Lord’s Day, August 27, 2023

Communion 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 1 Cor. 12:12-13 ESV

*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Ministry Minute Women’s Bible Study Linda Reter

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 98:1-6

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *In Christ Alone*

 *Turn Your Eyes*

The Confession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 35

Q.96. What is God’s will for us in the second commandment?

**A. That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his Word.**

Q.97. May we then not make any image at all?

**A. God can not and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one’s intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.**

Q.98. But may not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned?

**A. No, we shouldn’t try to be wiser than God. He wants his people instructed by the living preaching of his Word – not by idols that cannot even talk.**

The Confession of Sin

**Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and, therefore, inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more. But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely, and please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.**

(excerpt from *Be Thou My Vision*,Jonathan Gibson, by Martin Bucer)

\*Assurance of Pardon 1 Cor. 15:3-4

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen, amen.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

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

**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 Eph 4:1-6 p. 1161

Sermon “People of One” Bryant Park

\*Hymn #402 “Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #353 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of August 28th – September 1st**

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, 8/27 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

9/3 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

9/10 Brian Duty and Anel Coss

9/17 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

9/3 Alan and Jeff

9/10 Melissa and Patrick

9/17 Zachary and Sam

9/24 Gina 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**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **Children’s Church Meeting** TBD

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

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

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

**Thursday, August 31, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team**

**Saturday, September 2, 2023**

4:00 p.m. **Church Barbecue**

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

**\*Combined Sunday School Classes in Sanctuary for Paul and Christy Dubois for all who are interested+** 9:30 a.m.

**\*KICK-OFF SUNDAY AND POTLUCK\* (after church)** 12:30 p.m.

**Adult Classes**

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

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

Adult Elective: *Union with Christ*  Room 203

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**(see insert)**

**Church News**​

**CHURCH BARBEQUE - VISITING WITH PAUL & CHRISTY DUBOIS**

Mark your calendars for this coming Saturday, September 2, at 4:00 p.m. Paul and Christy Dubois are missionaries that the LRPC missions team worked with at JAARS the past two summers and they will be visiting us Labor Day weekend. We look forward to welcoming them with a picnic/barbeque on Saturday evening. The whole church is invited! Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor games set up.

**MEN AND WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP AGAIN SOON**

The weekly Bible Study for men and women which meets on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. will resume its study after the summer break on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. We will continue our study of the

Book of Acts. The invitation is open to all men and women of the church, so prayerfully consider coming to join us. For further information call Nadim Warsal at 443-425-3880.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH MEETING**

There will be a meeting for all teachers and helpers in Children’s Church right after church today. Important information will be shared.

**SAVE THE DATE**

If you are interested in finding out about becoming a member of LRPC, please plan to come to our Enquirers’ Class on Sundays, September 17, 24, and October 1. The class will be at 12:30 p.m. immediately following the service, and lunch will be provided.

**PAUL & CHRISTY DUBOIS VISITING**

Next week, Sunday, September 3, during the Sunday School hour, Paul and Christy Dubois will be making a presentation about their work with JAARS. The presentation will take place in the sanctuary, and all those interested are invited to attend.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

Beginning on September 17, 2023, the Session will lead a Sunday School class on healthy communication among church members. The class will be offered for the whole church (children excepted), and it will be held for 12 weeks. We will be using the resource *Respect the Image*, by Timothy Shorey. If anyone has any questions about the class, please reach out to your Shepherding Elder. We are ordering some copies of the book and will have them available for purchase should you desire. Looking forward to growing with you in this important and God-honoring subject.

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAYS, 9:30 AT THE CHURCH**

Join the new Women’s Bible Study on Thursday for a study of 1 Peter - A Living Hope in Christ, with video teaching by Jen Wilkin, starting Thursday, September 14 and running through November 30. For more information, contact Carol Russell at cjrussell74@yahoo.com, Linda Reter at lreter87@gmail.com , or Charlotte Eliopoulos at charlotte@womenafire.com .

**ESOL ENGLISH CLASSES - FLYERS AVAILABLE**

The LRPC ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Ministry will be having their student registration Tuesday, September 19! Flyers are available at the welcome desk in English, Spanish, Korean, Arabic and Chinese. You can take copies to distribute in your neighborhood, to your favorite local businesses, friends, and co-workers. Students can pre-register online at <http://lochravenpca.org/esol> . This will be our seventh year and we are giving God all the praise because this is His ministry! We ask and are grateful for your prayers as God continues to work through LRPC ESOL.