

May 2019

Dear Lawrence Road friends and family:

And just like that....it was May! This year has gone by so quickly. And it has been so full of blessings!

1. We just confirmed a class of six wonderful young people: Ryan Anderson, Amelia Baffuto, Hayden Clark, Emma Hoffman, Chima Ogbonnaya, and Sebastian Rzeczycki. Filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, we are blessed as a community to call these disciples our newest members! Please make sure to welcome them when you see them.
2. Our Sunday Cool year has come to a close. But great things are planned for our children for summer worship. Sue Anderson continues as Sunday School coordinator and lead teacher and she has planned a walk through the great stories of the Bible. Your children won't want to miss it.

NOTE TO PARENTS: You are an amazing bunch of people, dedicated to your children and their health, growth, and best interests. You have brought them to church for baptism. Now it's time to fulfill those baptismal promises. If you want your child to grow in Christ, s/he must be nourished. Sunday worship/Sunday Christian education is essential for your child to become a disciple of Jesus. S/he needs you to bring her or him. Just as with so much of parenting, church attendance is a habit only you can help your child develop. Make a plan now to get your kids to church every week, as often as you can.

3. Our English School has finished its 15th year of ministry to our immigrant neighbors. We have been recognized by the Lawrence Township Community Foundation as a powerful force for good in our neighborhood, receiving two grants to help support this ministry. What a blessing this program and its leadership is to our church family!
4. The choir has had a wonderful year of fun and fellowship making music together for the glory of God and to enrich the worship of the people. If you haven't tried choir yet, you are missing out on a super fun way to serve. Think you don't sing? Think again. Choir director Amy Watt is a genius at pulling music out of even the most unsure or untrained singer. The proof is that I have discovered that I can sing! Praise God!
5. This summer looks to be a great time to be a youth at LRPC. The LOG youth program is in the process of planning a couple of special events. Vacation Bible School is coming July 8 through July 12 and there are all kinds of opportunities for our teens to volunteer as shepherds and workshop leaders and assistants. And stand by for a special mission opportunity coming soon for youth and adults.
6. Big things are happening over at the Reeder house, too. You may notice a for-sale sign out front of 266 Glenn Avenue in the next few weeks. Jim and I have lived in this house and loved it for the last 9 years and now it's time for us to live lighter on the earth, making a smaller environmental footprint and utilizing fewer resources. Pray for us as we make this transition. (And if you know anyone who is looking for a gorgeous, fully updated 4 bed, 2.5 bath home with a pool—well, you know what to do!)
7. Finally, summer is nearly upon us. And summer in the church can be an anxious-making time. Many of us go on vacation or hit the beach or the links on Sunday. But the church continues to need to pay the electric bill and make its payroll. Come to church as often as you are physically able. And when you aren't, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR GIFTS AND TITHES.** Or better yet, set up an automatic payment to the church. And if you are able to make a special gift in honor of a beautiful summer yet to come, that would be a powerful way to witness to the order of your priorities.

May this summer season be everything that your heart desires. And may the blessings of God be upon you.

In faith and hope – Pastor Nina



It's Breakfast Time!

The best way to have a great day is starting with a great BREAKFAST! So let's make great days for lots of people at "Arm-&-Arm"! Every Sunday in May, the Outreach Committee will be collecting nonperishable, tasty Breakfast items! So be creative and think....cereals, pop tarts, granola bars, Bisquick/Jiffy Mix, pancake syrup, pancake mix, canned and/or dried fruit, jelly, apple butter, cheese crackers, canned potatoes, corn bread mix, bagel chips, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit juice or juice boxes. YUMMY! "THANK YOU" in advance for starting your day by....REACHING OUT!

The LRPC Outreach Committee

LOG High School Youth Fellowship

Over the past few months, LOG Youth enjoyed weekly meetings where they led discussions about tough and recent topics, played many team building games, sang, and spent time laughing and spending valuable time together. The group will continue to meet on Wednesday's until May 29th and will have a break until September. Within that time we look forward to a few group activities including mini golf and a car wash!

Thank you to pastor Nina, LRPC, the adult leaders, the parents of the youth, and most importantly, our youth. We could not do what we do without all of the pieces to this puzzle!

Danielle Allison, Sue Anderson, Jayne DiBella, Pam Esbrandt, John Emmons, Debbie Nixon, JoAnn Trevor ~~ LOG Adult Leadership

Thank You Notes

Dear LRPC Deacons,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for our mom (Cindy Kandrac). We appreciate our LRPC family.

Ken, Denise, and Andie Kandrac

 **CHOIR NOTES** 

The choir enjoyed preparing intensely for the glorious Easter Sunday service. We were excited to welcome soloist Johnnie Bryant, as well as our talented youth: Hayden Clark, Carl Erickson, and Dylan Watt.

We continue to rehearse and perform, and our season will culminate with **Choir Appreciation Sunday, Sunday, June 9**. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank our choir members, whose musicianship, incredible dedication, and joyful spirit add immeasurably to the life of the church and to the life of this choir director!

Stay tuned for special opportunities to make music with our “pick up choir” throughout the summer months.

Amy Watt



Nursery School News

As another school year winds down, we find ourselves preparing for graduation and end of the year festivities. Although a very exciting time, there is always a feeling of melancholy as we prepare to send another special group of children off to kindergarten. They are ready to spread their wings and take flight, but we will miss them as they begin their next educational journey.

We had a very windy, but still successful Spring Fling. We were met with some new challenges with wind gusts often exceeding 30 miles per hour, but we quickly adjusted and made it work. The grounds didn't look as festive as we were not able to put up signs and tents, but a fun time was had by all. We appreciate the church volunteers that helped. It is a huge undertaking and would not be successful without the many helping hands.

Our school year ends with graduation on June 14. We will spend the last few weeks celebrating the warm weather and continue with spring and summer themes. We currently have caterpillars in our classrooms and we are observing their stages as they develop their chrysalis and eventually emerge into butterflies. We look forward to setting them free which is always a special day. The entire school will go outside and watch them spread their wings and begin their life of freedom.

Our 4s class has a trip scheduled to Schafer Sports Center on May 31. They will not attend school that day and Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Evans will meet them at Schafer's. They will have an hour and a half to play games and conclude with a half hour for pizza and cupcakes. The Parent Association so generously treats them to this special event.

It has been another banner year for LRPCNS. The dedication and hard work of our wonderful staff are apparent. I feel honored to have so many parents personally seek me out to compliment our program and our staff. We strive to make this school a welcoming place where families and children feel secure and loved. The fact that learning happens as well, is just a wonderful bonus. I am very proud of this school and the ladies that work along side of me to carry out our mission. I want to give a special shout out to Pat Beaber, as she volunteers weekly in our 4s class. Miss Pat is loved by all and gives so much to our school. Her time and talents are appreciated.

May the summer be a time of relaxation and rejuvenation for all. We look forward to some down time and we will be ready to start anew in September.



GRADUATING?

If you or someone you know is graduating this year from a high school, a college, a university, or receiving an advanced degree, special award or honor, please contact the church office at 609-882-7909 or office@tlrchurch.org. We would like to recognize all graduates on Sunday, June 23. Make sure your graduate is on the list.



Annual Reports are due to the office by Friday, June 21, 2019.



Our 15-year celebration dinner was amazing! Thank you to all who joined us for this very special occasion. It was wonderful to see all our former and current students, teachers, volunteers, community members and Jessica Reeder Hurst.

Many of you may not know how much our neighbors contribute to the school. Let me give you two examples:

I am also pleased to announce that we received a grant from the Lawrence Township Community Foundation. This grant will be used for our curriculum development. Every few years, the school needs to look at ways to ensure that classes, at all levels, from Basic to Level 4 are best designed to help students be successful in learning the material and gaining the skills needed to continue to advance. Our Teaching Director, Ashley Green, will be leading this venture.

Second, we have wonderful Bonner students from Rider University who work with the children of the English School. Two of these students, Michelle Issac and Selena Denko, presented at the Bonner Sophomore Experience Conference held at Rutgers University. Their topic was "Starting an Adult English School for ESL Learners." These young leaders shared their experiences with other young leaders because there is an enormous need for programs such as ours.

If you think you might like to volunteer in any way, there is still a place for you! We can always use help. Contact Paula Rainey at info@TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com or call 609-540-0451.

Yours in Christ,
Paula Rainey

www.TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com



Sanctuary Flowers

Flower donors are needed for:

June 23 and 30

July 7, 21, and 28

August 4 and 18

Please contact Mary Loetscher at 882-4390 or johnmary93@verizon.net if interested.



May 1	Lois Carde
May 2	Janet Ritter
May 4	Chris DiTullio
May 7	Thomas Ritter
May 9	Jean Calderone Abigail Miller
May 11	Dennis Fairburn Jr.
May 14	Cynthia Harrison
May 16	Katie Mulligan
May 17	Ashley Pillsbury
May 21	Pamela Esbrandt Wynne Kelsey Lamont
May 22	Matthew Bochantin Frank Ogonnaya
May 24	Charlotte Miller
May 26	Jax Bevins
May 27	Asher Kaltwasser
May 31	Dale Brown



June 3	Matthew Friedeborn
June 6	Janice Van Deusen
June 8	Louise Beste
June 9	Joseph Katona
June 11	Sebastian Rzeczycki
June 12	Nina Reeder
June 13	Dawn Adamy
June 14	Cheryl Moya
June 15	Mary Loetscher
June 16	Carol Martin
June 17	Jerilyn Angotti Neal Jesseman Morgan Tiziker
June 24	John Devlin Glenn Friedeborn
June 25	Ryan Willever
June 27	Debbie Carter
June 28	Jane Thompson
June 30	JoAnna Vasquez

Vacation Bible School

at the *Lawrence Road Church* presents

Who is my neighbor?

The Gospel according to.....



Dates: Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12
Time: 8:45am to 12:00pm
Where: Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church
1039 Lawrence Road
Lawrenceville, NJ
Cost: FREE!

For Ages 3 to Grade 12
All are Welcome!

For more information, contact the church at www.tlrchurch.org, or (609) 882-7909
or office@tlrchurch.org

VBS 2019

Registration

(please fill out a separate form for each child attending)

Child's Name: _____ **Birth Date (mm/dd/yy):** _____ **Age:** _____

Grade in School in September 2019: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

PARENTS' PERMISSION AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I give permission for my son / daughter / children to participate in Vacation Bible School at Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church on July 8 - 12, 2019, from 8:45am until 12:00 noon. I understand there is risk of injury or loss associated with this activity. I hereby release Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, its officers, volunteer youth leaders, paid staff, and the owners of the property from liability for any injury or loss which may occur in connection with this activity. My child is covered by insurance and I understand that I will be responsible for any medical costs in connection with any injury or loss.

Child's prescribed medication(s) we should know about? _____

Allergies we should know about: _____

Parents' Name (please print): _____

Parents' Signature: _____

Parents' telephone number (including area code): _____

Additional Contact (please print): _____

Relationship to Participant (aunt, neighbor, grandparent, etc.) _____

Additional Contact telephone number (including area code): _____

Physician's Name and telephone number: _____

Who will pick up the child at the end of each day? _____

*Mail or return this form to the church office.
See reverse side.*

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Dates: July 8 - 12, 2019 Time: 8:45am – 12:00pm

During VBS, I would like to help at one or more of the following stations (Please specify the station and the day(s) you can help: Crafts, Outside Games, Inside Games, Snacks, Music, Group Shepherd.

Station(s)_____ **Day(s)**_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/day: _____ Phone/evening: _____

E-mail: _____

If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School, please contact:

Rev. Nina Reeder at office@tlrchurch.org or leave a message at the church office, 882-7909.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FLYER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE – LRPC, 1039 Lawrence Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

I would like to donate \$_____ to help with VBS expenses.

