



LEWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEWES, DELAWARE

April 2023

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking about time. When we look to Christ telling us he would return soon, it seems as if he said this a really long time ago. Consider this (and I heard this from another pastor): if a baby were put on the lap of a 100 year old man today, that child born in 2023 would be sitting on the lap of someone born in 1923. If that person, who was born in 1923, had sat on the lap of a person that was 100 years old in 1923, they would be sitting on the lap of someone who was alive in 1823. And if that baby born in 1823 were sitting on the lap of a 100 year old person, they would be on the lap of someone born in 1723. This was the time when America was still ruled by King George! We are only three lifespans from 1723. We are only 20 lifespans from the time of Christ if there were people living to the age of 100 in every century. In God's economy, Christ's coming to earth was not that very long ago and so in the mind of God, his Son's return to this earth will be very quick indeed.

Jesus told us about his second coming and the signs that would be present around his return in Matthew 24. Just in the last 100 years, many of these signs of Christ's second coming have picked up the pace at a breathtaking pace. Jesus said there will be many who will deceive Christians and those who are already apart from Christ. As we look around the world today, there are a number of false religions that are pulling people away from Christ. Islam, which rejects the divinity of Christ and his death on the cross

for the sins of the world, is the fastest growing religion in the world after Christianity. In the west, many have fallen away to new age religion and simple atheism. In the last days, there will be warfare on a scale never imagined by the ancient world. The first and second world wars were warfare on a global scale never seen before in the history of the world. Famines and earthquakes will increase greatly. We are told that the love of most will grow cold. Many who were part of the church and actively walking with Christ will drift away. This is happening all over the west and specifically in North America. The church has been in freefall particularly during the Covid crisis. And wickedness has increased exponentially in our land and throughout the world. What is fascinating is that while all this is happening, the Gospel will have been preached throughout the world just before Christ's second coming. The Gospel has in fact gone out to the entire world at this time in history. This was not true only 50 years ago. With the advent of the internet, cell phones and mass communication, it is now possible to project the Good News about Jesus to the entire world.

Outside of Matthew 24, the Old Testament prophets said that in the last days, the nation of Israel would reappear and that the Jewish people scattered throughout the entire world would once again be in the land of Israel (Many scholars believe that the sign of the fig tree in Matthew 24 is the re-emergence of Israel.) cont'd on pg 2



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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,

*Gerry Brown, Clerk of Session*

### Regular Session Meeting March 21, 2023

- Session elected Gerry Brown as Commissioner at the Heritage Presbytery Meeting, April 23-24, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Christian Life Center, Lincoln University, PA

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This has happened in our lifetime in 1948. Daniel predicted a time of exponential growth of knowledge and travel. This has only happened in the last 150 years in the history of the world. Consider that before the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the horse was the primary mode of land transportation for over 6000 years. Only recently has this changed. It used to take weeks to cross the ocean 200 years ago, now it only takes hours. In the last days, the book of Revelation calls for a one world economy. Right now you can go to an ATM anywhere in the world and access your money. You don't even need an ATM, you can use your smart phone.

Why am I talking about all these signs of Christ's second coming and the closeness of his return? It is because that before his death and resurrection, Jesus was telling his disciples to be on the lookout for his second coming. He told them after he rose from the grave that he was going to leave them and that they should look for his return. At Easter, we are celebrating what Christ did for us on the cross, but it is always with an eye out for his second coming. Just look at our world today: a global pandemic, massive earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, warfare in the Ukraine not seen on a scale since the Second World War, and now a bank crisis which seems to reverberate around the globe. As Christians, we

## TREASURER'S REPORT,

*Fred Beaufait, Treasurer*

January 1, 2023 - February 28, 2023	
General Fund	<u>2023</u> <u>2022</u>
Revenue.....	\$ 92,042    \$ 90,624
Expenditures.....	\$ 85,674    \$ 64,487
Excess Revenue	\$ 6,368    \$ 26,137
<b>Mission</b>	<b><u>2023</u>      <u>2022</u></b>
Carryover.....	\$ 7,753    \$ 7,175
Revenue.....	\$ 25,327    \$ 17,508
Expenditures.....	\$ 19,535    \$ 15,986
Carryover	\$ 13,545    \$ 8,697



**Men's Luncheon**  
**Lewes Diner**  
**Thursday, April 20th,**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Reservations:**  
**Ron Trupp 645-8927**

cannot predict the future, but God gives us signs that his return is sooner than ever before. In Matthew 24, Jesus said the generation experiencing all of these signs would be present when He returns. It's possible some of us may be in the terminal generation that experiences Christ's second coming. As we celebrate Easter, let's remember Jesus is coming again. And let's be about his work as we await his return.

In Christ,  
Pastor Greg

*Christ is Risen!*



**The Deacon's Bench**  
"Good morning!" "Welcome!" "Glad to see you!" "How are you doing?"

These are words that tend to brighten the spirits of those who receive any of these greetings. They bring a smile to both the speaker and the receiver. It is the intention at LPC that those who come to worship with us Sunday mornings will be greeted in just this way.

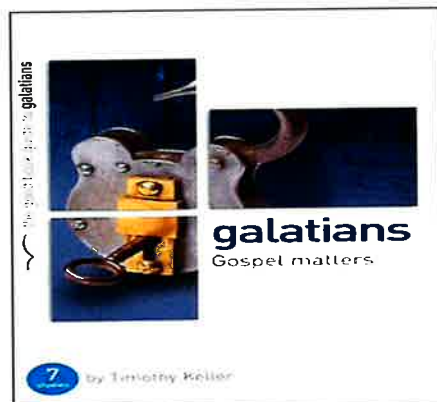
Over the past month we have been blessed to have nearly 30 brothers and sisters volunteer to offer a warm welcome as worshippers come to sing, pray, and hear the Word of God. Isn't it wonderful? The Deacons truly are grateful for each and every one of them.

These Greeters wear a greeter badge and will be stationed near the door of the Welcome Center, the stairs, or the bulletins table, serving at the time they regularly worship. You probably have already seen them in action. It is hoped we will come to know one another better, including our frequent visitors, by seeing a familiar face often.

Would you be willing to extend a warm greeting on Sunday mornings? Would you like to join a team of Welcomers who serve at the worship service you attend? There is always room for more! Simply speak to the Greeter or Deacon of your interest and they will help in getting you included. You can be one of the first smiling faces of LPC to those who have chosen to start their week worshipping God with us.

As it says in Psalm 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (NIV)

Debbie Myers  
Deacon Moderator

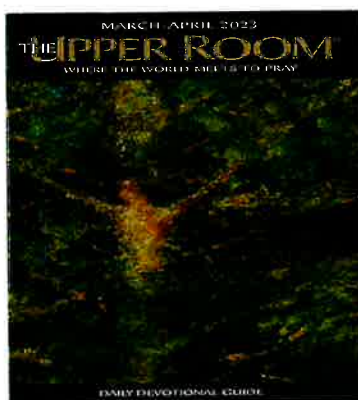


## Galatians - Gospel Matters by Tim Keller at 9:15 in the LPC Library.

God worked in Paul before saving him and equipped him to preach the gospel. Paul urged the Galatians to keep trusting Jesus, who has done what the law cannot.

Connecting the work of the Son and the Spirit.

Nicole Ferrari,  
Facilitator



## Spring 2023 Bible Study Tuesday Evenings 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom

### THE UPPER ROOM

#### April Focus:

**In Your Hands** - Proverbs 3:5

....I can trust God even when I don't have full understanding.

**Valuable to God** - Matthew 13:44

..... I am special to God.

**Safe Place** - Psalm 46:1 ....God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

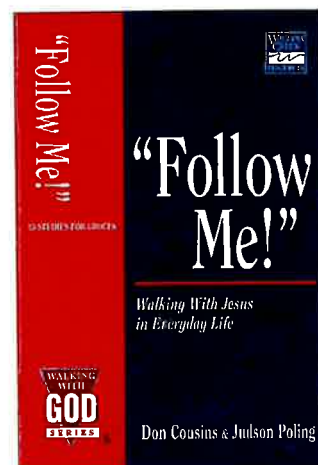
**A Close Relationship** - Luke 10:42 ....Spending time with God renews me to better serve God and others.

**In the Background** - Col. 3:23 ...Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

**A Good Listener** - James 1:19 .... Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

**Everyone is welcome to join us  
at 7:00PM each Tuesday  
evening via Zoom.**

Contact Clarence or Barbara with  
any questions. 302-645-8347



## 2023 Spring Bible Study Follow Me - Walking with Jesus in Everyday Life

Salvation is described by Scripture as a free gift, yet Jesus also spoke of costly discipleship, urging those who would follow him to count the cost.

Ephesians 2:8-9 promises us unconditional grace that saves us. Verse Eph 2:10 tells us God prepared good works for us to walk in.

This book will examine in detail what it means to follow Christ.

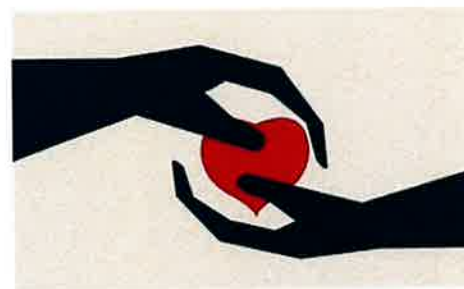
The study continues into April.

**Monday Evenings 6:30-7:30pm**

**Tuesday afternoons 11:30-12:30  
and 1:30-2:30pm**

This study will be led by Patsy Macintire. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Patsy if you have any  
questions 302-645-9049







## SOUP MINISTRY

**Tuesdays 11-1pm**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023** will be the Soup Ministry's **last day** for the season. It has been a joy to share prayers, food and fellowship. We thank our wonderful team of volunteers. May God continue blessing our volunteers and our guests that joined us weekly.

Blessings,  
Gerry and Carol Brown



Thanks for all of the prayers and visits for David. He is home but still receiving therapy at home. It is going to take time to get more mobile.

Miss you all!

Connie Simmers

### In Memory

Margaret "Peggy" Lingo  
June 12, 1925 - March 10, 2023

### 2023 West Virginia Mission Trip - July 17-July 21

Lewes Presbyterian Church will be doing a mission trip to West Virginia this coming summer. **The dates are Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.** We will be going to the southwest and central part of West Virginia where we'll be ministering to people who need help with home improvements. Last year we had a great time building a wheelchair ramp.

While helping with repairs and rebuilds, we have an opportunity to minister with the people we are helping. You don't need to be a builder or carpentry expert to go on this trip. The organization we work with provides most of the tools and needed training. We need folks who can be drivers, people who help plan meals, and people who can just do light kinds of work.

This year kids 12 and up can go on the mission trip supervised or with a parent. We encourage our youth to join us this summer.

I can tell you that everyone who went on the trip last year was tremendously blessed. Last year the mission committee underwrote the cost of the trip. **Do not let money be the reason for keeping you back.**

I would like to encourage you to start thinking about joining us this coming **July** as we go to help those who are in need of grace, mercy and practical help.

Email the church at [lpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lpchurch@gmail.com) or sign up in the Welcome Center if you are interested in going.

In Christ,  
Pastor Greg



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This note is to thank all who reached out to me and mine at the time of Jack's passing. It is a sad time for those of us left behind, but I know it is a glorious transition for Jack, who is now living a new and beautiful life with our Lord. This fact is a comfort to me as is the love and support shown by you, my wonderful church family. Thank you for the cards, gifts, food, love and kindness.

Jack always enjoyed the many years of serving and attending LPC, (he was baptized here!) and felt blessed by it and the lovely warm congregation.

Now I am sad and miss Jack terribly but feel held up by the collective arms of you all that surround me. Thank you for your continuing support.

Much love and God's blessing,  
Mickey Vessels & Family  
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I wanted to thank Lewes Presbyterian Church for your generous donation to help the victims of the earthquake in Turkey/Syria! You all "knocked it out of the park" and the funds will help so many people. Although we are helping in Turkey, we are specifically expending more resources in Syria as there are fewer Faith Groups ministering in that area because of government issues, and the needs seem to be even greater on the Syrian side. We are providing emergency food, hygiene kits and items, winter supplies, emergency shelter and other essentials. Blessings, and thanks again for your generosity and prayers!

Phil Smart  
ECO Church Relationships

## You're Invited... To Easter Services at Lewes Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday April 2nd 8am, 9:15am, 11am  
Maundy Thursday April 6th 6 pm  
Good Friday April 7th 7 pm  
Easter Sunday April 9th 8am, 9:15am, 11am  
133 Kings Highway Lewes, DE 19958 <https://www.lewespresbyterianchurch.org>

### Would you like to join us for Easter services?

The Evangelism Committee has prepared a card to help you invite someone to Church for Holy Week services. Someone you know needs the blessing of the good news that Christ is risen!

Hope lives – because He lives!

Attractive cards are printed and available at each service. They are there to pass along to your neighbors or to those you meet. The Holy Spirit will lead you to someone who needs to hear about Christ!

The good news of Christ's resurrection is captured well by Chinese church leader and teacher Watchman Nee – *"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection."*



### FAREWELL ...

If you see Bruce and Marla Viekmán, please give them a goodbye hug and best wishes as they leave Lewes and relocate to Massachusetts the end of this month. All the best in your move. We will miss you !!



## 2023 Easter Offering

This year the **Easter Offering** will help support our **Lewes Area Study Place (LASP)**

The Easter Offering will help support the Lewes Area Study Place (LASP) this year. The program is an educational mission of Lewes Presbyterian Church and does not charge a fee to participating families. I rejoice in what God has done in our church due to the generosity and kindness of its members. With this support, we can successfully operate throughout the school year.

At the Lewes Area Study Place, we strive to provide a high-quality afterschool tutoring program designed for K–5th grade youth to help them succeed in school and life. We do this in partnership with our families and community to provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes and models respect, positive self-esteem, academic achievement, communication, and character development within a Christian framework.

The LPC supports the program by providing leadership, classroom space, financial support, recordkeeping, and website development. In addition, we receive generous contributions from members of the congregation and other individuals and groups in the Lewes community.

You will find "Easter" donation envelopes in the pews or drop your check in the offering plate or the mail. Please write "Easter Offering" in the memo area of your check.

The students, parents, volunteers, and staff thank you for your consideration and support.

Teresa Lockerman  
Program Director



Please welcome:

Susan Kammerer  
Melinda McGuigan  
Sandy Sherow  
Rich & Donna Strangfeld  
Michael Camasso

Welcome to Lewes Presbyterian Church! We are so pleased to welcome you and anticipate the many ways you will incorporate into this family of faith.



**SPRING IS A TIME  
OF NEW GROWTH &  
NEW BEGINNINGS.**

**LET US PRAISE GOD  
TOGETHER!!!**

**HALLELUJAH**





***Hope in Times of Fear***  
by  
**Timothy Keller**

In our age of pessimism about present times and the future, Timothy Keller highlights the glorious hope Jesus' resurrection gives to all believers. Easter brings us spiritual strength and joy not only in our present life, but most importantly in our after life. There is "formidable" historical evidence of Christ's Resurrection, but it is not enough to understand it merely on an intellectual level or simply as the triumph of good over evil. Keller tells us "the movement from Cross to Resurrection remakes the lives of Christians from the inside out by the power of the Spirit while God's omnipotent power renews and heals the entire world."

In the central chapters of the book, Keller expounds Christian faith as an intimate, personal communion with Jesus. At times we may think it might have been better to have actually been there when the first disciples heard the resurrected Jesus' voice and touched his hand, but our Lord promised after his ascension to the right hand of the Father, he would send the Holy Spirit who will shine in our hearts and show us his glory. The Christian faith gives us "unsurpassable" hope for our present lives. In our prayers we feel the Lord's presence, and even in the middle of the greatest sorrows, the thoughts about his wisdom, his mercy, and his love become uplifting and clear.

*Hope in Times of Fear* is a must read book. Keller helps the reader to see the story of the resurrection as the climax of our salvation and the final defeat of our greatest enemies, sin and death. It is a book about the Christian hope only our faith in Jesus and his resurrection can give us, not only on a personal level but also for our relationships and for justice in general. The resurrection gives us the hope which does not fade even in the face of suffering.

Mercedes Ferrari

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**Lorraine & Ron Smith** will celebrate their 59th anniversary on April 4.

**Pam & Alan Waldron** will celebrate their 55th anniversary on April 6.

**Brenda & Troy Hazzard** will celebrate their 22nd anniversary on April 7.

**Bob & Pat Trafton** will celebrate their 59th anniversary on April 10.

**Bill & Sue Ellen Radhe** will celebrate their 31st anniversary on April 12.

**Mel & Mary Ellen Kreps** will celebrate their 64th anniversary on April 18.

**Bruce & Leslie Triplett** will celebrate their 55th anniversary on April 20.

**Glenn & Sharon Higbie** will celebrate their 49th anniversary on April 20.

**Granville Reed & Anne Marie Scheurer** will celebrate their 38th anniversary on April 20.

**Ruth Ann & Charles Goarcke** will celebrate their 44th anniversary on April 21.



## SAVE THE DATE !

**When:** Sunday, April 30th - 4pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**What:** Congo Missions Update

Please join Adrienne Scott and Jeannine White as they share slides and stories from their visit to Kananga last fall.

Light refreshments will be provided





Join us for a light soup supper followed by a service with communion as we enter into the final days of Jesus' earthly journey.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**APRIL 6, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please sign up on the kiosk in the Connection Center or at

<https://lewespresbyterian-churcheco.breezechms.com/form/2cb8a0690>

**by Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

The LPC Easter Prayer Vigil is open to all members and friends of the congregation. You can sign up in the Welcome Center or on our LPC Website to participate in person or pray remotely from home .



Maundy Thursday Service	April 6, 6 p.m.
Good Friday Service	April 7, 7 p.m.
Easter Worship Services	April 9 - 8, 9:15 & 11 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt for Children	April 9, 9:15 a.m.





### Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt Easter Morning April 9, 2023 9:15 a.m.

Children should report to their Sunday School class as usual. Thank you to the Youth Group who will be helping to hide the eggs and assist the Sunday School classes as they hunt for their Easter eggs !!



### Interested in Crafting???

A number of ladies are interested in gathering together on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30 a.m. at LPC to discuss crafting projects and ideas that would benefit Operation Christmas Child in the fall. This is a great opportunity to share your skills with others, to learn new skills and to enjoy fellowship with other women. Plus, you may wish to invite community friends who would enjoy this activity.

If interested, sign up at the Connection Center.

For more information contact Sylvia Gilmore or Donna Stuart.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

LPC's Children and Youth have been busy! Our Sunday School classes and families have been observing Lent with a variety of activities and lessons. Lenten devotion activity booklets were distributed to younger children/families and an activity, "Feet to Follow Jesus", for Pre-K/ Kindergarten and families to mark the Sundays during Lent and Jesus' teachings. Additionally, our Youth received Lenten Devotionals and calendars.

On Palm Sunday, join our Children's Sunday School classes between the 9:15 and 11:00 services as they celebrate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem with singing "Hosanna!" while marching through the Welcome Center and waving palms.

Easter Sunday, our Children's Bell Ringers will sing and play in the 9:15 service. The Children's Sunday School will take part in our annual Scripture Egg Hunt which our Youth are preparing. They will be stuffing eggs with scriptures and other goodies, hiding the eggs, and assisting the little ones with the hunt. What a joyful way for our children and Youth to learn about and celebrate Christ's resurrection and boundless love!

Also, stay tuned for **exciting news about Vacation Bible School** and opportunities to volunteer.

Finally, the Christian Education Children and Youth Committee will soon be honoring our 2023 high school graduates. Graduating youth are asked to prayerfully and thoughtfully complete the Graduate Gift Application, including a description of their Christian faith journey. **Applications must be submitted no later than the last Sunday in April.**

Applications are available in the church office or online with a Google account at <https://tinyurl.com/lpcgradgiftapp> Completed applications may be submitted by hard-copy directly to any current member of the Christian Education Children and Youth Committee and/or submitted electronically at [lpcgraduates@gmail.com](mailto:lpcgraduates@gmail.com)

Amanda Swain



Is God calling you to go deeper in your walk with Him? Would you like to be part of a big, local gathering for praise, worship, and evangelism? **The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association "God Loves You" tour is coming to Delmarva!**

The "Christian Life and Witness" course is a free, three-hour session on simple and practical ways to share your faith to be held **Saturday, April 1 at 9am** in Delmar, DE and **Thursday, April 13 at 6pm** Princess Anne, MD.

The free Main Event will be held at the **Tidal Health Stage in Salisbury, MD on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** and will feature a message of hope from Franklin Graham and music by Newsboys and Marcos Witt.

LPC is facilitating carpools to the events. For more information or to sign up, visit the [LPC Webpage](#) or click [here](#). We will create a list of those who would like to carpool, and then send out the information so you can contact one another!

Elder Bruce Viekmann for the Evangelism Committee

