

Welcome To Locust Grove

February 12, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Dan Fry
Worship Leader: Steve Kramm
Worship Team Leader: Theil Kauffman
Sermon: Be Still – Exodus 14 – Max Zook

9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Justin & Amanda Byler, Katie Peachey
10:30 – Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Jana Nardis
*Next Week: 9:00- Andrew & Alicia Zook
10:30- Sarah and Sylvia Peachey

Prayer List:

At Home: Steve, Juanita, Austin, Derek, & Kristyn Byler
Larry & Lou Ann Yoder

At Valley View: Orpha Zook-A317 Valley View Terrace

Away: Mike & Staci Grabill, 1561 Mtn Ranch Rd, Larkspur, CO 80118

Mission Spot: In response to God's leading in their lives, Holly and Chisomo (Grace) VanSciver are making plans to move to Jeffreys Bay, South Africa in September where they will serve with The Leadership Experience (LXP). Holly has been asked to step in as the Dean of Students for the young adults attending the Leadership Training Program, teach a community parenting class through Ithamba Family Church, write grants for funding their children's ministry outreach and help with LXP's accreditation process. While they are excited for the next step ahead of them, please pray that all the details will come together before they leave: creating a mission support team, raising financial support, selling their house and car, applying for a visa, securing housing and a vehicle in South Africa and all the other details involved in making an international move. Thanks for your prayers!

New Phone Numbers: Lois Peachey-717-437-5769; Vi Pannebaker-717-935-0063

February 5, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 183
S.S. Attendance 349
10:30 Worship Attendance 193
Jr. S.S. Offering.....\$8.50
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$0
Morning Worship Offering\$11,296.01

Week 6

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$66,990
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$63,528
YTD Income - \$83,563
YTD Expenses - \$65,886

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study

Upcoming Events:

February 21, 6:30-8:00 – Kid's Club
March 10-12 – MYF Winter Retreat
March 19th – Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Hymn Sing
March 31, Ladies Fun Night- Registration starts at 5:30, dinner served at 6 p.m.

MYF: Wed, 7:15 p.m., Meet at Jay & Karen's (132 Beech Tree Lane, Belleville) for a game night. Bring board games if you like. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack. Also, please bring completed sausage order forms with you Wednesday night or put in Ivan's mailbox.

MYF will again be selling **whole hog pork sausage** to be delivered the **25th of February**. Please contact a member of the youth group if you are interested in placing an order or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board today.

GROUP: Meet at the church at 6 p.m. tonight for games & Bible study. Guys bring a snack, girls bring a drink.

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY-Will meet Tuesday morning at 10. We will continue our discussion on Ruth chapter 2. Please bring a snack to share.

Ladies, if you enjoy any type of **needle crafting** such as knitting, crocheting, needle point cross stitch, join us weekly at **Valley View Terrace Activity Room**, every Thursday at 2 p.m. led by Pat Yoder. This is open to all ladies in the community all ages and skill set. Any questions, contact Pam.

Fathered by God Sunday School class is moving to Room 109 beginning today.

An **all-you-can-eat spaghetti meal** will be served in the fellowship hall on today immediately following the 2nd service to help raise funds for a local team that will be working in Romania this March. Come and enjoy a great meal for a good cause! A sign-up sheet will be outside the gym for food donations.

A **pulled pork fundraiser meal** will be served on Sunday, March 12th, immediately following the 2nd service, to help raise funds for children and single mother's ministry opportunities in Kenya. Quill and Ann Kanagy recently returned from a trip to Kenya and are now working on resourcing local workers and raising awareness for the need for children's and single mother's ministries in that region, which are desperately needed. Please plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal while also supporting a very worthwhile cause!

Connection: During the long dreary months of mid-winter, here's a phrase to bring light to your days: "He makes all things new." How have you experienced this truth in your own life or the life of your family? Start thinking and start writing because this is the theme for the spring issue of the Connection, our church news magazine. If you are following Jesus, you know the reality of His redemption and forgiveness. Why not share part of your story with our church family? Someone needs to hear it! Contact Brenda with ideas, suggestions, and articles! Use Facebook or face to face, or email! brendaebzook@gmail.com

Dear Locust Grove, We are so grateful for the prayers, the gifts, the cards, the phone calls, the food and the packing and cleaning help you provided us during our recent move to northern Wisconsin and during birthday season after we arrived. We felt very loved and cared for by it all. Thanks especially to the Rising Strength Sunday School class for being a part of our lives. We miss all of you at Locust Grove and we miss Big Valley but are adjusting well to our current location. In case you didn't get our new address, here it is: Glenn and Julie Stauffer 4149 Bass Lake Loop Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501. Additionally you can call or text our mobile phones 717-437-9435 (Julie/Home) and 717-437-9481 (Glenn). Love, Glenn, Julie, Melanie, Erica, Merlin, and Leona Stauffer

The Single Moms Support Care team invite you to be a prayer partner for this ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the gym. Please consider praying for the team and those to whom they minister.

Jane Neff, the new director of **Shelter Services in Lewistown** would be interested in seeing more Bible studies happening at the shelter. Bible study leaders are needed who are willing to take a time slot once a month or once a week to lead Bible studies at the shelter. The time slot could be morning, afternoon or evening. You don't need to be a professional, all it takes is a love for Jesus, a willing heart and a commitment to doing your best for the glory of God. For more information talk to your pastor or contact Jane Neff, email, janeelterservice@gmail.com or 717-248-0102.

Once again, we invite you to consider **providing snacks for the children at DC4K** at the Lumina each Monday evening. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the gym with items requested. Thank you for serving the next generation with snacks and prayers.

Does someone you love use drugs or alcohol? Overcomer's Outreach uses the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Bible to discover the wisdom of God and apply his teachings to our daily lives. We claim Jesus as our "higher power" and share our trials and victories with one another in a confident and secure environment. We meet weekly in loving support of one another, not a substitute for, but rather a supplement to other 12 step groups. We are non-professional and non-profit, and we welcome anyone who is not opposed to our general method of recovery, whatever his or her present problem. For more information, visit www.overcomersoutreach.org or please contact Sue Fagan (899-7842) or Karen Goss (994-2007). Please join us Thursdays at 6:30, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lewistown, across from Lake Ford dealer on South Main Street.

Backyard Ministries: The Abundant Life SS class thanks you for your donations in January. We were able to provide 100 snack bags for kids in Lewistown. We are in need of donations for February. We need Nutri-grain bars (check the Dollar Store for a generic equivalent), pre-packaged cookies and crackers (no nuts or peanut butter), and DumDum lollipops (or similar generic brand). A box is located in the lobby for you to deposit your donations. We will be needing these items every month, so please keep us in mind as you do your shopping. For more information, call Pat (Gerald) Yoder at 935-2835.

Backyard Ministries is in need of family-sized loaves of sweet bread. They have identified over 800 unreached homes in the Centre region and the bread is used as a door-opener to witness to these adults. They may be any flavor from A-Z (Apple, Banana, Cranberry...Zucchini), but NO nuts or peanut butter. Loaves should be placed in a gallon-size freezer bag labeled with "BYM" and the flavor. They may be frozen or fresh. For this month, bread loaves should be placed in the Locust Grove kitchen by Monday, February 27. If you have any questions, call Pat (Gerald) Yoder at 935-2835.

Hide-n-Seek Christian Daycare in Lewistown is hiring assistant teachers. Applicants should be energetic, dependable, and enjoy working with children from infancy through preschool. Applicants with a Bachelors or Associates Degree in ECE or related field preferred. Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma and provide proof that they have at least 2500 hours (2 years) of documented experience working with young children. Application available at www.gcclewisstown.com or submit resume to Allison.hidenseek@gmail.com 717-248-7837.

Elective Adult Classes for February & March

Following is a list of classrooms.

First Session Classes

Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture
- Bob & Joann Peachey-Rm. 108 (Potter's Clay Room)
Apologetics and the Art of Persuasion -Christian Yoder-Rm. 106 (Harmony)
Passion Pursuit (for married women) – Juanita Byler-Downstairs Cafe
The Jesus Life – What does it look like to follow Jesus? – Brenda Zook
-Rm. 105 (Family Circle Room)
Man in the Mirror (for men of all ages) – Scott Spotts-Rm. 102 (MYF Room)
Love & Respect (for couples) – Cheston & Jen Hartzler-Rm. 109 (Koinonia)
What's it Like to be Married to Me? (for women) – Michelle Snook
-Rm. 103 (Encouragers)
Finding Your Calling for the Third Third of Your Life – Gerald & Pat
-Rm. 107 (Lighthouse)
Memorial Stones for the Next Generation (for parent couples and single
moms) – Quil & Ann Kanagy-Rm. 104 (27:17)

Second Session Classes

Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture
- Quil Kanagy-Room 108 (Potter's Clay)
New Testament Postcards – John Baker-Room 104 (27:17)
Appreciating the Hymns – Leon Miller-Room 106 (Harmony)
Denominations and Divisions Within Our Faith–Randy Yoder
-Rm. 103 (Encouragers)
Practical Study of Joseph – Lyle Yoder-Room 105 (Family Circle)
Fathered By God (John Eldridge book) – TBA-Room 109

Prayer Guide for February 12 – February 18

12 Sunday – Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still. Exodus 14:13, 14

13 Monday – Read Exodus 33 & 34. Pray for Elrose Glick in the Lewistown Hospital again with pneumonia. And pray for Esther Peachey today on her birthday, for God's grace and peace with her lonely days since Leonard died. Pray for Emma Peachey and Silvia Peachey as they begin their work as cooks at Gator Camp in Florida this coming week.

14 Tuesday – Read Exodus 35 & 36. On this Valentine's Day, let us pray for marriages in our church family, especially the relationships that get stuck on little things that become big areas of tension because spouses step on each other's pain. Pray for healing in our marriages and for love and respect to flow freely.

15 Wednesday – Read Exodus 40 and Numbers 8. Pray for Brian Renno as he meets with the worship team this evening to prepare for our worship service on Sunday morning. Also pray for Max as he prepares a sermon from Exodus 33 & 34 about the how important the presence of the Lord was for Moses and is for us.

16 Thursday – Read Leviticus 9 & Numbers 9. Pray for Ivan and Pam this week at Pastor's Conference in Sarasota, Florida. Pray for spiritual and emotional refreshment and encouragement during this week away in the sunny south.

17 Friday – Read Leviticus 10 & Numbers 10. Pray today for outreaches from our church in the Lewistown area: Joy Seekers on Monday nights, DC4K on Monday nights at the Lumina Center; Overcomers on Thursday nights, and Single Mom's Support Group every other Friday night. Pray for courage and wisdom for the leaders of these ministries from our church family.

18 Saturday – Read Numbers 11 & 12. Please pray with us for the **church in Eldoret Largas, Kenya**. The small church building dedicated when we were there is already full; they've had to buy more chairs. They hoped to start a Sunday school for the children this past Sunday; however, since the building is full inside, the children will be outside...in the dusty lot...with no trees, tables, or any of the materials we consider essential. Please pray for Berniece as she works with the next generation...little children that Jesus loves and calls to Himself. And, please pray for the Lord to give us wisdom about the dates for the next trip, and about who is to go along. Ann & Quil Kanagy

We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become His fully devoted followers. Church web site: www.locustgrovemc.org

Email: kara@locustgrovemc.org



Children's Ministry Notes

Kids, we love having you here at Locust Grove! If you are visiting for the first time, we hope you will join us for Sunday School!

If you would like to join the **Children's Prayer Team**, please talk to **Miss Rena**. They meet once a month in the prayer room during the first service at 9:00 AM and usually finish by 9:30 AM.

Remember kids, if you complete the coloring page and/or activity page and bring it to my office after the 2nd service, you can choose something from the **sand bucket**.

Please remember to bring me your voucher once you have recited your **memory verse** for your teacher so you can choose a prize from the basket I have for you.

Kids, if you would like to help me lead **Junior Worship**, please let me know. I would love to hear your ideas and help you be a part of Junior Worship!

Coming up:

KIDS' Club - PAUL'S *Adventure* TO ROME!
February 21th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grades K - 5)

DC4K - Starting Monday Jan 23, 2017; 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the Lumina Center.