out period is 2 weeks, you can talk to Librarian John Sunkel and an arrangement can be made for the entire year if you wish to use one of these as a yearly devotional.

"And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Rev. 21:5

**JANUARY
CELEBRATE & ENJOY!**



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - CJ Ringenberg
- 3 - Ben Janes
- 4 - Dee Opfer
- 5 - Reggie Hodge
- 12 – Colena Hall

- 13 - Karen Evers
- 17 - Liz Smith
- 20 - Jennifer Hillberg
- 22 - Dick Besancon
- 28 - Edward Neumeister
- 31 - Heather Vettel

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 24 - Ed & Carol Vacin

FROM THE DEACON’S DESK

Your Deacons met on November 20th for their final meeting of 2022 where outgoing Deacon class members were thanked for their dedicated service and the four incoming Deacons were welcomed.

The work continues in spite of no meetings in December preparations for the Memorial Service for Jim Sibbet were finalized; financial request for rental assistance and a Christmas tree for a family were unanimously approved through E-Poll motions; donations to Neighborhood Health, Eat & Greet and medical transportations continued.

The Deacons are thankful and grateful for your continued monetary donations each month which enable us to carry on the work our Lord and God has charged His church to accomplish.

May God bless and keep you and your families in good health in 2023 and continue to bless His church in Lakeside.

POINSETTIA PLANTS

If you purchased a plant, you may take them home with you on Sunday. Plants remaining will be delivered to our shut-ins.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Dear LCPC family.

Thank you so much for the direct gift you sent to us. Your faithfulness is an enormous blessing. We are constantly encouraged by your hearts for God's outreach in missions. You recently received Jennifer's year-end newsletter, but more news has come. Lord willing, we will come to Lakeside very early in 2023. It will be wonderful to catch up on your ministry there and share more about your outreach through Literacy and Evangelism.

Love and Blessings,
Leona Edic (Jennifer too)

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is easy, safe, and you control when and how often you wish to give. Sign up directly to make a one-time donation or for automatic giving using a credit card or direct from your bank. To give online, go to lakesidepc.org: At the top of the page, click on the Contact Tab, then the Give Tab.
Thank you for your continued and generous support.

BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION THROUGH GOD’S WORD

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - NEW SERIES STARTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Adult Sunday School will start up again on January 8, with a new series: **40 DAYS OF PRAYER.** Are you ready for God to add power to your prayer life? God created us to pray personally and corporately. Over the next 40 days and 6 Sundays we will be focusing on our personal prayer life and answering tough questions such as “what is the secret to answered prayer?” “What are the right words and how long should we keep praying about something?” Let’s start the New Year out right and learn how to pray with more confidence and greater faith than ever before. This will follow Rick Warren’s 40 days of Prayer video series. Hope to see you there. We will be meeting in classrooms 1 and 2 at 11:00am, following Worship.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY – NEW SERIES
SIX FEET BACK, SATAN BY MARGARET FEINBERG
STARTS MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

We will be starting the New Year with a study by Margaret Feinberg on the Book of Ephesians. Margaret says this: “...If you’ve ever second-guessed whether the Bible remains relevant, look no further than Ephesians. This timeless writing speaks to humanity’s deepest struggles and longings. Penned from a prison cell, Paul reorients our thinking in a time we desperately need it. Our battle has never been against flesh and blood, he says, but against darkness and evil in all its forms. Ephesians unveils the depths of our spiritual blessings and illuminates God’s marvelous plan to make us alive through Christ.

This timeless writing speaks to humanity’s deepest struggles and longings. The Holy Spirit empowers us to overcome the enemy’s lies and walk in God’s provision and power—during a global pandemic, in seasons of uncertainty, in times of suffering. This study is designed to empower you to overcome the wily ways of the enemy. Every time the accuser draws near, you’ll be attuned and equipped to declare, “Six feet back, Satan!” and send him back where he belongs. Please join us for this 4-week series. We will be meeting in the Pastor’s office at 3:00pm on Mondays.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

For January only, our study will be on Monday January 9 and 23. We meet in the Pastor’s Office at 7:00pm. Then beginning in February, we return to our regular schedule, the first and third Monday of the month. All men are encouraged to join us as we continue to discuss **Essential Truths of the Christian Faith** by RC Sproul.

SCRIP GIFT ORDERS JANUARY 8

We will be taking scrip orders on Sunday, January 8 during patio time. There is a wide selection of merchants to choose from for your shopping. The money that is raised from the sales will go towards the landscaping area in the front of the church.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 FROM LCPC'S SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Sheila King, Chair SL Committee

For those that are unfamiliar with this committee, we are always looking for volunteers who enjoy serving, having fun, and planning activities within the church and community. Spiritual Life or "SL" oversees: the church Worship Service, Music/Sound, Social Media, Eat & Greet, Vacation Bible School, participation in community events such as Western Days, Spirit of Christmas, and various church events like Pentecost treats, Mother's Day photo or Father's Day putting golf challenge and potlucks to name just a few. Even throughout 2020-2021, (what I refer to as the Covid period), the church was available through online services, outdoor services, drive through communion, and drive through children events. It was through your creative ideas that made this possible.

But we cannot become complacent or continue to do the same things over and over. Our church Mission Statement is, "**We Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples of Jesus**" and the only way to make this statement a reality begins with you, God and prayer. You are the church, you have talents and ideas we need. Together we can use your talents and put your ideas into fruition that allows LCPC to demonstrate that our Mission Statement is an active and vibrant way of life at LCPC. Spiritual Life meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm in Room 1 every month except for July and August. If you are interested in coming to the monthly meeting, or just want to share an idea please contact Sheila King or the office.

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER

Welcome 2023! We are excited to see all the great things that the new year will bring.

We had fun teaching the littles all about Jesus's birth, and celebrating Him. We were all so excited to be able to have an in person Christmas program. The children did great! Thank you to all who braved the cold weather to come out and watch. The excitement and anticipation that children feel during December is such a fun thing to watch.

See's was a success. Thank you to all that ordered See's, either online or through the school. We made \$830.38. Rubio's was another big success, we raised \$222.11. Thank you for always supporting us.

WOW! I am truly speechless, thank you all so much for the very generous donation towards our teachers bonus. It was very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

Blessings to you in the New Year!

The Children's Center staff

JULIAN CHRISTIAN RETREAT ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

The Julian Christian Retreat will be holding their annual corporate meeting at the Boll Weevil in Lakeside, on Sunday, January 8, 2023 starting around 12:00pm.

You are invited to come have lunch meeting and hear about what has been happening at this special piece of property church members started sixty years ago. You do not have to be a member of the board to attend.

For more information, contact the church office, Scott Janes or Mark Vettel.

ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE

If you were head or chair of a committee or a ministry in 2022, please submit your reports to the office by **January 24**.

I DON'T DO SOCIAL MEDIA

Submitted by Sheila King, Chair of SL Committee

I hear this a lot, but social media does have a place in our socialization and sharing things that are going on at church. Our volunteers work extremely hard putting together the online streaming service each Sunday. While we admit that there are times where gremlins seem to be at work with the sound system, or the internet is unstable and we have to record and then post the service; the fact is that if you missed a service you can still catch up and watch any Sunday Service. Go to YouTube and subscribe to Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church and you will receive a reminder when the service is live.

If you are not interested in subscribing to YouTube, consider downloading our church APP. Directions are on the front page of our website **www.lakesidepc.org**. The church APP will only send you church updates, including release of the Pastor's Blog, and Sunday's recorded sermon or reminders of special church events. Our church APP also provides links to our website, and Biblegateway (a great Bible resource).

The church website is updated regularly with everything going on including the church newsletter **LCPC Connections**, the calendar, Children's Center's monthly newsletter and tuition fees. On the website you can visit the prayer page and either pray for the prayers that have been submitted by clicking on the praying hands or submit a prayer request of your own. The website offers an online contact form for viewers to request more information. We have a GIVE page and an easy button for online giving. The online giving allows for secured encrypted giving. The giving page allows for you to select which fund (tithes and offerings, Deacons, Memorial, etc.) can be a one-time donation or recurring with the ability to stop at any time. Using the online church "GIVE" you can financially support the LCPC ministry using your credit card (so if you are collecting points with your card, every bit helps), or use your bank's ACH routing number, Google Pay, or Debit card. Monthly statements can be automatically sent to your email.

Facebook and Instagram are other ways to see what is happening around the church. Both Facebook and Instagram can be accessed directly or visit the church website and scroll down the front page until you see the Facebook icon or the Instagram camera icon. Both social media platforms provide fun visual pictures, reels, and clips of the church.

So this year plug in to LCPC social media!