

The *Voice*



of LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From the Pastor's Pen



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Five years of studies;

Old Testament, New, ancient languages, polity, theology, worship and sacraments and preaching, just to name a few. And nothing prepared me for this first year of ministry during a pandemic.

But God did.

God gave me a heart to care for all of you. God gave me wisdom and discernment.

God gave me the ability to get past my ego to be videoed. But most of all, God

gave me Good News to share with each of you. God gave us all a Savior!

See, God loves you more than I can ever express. God has given us each a precious

gift to get through this, and that is the Church. See the church isn't the building, it is

the people. And I could not ask for a finer congregation than LPC! You are loving,

forgiving, and truly, truly caring. To know that you are looking out for each other is what

any pastor would love. To know that you are staying connected through our videoed

service and Zoom meetings warms my heart.

You are the church. You mirror the love of Christ in all you do. You are a

blessing. And life goes on. With all the prayer requests for our loved ones;

family, friends and acquaintances. It would be great to give you a day that we will once

again worship together face to face. But I don't imagine that will be any time too soon.

See, we want to keep you all healthy. But when that day comes, wow are we going to

celebrate. I mean CELEBRATE! We will praise the Lord; we will eat and we look

in each other's eyes with a knowing that God has brought us through.

Every storm has an end, even in the darkest of times, there is always a light.

One of my favorite passages is when Jesus calms the storm. The disciples are

worried, fearful and fretting. No hope. Then Jesus speaks. My prayer is that

during this storm, you will hear Jesus speak in your heart; "Peace be with you."

I read recently about what a person born in 1900 experienced during their life.

Wars and flu pandemic and the great depression, Pearl Harbor and if they lived

to 2000; 9/11. They also saw great advancements in medicine, technology and a

man walking on the moon.

The storm will end, we just don't know when. But we know who calms the storm.

We know who is with us through the storm. And we will give God the glory. Until

that time, stay strong in your faith, stay safe, and use the wisdom God has

given you.

Your shepherd,

Rev. Ardy

Our Mission:

Locust Presbyterian glorifies God and grows in faith by serving and meeting needs of all, through love, hope and compassion.

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BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION...



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 11 a.m.

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Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information such as; phone number, cell phone number, address or e-mail. Thank you.

"It was the veil in the temple that blocked everyone's view of the Holy of Holies - -the sacred place where God would meet with the high priest once a year. One person-on only one day-had the astounding privilege of meeting face-to-face with God. Yet when Jesus was crucified, the veil in the temple was torn in two. This symbolized the rending of everything that stood between you and God, so that you would know that you can always meet with God every day of the year. By His power, Jesus opened the way to the Father for you. Tonight, praise Him for making your heart the new most sacred place." *Taken from "Moments of Peace for the Evening" Page 274*



Pastor's reading corner

"Moments of Peace for the Evening" Bethany House, Minneapolis, Minnesota



SESSION:

Class of 2020: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst

Class of 2021: Leah Joyner

Class of 2022: Tammi Remsburg

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Admin & Finance: Tammi Remsburg

Christian Ed: Nancy Bartlett

Building & Grounds: Michael Joyner

Worship & Music: Leah Joyner

Congregational Life & Mission: Jane Blackman

"Whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away" 2 Cor 3:16 NASB

Sundrop Pound Cake – Haley and Nicole Bates

- 5 eggs
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 2 sticks of butter – softened
- ½ cup of shortening
- 1 tsp vanilla flavoring
- 1 tsp lemon flavoring
- 6 oz Sundrop
- Cream butter and shortening, add sugar gradually. Add eggs, one at a time and continue beating well after each addition. Slowly blend flavorings and Sundrop. Turn into large greased and floured tube pan. Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes.





**Wonderful Wednesday dinners!
postponed for now**

May Birthdays:

- 2 – Ruth Bowers
- 7 – David Wallace
- 13 – Raymond Higgins
- 14 – Darrell Bowers III
- 22 - Lexi Figueroa
- 26 – Helen Smetts
- 27 – Margaret Stewart
- 28 – Jenna Joyner
- Willam Wallace



CONNECT

**We need volunteers to sign up
for Children's Connect as teacher
and as a second when we resume
our in person services.**



Troop 1061

girl scouts

We have not been meeting in person but we are meeting via ZOOM. Our girls are enjoying sharing with us their homes and pets. We are continuing to work on badges at home for example we have completed Safety, Outdoor Art, Space Scientist and girls are currently working on My Promise-My Faith. Over the last two weeks we have delivered our remaining cookies to a few nurses we know at Atrium Stanly and Novant Health in Matthews. One of our Girl Scouts Mom works in the NICU at Northeast and they were in need of face mask for parents. We have a group of girls make mask that we donated to the NICU. We hope to deliver the Stanly Cupboard Cookies to our local food banks and our Hometown Hero's over the next few weeks.

RECIPE TO HELP STAY HEALTHY



Wash your hands regularly!

Use soap and water (doesn't have to be hot water) and lather up for at least 20 seconds. That would be singing the Doxology! This is one of the best ways to stop the spread of flu and viruses.

Pastor's evening hours:
Monday 5 until 7. Please call office to schedule.
Thursday noon until Monday morning - Pastor's phone is for
emergencies only



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pray for our Church	2 Pray for our State Government
3 Pray for you!	4 Pray for a smile today, and May the 4 th be with you	5 L.O.L 7 pm Church parking lot – bring a chair (raining will Zoom)	6 Pray for those battling cancer	7 Pray for our College graduates	8 Pray for our Church	9 Pray for our Local Government
10 Pray for the women of the church	11 Pray for those battling Covid 19	12 L.O.L 7 pm Church parking lot – bring a chair (raining will Zoom) Pray for the grocery workers	13 Pray for our local businesses	14 Pray for our delivery people	15 Pray for our Church	16 Pray for our National Government
17 Pray for our Choir members	18 Pray for our nurses	19 L.O.L 7 pm Church parking lot – bring a chair (raining will Zoom) Pray for our law enforcement	20 Pray for our Doctors	21 Pray for the Pharmacy workers	22 Pray for our Church	23 Pray for our Session
24 Pray for our parents	25 Remember and pray for all the fallen military and their families	26 L.O.L 7 pm Church parking lot – bring a chair (raining will Zoom) Pray for our farmers	27 Pray for those watching our services online	28 Pray for our children	29 Pray for our Church	30 Pray for our Teachers
31 Pray for a vaccine						

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NRSV).