



February



Lewes Presbyterian Church

Lewes, Delaware

February, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's good to address you here in the new year, 2023. We had a tremendous season of advent in 2022. Many visitors and many of you attended our Christmas Eve services. It was a real blessing to celebrate our Lord's birth together. Thanks to all of you who made this happen. With the new year, I have noticed more folks attending worship in person while at the same time, our YouTube channel remains steady with folks joining us on-line. There is a good bit of energy here at Lewes Presbyterian Church with visitors joining us for worship every week.

I don't know what this new year will hold for us, but God is at the helm and I expect that he will be using us in powerful ways to further his kingdom. This year we will be entering into ministry fully staffed. Cheryl is on board as our pastoral assistant and Sarah Rose will be taking on the role of music director beginning in March. We have a session and a board of deacons that are enthusiastic about serving Christ. And many of our members are serving Christ in a variety of ways at LPC. We have more people involved in personal Bible study than most of the churches in our area. I deeply appreciate all of you who teach and organize and facilitate the study of God's Word. At 9:15 there is a good group of children who are in worship every week. Thankyou parents for bringing them and thanks to our Sunday School teachers who are so faithful both for kids and adults.

I could go on for pages if I covered all of the ways that people in our church are serving Christ. Be sure to read our annual report to get the big picture. Let me finish by saying that I am excited about what God is going to do this year.

Next month our session will be meeting at a retreat to plan for the coming year. Please hold us up in prayer in the coming month as we seek God's direction.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



Congregational MEETING

Sunday, February 5, 2023
12:30PM

Fellowship Hall



The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

Share the
love of Christ
on Valentine's Day.



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,

Gerry Brown, Clerk of Session

-Session approved Debbie Anglin as a new member of LPC and welcomes her to our church family.

-Session scheduled a retreat on February 18, 2023

-Session elected the following officers for 2023:

Clerk of Session - Gerry Brown

Assistant Clerk of Session - Jeannine White

Treasurer - Fred Beaufait

Committee Assignments for 2023

- Adult Education/Discipleship - Gerry Brown, Chair
- Building, Grounds/Cemetery - Alex Brown, chair
Ed Hale, Co-Chair
- Christian Education (Youth & Children- Amanda Swain, Chair
- Congregational Fellowship - Jim Miller, Chair
Gerry Brown, Co-Chair
- Endowment Committee - Jim Miller, Chair & Jeannine White, 2nd Session member
- Evangelism - Bruce Vieckman, Chair
- Finance Committee - Len Myers, Chair
Jim Miller, Co-Chair
- Mission - Jeannine White, Chair
- Nominating - Gerry Brown, Chair
Alex Brown, Co-Chair
- Personnel - Michael Salvatore, Chair
- Worship - Michael Salvatore, Chair
Gerry Brown, Co-Chair



TREASURER'S REPORT

Fred Beaufait, Treasurer

January 1, 2022 –December 31 ,2022

General Fund	2022	2021
Revenue.....	\$456,473	\$446,542
Expenditures.....	\$442,641	\$402,676
Excess Revenue	\$ 13,832	\$ 43,866

Mission	2022	2021
Carryover	\$ 7,175	\$10,245
Revenue.....	\$ 91,045	\$97,500
Disbursements....	\$ 90,347	\$100,570
Carry Over	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175

Ending December 31, 2022

Ways to Financially Donate to Lewes Presbyterian Church

There are many ways that you can donate funds to LPC.

- 1 Cash or check in the Sunday's offering plate or mailed to the church office. If you are giving cash, be sure to have it in an envelope so that it is applied to your Giving Statement.
- 2 You can arrange with your bank to automatically send a check to the church. You direct the amount and how often you want the funds sent. The bank sends a check weekly, monthly, or annually with the timing that you request. So far, the banks do not have a service charge so its free to you.
- 3 We have an online giving available. If you go to the website at www.lewespresbyterianchurch.org in the upper right corner is the option "Give". It will walk you through making a donation. You can set it up to be one time or reoccurring. The church is charged a fee of 4% but you are not charged to give online.

4. If you have an IRA, you can have the financial institution send funds directly to Lewes Presbyterian church, which will mean you do not have to pay income tax on the distribution. When you are over 70 ½ years old, you have a minimum distribution you must take so this is a way to avoid income taxes while supporting the church.

Our congregation is amazing and has always given generously. We just wanted to make you aware of these different options.

Cathy Heronemus



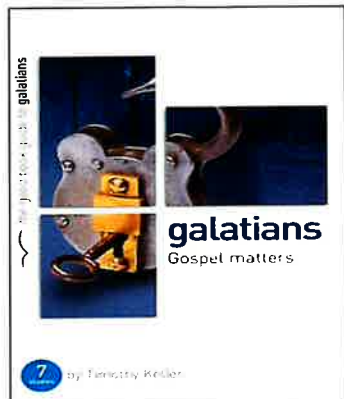
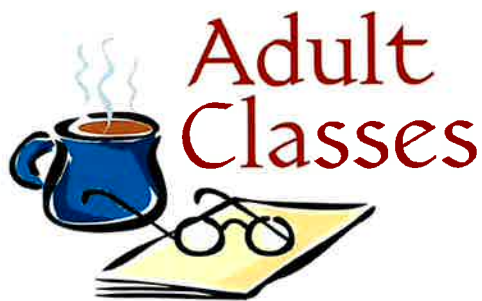
Winter Weather Church Closing Policy

This policy addresses snow and ice events. The Pastor and Clerk of Session will be monitoring the weather conditions through the National Weather Service and State of Delaware Emergency Management sites. If by 6:00 A.M. hazardous conditions exist in the church parking lot, the 8:00 A.M. and 9:15 A.M. services will be cancelled. We will have the worship service at 11:00 A.M. for those who can make it. The snow should be removed from the parking lot in time for the 11:00 A.M. service to be held.

Notification will be made through church e-mail and WBOC. If possible, we will post on the church's website as well. We encourage everyone to stay safe and not travel out, if you are in doubt.

It will be our practice to hold Sunday service unless the Governor declares a State of Emergency.

Adopted: January 15, 2019



Galatians - Gospel Matters by Tim Keller

This study continues into February
at 9:15 in the LPC Library.

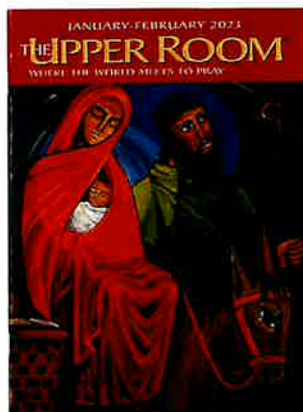
What is the principle of the Gospel? What is the story of the Gospel? How do these two ideas bear out in our daily lives?

As we continue our 7 week study on Galatians by Tim Keller, I invite everyone to come explore:

- * the Gospel reversed,
- * Gospel-given unity,
- * Gospel, the A-Z,
- * the Gospel and the law,
- * Gospel adoption,
- * Gospel freedom and fruit, and
- * the Gospel is enough.

We are looking at how to share the Gospel and how we live it out.

For more information or questions, contact Nicole Ferrari
nferrari92@gmail.com.



Winter 2023 Bible Study Tuesday Evenings 7:00-8:00 via Zoom

THE UPPER ROOM

February Focus:

Remembering Promises— Hosea 6:1-3

...Even when my life does not go as I had hoped, God's promises remain true
Light from a Cross - John 8:12-19
...The light of Christ is stronger than my loneliness

By Grace - Colossians 1:9-14

...Because God has called me, I am worthy

Every Step of the Way - Rom 8:38-39

...How can I walk with God today?

Giants in the Land - Num 13:26-33

...God is bigger than any problem I face

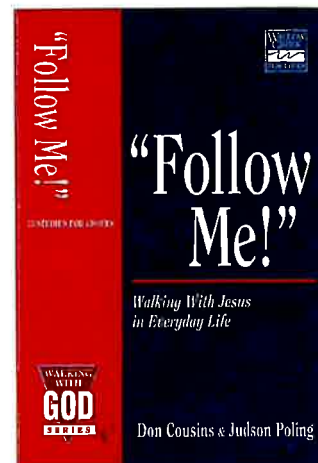
Gratitude - Luke 17:12-19

...Gratitude brings me closer to God

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Clarence & Barbara if you have questions. 645-8347

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2023 Winter 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 and verse 2:10 tells us that God prepared good works for us to walk in.

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

The study will begin:

February 13, Mondays 6:30-7:30pm

**February 14, Tuesdays
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 questions. 302-645-9049





THE DEACON'S BENCH February, 2023

It's a new calendar year and the Deacons are looking ahead to carry out our call to care for those who are in the LPC family. How do we care for and share our love?

In Galatians 6 verses 2 and 10 we find this: "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.... Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (NIV)

Reaching out to those who are unable to attend worship or other church activities by sending cards, making phone calls, offering prayers, or visiting them helps them feel in touch with our "family of believers." Also greeting and talking with those who we may worship with on Sundays keeps us bound together in Christ. The fellowship that happens after worship services, during life groups, in Bible studies, and participating in events and committees provides the opportunities for *all* of us to *give* our love and care. This connectedness makes us a family and provides us with ways to *receive* that same love and care that we need in our lives.

As Deacons we are charged to be caring and supporting partners in our LPC "family of believers." But also, **each** of us, as followers of Christ, are called to "do good... as we have opportunity," in our community of faith. May we all "fulfill the law of Christ" each in our own way.

Blessings to you,

Debbie Myers, Deacon moderator

Our Deacons serving you

Moderator: Debbie Myers
Vice Moderator: Dawn Hurd
Recording Secretary: Walt Clark

Caring Ministry

Caring for Church Family: Carole Pizzillo

Outreach & Visit Log: Pat Trafton

Note Cards: Doreen Truitt & Maureen Carpenter

Worship Ministry

Communion Preparations:

Sherrylee Biele

Deacon of the Month

Worship Preparations:

Sherrylee Biele

Funeral Receptions:

Cindi Warrington/Sherrylee Biele

Greeters: Ward Stevenson

We are your Deacons

Class of 2023 - Dawn Hurd, Debbie Myers, Pat Trafton, Cindi Warrington

Class of 2024 - Carole Pizzillo, Sherrylee Biele, Ward Stevenson, Walt Clark

Class of 2025 - Randy Friend, Jeff Williams, Maureen Carpenter, Joy VanHeest, Doreen Truitt, Cheryl Morgan



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

Joyce Maglione.....	6
Gail Hicken.....	8
Gail Anderson	8
Laura Wiest	12
James Ford.....	17
Quincy Scott.....	17
Pat Biele.....	20
Dora DiDomenico.....	21
Ed Hale	23
Ann Athey.....	24
Matt Hurd.....	24
Ron Trupp.....	24
Carl Skeen.....	28

Sharon and Paul Ogonowski will celebrate their 30th anniversary on February 14.



In Memoriam

In Memory of:

Jewel Levering

October 14, 1926 - December 31, 2022

Jack Vessels

January 15, 1941- January 9, 2023

Gail Nolting

August 23, 1937 - January 9, 2023



Thank you for the many joys you have sent our way these past few months. Your prayers for my successful heart valve replacement surgery as well as Bob's transition to the Memory Care section here at The Moorings, lifted us tremendously. Additionally, the delicious box of homemade Christmas cookies was the "icing" on our holiday cake. Our LPC family is constantly there for us and we appreciate your love and prayers.

Bob & Peg Partlow

A thank you to all at LPC who have sent cards, beautiful flowers and calls to us as Ron recovered from the RSV virus and now is recovering from shingles. We especially appreciated the home baked cookies at Christmas and the big pretty original card that came with them.

Thank you also for all your prayers and thoughts - they are most welcomed. May God continue to bless you all and keep you safe in the new year.

Ron & Marge Trupp

Dear LPC Youth Group,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers from the altar! They bring a smile to my heart!

Patricia Cummings

On behalf of the Kids, we thank you and all the wonderful folks at Lewes Presbyterian Church! Your generosity will go a long way to purchase school clothes for those students in need! God bless you all!

Bob Blouin, Volunteer President
Clothing Our Kids



Dear Lewes Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and volunteers at Lighthouse for Broken Wings, thank you for your gift of \$772 from your spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Your support enables us to fulfill our mission to help those without a roof over their heads and a warm bed to sleep in. Gifts enable the Lighthouse for Broken Wings to provide Code Purple emergency housing during the winter months for all individuals who have no home.

Homeless continues to increase. As of January 2021, Delaware had an estimated 1,579 experiencing homelessness on any given day. We will work with each individual that comes into our program to help them improve their housing situation.

Sincerely,
Connie Holdridge

To all the members of Lewes Presbyterian Church,

I am sure by now that you are aware that my mother, Jewel Levering passed away on December 31, 2022. Over the years you have been very kind and helpful to my mother and you made her life a lot easier with the help you provided her.

I would like to thank you very much for everything you did for her.

Sincerely,
Bradford Levering



Men's Luncheon Lewes Diner

Thursday, February 16th,
12:30 p.m.

Reservations:
Ron Trupp 645-8927



**SOUP
MINISTRY**
Tuesdays 11-1pm
Through April

Ladies
fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship will meet on **Thursday, February 9th** in the **LPC Library at 11:30am.**

This will be a time for conversation and a social time with friends.

Bring your own sandwich & drink

Mark your calendar— we will have our **March** meeting at **Victoria's** in the Boardwalk Plaza Hotel in Rehoboth on **Thursday, March 9th.** Reservations will need to be made early.

All the ladies in the church are welcome.



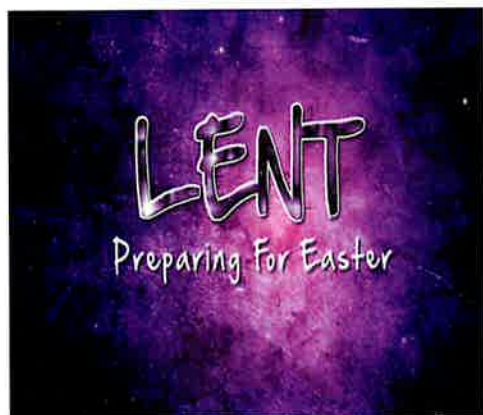
Welcome
Glad you're here!

When you get a chance please welcome our newest LPC member, **Debbie Anglin**. Debbie joined LPC last month. She is married to Charles and they live in Milton.



Ash Wednesday worship service will be held

February 22nd at 7pm



Library News Book Review

Valentine's Prayer Gifts

We all know Valentine's Day on February 14 as the day when sweethearts let their loved ones know their feelings with romantic cards decorated with red hearts, boxes of candies, and flowers. It may be hard to believe, but St. Valentine Day was instituted in early Christian times as a religious festival honoring the Christian martyr St. Valentine. The Church established this celebration on February 14 in an effort to replace the pagan Feast of Lupercalia. Through later folk traditions, the Feast of Valentine's Day has become a significant cultural and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

As we get ready to celebrate love on Valentine's Day, we should remember the Christian origin of this feast and thank Jesus for His redemptive love. Prayers for our loved ones are the most treasured gifts we can offer them on this day. Our LPC library is open for you to choose precious books that will guide you to dedicate your prayers to your dearest loved ones.

One deeply inspiring book available in the LPC library is Cheri Fuller's *When Mothers Pray*. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 10:4, "The weapons we fight with . . . have divine powers to demolish strongholds." The best Valentine's gifts we can give our children, young or old, are the divine weapons of the Word of God, prayer, and Jesus' name to shield them against the darkness of the world.

Please visit the Book Display to look at other available books.

Lewes Area Study Place Kindness Challenge

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, hearts are everywhere and it makes me think that you may not know about the Lewes Area Study Place. So, I have a trivia question for you, "Did you know the Lewes Area Study Place has HEART?"

The answer is at the end of this update...

Imagine a world where people look out for each other. Where we all pay it forward. Where kindness is the philosophy of life. It's easy to think of kindness as an innate talent, something you either possess, or don't. But that's not the case. Kindness is a skill and, like any skill, it can be developed with practice and repetition.

In honor of love and friendship and the National Random Act of Kindness Day (February 17th), LASP will be taking part in a 28 – Day Kindness Challenge. Every day we will perform an act of kindness towards others. Acts of kindness are not only special for the receiver, but also feel good for the doer!

Please include LASP in your prayers, not only a time that pleases our God, but that the 28-Day Kindness Challenge has a positive outcome for our students and their families.

The Lewes Area Study Place definitely has **HEART**.

H – homework help
E – enrichment
A – academics
R – recreation
T – technology

Teresa Lockerman



40 Lent Scriptures

TO DRAW near TO GOD

- Day 1 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8
- Day 2 "And he is the image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15
- Day 3 "Come, all you who are thirsty." Is. 55:1
- Day 4 "And from them will flow streams of living waters." John 7:38
- Day 5 "He is the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15
- Day 6 "My ways are not your ways, nor my thoughts your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8
- Day 7 "There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end, it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12
- Day 8 "Arise and shine for your light has come." Isaiah 60:1
- Day 9 "And the people living in darkness have seen a great light." Matthew 4:16
- Day 10 "No servant is greater than His master." Matthew 10:24
- Day 11 "That he lays down his life for his friends." John 15:13
- Day 12 "In you, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28
- Day 13 "I have set before you an open door which no man can shut." Rev 3:8
- Day 14 "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6
- Day 15 "In the beginning, God created." Genesis 1:1
- Day 16 "I looked and saw a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb." Rev 7:9
- Day 17 "Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5
- Day 18 "There is no language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3
- Day 19 "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10
- Day 20 "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14
- Day 21 "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14
- Day 22 "No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
- Day 23 "I am the beginning and the end." Rev 21:6
- Day 24 "According to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:11
- Day 25 "I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever more." Rev 1:18
- Day 26 "I hold the keys to death and Hell." Rev 1:18
- Day 27 "There is no one who can snatch them out of my hand." John 10:18
- Day 28 "And we have put our trust in His love." 1 John 4:16
- Day 29 "And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:24
- Day 30 "How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those that fear you." Psalm 31:19
- Day 31 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:3
- Day 32 "All who come after me must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me." Luke 9:23
- Day 33 "In your light, we see light." Psalm 36:9
- Day 34 "But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life and only a few find it." Matthew 7:14
- Day 35 "There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved." Acts 4:12
- Day 36 "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3
- Day 37 "If you seek me, you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart." Jeremiah 29:13
- Day 38 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8
- Day 39 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32
- Day 40 "When he found one very precious pearl, he sold all he had and bought it." Matthew 13:46

Lent Calls



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Lent calls to me again ...
To do what?
Like Martha, I tend towards doing
Doing is something I understand
 Chairing a committee
 Taking food to the sick
 Reading the Bible

Lent calls to me again ...
He wants more of me than I've ever given
 More than Lenten study
 More than giving up dessert
 More than extra church services

Lent calls to me again ...
He wants more of me and I'm frightened
 Frightened of losing control
 Frightened of letting go
 Frightened of what He might ask me to do if I really listened

Lent calls to me again ...
I feel a yearning, a tugging towards something more
 Whispers of a love unimaginable
 Glimpses of a relationship unshakable
 Tastes of a water so clear and sweet that my thirst is slaked forever

Lent calls to me again ...
A step is all I can manage, Lord
 A hand extended
 A head bowed
 A conscious placing of myself on your Potter's wheel

Lent calls to me again ...
Help me with the hard part, Lord
 Help me surrender
 Help me abandon myself to you
 Help me reconcile myself to you

Lent calls to me again ...
Here I am, Lord

Lent calls to me ...