

# Welcome To Locust Grove

August 6, 2017

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## 9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Meagan Byler  
Worship Leader: Glen Peachey  
Song Leader: Neil Renno  
Sermon: "The LORD - He is God!" 1Kings 18 - Max Zook

## 11:15: Children's Breakout session (Pre-K-Grade 2) in the MYF Room.

### Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Chase & Allison Peachey  
10:30 – Luke & Carli Donovan, Kara Jerman  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Sally Clark, Josh and Sarah Kanagy  
10:30- Katie Peachey and Nancy Peachey

### Prayer List:

At Home: Ivan & Luella Glick  
Kathy and Josh Summers

At Valley View: Orpha Zook, A205 Valley View Terrace

Away: Glenn, Julie, Melanie, Erica, Merlin, & Leona Stauffer  
4149 Bass Lake Loop, Rhinelander, WI 54501

**Mission Spot: SEND in Teslin, Yukon, Canada: Sheldon, Cindy, Jedidiah, Annali, Caleb, and Malachi Sharp.** Pray the Sharps will experience peace, strength, and perseverance to continue sharing Christ's message of love & salvation in an area that does not welcome the message. Pray God protects their marriage & that the children grow in their own relationship with the Father.

**Reaching Out:** Theil & Andrea providing special music at Ellen Chapel.

**Karen Chesla's Cell Phone Number** in the directory is incorrect. Her new phone number is 717.437.1239

**Helen Zook's new address is** 76 Mechanic Street, Apt. 1, Milroy, PA 17063.  
Phone number: 667-7450; Cell: 348-0858

July 30, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 171  
S.S. Attendance ..... 254  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 111  
Jr. S.S. Offering ..... \$3.00  
Adult S.S. Offering ..... \$5.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$9,769.75

## Week 29

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$346,115  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$338,335  
YTD Income - \$403,375  
YTD Expenses - \$400,197

## This Week's Events:

Monday, 7:00 pm – Leadership Team meeting  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm - SPFM team meeting  
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5K Run/Walk for MS in honor of Marci & Janelle

## Upcoming Events:

August 13 – Church Picnic and Baptism at Creekside  
August 17 – **Secret Keeper Event, Purple Party tour** for Mom's and Middle School age girls. 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Mifflin County Middle School. Doors open at 5:45. Tickets available on WGRC website. Scholarships available upon request to help with cost. Sponsored by Heaven Bound Church of Mifflintown. Contact Pam with questions.  
August 30 – Red Cross Blood Drive at Locust Grove  
October 6-9 – Marriage Retreat

**Pulled Pork Fundraiser:** The Peachey family invites you for a pulled pork fundraising dinner on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 at Locust Grove to see what God is doing in Ecuador. Take-outs available after 10 a.m. RSVP 717-363-0043.

**From Karen Chesla.** Thanks you very much for all the prayers and cards and help during June when Dan passed away. **My new phone number is 717- 437-1239.**

**Group:** August 27, 6 p.m. Bring your parents as we recap our summer trips and wrap up our year together. Come prepared for games and activities. Girls bring a snack, guys bring a drink.

**HELP FOR CHILDREN OF DIVORCE AND SEPARATION: DC4K**, a community, biblically-based program for children (ages 5–12) struggling with the hurt and pain of divorce and separation, will begin the fall sessions starting on September 11, 2017. DC4K, a support group for kids, meets for 13 weeks; each session runs for 1 ½ hours. This community program is held in three locations in Mifflin County including: JV YMCA-Burnham, Belleville at Locust Grove Church, and the Lumina Center-Lewistown. For more information or to register children, text or call Ann at 717-437-4946. (Seating in each group is limited to 10-12 kids. A waiting list is used to accommodate a larger number.) There is no fee for this program to kids or families.

**Men:** Join us August 26<sup>th</sup> at the ballpark for a Saturday evening Spike's ball game. Fathers, consider bringing your son or daughter and join the fun on Mifflin/Juniata County night as the Spike's take on Williamsport at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Contact Tom Clark at 250.3827 to reserve your space.

**GriefShare:** We plan to initiate a grief share support group here at Locust Grove beginning in November. GriefShare is for individuals grieving the death of a family member or friend. Through weekly meetings, a caring group on people walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. If you are interested, contact Ivan and Pam or look for more info at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual 5K Walk/Run for MS:** Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. at Locust Grove. All proceeds benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation in honor of Janelle Eckley and Marci Jones (Zook). Pre-registration is \$20 and includes a t-shirt. Cost the day of the race is \$25 and registration will begin at 9 a.m. Entry forms are located at the table right inside the double glass doors.

**My Brother's Keeper:** During VBS this year, we helped raise money for kids in Romania to help them get to Bible Camp with Mihaela and Gabi Visan under "My Brothers Keeper." The total amount raised was \$325. Let's thank God for this and continue to pray for these children attending the camp!

**DC4K Leaders:** Do you love kids & Jesus? Do you have empathy for children of divorce/separation? Do you have a sense of calling to reach this mission field in Mifflin County? Do you want to help advance Christ's kingdom in the next generation? If you are answering, "yes" to these questions, we invite you to consider serving on a community DC4K team at the Juniata Valley MYCA this fall. Please text or call Ann at 717-437-4946 for more information.

**Belleville Mennonite School** is accepting applications for a fulltime secondary Science teaching position for the 2017-18 school year. Interested individuals can find job requirements, applications and further information at [www.bmsprek12.org](http://www.bmsprek12.org), or by calling the school with questions, 717.935.2184.

**Missionary Moments: Lewistown, Joy Seekers: Diane Snook, Gin Renno, Twila Yoder and Carol Goss.** We are continually blessed to call the Lewistown Presbyterian Church our home. They are very gracious and extend hospitality even during their VBS day camp. We are excited to say we have celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have seen changes and growth. Earlier this summer all members were in attendance and we had 16 lovely ladies. What a privilege, the Joy Seekers were asked to be a part of Locust Grove's VBS. Four of our members staffed the display. It was a joy to visit with all that stopped by our display. The children did a beautiful job on their bookmarks; so many colors and creativity. A night filled with wonderful reminders --- Matthew 6:33. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Please remember us in your prayers. We need to be listening to the Holy Spirit's direction in how we relate to all our members. Also, how we can encourage a deeper understanding of God's word and the applying it to our daily lives. Thank you for your prayers.

**Wycliffe in Orlando, Florida: Keith, Christina, Luke and Nicole Bitikofer.** Praise God for a successful dedication and premiere of the Zinza "JESUS" Film earlier this summer in Tanzania. The weather was perfect for an outdoor showing, the place was packed (upwards to 600 people) and MANY responded to the good news! Please pray the seeds that were planted that evening will continue to grow and lives will be eternally changed. School is just around the corner. The first day is August 14 and both children have school work to do before the first day of school. Please pray for a smooth transition back to school, especially for Nicole as she is joining a Homeschool Co-op. Christine's department at Wycliffe is going through many changes. Please pray for a smooth transition and patience as they all figure out what the changes will be like. Keith continues to be involved in various significant technology system projects, please pray for several that will hopefully be complete this fall. As some of you may remember, from when Keith shared there in January, God continues to ask us 'Do you trust me?', as we go through various things. We suspect that God may have asked some of you the same thing recently. Remember Proverbs 3:5-6. It may not always be easy, but He is always faithful! We so appreciate your friendship, prayers and partnership.

**New Tribes Missions with the Lolo people group in Mozambique: Matt, Debi, Melody, William and Nicholas Zook:** We are back in Mozambique since the end of April. The flights went great from Perth to Johannesburg to Nampula. Traveling with four children was not a drama as they slept a lot and were well behaved. When we arrived home, we found everything in generally good repair. The first day back was Sunday and we met with believers from our village for church. It was good to see them and they were glad to see us. One of the teachers had caused all manner of problems in our absence and is no longer a part of the body but thankfully other believers from nearby stepped

up and kept things going. The first week back was mostly unpacking and having visitors come and visit us. We got given enough peanuts and corn flour to keep us going for a while. The children adjusted really well. William in particular had refused to speak any Lolo while in America and Australia and had badly forgotten the language, but he has been playing with his buddies and is speaking great again. Matt has gone on a couple survey trips as we are planning to extend our work towards the northwest. There are some many Lolo speakers and so great needs that it is overwhelming at times. Of the 36 interviews of church leaders that we conducted, only 3 mentioned Christ as having a part in forgiveness of sins. To the rest, Christianity is summed up by following the law, not drinking alcohol, not having 2 or more wives, et. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD GIVE US WISDOM IN TO HOW TO BEST PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIS NAME. We did a consultant check of the books of Malachi and Daniel so that it can be added to the Lolo scriptures to be printed. We also are concluding a review of the proofs we received from the type setters. PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE US EYES TO SEE ANYTHING ELSE THAT MIGHT NEED CHANGED. We have also been teaching some transitional literacy classes in preparation for the arrival of the Bible in the Lolo language.

**New Tribes Missions in Lusi Tribe, Papua New Guinea: Rick, Anji, Kira and Keane Zook.** Pray for our team's health and safety. We're a long way from medical help where we live in the bush, so we don't take this lightly. God is the great healer and He is certainly capable of healing us. One of our coworkers is still recovering from an illness he had this spring, it has been a very slow recovery. Mosquito borne diseases just come the territory. Rick has been struggling with a hurt back, which seems to be improving. As far as safety goes, we are currently in the midst of election season, which has its ups and downs. But we feel pretty safe in the village, as relationships are a safety net. However, this is the "Land of the Unexpected", and the unexpected does sometimes happen. We do covet your prayers for our safety. No matter what happens, or where we are, we know that God is in control. Pray for our team. Kevin and Rose have returned from their Home Assignment time, so now everyone on the team is here. Pray for our team relationships, that we would be an example of the unity that there is in Christ. Pray that we would think more highly of others than ourselves, and that we would show love to others in all that we do. Pray for our team, our Mouk coworkers and their wives and children, that their relationships would be healthy, and that they would demonstrate what love is, for a people who don't have a word for it in their language.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become His fully devoted followers. Church web site: [www.locustgrovemc.org](http://www.locustgrovemc.org) Church email: [kara@locustgrovemc.org](mailto:kara@locustgrovemc.org)

### **Prayer Guide for August 6 – August 12**

6 Sunday - *When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD - he is God! The LORD - he is God!"* 1 Kings 18:39

7 Monday - **1 Kings 20.** Pray for **Kristin Diehl's father** in a very long recovery from a farm accident. Thank God for **Jim Buchanan** and the good report he received last Thursday from the doctors in Philadelphia and pray for his continued healing and recovery from heart surgery and infection. And thank God for **Mira Glick's recovery** from heart surgery. She is the daughter of Ben & Beth Glick of Clayton, NC and granddaughter of John & Sharon Peachey. Pray also today for **Titus & Eunice** in Kenya. Tomorrow elections are planned for Kenya and tensions between ethnic groups have risen in the past few weeks. Pray for peace in Eldoret's community and churches and pray for the ministry to children to continue.

8 Tuesday - **1 Kings 21 & 2 Chronicles 19.** Thank God for our Janitor **Charvin & Billie Jo King** today on their anniversary and pray for their family this week as Maya plans to go to Malone College in Ohio. Also pray for our **evangelist** who is traveling to the other side of the world today and hopes to meet with an unreached group of people next week. Pray for open doors, and opportunities to connect in very meaningful ways with everyone he meets.

9 Wednesday - **1 Kings 22.** Pray for **Theil and Andrea Kauffman** as they plan to lead worship Sunday morning and for **Ivan Yoder** as he prepares a sermon from Jonah for Sunday. Also pray for the people preparing to be baptized this coming Sunday evening at Creekside: **Kristyn Byler, Isaiah Fate, Jonathan Hartzler, Megan Hartzler, Ruth and Rebecca Peachey, and Nadya Peachey.** We also plan for a family dedication time for **Emily, Dominic & Logan Altamuro.**

10 Thursday - **2 Chronicles 20.** Pray for the **YWAM workers in Romania and Moldova.** **Alin & Gabi** plan to spend the next two weeks with us in this area. Pray for their refreshment and encouragement. Also pray for **Lylia**, a YWAM worker in Moldova who has been very sick recently. Pray for her healing.

11 Friday - **2 Kings 1& 2.** Pray for **Marci Jones** who has been at Health South Rehab in Pleasant Gap for physical therapy in dealing with her Multiple Sclerosis. Pray for an encouraging time tomorrow as the community comes together at our church for a 5K Run/Walk to raise money for the MS foundation in both Marci's honor and Janelle Eckley, who has an MS diagnosis but with very minimal limitations at this time.

12 Saturday - **Jonah 1,2,3 & 4.** Pray for **Dion, Naty, Gaby & Marcus Peachey** this weekend as they share in our morning worship service and as we encourage them with a fundraising pulled pork lunch. And pray for the college students in our church family who are returning to college this weekend and over the next few days and weeks. Pray for the Holy Spirit to direct their decisions and give them wisdom and courage in their personal lives.