



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Thinking with Christ's Mind ♦ Loving with Christ's Heart ♦ Serving with Christ's Hands

A Message from Pastor Joy



Dear Friends in Christ,

In August, we are planning a big day at LPC. Welcome Back Sunday will be on August 22, and this will be a day to reconnect with each other, to learn about and look forward to upcoming church programs and activities, and to celebrate and share the talents and treasures that God has given to us at LPC. There will be sweet treats, joyful fellowship, and inspiring worship on that day, and I hope that you will plan to come be part of it all.

Even as we plan for this day, I am aware that the reality of the Covid pandemic still lurks in the background, and even recently, members of our congregation have been sick with the virus. It is important to remain cautious and to act wisely, but I am excited that we are planning a big day to serve as an expression of the *hope* that has been ours at this stage and through every stage of the pandemic.

Hope is rooted in the unchanging character and faithfulness of God which means we can have hope at any time and *especially* in the bad times. G.K. Chestertown said, *"Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all...it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength."*

I expect that there are people in our community who have weathered the pandemic without much hope, and they may be looking for hope right now.

August Newsletter

Welcome Back Sunday may be just the right day to extend an invitation to someone whom you know, who is looking for a place to find hope. I encourage you to start praying now and to ask God who may be wanting and waiting for your invitation – whether they know it or not!

I am looking forward to our big day and to the things beyond what we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21) that God has in store for LPC!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Joy

**We are all invited
to come together for the
Welcome Back Sunday Rally
"Together for Joy"
on
Sunday, August 22nd
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Did you Know? A mobile application is available for our congregation. You can download the app from the Apple Store for your iPhone by searching for *lpcjax*, or from the Google Play Store on your Android by searching for Lakewood Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or issues, please let the church office know.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Music Notes

It is hard to believe that we are moving into August already. What a blessing to be able to relax some of our COVID requirements, but still be safe in our worship experience. As many choir members travel during this time, we are on a modified break for the summer. The Chancel Choir is open to those who wish to sing and have had experience singing in an Adult Choir. For summer, we rehearse each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see me after church or contact me through my email address – tony@lpcjax.org.

We will continue to sing during August along with the Band participating on several Sunday's. The Christmas Cantata is being planned for December 19. I am so excited about this and hope to have a nice orchestra! As always, any donations are appreciated, and I am so appreciative for those that continue to support our music programs.

Wayne Bailey, who will again direct the River City Men's and Women's Chorus, will be using our sanctuary for rehearsals. The Chorus is planning a **concert in our Sanctuary on August 22 at 4:00 p.m.** What a great opportunity for us and our neighbors in the Lakewood area.

We are so blessed here at Lakewood, and I so appreciate all these dedicated people who have helped me keep the music alive and flowing during these past months. I am looking forward to the upcoming seasons and hope to see you in church! - Tony

Blood Mobile

The blood mobile is scheduled to return to our parking lot for blood donations on **September 26**. If you can donate, please keep that date in mind (especially those who have continued to give regularly at a blood center).

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

August 1: Diana Quinlan
August 8: Nancy Carlton
August 15: Lenora & William Wilson
August 22: Lee Meadows
August 29: Daniel Modaff

Youth Schedule for August

Saturday, August 21 - Back to School trip to Summer Waves Water Park in Jekyll Island.

What a great way to celebrate going back to school. Youth will travel up to Jekyll Island to spend a fun day at Summer Waves Water Park. Admission is \$20. You will also need \$\$ for lunch. To travel to Jekyll, youth will meet at church at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 29 – LPC Youth Kick-Off Pool Party.

Youth will kick off an awesome new year of LPC Youth Activities with a pool party and hot dog cookout at Brian's home after church. RSVP by August 24.

Nancy Carlton's Little Women to Meet Again!

Girls, 3rd-5th grades, are invited to meet Sept 17, at 6:00 p.m., in the church parking lot to go to dinner at Chic-fil-a and speak with their manager about different jobs in the fast-food field!

Going forward they will meet with Nancy on the 3rd Friday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Benz Hall.

The LPC Book Club

For August, the book club is reading "The Olive Grove at the Edge of the World" by Jared Gulian. They will meet Thursday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Hut to discuss the book. If you enjoy reading, they would love to have you join them!

LPC Family Winterfest "Worship & Work in the Wilderness" Friday January 14th – Saturday, January 15th

Friday evening: Fellowship with snacks & s'mores and family time/games. Spend the night if you choose.

Saturday: Breakfast and morning devotion. Troopers will perform, followed by 3-4 hours of service work/fellowship.

The event will end with lunch closing devotional.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Nancy Carlton at Nancy0832@gmail.com

August Birthdays

Clint McNair, II, 8/1 Gary Soud, 8/2
Preston Stater, 8/2 Dana Jewell, 8/4
Janet Dickey, 8/6 Fred Harris, Jr., 8/6
Karen Green, 8/7 Susan Lee, 8/10
Dodie Walker, 8/11 Jody Keach, 8/12
Bill Kley, 8/12 Jim Tillman, Jr., 8/12
Ronnie Soud, 8/15 Ann Sory Meadows, 8/16
Jo Anne Estes, 8/17 Scott Griffin, 8/17
Dan Burns, 8/18 Christina Griffin, 8/20
Barbara Van Landingham, 8/20
Chas Phillips, 8/22 Betsy Miller, 8/24
Rachael Franklin, 8/24 Lori Appenfelder, 8/25
Evan Mosquera, 8/25 Vedder Pratt, 8/25
Elaine Thompson, 8/25 Pat Eisinger, 8/27
Debby Moon, 8/28 Amanda Ruland, 8/28
Jim Coarsey, 8/29 Virginia Fleming, 8/29
Jim Robinson, 8/30

August Anniversaries

Lisa & Brad Corner, 8/11
Vickie & Jim Robinson, 8/11
Barbara & Steve Matheson, 8/12
Janet & Paul Trojak, 8/15
Jo Anne & Clayton Estes, 8/16

We thank God for you! If your special day was missed, please help us update our records by e-mailing [Sara Maguire at sara@lpcjax.org](mailto:sara@lpcjax.org).

"Together for Joy" Come Rally with Us Sunday, August 22, 2021

All members and guests are invited to join us for worship, food and fun as we launch our 2021-22 activities with focus on our Christian Education opportunities as well as a showcase the LPC ministries. Events will run from 8:30am to 12:30pm featuring:

8:30-9:50 a.m. - Coffee Klatch-Coffee (free) and morning treat in Benz Hall from the Grounds of Grace food truck which will be parked on the parking lot side of Benz Hall.

9:15 a.m. - Announcements in Benz Hall of the Fall activities and you can visit the ministry showcase.

10:00 a.m. - In the Sanctuary we will worship together and celebrate our LPC Family.

11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - After worship we will meet in Benz Hall. We will have an opportunity to visit with each other, enjoy ice cream treats and games for all ages, including a bouncy house on the front lawn.

Mark your calendar now and please invite a friend to join us!

August Activities and Events

Sunday, August 8: Informational Meeting, 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Tuesday, August 10: Preschool begins, 9 a.m. in the Education Building
Thursday, August 19: Book Club Meeting, 7 p.m. in the Youth Hut
Sunday, August 22: Together for Joy Celebration, 8:30 a.m. begins in Benz Hall
Sunday, August 22: River City Chorus Concert, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Saturday, August 28: Campus Workday, 9 a.m. on the grounds around LPC
Sunday, August 29: Youth Group Kick Off Pool Party, 12 p.m.

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