

STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

Student Events

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

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

Sun., April 22: **Breakfast For Students**
9:45 a.m.

Sun., April 29: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.
Sat., May 5: **LPC Rummage Sale**
8-2 p.m.

Sun., May 6: **Mission Trip Mtg.** 7 p.m.
Mon., May 7: **Feeding Ministry**
3:30-7 p.m.

Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

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9:45 a.m.

Wed., April 25: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.
Wed., May 2: **Evolve Event**
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3:30-7 p.m.

Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

When Bad Things Happen...

Nobody wants to have a bad day. And whether is a small thing that just puts you in a bad mood or something truly awful that happens to you or to someone you love, being sad is not what anyone wants.

Some people blame God when bad things happen. Maybe you've done that, too. But bad things are not God's fault. Living in a sinful world means that bad things will happen. Sometimes we suffer because of our own sin; sometimes we suffer because of someone else's sin. Either way, it hurts.

The good news is that God helps us through the hurt and he promises us a future with no more sadness. In heaven, there will no more sin. And that means, no more bad things will happen.

Weekly Prayer List

Marsha Falknor, Marlene Jolley, Larry Kilpatrick,
Bonnie Newman and Jean Sidebottom

The Roses on the Communion Table are in Celebration of

Richard Burk, the brother of Lois Weber and uncle of Gabrielle Pyles,
who passed away on March 29.

Rob Cropper, brother of Ginny Kuntz, husband of Mary Jo Cropper,
who passed away on April 11.

Attendance - April 15, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 254 11:15 a.m. - 132 Total - 386
Sunday School - 155
Offering \$7,227.06

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.

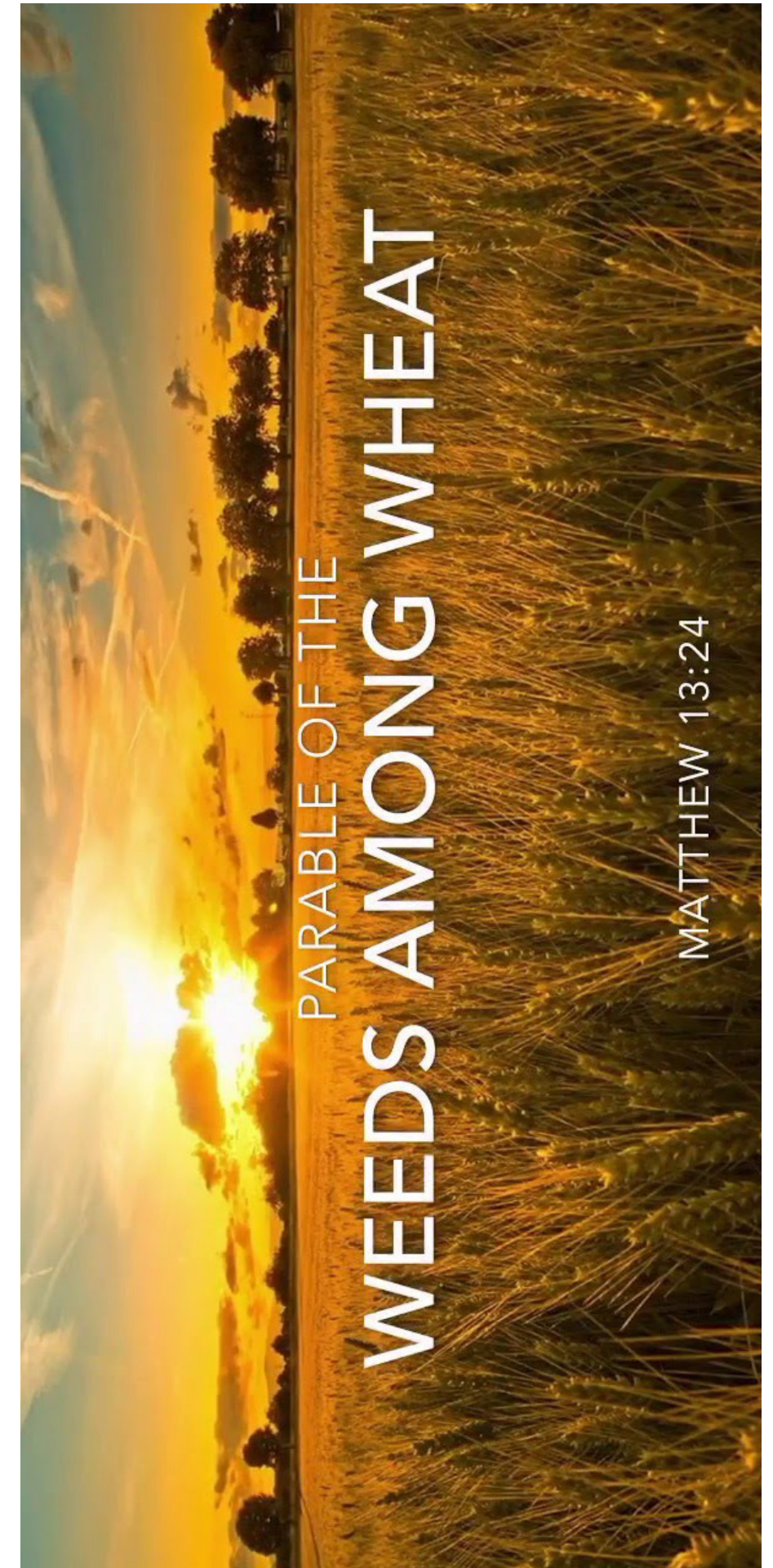
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and online at www.lebanonpresbyterian.org

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Dandelions

Most people know that dandelions are weeds. They spread quickly, and they can easily take over a yard without treatment of some sort. And even when you keep them at bay, you will never eliminate all of them.

But little kids often see dandelions as flowers. They pick them and give them to their mothers as a special gift. Or, they wait until they have gone to seed and enjoy blowing the tops into the wind, thinking that they are spreading more pretty flowers – rather than weeds – into the world.

Like little kids, we cannot really tell the difference between the weeds and the wheat – the evil and the good. Sometimes we mistake one for the other. But God has it all figured out. He has the kind of eyes that see deeply enough to judge people justly. And, he will only do it when he has given everyone the fullest possible chance to know his amazing grace.

Sermon Notes: Why Does God Allow Evil?

All Church Breakfast Today

You are invited to a whole church breakfast at 9:45 a.m. today 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. Breakfast is free but we will be accepting donations to fund the Mexico mission trip.

Do you know a High School or College Graduate?

Graduation Sunday at LPC is May 20. 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.

Fireside Chat with LPC Leaders

Do you have any questions for the leadership of LPC? We invite you to join us Sunday, May 6 at 10 a.m. during the Sunday School hour for a fireside chat in the Sanctuary. Several of our elders will be present to answer any questions you might have. This is not a congregational meeting, just an informal time to listen to the members of our congregation. We are planning to hold these meetings quarterly.

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 that 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. The LPC IHN Leadership Team is very excited to ramp up and inform you of some of the new plans that 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!

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.

Student Ministry Assistant

LPC is hiring a Student Ministry Assistant for Female Student Care. This is a Part-Time position focused on female middle school/junior high students and high school students. This position is responsible for overseeing pastoral care ministry and discipleship to female students. Applicants are encouraged to apply by May 6 to admin@lebanonpresbyterian.org with a cover letter, testimony, ministry vision statement, resume, and to make references available upon request. A detailed job description is available at lebanonpresbyterian.org/about-us/staff-openings.

Lebanon Food Pantry

The church needs someone to take the food that is donated to LPC over to the Lebanon Food Pantry located by the Lebanon Post Office once every other week. Please contact Gabrielle Pyles at 513-932-2751 or gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org if you can assist with this.

The Results are In!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Safety and Security Survey. The Team has compiled the results and made them available to you at the Welcome Center. Stop by and pick up your copy.

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>.



A Celebration of Sacred Music Sunday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

Compositions from Bach, to Liszt, Miles, to The Piano Guys, culminating in an offering of the Fauré Requiem in D Minor Op.48

All are welcome
Admission is free
A light reception is to follow



Please join us for a
Mother's Day Tea

on

Saturday, May 12

at 4 p.m. in
The Ark

R.S.V.P.

Please fill out and place in
the offering plate.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

FAMILY SUNDAY

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements Ann van der Merwe

Ministry Minute Eliza French and Lauren McLagan
Interfaith Hospitality Network

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

Prelude Kai Earley
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Worship (Psalm 37: 1-4) Kendall Hoeffel
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Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.
Congregation: Then you will live in the land and enjoy its food.
Leader: Find your delight in the Lord.
ALL: Then he will give you everything your heart really wants.

*Hymn
Rejoice, the Lord Is King Hymn 262

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession Emilie Looper
Dear Jesus, We know you are good. But because we have sinned, we are still surrounded by evil here on earth. And we don't always deal with it as we should. You tell us to avoid sinning, but we often behave badly. You tell us to be patient, but we fail to trust in your timing. You tell us to let you be the judge, but we try to judge for ourselves. Forgive us, LORD, and help us to be your light in the world. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Gloria Patri*
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The Parable of the Weeds

Children's Sermon Ann van der Merwe

Children are Dismissed
Children will return to sit with their parents for Family Sunday.

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Our Great Savior Hymn 89

Scripture Reading
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Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson
Why Does God Allow Evil?

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Song of Response <i>O Come to the Altar</i>	
Prayers of the People	Colton Sands
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