Lord’s Day, March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Verse to Meditate Rom. 6:23 ESV

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Welcome/Announcements Sue Milligan

Prelude

Call to Worship Isa. 66:1-2

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

*Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 10

Q.27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

**A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.**

Q.28. How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

**A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move or be moved.**

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 #257 “Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #638 (v. 1)

**Savior, thy dying love thou gavest me,**

**nor should I aught withhold, dear Lord, from thee:**

**in love my soul would bow, my heart fulfil its vow,**

**some off'ring bring thee now, something for thee.**

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

Scripture Rom. 5:12 p. 1120

Sermon “Understanding the Journey to the Cross: Fall”

\*Hymn #254 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of March 6 – March 10**

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, 3/5 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

3/12 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

3/19 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

3/26 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

**Tech Team for 3/12: Ethan and Carol**

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)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, March 6, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

11:45 a.m.. **Lenten Luncheon**

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

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

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

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

7:45 p.m. **Missions Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

10:30 p.m. **Rebekah Circle** *Jonah, Joel, Amos*

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study** *Acts*

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

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

10:00 a.m. **Blanket Fleece Group**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**\*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME\***

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

**Adult Classes**

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

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Westminster Confession of Faith* Room 203

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**SAGE INTERNATIONAL: JEFF BORDEN, CURRICULUM DIRECTOR & TEACHER**

Pray for Jeff and Patty’s daughter, Lydia. She has been ill for several months and the medical people have been trying to determine the cause. She has undergone many tests and treatments. Recently the PCP advised them to have their home inspected for mold. They have had to have extensive mold remediation done. In addition, recent tests indicated that Lydia has black mold in her body. She is on a treatment plan to clear the mold; she is also on a treatment plan to remove parasites. Pray that these treatments will be effective and that her health will be restored.

Patty and Jeff have just recovered from the flu after 3.5 weeks. Pray for them as they deal with these difficulties.

Jeff just returned from Tidewater Virginia where he visited with three churches. He will be in Hagerstown, MD, today to give an update on his ministry and preach. Pray for safe traveling.

The big news is that he will be traveling to India from March 20 – April 4 to be the speaker for several graduation ceremonies and to lead several seminars, Pray for good health, safe travel, and God’s leading as he ministers in several areas of India.

**Church News**​

**LENTEN LUNCHES UPDATE**

Starting this Tuesday, March 7, the Lenten Lunches will begin at 11:45 a.m. instead of at noon. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by teaching from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the lunches, the same session will be taught on Tuesday evenings during the Gathering. Hope to see you there!

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING**

On Sunday, March 5, directly following the worship service, there will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Strawberry Festival in room 203. Please come and stay for this meeting if you are interested in finding out about how you can help.

**BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 21**

The Health Ministry is working with the Red Cross to hold a Blood Drive at the church on Friday, April 21, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. At the end of this month, potential donors will begin to be recruited. Anyone is able to donate, as long as you have not donated blood within the previous two months. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the lobby in the coming weeks.

**HEALTH MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

The LRPC Health Ministry is officially being launched and is beginning to recruit volunteers to serve in the ministry. Types of services volunteers can offer include:

* Visiting members in their homes, the hospital, or in a nursing home
* Accompanying or transporting members to medical appointments
* Relieving a caregiver for a few hours
* Visiting and offering assistance to new parents
* Praying with/for members with health challenges
* Helping members find health, social, or financial resources.

Training will be offered to volunteers on Saturday March 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. If interested, please complete a Health Ministry Volunteer Application located on the table by the Welcome Desk in the lobby and leave it in the designated box by February 26. You may request more information from members of the Health Ministry Leadership Team (Charlotte Eliopoulos, Ellen Metzger, Miriam Logan, Carol Morrison) or email [LRPCHealthMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:LRPCHealthMinistry@gmail.com).

**NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS**

If you are interested in finding out more about LRPC, and particularly about becoming a member, please join us for our upcoming New Member Class, which starts next week and continues for two weeks after (March 12th, March 19th and 26th.) These three classes will focus on Who We Are, What We Believe (and Why), and How We Worship & Work at LRPC.  We meet after worship and will provide lunch to all who attend.  You will also be introduced to representatives of each of the three Boards (the Session, the Deacons, and the Trustees), and what they do, as they will prepare the meal for us!

If you are interested in attending, please let us know.  ATTENDING THE CLASS DOES NOT OBLIGATE YOU TO JOIN, but we sure hope you will prayerfully consider making LRPC your church home.

**VBS 2023: JULY 10th -14th**

Please stay tuned for an upcoming prayer meeting to begin preparations!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME NEXT WEEK**

Don’t forget to turn your clocks **forward** one hour next Saturday night before you go to bed. Don’t be late to church and Sunday School!