

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

April 29 – May 6

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| Today | 9:30 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm | Family Meal Fellowship |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Thursday | Noon | National Day of Prayer |
| | 7:00am | West Stanly Rotary Meeting in FH |
| | 6:00pm | Weight Watchers Meeting in FH |
| | 6:30pm | Run for God Bible Study |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Boy Scout Yard Sale |
| Sunday | 9:30 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mother's Day Lunch | May 13 |
| Presbytery Mtg @ Myers Park PC | May 15, 9:30am |
| Family Movie Night at LPC | May 18 |
| Spring Outdoor Worship & Lunch | May 20, 11:00am |
| Session Meeting | May 22, 7:00pm |
| Senior Lunch Bunch-Last one before summer break | May 29, 11:00am |
| Finish the Race – 5k | June 1, 6:30pm |
| VBS Campout | August 10 |

LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN

APRIL 29, 2018



Our Mission:

To be a place where people want and need to be - where God is glorified in Jesus Christ and real human needs are met. We will do this as Christ's Church through the power of the Holy Spirit as we worship, study, serve and fellowship.

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LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11:00am

**All who are able please stand, acceptable to remain seated also.*

Prelude

***Choral Call to Worship: Thou Art Worthy #2041 Sing the Faith**

*Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For thou hast created, hast all things created;
Thou hast created all things.
And for thy pleasure they are created;
Thou art worthy, O Lord.*

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 22)**

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**Many: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.**

All: May your hearts live forever!

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;

**Many: and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

**All: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Evan Amo

Children's Message

***Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
#376 Presbyterian Hymnal.**

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP

If you use the church directory app you will notice a new improvement. The iOS App that includes Groups and Birthdays just like the Android App has been released! Members should see the update in the App Store or their devices will automatically update if that feature is turned on within the next 7 days.

As a reminder, this did require us to log all members out when they update their app to ensure they don't get into a bad state. They can log back in using their email address and the password they created. Or use the FORGOT password option to create another one. You can see Amy Bates if you have problems.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Plan to join in the National Day of Prayer. The Locust event will be held in front of the Government Center. The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "*Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*"

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

***"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people."* Dr. Ronnie Floyd**

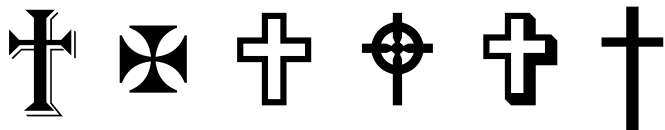
BULLETIN & PRAYER CONCERN

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or a prayer concern please submit to Amy Bates @ abbiv4@yahoo.com or leave message at 704.622.5003. Bulletin information needs to be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

*Benediction

Evan Amo

Postlude



Please Join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch in celebration of Evan's 30th birthday.

It was Thursday, April 28, 1988 and Evan was born. The US president was Ronald Reagan. Famous people born on this day include Spencer Hawes and Juan Mata. In that special week of April people in US were listening to Where Do Broken Hearts Go by Whitney Houston. In UK With A Little Help From My Friends / She's Leaving Home by Wet Wet Wet / Billy Bragg With Cara Tivey was in the top 5 hits. Two Moon Junction, directed by Zalman King, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1988 while The Closing Of The American Mind by Allan Bloom was one of the best selling books. On TV people were watching City Hunter 2. If you liked videogames you were probably playing Gradius II or Devastators.

How Much things cost in 1988

Yearly Inflation Rate **USA**4.08%

Interest Rates Year End Federal Reserve 10.50%

Average Cost of new house \$91,600

Median Price Of and Existing Home \$90,600

Average Income per year \$24,450.00

Average Monthly Rent \$420.00

Average Price for new car \$10,400.00

1 gallon of gas 91 cents

Movie Ticket \$3.50 - US Postage Stamp 24 cents - Dozen Eggs 65 cents -
Gallon 2% Milk \$1.89 - Pork Chops Lb 40 cents - Lotus 123 Spreadsheet S/W
\$299.00 - Star NSX Dot Matrix Printer \$189.00 - Logitech Mouse \$89.99 - Amiga
Computer With Color Monitor \$849.00 - IBM PC with 30Mb Hard Disk, Mono
Monitor and 512K Memory \$1249.00 -
Ford Taurus \$9,996 - Volkswagen Rabbit \$7,104

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR: Our Session and Our LPC Family, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, LPC Choir, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn, Ruth Fitton, Helen Smetts, Fannie Hathcock, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Brandon Furr, Patsy Smith-Seizures, Chan Smith, Joe Garzoni-Peggy's son, David Hartsell-Clear Creek Rehab Center Room 704 & planning to go home on May 9!!!

Our Servanthood Schedule... No Service is too Small...

April Greeters: Lauren Osgo & James Baucom

May Greeter: Fred & Jane

April Head Usher: John Haggerty SR

May Head Usher: Eugene

ACOLYTES - Lilly Hall

Emma Salyer, Jady Salyer, Emma Haggerty

COLLECTION COUNTERS – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish

4-22 Chris Fish & Michael Longhurst

4-29 Greta Baucom & Deb Bradford

MEAL TEAMS **Robin Hill-1st Wed, Cindy Fish- 3rd Wed & Contina Salyer-5th Wed.**

May 2 May 16 May 30

ELDERS

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

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| Dianne Haggerty 18 | Ray Bradford 19 | Nancy Bartlett 20 |
| Matt Salyer 18 | Chris Fish 19 | Jane Balckman 20 |
| Lee Smith 18 | Joan Hall 19 | Michael Longhurst 20 |

Administration & Finance Chair: Chris Fish

Christian Education Co-Chairs: Joan Hall, Matt Salyer & Nancy Bartlett.

Building & Grounds Co-Chairs: Matt Salyer, Ray Bradford & Lee Smith.

Worship & Music Chair: Michael Longhurst.

Congregational Life Co-Chairs: Diane Haggerty and Jane Blackman.

Mission & Justice, Outreach & Membership Co-Chairs: Diane Haggerty, Jane Blackman & Michael Longhurst

MINISTERS: **All of the Members of LPC**

Pastor: Evan Amo

Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg

Youth Leader:

Organist: Kay Howell

Piano: Patsy Smith

Treasurer: Cindy Fish

Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg & Maverick Baucom

PASTOR EVAN AMO

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339. During other times Evan can be reached at 714.397.4832.

MUSIC NOTES

The choir will share two anthems that are medleys for a total of 5 different songs today. The first anthem is a celebration of spring as we merge together Francis of Assisi's *All Creatures of Our God and King* with Lincoln Brewster's *Majestic*. During the offering, we'll sing a song that many know from Vacation Bible School, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*. Sing along if you wish!

YARD SALE

Boy Scout Yard Sale coming up on May 5th. If you have items to donate, contact Bob or Stephen Remsburg or David Wallace. We are beginning to gather items for this big annual event. Help send the Scouts to camp and to Yosemite Park this summer.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

The Birthday and Anniversary offering which has been taken up most Sundays for many years is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This is used when someone with a legitimate need comes to the pastor or the church elders requesting assistance. Usually groceries are purchased or particular bills are paid using this funds. We are going to change things a bit and collect this offering on the first Sunday of each month. So if you have birthdays and anniversaries or other events to honor during May, please bring your offering on May 6th.

SESSION UPDATES

The Session met on Tuesday April 24, 2018. Some of the things discussed were plans for an outdoor movie night. As this will be a family friendly event, there would be games and activities for children and serving hotdogs before hand and having popcorn during the movie. This event will be open to the community. Evan's Bible Study on the Book of Revelation continues to meet on Monday evening at 7:00PM.

The children's nursery will be opened on a as needed basis on Sundays. Session is looking for feedback on Worship services and changes that have been made and still need to be made. Chris Fish, Clerk of Session

GOSPEL CONCERT

A free concert by Brian Free and Assurance will be Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 PM at Grace Baptist Church, 644 Edgemont Street in Albemarle. Go enjoy this great night of singing and praise!

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Holy One, you invite us to share in your life as we abide in you. Even though you abide in us, we fail to have an awareness of your presence: our attention is divided, and our priorities are misguided, and we succumb to selfishness, greed, and apathy. Forgive us God. Refine our hearts and our minds, so that we might strengthen our connection with our source of life, the True Vine. Awaken us to the power of your Spirit that is among us, as you renew us as new creations in your son, Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Anthem: Majestic

LPC Choir

Written by Francis of Assisi and Lincoln Brewster; Arranged by Russell

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offering

Musical Offering: Lift Your Name Medley

LPC Choir

Words and Music by Rick Founds, Roy Hicks, Jr., Edward Perronet, Oliver Holden; Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Offering Response (Doxology)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 8:24-40

Second Scripture Reading: John 15:1-18

Sermon: Sacred Pruning: Abiding with the True Vine

Responding in Faith

***Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

#276 Presbyterian Hymnal

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There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Our Church Website

www.locustpresbyterian.org

Do you check out the church website? A calendar is listed there along with each week's bulletin to keep you informed if you miss a Sunday. We are working on adding more content.

Our Church Facebook

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