

FAITH MATTERS

Weekly Newsletter



April 28 2024 **Worship Service 10:30am**

Prelude: *Sheep May Safely Graze*

Choral Call: *What Joy There Is In Coming*

Welcome & Announcements

Missions Moment: Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center
Representing LPCC is Sue Johnson.

*Greeting One Another

*Praise Songs: *Ancient of Days*
Better is One Day

*Invocational Prayer

Scripture Readings: *Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8*
Our Reader this morning is Ruth Minster

Choral Anthem: *He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Prayers of the Church and *The Lord's Prayer*

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles Creed*

Children's Church (for Kids 4 years old - 5th Grade)

Offerings: *Spring Comes Early*

Sermon: *The Vine*

*Hymn #306: *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

This Week's Ministries Calendar

Sunday, 04.28.24

9:00am: Praise Band Practice
9:30am: Sunday School Classes
10:00am: Choir Warm-up (Choir Room)
10:30am: Worship Service (Nursery is available)
2:00pm: Medical Care Service

Monday, 04.29.24

3:00pm: GriefShare (Room 6)

Wednesday, 05.01.24

10:00am: Women's BSF (Choir Room)
12:00pm: Faith Matters Newsletter Deadline
5:30pm: Potluck Dinner for Everyone
6:00pm: Faith Kids
6:00pm: Youth Group
6:30pm: Adult Bible Study

Thursday, 05.02.24

9:00am: MOPS
6:30pm: Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, 05.03.24

9:00am: Men's Breakfast (Bungalow Inn)

Saturday, 05.04.24

9:00am: Men's Bible Study (Room 2)

Sunday, 05.05.24

9:00am: Praise Band Practice
9:30am: Sunday School Classes
10:00am: Choir Warm-up (Choir Room)
10:30am: Worship Service

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

The Kingdom of God and Our Place In It
Sunday mornings at **9:30am** in Room 2.

Led by John Gautz.

SCRIPTURE READER SIGN-UPS

Please consider reading Scripture in our Worship Services and [sign up online](#) or contact Carolyn Zink.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

This week, 05.01.24: Italian / Turkey Subs
Next week, 05.08.24: Beef Stroganoff



Annual Church Spring Cleaning
Saturday, May 18th
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars now and plan to spend the morning working alongside our Property Stewards then stay for a hearty lunch provided our Fellowship Team.

Keeping in Our Prayers

- Steve LaPointe
- Rita Shipman
- Karlene Marsh
- Fran Cabot
- Herb & Jane Lenon
- Jane Kuriger
- Bev Johnston's sister, Carolyn.



Mutual Ministries Staff Highlight:
Sarah Eix, Director of Children & Family Ministries

“It’s my joy to help kids pursue Jesus: to learn the whole story of Scripture, to see how they are a part of it, and to experience what it means to follow him. Marc and I are grateful to be ‘home’ again with all of you. When I look out the sanctuary windows, and see the old treehouse, I’m reminded that our own kids, Emily, Nathan, and Laura, spent most of their growing up years here. After 5 years at First Covenant in Red Wing, MN, we felt God’s call back to Portage Lake Bible Camp, another special place for our family. In a full circle way, Marc and I are again doing ministry together here with you here in Michigan – and we are grateful! I’d like to think we haven’t changed much since those days, but our grown kids remind me that’s not the case. Emily graduated last year from North Park University (the Covenant denomination’s school) in Chicago, and is now working as a NICU nurse at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. Nathan is finishing his sophomore year studying engineering at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. And, we are really glad that someone still lives at home: Laura, our senior, is graduating in May from Manistee High School. Both Laura and Nathan will be working on staff at camp this summer. It’s my prayer, for all of our church kids, that they love Jesus with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strengths. Thank you for all your help in this important ministry!”



Nathan, Sarah, Marc, Emily, & Laura



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Begin with Prayer. Listen with Care. Eat Together. Serve with Love. Share Your Story.

