Lord’s Day, January 21, 2024

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate On Mt. 9:37-38 ESV

*“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest’.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship 2 Pt. 3:9-13

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs  *Rejoice*

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

The Confession of Faith: *Responsive Reading of Psalm 3*

O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

**many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.”**

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

**I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.**

I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

**I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

**Salvation belongs to the LORD your blessing be on your people!**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*Hymn #441 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #432, v. 1: “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own,**

**whate'er the gift may be:**

**all that we have is thine alone,**

**a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Scripture Mark 4:21-34 p. 998

*Children’s Church is available for children from grades Pre-K-3. Please exit to the narthex.*

Sermon “Things Seen and Unseen in the Kingdom of God”

\*Hymn #442 “Arise, O God”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of January 22nd – January 26th**

Monday Church Office closed

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 1/21 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

1/28 Carol Bronakoski and Brea Duty

2/4 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

2/11 Jean Bender and John Selby

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

1/28 Ethan and Carol

2/4 Alan and Jeff

2/11 Zach and Patrick

2/18 Robbie and Sam

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**AED LOCATIONS**

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator that is a device used to send a shock to someone’s heart if that person’s heart should stop beating. LRPC has two AED devices: one on the wall in the Narthex and one on the wall in the lower level. Each has a device for an adult and a child. If anyone should collapse without a heartbeat, call 911, open the AED, and follow the written and recorded verbal instructions found inside the case.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

12:45 p.m. **Stepping Stones Group**

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO group**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL**

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team/Prayer Conference Line**

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

5:45 p.m. **Ladies’ Group**

7:00 p.m. **Knitting Group**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**Children’s Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

Berean Class (Women): *John’s Letters* Room 202

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Elective Class: Officer Training Room 203

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesday.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CONCERNS (CPC) - SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**

Gina Ruppert, director of CPC shared the following prayer requests:

Please pray for every client that comes through our doors. The center has been busy. Please pray especially for the women with no support, no documents, or [who] are living in abusive situations. Thank you!

Remember in your prayers also the thousands of people who will be observing Sanctity of Human Life tomorrow, January 22.

**HOW TO DONATE TO THE RELIEF EFFORT IN JAPAN**

Linda Karner sent the following information for those who would like to donate funds for earthquake relief. "Craig Coulbourne (Japan Field Director) and Jonathan Iverson (Asia Director) gave the greenlight shortly after the earthquake for MTW to open a Compassion Fund to raise funds for MTW to join in providing relief to those impacted by the disaster. This is the link with giving information <https://www.mtw.org/the-compassion-fund> . Funds given will be accessible for any relief activities by MTW Japan that are approved by Craig."

**Church News**​

**PRAYER TREE ORNAMENTS FOR 2024**

The prayer tree is down but there are many ornaments left. Each ornament is a chance to pray for the person or family written on the back. The ornaments are hanging on the wall in the narthex. The lowest line of ornaments belongs to our children and the children from CCC. Please take an ornament this Sunday if you have not already done so, but even if you have, please feel free to take the name of a child to pray for.

**2024 CHURCH NURSERY NEEDS YOU!**

The church nursery team is looking for two new members to serve during the 11:00 Worship service in the nursery.  You would be serving one Sunday about every other month.  New nursery team members are LRPC members who have passed a background check and completed an application to serve.  The service is live streamed to the nursery so you can somewhat participate in Worship with the children.  Please contact Brea ASAP to apply.

**HELP US LEARN ABOUT YOUR HEALTH NEEDS**

The Deacons’ Health Ministry team would like to learn about our members’ health needs and interests in order to plan programs that could be of interest and benefit. In order to do so they are asking members to complete a short *Health Ministry Congregational Survey.* The survey can be done online by going to <http://tinyurl.com/LRPCHealthSurvey> . If you are unable to access it online, you can complete a paper copy which you will find on the table in the lobby. After you complete the survey, you can leave it in the envelope on the table.

**UPCOMING WINTER WORK DAY**

On February 10, from 9 a.m. -12 noon, please join us for a winter work day. All are welcome! We are hoping to tackle many inside projects and maybe some outside ones - weather permitting. The inside projects will include extra cleaning in the sanctuary and organizing the fellowship hall closet. Some of the outside projects will include installing the visitor signs, replacing the black grip pads on the steps, and painting the handrails. Thank you in advance for helping us to be good stewards of this building God has given us.