Lord’s Day, October 22, 2023

*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 Gen. 1:27 ESV

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship Isaiah 61:8-11

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Unto Him*

 *Jesus Messiah*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 43

Q.113. What is God’s will for you in the ninth commandment?

**A. God’s will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one’s words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God’s intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor’s good name.**

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 #53 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heav’nly host:**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Eph. 4:25-5:2 p. 1161-62

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

Sermon “The Gospel Tether”

\*Hymn #585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of October 23rd – October 27th**

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**

10/22 Anel Coss and Sue Milligan

10/29 Carol Williams and Debbie Sisson

11/5 Brenda Mangels and John Selby

11/12 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

10/29 Gina and Brian

11/5 Alan and Jeff

11/12 Melissa and Patrick

11/19 Zach 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)

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP**

It's that time of year again when we need you to sign up to donate snacks for our ESOL Program. The items we need are cheese (pre sliced), vegetables & dip or fruit & dip, or baked goods. Please, we only need these items. If you cannot purchase or make something but still want to contribute, please make a monetary donation and mark it for ESOL Snacks (also put $$ on sign-up sheet). The sign-up sheet is on a clipboard on the board marked GIVE in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa at 410-805-2805.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study (temporarily put on hold)**

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

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

5:45 p.m. **Ladies’ Circle**

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

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

6:00 p.m. **Chili Cook-Off**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

All Adult Sunday School: *Respect the Image* Sanctuary

(classes below resuming in December)

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

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

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW): SATOSHI AND CALLY, EUROPE**

Pray for Satoshi & Cally as they travel to many supporting churches during this year of HMA. Pray for travel safety, good communications, and encouragement from their partners. [Note - They will be participating in LRPC’s Missions Conference, April 13-14, 2024]. Praise the Lord that David & Rashel have raised 85% of their financial needs and for Pastor David’s upcoming installation in the OPC on October 20. Pray that they will be able to raise the remaining 15% for their work in Italy as well as for their visa application process. Pray that God will reveal himself to their friends living on the street in an Italian town (migrants).

Pray for Satoshi’s mom, Fumiko, who fell and broke a backbone on September 25. Pray for her recovery, healing and perseverance.

Pray for Cally’s mom, Del, age 94, for her spiritual welfare; for strength & healing for a pressure sore. Pray for their twin daughters, Suzi and Sophi, as they continue their medical studies.

**Church News**​

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Operation Christmas Child display is now set up in the church lobby. Please feel free to pick up your labels and boxes (either assembled or unassembled) and begin to fill them. There are other handouts for your reference on the table as well. The last date to bring in your filled box(es) is Sunday, November 12th. LRPC boxes will be delivered to the local collection center during the week beginning November 13th. For any questions, please visit the OCC web site or contact Trish Spicer. Thank you!

**THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are currently running an operating deficit of $21,302, through the third quarter of 2023. This means that our total expenditures have exceeded the total operating revenue that we received so far this year. Compared to our approved budget, our total expenditures project to come in slightly under budget, which is good- however our revenue has fallen behind what we have budgeted. It has also fallen behind compared to what we received last year through the same period. We continue to trust in God’s promise that He will provide for us- I wanted to make you aware of where we stand with three months to go in the year, and our annual business meeting fast approaching.

**Third Quarter (September) Year-to-Date Operating Financial Results**

Total Revenues: $283,218

Total Expenditures: $304,520

**Total YTD Operating Deficit: ($21,302)**

**ANNUAL ACTC THANKSGIVING DRIVE**

Help us celebrate the bounty of Thanksgiving by donating a Thanksgiving meal (or more!) to families in need. Please pack a reusable grocery bag with the items below and bring it to church by Sunday November 12th. You also can donate baskets online at https://hipaa.jotform.com/form/222965132564054 or write a check made out to ACTC with the memo “thanksgiving 2023”. These may be mailed to the Church or placed in the offering plate. Beginning November 1st, prepackaged bags will be available for purchase at area grocery stores. Please see Carolyn Clark or Gina Sheets for more info!

Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

* 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz)
* 1 large can fruit (20-30 oz)
* 4 cans vegetables (15 oz)
* 1 can cranberry sauce
* 2 packages macaroni & cheese
* 1 box or 3 pouches of instant mashed potatoes (13 oz)
* 1 cake or brownie mix
* 1 bag or box stuffing mix
* 1 bag or box rice (16 oz)
* NO substitutions/NO gift cards/NO money in bag

If you would like a checklist to take shopping with you, copies can be found in the lobby at the Welcome Desk.