

STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

Student Events

Evolve (7th and 8th) and Encounter (9-12th)

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

Sun., Jan. 21: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 28: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 4: Rest No **Encounter**
7-8:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 5: Feeding Ministry 3:30 -
7 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 11: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

Wed., Jan. 24: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 31: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 5: Feeding Ministry 3:30 -
7 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 7: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 14: **Ash Wednesday**

Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Service at 6:30 p.m.

Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

Running away

Have you ever thought about running away from home?

Most kids do, if only for a moment. There is something about our human nature that tells us to run away when we are angry or upset. Fortunately, though, most kids stop short of running away. They think about it and realize that they have it pretty good after all. They realize how much they love their parents and how much their parents love them.

I hope that you feel that way about your parents – and about God, too. I hope you won't ever run away from Him. I hope that you will always remember that He loves you more than anyone.

Weekly Prayer List

Tom Martin and Walt Tucker

Flowers This Morning are Given by

Arne, Tom, Elizabeth and Alison Trelvik in loving memory of Catherine Trelvik.

Attendance - January 14, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 245 11:15 a.m.- 124 Total - 369

Sunday School - 145

Offering \$6,104

Operating Fund Income thru December 2017 - \$1,178,599.45

Operating Fund Expense thru December 2017 - \$1,071,811.70

For Our Guests

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Guest Information on our attendance registration pad. We value your visit with us and this is a simple way of letting us know how we may better meet your needs. Thanks for visiting! We're glad you're here.

Parking--We have three locations for parking: the side lot on Silver St., the alley lot on Warren St. and the county parking lot directly across East St.

Rest Rooms are located in the hallway by the Welcome Center, on the lower level of the ARK and in the classroom office/wing.

Welcome Center--located in the Narthex area between the Sanctuary and the ARK. Please stop by and check out opportunities open to you here at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School--Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Everyone Welcome

Adult classes located in the Classroom/Office Wing:

Faith Weavers- Jim VanDeGrift in Room 102

Faith Explorers - Gary Ensing in Room 305

Bible in Life - Jim Garrett in Room 306

S.A.L.T. class - in Room 304

Raising Godly Kids - Rachael Earley in Room 311

Vintage - Teens and parents of youth grade 7-12 in LPC Youth Center

Children's Sunday School

Ages 2 - 4th grade on the lower level the ARK

5th and 6th graders in the Rainbow Room

Nursery and Family Room

Ages 2 and under are welcome in our staffed nursery located between the Ark and the Welcome Center

We also have a Family Room with worship audio located next to our Welcome Center

Worship at LPC

Traditional Worship Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christian Education at 10 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Ark

Prayer teams available following worship
for those who desire prayer.

The Facility schedule is available on our video displays
and online at www.lebanonpresbyterian.org

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Leaving Home

Soul Food: A Word from Peter

A Father's Love

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

- 1 John 3:1

Recently, I came across an old letter that my grandfather wrote to my father in 1944.

It was during World War 2. My Dad had just joined the army and was going through basic training at Fort Benning. My grandfather was in the hospital, being treated for a gangrene infection that was slowly spreading through his body.

In the letter, my grandfather recalled their times of camping and fishing together in Canada and Minnesota. He expressed pride in my father for serving in the military. He expressed his hope that my father would always love and follow Jesus Christ.

My Dad hurried home from boot camp, hoping to see his father one last time on earth. Unfortunately, that never happened. My grandfather died in surgery before my father was able to get there. That letter brought tears to my eyes. What tremendous love my grandfather had for his son!

God's love is like that. We have a heavenly Father who loves us deeply – far more than we can imagine. He desires to have a relationship with us. Even when we rebel and disobey, he eagerly waits for us to come home again.

Sermon Notes: Leaving Home

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, January 28 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of receiving the annual report, and electing at-large members to the nominating team. Please join us for this important meeting.

Communion Class Starts January 28

Each year, LPC offers an opportunity for children to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion and begin taking part in it on a regular basis. This year's class will meet during the Sunday school hour from January 28 through February 25, culminating in a special celebration for our newest communicants in worship on Sunday, March 4. The class is open to children in second grade or above, along with one or both parents. To sign up, please contact Ann van der Merwe via email at ann@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

F3 - Fitness, Fellowship and Faith

Just in time for your New Year's Resolution, all men are invited to participate in F3 Lebanon. The mission is to plant, grow and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of male community leadership. Workouts take place at the LJHS Football field, or here at LPC in the Ark when there is seriously adverse weather (or freezing cold). January and February workouts will be in the LPC Ark. Workouts begin at 5:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 7 a.m. on Saturdays, and last about 45 minutes. For questions, please contact Steve Fennessey at 513-518-5799 or scfennessey@gmail.com.

Sweethearts Dinner Saturday, February 10



Student Ministries is hosting a *Sweethearts Dinner and Dancing on Saturday, February 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.* The night will be a romantic dinner for couples and will help send our high school students to the Yucatan on their cross-cultural mission trip in June. Let us treat you to a fabulous dinner with decadent desserts! Child care reservations for ages 0-10 upon

request when purchasing tickets (donations per child encouraged). Tickets will be available for purchase Sunday, January 21 through Sunday, February 4, price per person \$20. Please join us for dinner, dancing, and fellowship.

Reading Glasses Needed

The Mexico Missions Team is once again collecting reading glasses of all strengths for our trip to Mexico on Feb. 17. Your donations help people do simple tasks as well as read the Bible, the newspaper, and generally helps make life easier. We will keep a box in the Narthex during Sunday services and will transfer them to the office during regular business hours. **Only reading glasses please.** We have no way to distribute prescription glasses.

Women's Retreat

Registration forms available at the Welcome Center or on line at www.lebanonpresbyterian.org/ministries/womens-retreat



Music Makers

If you have an infant, toddler, or preschooler, come join us for the new session of Music Makers at Lebanon Presbyterian Church! In this parent-child class, we sing, play instruments, dance, and learn about God through music and togetherness. All classes are led by Ann van der Merwe, Director of Children's Ministry.

Winter Session
January 23 - March 22
Tuesdays @ 10 a.m. in Room 301
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 301

This Week's Cover Art

Many artists from across the ages and around the globe have been inspired by the parable of the Prodigal Son, which some describe as the greatest of all Jesus' parables. Today, we begin a sermon series of that story and its profound theological significance. As part of our journey we will explore some of great artistic expressions inspired by this powerful parable. Along the way, we will experience many representations of the Prodigal Son in art, covering a period of over 500 years, from 1496 to the present.

Story of the Prodigal Son
1984 by John August Swanson

Today's cover art is a serigraph in five panels based on an earlier drawing by the artist in 1971. He used the original drawing as a map to select and build up each of the colors used in the work. The new interpretation has fine details and intense colors. Each panel uses many visual elements to capture the narrative scene. For more information on this piece and other works by the artist, visit www.johnaugustswanson.com.



Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Ministry Minute
Sweethearts Dinner Keegan Kempf and Chloe Larson

Chiming of the Hour *(Let us prepare our hearts to worship God)*

Prelude Kathy and Wayne Anderson
Arioso from Catata BWV 156-Adagio J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship (Psalm 95:6-7) The Rev. Peter Larson
Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
People: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
Leader: For he is our God
All: And we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Hymn
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Hymn 2

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Randy Fannin
Loving God, sometimes there is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence; enough doubt to overwhelm our faith; enough weariness to swamp our hopefulness; enough apathy to smother our compassion. Yet, thankfully, there is also enough discontent to drive us back to your love.

God of our LORD Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.

God of monumental patience and of prodigal mercy, forgive your people their numerous sins, have pity on our pride and folly, lead us to the fountain of your grace, and wash us clean from all that defiles us. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer.
AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

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Offertory Sanctuary Choir
I Surrender All to You

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Jan Watsell
Psalm 23 Pew Bible, page 392
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Ann van der Merwe

Children are Dismissed
Preschool - 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church-Room 301

*Hymn Hymn 580
Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

Second Scripture Reading Pew Bible, page 740
Luke 15:11-12

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson
Leaving Home

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn Hymn 60
Great is Thy Faithfulness

Charge and Benediction The Rev. Peter Larson

** Please stand if you are able*

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