

# **Loyd Presbyterian Church Lighthouse Newsletter**

April 24, 2024

### STAY CONNECTED



#### Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dee Adkins Donna Bain Weslan Bonner

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Family of Dr. Robert Copeland

John & Pam Darden

Trey Farmer

Suzi & Bobby Goldston

Betty Hale

Pearl Hornsby

Kenzie Hornsby

Reese Howell

**Bobby Johnson** 

Marcia Johnson

Skip Lamb

The Family of Michelle Carr Lane

Matthew & Chloe Lee

Jeff Little

Brian Longshore

Family & Friends of Peggie McGee

Alesia Nixon

Cynthia Olmstead

Allison Parrish

Barry Plagens

Angie Preston

So Riley

Ibby Robertson

Louise Rosinski

Sherry Sikes

**Bobbie Sirmons** 

Freda Warlick

Andrea Warren

Nancy Washington

Wayne Whitney

Christeen Yaughn

Click **HERE** to make a prayer request. If you would like a separate email to go out, please email the message you would like to send to loyd@loydpres.org.



### Click <u>here</u> to give to Loyd Presbyterian Church



Please click on the image to view your information in our church directory. If you would like to update your info, please email us at <a href="mailto:lovd@loydpres.org">lovd@loydpres.org</a>.

### Click here to view the latest sermon.



If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary for 2024, you can sign up <a href="here">here</a> or call the church office. If you want the flowers dedicated to a loved one, please include the information on the

sign-up sheet. Thank you.



Check out the church calendar here.
Please email or call the church to add an event.

On Sunday, we will be considering two scriptures, Acts 8: 26-40 and 1 John 4: 7-21.

As I am reading and studying about the passage on Acts, I have noted that scholars have an interesting question about this Ethiopian eunuch. It is believed by some that Cornelius is the first Gentile convert in scripture, mentioned in Acts 10. Yet, there is this Ethiopian that Philip meets along a wilderness road. We learn from the passage that he is returning from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Whether he traveled there as a Jewish person who wanted to worship or if he is a God(of the Israelites)-fearing outsider is unclear. Aspects of his identity might lead you to believe one thing or another. He has a scroll of Isaiah which he is reading from, and most probably, it is written in the Hebrew language. An ability to read Hebrew might signal that he is Jewish. On the other hand, he lets Philip know that he needs a guide to understand the words that he is reading. He later asks a question about Isaiah's meaning in the scripture, Isaiah 53: 7-8. Regardless, we learn that Philip interprets Isaiah's words and teaches the eunuch about Jesus. The eunuch is baptized as a Jesus follower, becoming a new, yet odd, member of the faith.

The second passage, according to Janette Ok, "contains some of the most moving and profound teachings on love in the New Testament." She separates the passage into three categories: the source of perfect love, the experience of perfect love, and the confidence of perfect love. (1) The source of perfect love is God who loves us and proves this love by sending Christ into the world. (2) The experience of this perfect love is that we love one another, abiding in God and having his Spirit within us, and confessing Christ as son of God. (3) The confidence of perfect love inspires us to have no fear of judgment or hatred. Finally, the author ends with the words: "The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also."

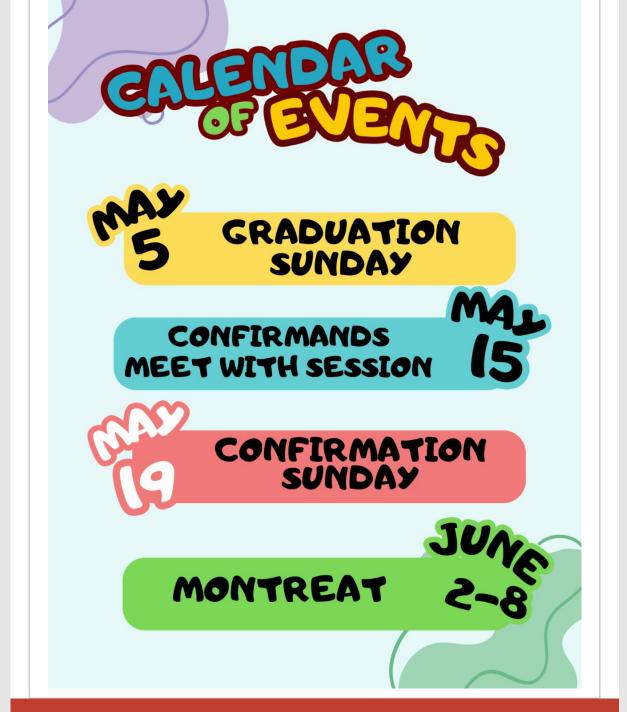
These two passages deal with love and evangelism. I invite you to read them, reflect on your own thoughts as Sunday approaches, and share your thoughts with me at any time. Let these words be a reflection of our faith and the faith of Loyd in and to the world.

In Christ, Rev. Tyler Brock

I quoted Janette Ok and am linking to her writing here if you'd like to read further.

### A Youth Update:





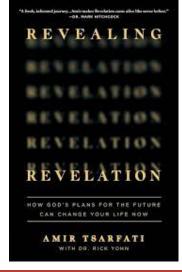
### A PW Update:



If you have not already given us your student's address or if there has been a change, please email their name and address to loyd@loydpres.org or call the office at 706-882-5087.

### A Core 13 Update:

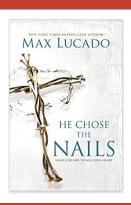
Core 13 is currently studying
Revealing Revelation: How God's
Plans for the Future Can Change Your
Life Now
by Amir Tsarfati and
Dr. Rick Yohn.



If you are not already attending a Sunday School class, please consider joining Core 13. You are very welcome.

Prayer time is 9:45-10am Text Discussion 10-10:50am

### Mickey's SS Class Update:



Is your heart unsettled by the chaos of the world? Are you heavyladen with bad moments, mad moments, or anxious moments? Today, rest in God's self-giving love and leave all your troubles at the foot of the cross.

It's not too late to join Mickey and the Alternative SS Class.

To connect to:

MICKEY'S SS CLASS AT 9:45AM

Meeting ID: 915 8659 7246 Password: 7wRqSX

# A Music Update:



"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"
Arranged by Bradley Sowash

Offertory, Loyd Presbyterian Church April 30, 2023

Rick Robertson, pianist

### **STAY INFORMED**



- 1 Holly Fevos, Ephrem Davidson
- 3 Karen Williams, Emma Hart
- 8 Jay Johnson
- 11 Chris Hester, John Turner
- 13 Chase Darden
- 14 Alida Quintana
- 16 Joseph Trask
- 24-Camdyn Bassett
- 29 Paul Quintana



- 2 Jordan Stapp
- 5 Sherry Rayfield, Kayla McBride
- 8 Arrie Turner
- 9 Ferrell Williams
- 11 Rob Kirby
- 14 Ben and Ethan Henke
- 18 Matthew Partin, Matthew and Andrew Taylor, Mark Davis
- 20 Jay Bradfield, Madison Hester
- 23-Lilly Nash
- 22- Bernice Griffeth
- 24 Evan Hart
- 30-Malissa Roberson, Diane Lane



Volunteers are needed for Sunday, April 28 at the West Point Lake Triathlon. Jim Rainey is leading this event and needs 25 volunteers willing to serve from 6am-10am. Please contact Mike Pauley if you are interested.

# Would you spend two hours to save a life?

Suicide continues to be a dilemma for our community with Georgia ranking 12th in the nation for death by suicide. Since COVID19, rates have increased, with some areas seeing triple the amount of suicides compared to this time last year. The QPR Institute offers an evidence- based suicide prevention course that strives to educate the public in order to help save lives. The primary objectives are to train participants to understand the nature and range of suicidal communications and how to intervene on behalf of suicidal and in-crisis people.

Upcoming Workshop: Saturday, 5/4/24, 9am-11am St. Mark's Episcopal Church 207 N. Greenwood St., LaGrange GA 30240

> https://form.jotform.com/240714374979165 (registration deadline: 5/2/24)

### Participants will learn how to: Recognize suicide warning signs

- Identify protective factors
- Have the difficult but necessary
- conversations needed to determine safety

  Make referrals to local professionals





Thank you to Jayne Pauley for putting together a new <u>CC rotation schedule</u>. Weekly lessons are located in the Christian Education office.

# \* Cornhole \* TOURNAMENT Saturday, April 27

Single Elimination {2 person teams} for

Children Seniors Others

Cash Prizes for winners in each category! Children: \$50 Seniors: \$100 Others: \$200

ENTRY FEES Children & Seniors: \$10 per perso Others: \$20 per person

Cash or check payable to Advent Lutheran Church (cornhole)

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE Friday, April 19

Advent Lutheran Church 1416 Vernon Road

Gather at Noon Play begins 1 PM

Food Truck Baked Goods Silent Auction Items

All Proceeds Benefit Branches of Hope Homeless Shelter





Congratulations to Bobby Goldston for this well-deserved recognition as an umpire. You can read the entire post <a href="here.">here.</a>

From Tyler: The only thing that the article fails to mention is the amazing sock collection that Bobby has. Ask him about it sometime!



Sunday, May 12 at 9:00am

Attention men of the church!
Please see Tyler if you can help with this event.



### A Worship Update:

DATE	LITURGIST	ELDERS ON DUTY	USHER/GREETER
4/7	Mike Pauley	Eugene Turner, Stacy Cline	Wade Hall, Trudy Calhoun
4/14	Elaine Partin	Cy Wood, Lois Vincent	Veronica & Brock Sirmons
4/21	Jayne Pauley	Sally Burek, Mickey Norris	Patti Knox, Trent Mann
4/28	Sandy Mann	Karen McBride, Mike Pauley	Chase Darden, Jeff Darden

### **News From the Session:**

### **SESSION MEMBERS CONTACT INFO:**

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Please click here to view the latest news from the Session and here for the minutes from the Congregational Meeting on 2/18/2024.

### A Financial Update:



A total of 6 LaGrange residents were assisted the first quarter of the year amount of \$919.00. Thank you for

your generosity. Your gifts are helping people in our community with needs including help with utility bills and medical bills. Thank you.

### 4-21-2024

### Attendance:

Worship: 70

**Sunday School: 10** 

### Operating Fund:

Received 4-21-2024: \$1,710.00 Budget per Sunday: \$5,626.00

Received Month to Date: \$11,364.00

**Budget per Month: \$22,504.00** 

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