

STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

Student Events

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

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

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

Sun., April 15: **LPC Scholarship**

Application Deadline

Sun., April 15: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

Sun., April 22: **Breakfast For Students**
10 a.m.

Sun., April 29: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

Sat., May 5: **LPC Rummage Sale** 8-2

Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

Wed., April 11: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.

Wed., April 18: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.

Sun., April 22: **Breakfast For Students**
10 a.m.

Wed., April 25: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.

Wed., May 2: **Evolve Event**

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Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

Truth or Dare?

I'm guessing you have probably played "Truth or Dare" before. When I played it as a kid, most people picked a Dare over a Truth. I think that's because it is hard to share the real truth about ourselves. We don't want people to see our mistakes, our imperfections, and our failures.

But just because the truth is hard doesn't mean it is bad. The truth is, we have all sinned. The truth is, we all need Jesus. And the truth is, we can have Him.

All we need to do is remember that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. His grace makes the truth about ourselves a whole lot easier to admit.

Weekly Prayer List

Ethel Gast, Marlene Jolley, Bonnie Newman, Charlotte Way,
Dick Kaufman, and Larry Kilpatrick

Flowers This Morning are Given by

Ron and Carolyn Lucke in loving memory of Carolyn's siblings Paul, Carl,
Ednae Smith and Ron's brother Doug Lucke.

Attendance - March 25, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 233 11:15 a.m. - 127 Total - 360

Sunday School - 123

Offering \$8,911.50

Attendance - Holy Week March 29 - April 1

Maundy Thursday - 99 Good Friday - 150

Easter Sunday

8 a.m. - 200 9:30 a.m. - 338 11:15 a.m. - 168 Total -706

Offering \$17,296.20

Operating Fund Income thru March 2018 - \$306,974

Operating Fund Expense thru March 2018 - \$283,340

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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What Is



For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is on the side of truth listens to me.

- **John 18:37**

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Truth Decay

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.
- John 8:32

“That isn’t true!”

How often as parents do we hear our kids say those words! Even little children have a passionate belief in the truth. When they are caught in a lie, they feel guilty. When they hear something that is false, they react with moral outrage.

As we get older, however, things get complicated. The truth begins to blur. We find it convenient to bend the facts. Instead of discerning the truth, we are blinded by our own opinions and emotions. We distort the truth or deny it.

When Jesus was on trial before Pontius Pilate, Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” It was the cynical question of a career politician. In Pilate’s world, there was no such thing as truth – only spin.

What is truth? Jesus is the truth. Again and again in the Gospels, Jesus says: “I tell you the truth!” In the words of Jesus there is no shadow of falsehood or deceit. Jesus opens our eyes to see the truth.

As Christians, we are called to know the truth, speak the truth and walk in the truth. That isn’t easy in our modern world, but it is the way that leads to freedom.

Sermon Notes: What is Truth?

All Church Breakfast April 22

You are invited to a whole church breakfast on April 22 at 10 a.m. to hear what our students are up to and how you can pray for and support them this summer. We promise there will be good food, a short presentation and time for fellowship or to head off to your Sunday school class. Please mark your calendar and join us!

Camp in a Castle

Calling all current (2017-2018) 6th, 7th, and 8th graders - LPC is going to Summer Camp in a Castle! Join us June 2-8 (Saturday-Friday) for big field games, night games, singing, skits, secret passageways, Bible study, go carts, wave pool, water slide and laser tag at Camp Stronghold in Oregon, IL. The cost is only \$225 with early registration due by April 15. Sign up at lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/summer.

Coming Alongside

We will meet for lunch on Tuesday, April 17 at noon at the Olive Garden in Middletown. The restaurant is located in front of Lowe’s. Please call Becky Adams at 513-932-3372 for reservations. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Disaster Relief Trip

The Mission Committee will launch the new LPC tool trailer to work in southern Florida for hurricane clean-up the week of Saturday, April 14 to Sunday, April 22. We are currently stocking the trailer with various tools. If you wish to purchase a tool or give a Home Depot gift card, see the “tool tree” in the Narthex. Tools may be brought in Sunday morning or in the office during the week.

Do you know a High School or College Graduate?

Graduation Sunday at LPC is May 20th - We will have a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. where we will celebrate and send off our high school and college graduates. There will be cake! For high school graduates and their families, there is a special breakfast at 9 a.m. but you need to RSVP. If you know a graduate who should to be recognized in worship, have them sign up at lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/graduates.

High School Senior Scholarships

LPC Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors. LPC is a giving congregation and we wish to bless and affirm the determined faith, spiritual gifts and life direction of our graduating high school seniors. We offer five scholarships that are awarded to qualified applicants by the scholarship committee. Please consider applying for these scholarships. LPC Scholarship Awards are given at Lebanon Presbyterian Church on Graduation Sunday, May 20. NOTE: All scholarship applications, guidelines, and requirements are available to download at lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/graduates.

Deadline to fill out an application and return to the church office is April 15 at 2 p.m. Questions? Contact andrew@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

LPC Book Club

will meet Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Adult Library Room 304 to discuss *Hidden Figures -The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*, written by Margo Lee Shetterly. It chronicles the careers of four African American women who participated in some of NASA’s greatest successes and used their intellect to change their country’s future. Everyone is welcome. For further information call Ann Fickus at 513-228-2959.

LPC Church Directory

The 2018 LPC Church Directory is now available at the Welcome Center. Please only take one per family, if you need additional copies please contact Gabrielle Pyles at 513-932-2751 or gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

Interfaith to Hold Training Session

We will be holding an information and training session on May 5 at 9 a.m. in Room 102. This session is for both IHN veterans and newcomers at LPC and is intended to inform, educate, and update our volunteers on current program policies and procedures. This session will be held by Linda Rabolt, Exec Director of IHN of Warren County (IHNWC), and will last approximately 90 minutes.

As we all know societal times continually change and our LPC IHN Leadership Team will always adjust and fully manage those challenges. It is important we are all up to date with the current protocols of the program as we continue to serve those families in need. This training is highly recommended and only offered twice a year. Our next rotation begins Sunday, May 27 and the LPC IHN Leadership Team is very excited to ramp up and inform you of some of the new plans we have in store for our families. Please call or text an RSVP to Rob McLagan at 513-478-4516 or email at rmclagan@arcadia.edu if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Lost and Found

Did you know we have a “lost and found” located in the mailroom across from the choir room? Well, we do and it is over flowing with lost items. If you have lost something, please stop by and claim your item. Anything still “lost” on May 4 will be put into our church Rummage Sale.

Need house/yard help this spring?

Our students are doing big things this summer and are working to raise support to get them where God has called them. Do you have a house or yard project that could use an extra set of hands? A patio to sweep? A fence to paint? Our students are ready and want to help! Contact Teri Abbott 513-460-4966 with your project and she will help you work out the details.

We Need Your Help for VBS!

Vacation Bible School will run June 4-8 from 9-11:30 a.m. We serve nearly 200 kids each summer through VBS, which means we need dozens of volunteers to make this amazing week of ministry happen. And, we need people with a variety of gifts. So, if you can help in anyway, please visit the following link to sign-up: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/3b0389>.

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8:45 a.m. Worship Service

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*Hymn
The Day of Resurrection Hymn 247

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession Andrew Johnson
Holy God, you tolerate nothing sinful in your presence. And yet by
grace, and through the blood of Jesus, you make it possible for sinners
to draw near to find forgiveness and the joy of being truly cleansed
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Jesus won for us on the cross. We have failed to love you with all our
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have wandered in darkness. Instead of living by your truth, we have
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sin and addiction that would enslave us. By your Spirit, change and
transform us into the image of your Son, Jesus Christ. And now, in the
silent chamber of our hearts, we confess the sins that trouble us most:

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Because He Lives*
God sent his Son, they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive,
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
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*We All Have Different Lenses***WE HEAR THE WORD**

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Christ Arose! Hymn 235

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Upon receiving the bread and cup, please wait before partaking,

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