

STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

Student Events

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

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

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. 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

Far from Home

I remember the first time I went to summer camp. I was very excited about it, but right after my parents left, I felt lost and scared. I suddenly realized that I didn't know anyone, and I was homesick.

When the Prodigal Son left home, he was excited, too. He thought it was going to be so much better than being at home. But, he soon felt homesick. He missed his dad and his brother. He missed the life he had before. He longed to go home.

I wasn't running away from home when I went to camp, so I knew I was going to go home soon. And, I did end up having a good time. Still, the experience has always made me remember how wonderful it is to have a home filled with love.

Life with God is like that. I hope it feels that way to you.

Weekly Prayer List

Alex Gamber, Erin Harmon and Tom Martin

The Roses on the Communion Table are in Celebration of

Nick Dudarevich, father of of Scott Lucia, who passed away on December 11.

Lois Nott, mother of Kathy Brown, who passed away on December 15.

Thelma Dohmen, mother of Ron Benedict, who passed away on December 30.

Norma Spoon, mother of Claudia Cunningham, who passed away on December 30.

Nellie Fite, grandmother of Brandon Taulbee, who passed away on January 6.

Julius Bracerros, father of Michele Bracerros, who passed away on January 19.

Patty Schanke, mother of Becky Creech, who passed away on January 19.

Attendance - January 21, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 284 11:15 a.m.- 119 Total - 403

Sunday School - 170

Offering \$10,115

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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Soul Food: A Word from Peter

A Lost Son

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

- 1 John 3:1

There was a young man who was proud, rash and reckless. Although he was raised in a Christian home, he rejected the faith of his mother.

He left home and moved to a big city. With his brilliant intellect, he became a successful teacher. He lived a wild life, partying and drinking with his friends and sleeping around. He joined a cult group and studied Eastern religion. He had a mistress and an illegitimate child. He seemed hopelessly lost.

And yet, his mother kept praying for him. One day, the young man was walking in a garden when he heard a child's voice saying, "Take up and read." Finding a Bible nearby, he opened it to Romans 13:13 where it says: "Not in carousing or drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling or jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Instantly, the young man felt his heart being filled and flooded with light. He turned totally from his life of sin and became a Christian. In the years that followed, he became one of the greatest saints the church has even known: Saint Augustine.

Do you have a prodigal son or daughter in your family? Like Augustine's mother, you need to keep praying. Don't give up! God can melt the hardest heart and bring the prodigal home again.

Sermon Notes: The Far Country

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting today 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 Today

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 today 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 Chicken Parmesan, a pasta bar, mixed vegetables, mixed green and

caesar salads along 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 today 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 pre-schooler, 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

Now through March 22

Tuesdays @ 10 a.m. in Room 301

Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 301

Soles 4 Souls

Our Boy Scout Troop 186 will be collecting new and gently-used shoes on February 4 as we celebrate Scout Sunday. The shoes will be donated to needy and homeless people through Soles 4 Souls Ministry. Boxes will be provided to receive your donations.



This Week's Cover Art

The Prodigal Son

1622 Oil on wood: Gerrit van Honthorst

Gerrit van Honthorst was one of the leading Utrecht followers of Caravaggio, who employed close physical observation with a dramatic use of chiaroscuro that came to be known as tenebrism. He made the technique a dominant stylistic element, darkening shadows and transfixing subjects in bright shafts of light. The influence of the great Italian master is clear in the down-to-earth nature of the scene, in the half-figures shown close to, and in the powerful contrasts of light and shade. Honthorst spent some years in his youth in Italy where, for his love of the use of artificial light sources, he was known as Gerardo della Notte (Gerardo of the night).



Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

FAMILY SUNDAY

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements Ann van der Merwe

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

Prelude SonShine Kids
I Have Decided

*Call to Worship Kelsey Hoeffel
Leader: God, my heart feels secure in your hands.
People: I will sing and make music to you with all my heart.
Leader: Harp and Lyre, wake up!
People: I will sing and make music to you with all my heart.
Leader: LORD, I will praise you among the nations.
People: I will sing and make music to you with all my heart.
Leader: Great is your love. It is higher than the heavens.
ALL: I will sing and make music to you with all my heart!

*Hymn
O Worship the King Hymn 29

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession Liezel van der Merwe
Dear God, your love for us is deep and wide. You created us to be your children, and you love us like a father. But we often walk away from your love. We think we can have a better life without you. Forgive us, LORD, for being selfish. Forgive us, LORD, for running away. By your Spirit, bring us back again into your loving arms. We pray in the name of the Jesus, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Jesus Loves Me*
Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong
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WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Avery Meno
Genesis 3:1-9 Pew Bible, page 2
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Ann van der Merwe

Children are Dismissed
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*Hymn
I Need Thee Every Hour Hymn 538

Video
The Prodigal Son Story

Second Scripture Reading
Luke 15:13-16 Pew Bible, page 740

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson
The Far Country

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn
Children of the Heavenly Father Hymn 84

Charge and Benediction The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude Liz Anderson
Here I am, Lord arr. John Carter

** Please stand if you are able*

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