

WORSHIP AT THE BEACH

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Lewes, Delaware

July 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that you are having a blessed summer so far. I have been busy planting and gardening in the yard. I planted a new grape vine, two elderberry trees and a flower bed. Many of the trees and plants that I put in the ground will not produce any fruit for at least a few years. So, in the coming years I have to water and fertilize and weed and perhaps even spray to keep the pests off of them. I have to be patient. Sharing Christ with others takes the same kind of patience. When you are trying to share the Gospel of Christ with a family member or a friend, it may take a series of conversations, encouraging letters/cards, meals shared together, and invitations to come to church with you. My point is that sometimes the gospel at times needs to be cultivated over a period of time until the Gospel bears fruit in the life of an unbeliever (the fruit being a commitment to Jesus). Don't get too frustrated, sometimes a friend or family member simply needs time to get the message of grace through Jesus Christ. And yes, pray for a changed heart.

While we are talking about planting seeds, I want to address those of you who are online participants through YouTube and/or Zoom. I recently had a conversation with a friend who watched our worship on YouTube. His way of sharing his faith was asking his adult daughter to watch the worship service with him on Sunday mornings and then talking about it afterwards. Incidentally, they live in different states. If you participate via YouTube, a great way to introduce someone to the Gospel is to simply share the link

to our worship service and then have a discussion of what they watched. If there is a message that is particularly appropriate for you friend or Family member, you could share that specific worship service. I also want to remind you that by subscribing to our channel and hitting the "like" button (which is a thumbs up symbol), it affects the algorithms that affect our visibility on the web. Most people who visit us in person have first watched us online before they show up. This is new to how we do church in the modern age. Thanks to all of you who do all the work to video the service and put us up on YouTube with quality.

Please be in prayer for our mission team that will be going to West Virginia and also for our VBS team that is preparing for our Vacation Bible School program in August. Remember to have Gospel conversations in your neighborhood and in your family and friendship circles.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



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Fourth of July Acronym

*Hello
* July **

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,

**Regular Session Meeting
June 20, 2023**

Session will not meet in July



**Men's Luncheon
Lewes Diner**

July & August NO LUNCH

September regular lunch
schedule resumes -

3rd Thursday at the
Lewes Diner
12:30 pm

Questions: Contact
Ron Trupp 645-8927



TREASURER'S REPORT, *Fred Beaufait, Treasurer*

January 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022

General Fund 2023 2022

Revenue.....	\$217,438	\$197,406
Expenditures.....	\$204,798	\$187,460
Excess Revenue..	\$ 12,640	\$ 9,946

Mission 2023 2022

Carryover.....	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175
Incoming.....	\$ 44,611	\$ 40,145
Outgoing	\$ 46,373	\$ 39,461
Ending Cash	\$ 5,991	\$ 7,859

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

"Dealing With Difficult People."
Max Lucado

We will have small discussion
groups at Pat Macintire's home on:

Wednesday, July 12th
(time to be determined)

Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30pm

Thursday, July 20th, 11:30am

Call Pat Macintire if you are
interested. 302-645-9049

Happy Summer Reading!
Pat Macintire



NOTICE

**The LPC offices
will be closed
July 3rd & 4th**



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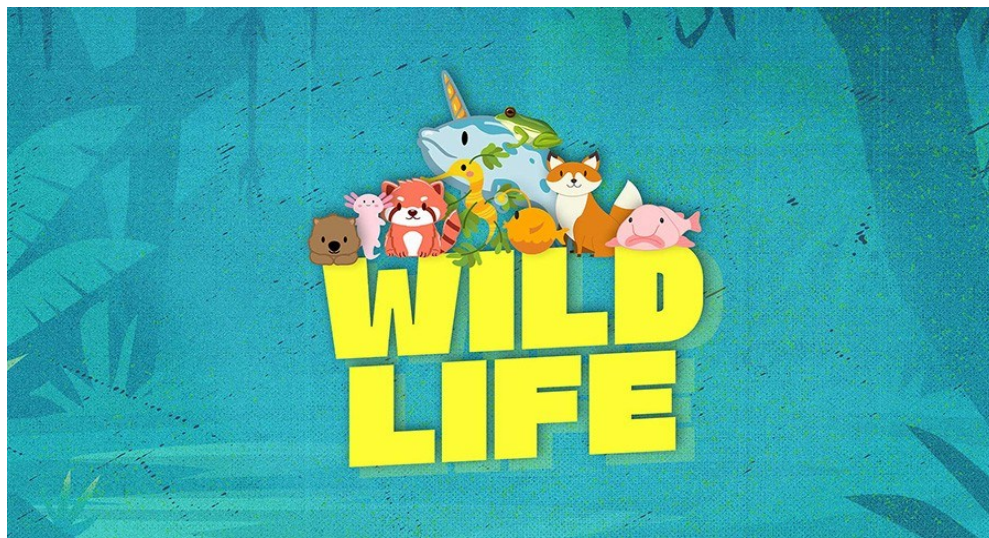
Randall & Joanne Friend will
celebrate their 45th anniversary on
July 1.

Ed & Kathy Ross will celebrate
their 31st anniversary on July 5.

Ellen & Russell Serafini will
celebrate their 64th anniversary on
July 17.

Len & Debbie Myers will
celebrate their 48th anniversary on
July 19.

Rich & Donna Strangfeld will
celebrate their 30th anniversary on
July 24.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 7-11, 2023

It is that time of year again--we are beginning our plans for Vacation Bible School! This year VBS will take place the **week of August 7-11**, from **5:30-7:30 each evening (Friday will be a family night!)** As usual, we are inviting kids from **Preschool age (potty-trained) through rising 5th grade** to register to participate in VBS!

At *Wild Life*, we will think about the weirdest animals you know. What noise does an aardvark make? Is an axolotl really smiling? Are glass frogs made of real glass? Is a wombat a type of bat? It's wild that God helps each animal grow and thrive... and us, too!

Wild Life is 4-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they **can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God, and spend time with others.**

To prepare for our week of fun in August, we are asking **anyone interested in attending VBS 2023 sign up online**, preferably in advance to help with planning:

[2023 VBS Registration Form \(breezechms.com\)](https://breezechms.com)

Thank you for considering our program and please pray for another great year! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any comments, questions, or suggestions.

Amanda Hale: arphale@gmail.com

Jacki Hoffman: jmw0532@gmail.com



"Oh come all ye faithful", and they did, as several women from LPC came together again in June for another successful crafting & sewing session. Finished projects included hats, dolls, bracelets, & jump ropes (from old tees), & more, for stuffing Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes this November. Thanks to all who could come & teach others. It was a blessed time of work & fun in the name of Jesus.

Diane Moore
Sylvia Gilmore





LPC Life Groups

How has Life Group influenced you in your faith walk?

Through my health battle over the years, I wasn't always able to make it to LIFE Group but when I did, I always left feeling more hopeful and stronger about my relationship with Jesus. God has used the LIFE Group to better equip me in my faith walk and I am forever grateful for the people I've met in these groups. Having an encouraging group to share testimonies, pray for each other and come together to dive into the Word of God is so important in our walk with Jesus. After experiencing those Godly examples of leadership and respectful fellowship, I felt more confident to start a small weekly Bible study with some agnostic friends of mine. The LIFE Group provided prayer and advice for it and now those agnostic friends are followers of Christ!

I highly recommend joining a LIFE Group. You'll gain more courage to share the Gospel and more wisdom by hearing other's perspectives on scripture. I love knowing that no matter what trials I go through in this life, I have my LIFE Group by my side for support and encouragement. Thank you, Lord!

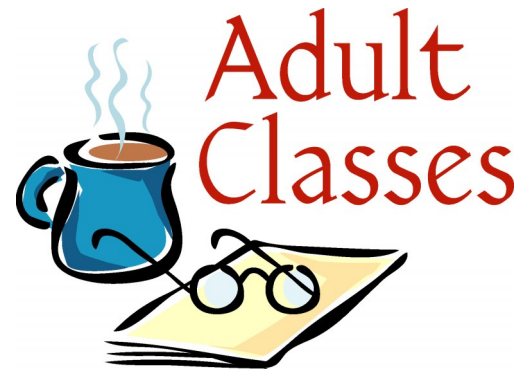
Cassidy Kellagher

I have been in Gerry & Carol Brown's Life Group since the groups began. Our meetings were held in homes until Covid, since then we've met by Zoom twice a month. In our time together, we have become like family, our very special church family, and I have been blessed to have two of my own family join us from time to time, zooming from CA and FL. Through the various studies we've done, with each person sharing their thoughts, the conversations have provided an opportunity for great discussion and much reflection.

Reflection is the key word for me. As a member of LPC for nearly 28 years, I have participated in many of the Bible Studies here and also 10 years of BSF. The time spent in our Life Group has helped me consolidate my thoughts of what living a life in Christ is all about. I've found a deeper understanding of what the Trinity means, and because of Christ's sacrifice for us, we can live each day guided by the Holy Spirit.

It is a blessing to be grounded in the Word through sharing with other Christian friends.

Ellie Ziegler



STAY TUNED FOR STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Be watching for upcoming announcements for adult Bible study opportunities beginning in September.

Be sure to sign up for something that catches your attention in which you want to participate.

Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to participate in all available studies.



Thank you Sarah and the LPC Chancel Choir members. The choir will take off for the summer.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Anyone interested in singing with the choir, contact the church office.
302-645-5345

Come make a joyful sound to the Lord!!



FROM HOLY MOUNTAIN PARISH

Lewes School news

Blessed day to you. How is it ? we thank you very much and we are greatfull to what you are doing for us from time to time. This is the nowdays situation of Lewes school :

1.Number of students

- In preschool and primary school we have started with 230 students (128 boys and 105 girls).

- At the end of this school year we need to graduate 216 students (112 boys and 104 girls).

Last week, on Thursday 1st, and Friday 2nd, June 2023, our 37 finalists of primary school went to pass their national exam and they are waiting for their results, we ask you to pray for them.

In secondary school there are 431 students (209 boys and 222 girls).

We have got 149 finalists students. (boys : 66, girls : 77, in total 149 students). After their preliminary exams (Dissertation, oral jury and pratice exams) they are waiting for the last step of state exams in june at its end. (That meams on Monday, june 24th 27th, 2023) pray again for them beu-cause it is the last step for them to be graduated by the state. We need to graduate 431 students in secondary school.

2.Number of Teachers

- In primary school there are 9 teachers and 1 headmaster (4 women and 6 men) ;

- in Secondary school there are 38 teachers 2 vice-headmasters and 1 headmaster.

(7 women and 34 men)

We organize 5 options in secondry school there are Building, Dremaking, General pedagogy, commercial and administration, and food Industry.

We will announce the last school year results on Monday, july 3rd 2023

We will organize recitations, poems, songs and sketches that day of announcing of the last results ;

Till now our school is not recogn zed as a public school and we are waiting for it. But the members of control and payroll direction had already taken all the data of lewes school and gave to Education ministry.

Thank you, May God bless you and all LPC members.

Rév.Desire KABASELE



LOST & FOUND

DO THESE BELONG TO YOU?



They are hanging in the coat closet in the Welcome Center. If they belong to you, please pick them up.

2023 WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP

JULY 16-JULY 21

Lewes Presbyterian Church will, once again, be doing a mission trip to West Virginia this summer. **The dates are Sunday, July 16th through Friday, July 21st.**

We will be going to the south-west and central part of West Virginia, where we will be ministering to people in Appalachia who need help with homes. While helping with repairs and rebuilds, we have opportunity to minister with the people that we are helping.

Everyone who went on last year's trip felt tremendously blessed. The Mission Team underwrote most of the cost of the trip last year and, because West Virginia is drivable, we were able to save on travel expenses.

Matthew 25:40 *"....Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did it as unto me."*

In Christ,
Cheryl Morgan & Pastor Greg

SPRINGBOARD PALLET VILLAGE,

Several people from the Mission committee were able to go to the **Springboard Pallet Village** in Georgetown. We were able to take a collection of towels and soap an LPC life group had collected, which was greatly appreciated. Our impressions of the Village were astonishing. There are 40 pallets, each has a bed, small refrigerator, heating and air conditioning. We were able to look at one pallet home which was packed with personal items but enough room to live.

The surrounding area around the pallets are clean and well kept. They are currently using a tent for their meals, but in the near future they will be expanding with a building. They also have a very well-kept garden for fresh vegetables. They had four bathrooms equipped with showers and one was handicapped accessible. The mission team came away from this visit with the hope of somehow supporting this very worthy endeavor.



The Pallet Village



The Village Store



The Vegetable Garden



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Churchwide Picnic
After the Service



DEACONS BENCH

July 2023

At our monthly deacons meetings, we begin with prayer and then hear the pastoral care report from Greg and Cheryl. Through this report, we have updates of those who are having health issues or are unable to leave their homes to come to Sunday worship or go out for other activities. With this information and the weekly Monday morning prayer group's list, we establish an ever-changing list of folks that the deacons, along with Greg and Cheryl, try to stay in touch with by sending cards, phone calls, or visits.

The caring ministry portion of our meeting includes discussion of the concerns or needs that those brothers or sisters have in that month. One such concern has been the possibility of someone needing help during or after a sickness. The Deacons would like to help out.

Here is what our covenant partners can do if they need help during a sickness or are coming out of a stay in the hospital/rehab facility.

- Call the church office to let us know that you are at home or are in the hospital/rehab facility. Tell the Church Secretary if you are having difficulty and could use some help in some area. She will inform Pastor Greg or the Pastoral Assistant, Cheryl, and the deacons.

The deacons will meet and find the best way that we might serve you or perhaps connect you with someone in the church who may be able to help. Typically, some of the ways that deacons serve is through encouraging visits, helping out with food on a short-term basis, or perhaps just helping around the house on your return home, if it is appropriate.

- There also is food help through Meals on Wheels, Lewes-Rehoboth. (302-645-7449)
Someone there will answer any questions and help arrange for meal delivery. They are a wonderful organization that can meet your needs as you regain your health.
- If you need ride help in the long term, the Village Volunteers does an excellent job with helping people get to appointments at a very reasonable cost. (302-703-2568)
- The Cheer Centers also have in-home services. (302-515-3040)

To provide short-term assistance to our covenant partners, the Deacon Caring Ministry depends on the support and help of LPC members. We ask that if you are willing and able to visit, provide a meal, or transportation, then please call the church office or tell a deacon of your willingness to do so. There will also be a way to volunteer at the Connection Center in the Welcome Center very soon.

With every act of kindness, we show our love and care for our brothers and sisters.

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” -- Galatians 6: 10 ESV

Deb Myers,
Deacon Moderator



F Freedom came with a price,
the price of Christ blood
shed on the Cross.

O Our Lord and Savior saved
us all from our sins.

U Unrighteous we may be,
but the grace us God set us
free.

R Rely on God, He will show
our paths.

T The truth is in God's Word,
the Bible, His Holy Book.

H Helping one another
along the way.

O Obedient to what God
wants us to do.

F Father, Creator,
God is He.

J Jesus died for our sins.

U United one day, we
believers will be in Heaven.

L Love one another as Christ
loved us.

Y You are a special creation
made from God, our
Heavenly Father.

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Steve Patterson, 2012

Because He Lives

*There is hope in your future, says the
Lord. Jeremiah 31:17*

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!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living
Just because he lives!

How sweet to hold a new born baby
and feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still, the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living
Just because he lives!

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
and then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know He reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living
Just because he lives!

Gloria Gaither, 1971

