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ATTENTION SHOPPERS:  
GOOD NEWS! GREAT JOY!

**DUDE  
YOU HEAR  
WHAT  
I HEAR?**

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL  
FOR KIDS

**Youth Christmas Musical**  
Save the Performance Dates:  
**Friday, December 16th at 7:30 PM**  
**Saturday, December 17—5:00 PM**

## Sunday School Missions

~by: Chris Grear

*"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32*

Our children continue to collect donations on Sunday mornings for their sponsor children. Luis Rolanda Vera, from Paraguay South America, is a happy, healthy 9 year old boy, who loves soccer and spaghetti. Loucine Igityan who lives in Armenia in Eastern Europe, will be 7 in November. She is a sweet, happy child who loves school, dancing, and trips to the park with mom and little brother.

Unlike America, resources are slim in their homelands because of various reasons such as political unrest, bad economies, and natural

disasters. Luis and Loucine continue to need our support for their most basic needs. Thank you, parents, for your help and encouragement of your children to donate as much as they can. Any extra monies will help give Luis and Loucine birthday and Christmas gifts.



Please check out the poster board in the Sunday School hallway, across from the nursery. You will see recent pictures and letters from Luis and Loucine. There is also a special thank you from World Vision. A certificate has been awarded to the LPC children "in appreciation for their generosity in building a better world for our children."

Thank you,  
Chris Grear, Sunday School Missions Liaison

## Lancaster Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church



**Sunday  
Worship**  
8:30—Traditional  
11:00—Contemporary

Child care  
provided during  
both services.

**Sunday School and  
Adult Education  
Classes**  
9:45-10:45

## November High- lights

- Nov.2—Fanning the Flame Team Mtg—7:00 pm
- Nov.6—New Members Orientation—12:15 PM
- Nov.8—Joint Meeting of Elders, Deacons & Trustees—7:00 pm
- Nov.10—Concerned women for America—7:00 pm
- Nov.17—fun & Fellowship Night—7:00 pm
- Nov.18-19—Presbytery of the Alleghenies
- Nov.23—Thanksgiving Eve Service—7:30 pm
- Nov.30—R.O.M.E.O.S.



## Fun & Fellowship Night—November 17

~by: Judy Breckenridge

During the year, the different youth groups meet on Wednesday and Sunday nights to fellowship together. Yet on Sundays during worship and class time, the adults have very little time to get to meet each other as a group.

On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm sharp, all adults have the opportunity to meet others within the church and have fun. Every so often a Fun and Fellowship night is scheduled for this opportunity. Those who have attended have met others that they did not know at all, or wished they knew better. The evening has proven to be an opportunity to make acquaintances and friendships with other LPC attendees.

Please plan to come – you can sign up on the front table in the narthex by the glass doors, or at the south entrance.

When you sign up, please sign and check the appropriate columns:

- Names & number of those attending
- Choose whether bringing a snack or a dessert to share
- Note whether you would be willing to help – clean-up, make coffee etc.
- Note if you are able to bring a card table
- List an e-mail address, please.

Knowing that you are coming is **very important**. Specific planning has to be made for the evening.

Please sign up by November 13<sup>th</sup>!

A collection of canned goods for the Lancaster-Depew Food Panty is your entry price for attending. Hope to see your name on the sign-up sheet or give Faye Krisher a call @ 937-9023..



All LPC Adults are invited

**FOR FUN MORE FUN**

And best of all

**FELLOWSHIP**

Meet new friends!

**Thursday, November 17th — 7:00 pm**

For information and reservations

Call Faye Krisher @937-9023

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## Kele-Communication



informal leaders of our congregation. The Fanning the Flame Team exists to make rigorous inquiry into all of the implications and applications of the 10 Biblical Principles, to learn from the best practices of those con-

gregations who are making the most effective use of these principles in their ministries, and to make recommendations to our Session. Session, as always, has the final say as to what recommendations are approved for application, as well as how agreed upon practices are to be implemented.

When I chose the Doctor of Ministry: Emphasis in Church Revitalization, I did so on the strength of its being the only program of its kind in involving the congregation's leadership in the new learning. I was pleased to see that confidence born out when 9 elders returned from the Embers to a Flame/Fanning the Flame conference in January and unanimously recommended to our Session to subscribe to the 10 Biblical Principles of the Embers to a Flame/Fanning the Flame revitalization process.

Recall that Embers to a Flame was a conference introducing 10 Biblical principles: Remember, Repent, Be Gospel Driven and Christ Centered, Cultivate Spiritual Formation, Pray, Minister the Word, Engage Clear Mission/Vision and Values, Seek Empowering Servant Leadership, Build Small Groups, and Pursue Great Commission Discipleship. Once our elders became convinced of the faithfulness of these principles to Scripture, and the importance of their application in our life together, they subscribed to the Fanning the Flame process for applying these Biblical principles in Lancaster Presbyterian Church.

Session then called the Fanning the Flame Team into existence, consisting in 16 of the formal and

fulnes together, hold each other up in repentance, be Gospel Driven and Christ Centered, cultivate Spiritual Formation, pray together, study the Word together, serve together, foster leadership development together, pursue Great Commission Discipleship together, and evangelize by inviting friends and loved ones to a safe, welcoming home to grow together in relationship with our Lord and each other.

I am as pleased as I can be that our Fanning the Flame Team has recommended to Session that Small Discipleship Groups be the first order of emphasis in the way forward. Accordingly, Session has approved the creation of a Small Group Team, consisting in Aurelius Chaves, Doug Dunbar, Debi Eaton, Peter Klaasesz and Lisa Negus. This Small Group Team has been active defining terms and concepts, interviewing numerous churches who are known for their effectiveness in Small Discipleship Group Ministry, and writing and reporting recommendations to the Fanning the Flame Team and the Session. I cannot overemphasize my appreciation for their work and their willingness to serve on the "front lines" as they are! I am praying for them continually, and I invite you to join me in upholding the Small Group Team in prayer many times throughout each day. From where I stand, the work of the Small Group Team is the most important undertaking in the way forward.

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Small Group ministry has been pursued with excellence in our life together since the time of Pastor Retew, and perhaps even earlier. Accordingly, Small Discipleship Group Ministry is not a new emphasis in our congregation. Now is the time to embrace and support the continuing work of our faithful forerunners! When I consider the exciting possibilities for Kingdom increase through Evangelistic Small Discipleship Group Ministry I give thanks for evidence of our Lord's faithfulness in building this important emphasis into the DNA of our congregation. The embers are burning brightly; I seek to fan them into whatever flames our Lord will bring!

You must know by now that I am not one to see Satan under every rock or behind every tree. That being said, I do believe in the Biblical teaching on the reality of spiritual warfare. No one taught more on the realities of Satan's opposing efforts than our Lord Jesus, and I appreciate that nothing invites the opposition of the adversary so much as faithful Kingdom service. Accordingly, I have wrestled with how much I should say or not say in letting you know that I have adopted the Biblical teaching on fasting in my life specifically for the purpose of expressing my concern for the work of Evangelistic Small Discipleship Group Ministry as a faithful manifestation of Kingdom contribution in the days to come. Jesus specifically commands that I am not to call attention to myself when I am fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). And so, while I have no desire to call attention to myself in fasting, I think it is important that it be understood that fasting is Biblical, fasting is expected by our Lord Jesus in the pursuit of Godliness, and it is appropriate that your pastor fast in support of the work of our ministry. So please know that my hopes for establishing the groundwork for our next 20+ years together (Lord willing) is so important

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Dear friends,

I have been in my position as Director of Youth and Family Ministries for about two months now. It's been a big transition, but one which the Lord will guide me through.

As I and the Christian Education Committee assess and evaluate the ministry to youth and family at LPC, please pray for the Lord's wisdom, strength, and guidance in this endeavor. We want to use His Word (the Scriptures) and His teachings, principles and precepts in this process. To this end, we will be reviewing the book, Family Ministry Field Guide: how your church can equip parents to make disciples. The author, Timothy Paul Jones has gripped me with its Biblical principles and caused me to rethink my practices and our church's practices in carrying out the Lord's Great Commission and Great Commandments.



In my assessment, the four youth groups: King's Kids, (3-4 grades), Son Chasers (5-6 grades), Junior High (7-8 grades), and Senior High (9-12 grades) have excellent spiritual leaders who want God's best for our children. The Senior High leaders are looking for more volunteers to help pass on the mantle of Christian faith. The Junior High youth presently are a small group who for special outings can participate with the Senior High.

The Junior and Senior High have already participated in some special activities and are looking forward to the Joshua Revolution Youth Conference December 27-30 in Niagara Falls. This conference has been beneficial to a number of our youth over the years. If you would like more information, please contact me as soon as possible, since I will make hotel reservations during the week of November 6.

Lastly, but by no means least, I have been very impressed with the Biblical lessons God has provided thus far. Our youth are being fed God's Word! Praise His holy name!

As we look to the Lord of heaven and earth, He will continue to pour out the blessings of His love, in its many dimensions, to our youth, their leaders, our church family, and to the community and world.

God bless you!

Pete

## Pray With Us:



~by: Dianne Conklin

A popular history class question is 'If you could speak with anyone from history, who would that be?' Would your choice be to speak with Martin Luther to understand how he had the courage to stand before the Diet (court) of Worms in 1521 to answer charges that his teaching was heretical and face the sentence of the court? John Hus had previously been burned at the stake for similar 'heretical' teaching. Where does that kind of courage come from?

The Fanning the Flame (FTF) Team is looking at Martin Luther's heart this month through a small book "A Simple Way to Pray" by Dr. Archie Parrish. This book is the Wisdom of Martin Luther on Prayer and the FTF Team is practicing the principles of this book for 15 days this month as a tool for evaluation. Ask a team member how that's working out for them.

The Armorer emphasis during October has brought to mind the opportunity to uphold the LPC leadership in daily prayer. Armorer Sunday on October 23<sup>rd</sup> encouraged the entire congregation to take their own prayer life to a new level of commitment. The FTF Team is sharing in turn, sharing their own prayer vision and the way each person hopes to increase their focus on prayer.

Bethany Potozniak continues to learn how to learn the Spiritual Gift Assessment tools. More about this effort in the future. The Small Group Initiative Team has been researching best practices of similar churches to learn from them. Becky Young leads the prayer team. Prayer requests sent to the Birmingham prayer team are listed in the box included. Please join us in these prayers and/or join us in our prayer gatherings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:30-7:30 PM in Pastor Kelly's office.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would use our Fan the Flame efforts to change personal lives, with increased devotional time and commitment to prayer.
- May what was begun on Armorer Sunday continue and become entrenched in our habits and ministry concerns.
- May the Call to Repentance remain with us and be taken seriously
- As the Fan the Flame team reads Martin Luther's *A Simple Way to Pray*, may we grow personally from his example and be wise in considering the best prayer tool to recommend to the congregation.
- Prayer for new families attending LPC, that we may meet their needs spiritually and physically.

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00—Ladies Afternoon Study	2 Choirs & Youth Groups 7:00—FTF Team	3 7:00—Christian Ed Mtg.	4 10:00—Craft Fellowship	5 Play rehearsal 11:00-4:00
6 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 SS & AE—9:45 12:15 New Member 7:00—Senior Hi	7	8 10—Joyful Seekers	9 7:00—Joint Meeting of Elders, Deacons & Trustees	10 7:00—Concerned Women for America	11 Play rehearsal 11:00-2:00	12 Play rehearsal 1:00-5:00
13 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 SS & AE—9:45 9:45—New Member 7:00—Senior Hi	14	15	16 Choirs & YG	17 7:00—Fun & Fellowship Night		19 Play rehearsal 3:00-7:00
20 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 SS & AE—9:45 7:00—Senior Hi	21	22 10:00—Joyful Seekers 11:45 Grapevine Crew	23 7:30—Thanksgiving Eve Service No Choirs & Youth	24 	25	26
27 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 SS & AE—9:45 First Advent 7:00 - Senior High	28	29	30 12:00—ROMEOS Choirs & Youth Groups 6:30—FTF Prayer			

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

**WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 23  
7:30 PM**

**ALL ARE INVITED**



November 27  
First Sunday of Advent



"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

### Weekly Schedule

- Sunday**
  - Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am — Nursery and pre-school child care during both services
  - Sunday School and Adult Education Classes — LPC & PH—9:45-10:45 am
  - Senior High Youth Group — 7:30pm —PH
- Monday**
  - Men's Bible Study—7:00 pm—Waith Hall
- Tuesday**
  - Joyful Seekers Bible Study—10:00 am (every other week)
- Wednesday**
  - Pizza & Salad Supper—5:30 pm
  - Joy Singers/Youth Bells—6:00 (211)
  - Adult Bells—6:05 — Music Room
  - Cherub Choir—6:15-7:00 at LPC (114)
  - Youth Fellowship: King's Kids, Son Chasers & Jr. Hi—7:00-8:30—Meet in WH
  - Chancel Choir—7:15 (Sanctuary)
- Thursday**
  - Gathering In His Name Bible Study—9:30 AM
  - Worship Team Rehearsal—7:30

## Concerned Women for America



~ by: Gloria Chaves

Dr. Kevin Backus was the guest speaker at the October meeting of Concerned Women for America. Dr. Backus brought a wealth of information to those who attended. He is pastor of Grand Island Bible Presbyterian Church and a regional representative for New Yorker's Family Research Foundation.

Dr. Backus said that God calls us to act; to be salt and light in our culture:

We must pray, and we must be informed on issues and candidates. It is imperative that we vote. He also encouraged us to participate in a political party with which we agree. He urged us to talk to our friends about issues and to not give up when things look discouraging.

Dr. Backus said the church is commissioned to teach God's word and we must do that, no matter the consequences.

We were reminded that parents must shield their children from influences that lead them away from God and His word. That is not an option. Militant homosexuals pour money and intimidat-

ion into the issue of same sex marriage, the Gender Expression Non Discrimination Act, the Dignity for all Students Bill and other bills which will further undermine God's laws for a happy and healthy life. In Canada, it is already a crime for pastors to speak freely about the harm of homosexuality, and counselors are not allowed to offer the healing that comes through Christ. For the sake of our children, we must not ignore what is happening. Same sex marriage is not just about what two people do. It's about what will happen in our towns and in our schools.

Please stand with Concerned Women for America (cwfa.org) and New Yorkers Family Research Foundation (nyfrf.org) as these two organizations and many others stand for God's word in an often hostile environment. Pray, be informed, vote, participate, speak the truth without fear.

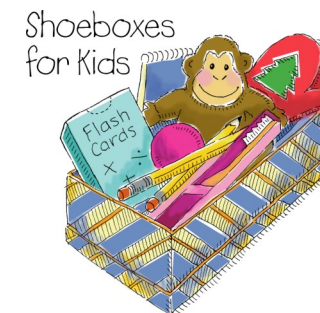
CWA will meet Thursday evening, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library for prayer and information. All women (and interested men) are invited to attend. There will be no December meeting.

## Operation Christmas Child — Samaritan's Purse National Collection Week = November 14-21

~by: Gloria Luderman

"The Power of a Simple Gift" - Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Start with getting an empty shoe box (standard size) with lid OR a small plastic container. Determine if you will pack for a boy or girl (or both), Decide which age group you will pack for as listed on shipping labels to be made available and start filling with some school supplies, hygiene items and play things. Plan on enclosing a check for \$7.00 made out to Samaritan's Purse in provided envelope and placed AT THE TOP of all items in shoe box. One check can be issued to cover more than one box, with quantity of boxes marked on check. Complete the proc-

ess with placing a rubber band around short side of box. HAVE SOME FUN! A table will be set up in the lower narthex with all the necessary paper work, extra shoe boxes and additional information. Thank you for planning to participate. Contact Gloria Luderman at 668-3520 for help or any additional help.



## CPR Course Offered

The Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be offering a CPR certification (or re-certification) course for those of our church who are interested. The course will also include basic operation of our AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) which is located in the foyer of the sanctuary. While no date has been set it will be held early in the week and space is limited. The course will be held at the LVAC facility on Embury Place. If interested please contact Jim Allein (684-8506)

## Thank You



Dear Church family,  
Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent round of chemotherapy. I will continue with follow up at Roswell. I also would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my father's illness and recent passing. Your love and support have helped me through both of these difficult times in my life. God's love sustains and your encouragement gives me strength. Thank you.

JoAnn Wischman



Turn your clocks back one hour prior to the November 6th worship services.

## Anxiously Awaiting Building Task Force Report — 1986

~ Jim Allein

It is good when we look to what life may bring us in the future. Sometimes it is because we are curious as to what the future may hold; sometimes it may be because we are unhappy with our present circumstances and are looking for something better. And then it may be because we see a need for a change and are looking to better that which is around us. This last thought has always been the reason behind the decision of the Session to select concerned LPC members to look into what might possibly be done with the church facilities at a particular time in the life of the church to better accommodate and further our work for the Lord.

Early in 1986 the Session commissioned a Building Task Force to “study the feasibility of adapting our existing structures to meet the needs of the congregation for worship space.” On October 18 of that year a joint meeting of the Session and Trustees of LPC met to receive the report from Al Martin, the chairman. The members of the task force were Edward Carlsen, Aurelius Chaves, Richard Conklin, David Graf, Robert Herget, Albert Martin, Janet Stasiowski, Glenn Tanner, and Gwen Wade. The report as presented by the task force is dated November 10<sup>th</sup>. Excerpts of that report are cited below.

*The Building Task Force believes it has fulfilled its commission from Session. [It] is of one mind that something must be done now to increase the size of our worship facilities. However, it is disappointing that there can be no clear recommendation to Session as to where you [the Session] may proceed from here. There is a diversity within the Task Force . . . surely attributed to the lack of a definitive plan for the future of this congregation. A plan must now be formulated for how we are to reach the community with the Gospel and to serve it with our outreach programs. Given such a plan, the Task Force believes the solution to our worship space requirements will become self evident*

The extremely detailed report, written by Al Martin, continues with three proposals for consideration: a new sanctuary to the south of Waith Hall; an increase in the present sanctuary to provide 100 more seats; an addition to the west [from the present sanctuary] to provide 400 more seats. A full explanation is provided on each proposal, detailing the effect

each would have on the present facility, including classrooms, storage, parking, and the comfort and needs of the congregation. Accompanying the report was a report from an architect who was engaged by the committee to assist in the assessment. Preliminary sketches of these three proposals were also included in the report – interestingly one sketch looks very close to the renovation completed just 5 years ago. But in the end there were doubts as to what should be done because there were no clear-cut objectives in mind coming from the Session.

Many of us who have been in LPC for some time have seen building committees come and go. In fact, in the records of the church there is evidence of formal building committees going back to the early 1900’s prior to the construction of Waith Memorial Hall. Each of them worked hard and presented their findings to the session. One such committee’s recommendations resulted in the educational addition in 1968 providing us with much needed class rooms. Another resulted in the addition of the elevator to provide assistance for our elderly members.

Unfortunately, the reports of other committees were “received and filed” and were never acted upon for lack of financial and congregational support, or the lack of what was clearly needed as in 1986. This is not meant to take away at all from the commitment and work of the committees and the members. Often the suggestions and thoughts of these committees gave subsequent groups a starting point of what might work at that time; what wasn’t feasible 20 years ago may very well be the focal point of success at another time.

Have you ever made big plans in your life – getting married, maybe buying a new car, or bigger yet, a new house? You hope that you are doing the right thing – you have prayed about it, but yet in the back of your mind there is that nagging hint of a doubt – what if you lose your job or something else occur which would prevent you from fulfilling your obligations.

Back in 1970 Prudy and I were moving from a duplex apartment to renting the house where we now live. Asking my boss at the time if I could leave work early that day so we could get an early start in moving, he informed me that I was being laid off along with 25 others in the plant. Talk about worry

and doubt! But everything turned out fine as we are still in the same house and we now own it!

We never know what the future may hold. We don’t even know what tomorrow may bring. But we can be sure of one thing – the Lord will return one day and He has promised us in His word that we will spend eternity with Him.

As Paul wrote to the people in the church at Thessalonica, “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of

God . . . and so we shall always be with the Lord.” (II Thess 4:16, 17)

God made the plans, Jesus accomplished the work, and we shouldn’t have any doubts in the results! God bless!

### International Students Culinary Ministry

**This year, Lancaster Presbyterian Church will prepare and serve 4 meals for the UB students who attend the ISI Friday night Bible Study. A great team of cooks put together a meal of baked chicken and mashed potatoes on Sept 9. Thank you!**



**For this Friday, Nov 4, we’ve planned a menu of cabbage roll casserole, salad, bread and cake. Your help is needed in the LPC kitchen on Thursday Nov 7 at 7 p.m. to prepare the food which will be delivered and served at Grace Baptist Church on Friday Nov 4. Please stop by and lend a hand!**

**Planning ahead, the next 2 meals will be January 20 and March 23. Contact Becky Young if you would like to help or receive a call when the time gets closer. It is a great time of fellowship for the kooks in the kitchen and a blessing to the international students coming for Bible Study.**

## Kele-Communication

to me that I am moved to fasting as one form of supplication in prayer for this critical work. I invite you to join me if the Lord leads you. I have found the resources in Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald S. Whitney to be most helpful in this connection. As the Lord leads you, please join me in praying for our Lord’s will and direction in His service, and if you are feeling so led, please do not hesitate to join me in the supplication of fasting. May our Lord continually bless us in the obedience of faith!

I love you all!

Pastor Kelly

Picture a ship: 28 guns, bluff bow, lovely lines, she’s a fine sea-bird, weatherly, stiff, and fast—very fast if she’s well handled. She’s not old; she’s in her prime. We’ll call her the LPC. We’ve inherited her from generations of steadfast seamen who have loved her and kept her fit for action. She was made to sail, and that’s what we plan to do with her.

We’ve received our orders: our mission is to seek out and equip hands for the King’s service. While everyone appreciates the urgent need for reinforcements, some questions remain as to the best structures and methods to employ in fitting hands for service. A special task force has been assigned to learn from the best practices of the finest crews in His Majesty’s service. As we await their recommendations, some in our ship’s complement grow restless for action. But we are a ship of the line—disciplined to hold fast for the insights that will mean the difference between life and death in the war of the ages. We must not fail! Only God can give the wind. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send the winds to fan the embers of faithfulness into the raging flames of a mighty harvest, to the praise of the glory of His grace, Amen!

## New Members Class coming in November

Perhaps you have been considering for a while uniting formally with Lancaster Presbyterian Church, but just haven’t initiated the first step. Pastor Kelly will lead a New Members Class in November. He will conduct an orientation on Sunday, November 6th at 12:15 with a light lunch., and continue will classes on Wednesday, November 9th and conclude on Sunday, November 13th. Please consider this an invitation to join him and others in this new step of faith in Jesus Christ. Please call the church office if you would like to be included in this group.

## Deacon’s Beacon

~by: Shirley Hrycko

Here is a gift for you! What little child or the little child in all of us wouldn’t like to hear that said to them. My dictionary defines *gift* as “thing given; present”. I am not really fond of that definition. It does not say enough as far as I am concerned. We give gifts to people we like most times. Sometimes we give gifts out of obligation because we think the situation calls for one to be given. We are afraid of what people or someone will think of us if we do not “show up with a gift”. When I think of a gift I think of the definition of grace: unmerited favor. We do not have to give gifts, we give them because we have a desire to present them. Gifts are given to make someone feel special. It reminds them that they are not forgotten.

The Deacons have a Gift Ministry and it is chaired by Joann Gadra.



Joann does a wonderful job of knowing which gift to select for each individual. These gifts may be a plant, a gift card to a favorite store or restaurant, baked goods, a book, refrigerator magnet, sun catcher, etc. Birthday gifts are presented to all salaried staff and the Pastor’s wife, members and active non-members of the church who have reached the age of 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and older. We appreciate the work the salaried staff performs and want to acknowledge “their special day”. We also want our eighty-plus congregants to know they are not forgotten and that we cherish the memories we have of all the years of service to our Lord and to LPC.

Our thanks to Joann for a wonderful job as Gift Chairman.

## Church Family Prayer & Notes:

### Lift in Prayer:

Annette Schupp  
Lettie Vona  
Jack Manley  
Sally Godfrey  
Paul and Jamie Burdick  
Dick Fitzgerald  
Arlene Koch  
JoAnn Wischman  
Helen Markham  
Rob and Jennifer Benzel  
Challie Swabb  
Norm Smith—Home  
Jean Rowell—home  
Joyce Bascom—ECMC  
Betty Rupp—ECMC  
Joyce Olivieri  
Shirley Pepke  
Joanne Snyder  
Richard Kennedy

### LPC’s Military Personnel:

Marc Smith  
Joe Sebaaly  
Lorne McCallum  
Joe Capone  
Steve Schuman