



Lewiston Community Church The Beacon

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Mission Giving

As our church continues to restructure, so does our mission giving. We have chosen to provide gifts on a quarterly basis. This schedule offers us the opportunity to give locally, nationally, and internationally . . . meeting the needs of people around the world.

One of our primary recipients is Samaritan's Purse. They are a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through his son, Jesus Christ. After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is their mission – to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Our new giving schedule is as follows:

March – Samaritan's Purse US Disaster Relief

Without fail, disasters will come. Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and floods strike communities in the United States every year. They provide services free of charge to help families rebuild after a crisis occurs. Our gifts support their efforts to repair roofs, remove debris, and even rebuild homes from the ground up in the name of Jesus Christ.

June – Lewiston Community Sharing

The purpose of this local organization is to secure, hold, distribute and administer aid in the form of food, clothing, household goods, and other emergency needs in the communities of Lewiston-Johannesburg and other surrounding areas.

September – Samaritan's Purse Global Mission

For over 50 years, they have done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. Our gifts ensure that teams will be able to reach hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance to those with unfathomable needs.

December – Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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In addition, as our congregation continues to grow, we would like to form a committee to support even further projects in the community. One of our first endeavors might be Christmas in July. Volunteers would sign up to help a family or individual with a specific need; whether it be a yard clean-up, home maintenance, building a wheelchair ramp, cleaning, etc. Whatever is needed to help them at that particular moment of hardship.

I'd love to have further discussions regarding additional opportunities to provide financial and prayerful support; as well as input and comments affecting the direction of our Christ driven movement. Please feel free to strike up a conversation at church or contact me by phone or email.

Carol Clippard
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Search Team Update

After a successful first round interview with the Search Team on Wednesday, June 18th, Pastor Derek Whitacre has been invited to a few more events. Please attend the ones that are open to the congregation (in bold) if you are able. Here is the schedule:

-The week of June 23rd, Pastor Derek is interviewing with Pastor Jon Sherrill (Fifth Reformed Church in Grand Rapids), Pastor Tim Thompson (Joburg Christian Church), and Rick Zomer, a friend with church leadership experience.

- **Saturday, June 28, at 1:00 PM**, Pastor Derek will be at the church to give his background and answer questions. After he is done, we will seek feedback from the congregation.

- **Sunday, June 29**, Pastor Derek will deliver the sermon at 10am service. I will dismiss him and his wife Deanna downstairs and seek feedback from the congregation. We will then join them downstairs for Community Time so others can get to know them and ask any more questions.

- Monday, June 30, at 9:00 AM, the Search Team, Board of Diaconate, and Board of Trustees will meet to review feedback and decide on the next steps.

- If we reach a positive conclusion, we will wait a week, pray, and seek additional feedback from the congregation. Following that, we will meet to confirm our decision.

- If our recommendation is positive, the Search Team will meet the following Sunday (or next, because that is the 4th holiday weekend), to present our recommendation, and ask for a vote.

We are grateful for your continued support,
Ted Cox
Search Team Leader

The Search Team is:

Ted Cox, Maurice Evans, Cindy Gallaway, Karen Gibson, Ron Johnson, Berta Reinhardt, & Nancy Render.



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Photo Gallery – Lewiston Block Party



Who could resist a visit to this table? Nancy Render, Carol Clippard, and Maryann Wellard represented LCC at the annual Lewiston Block Party on Thursday, June 12. They distributed homemade treats made by several members of the congregation, and introduced the church to a large and curious crowd. Thanks to these ladies, and to everyone who chipped in!!! (Photo credit: Annette Probst Downey)

Prayer Team News

We are a committed group of prayers who are privileged to lift any requests to the Lord. You can ask for confidential prayer requests by emailing debfish33@hotmail.com. These requests will only be shared with the prayer team and kept confidential. Or you can write down requests on the prayer list on the table just outside the sanctuary doors. These requests will be shared with the team and also read during service. These requests are just for the week unless you want them on a continuing list that is listed there as well. Think about joining the prayer team, call Deb Cox 616-443-1848. Let's all keep praying for our church and seek the next steps the Lord wants us to take.



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The WOW Group

The WOW Group (Widows or Widowers) is a support group that helps those who are dealing with the loss of a spouse. The loss is overwhelming but we aim to find positive ways to put together a life that will be different. Having a group of others experiencing the same loss tends to be very healing. We meet once a month. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 10th at the Lewiston Lodge at 2pm**. We begin with a devotion and prayers and just listen to others as they want to share. It is always surprising to see things that we all have in common. The support of others is a remarkable healer. If you would like to join us, call Donna Vasher (989-370-0886).

Mark Your Calendars for:

Church office closed for carpet cleaning	July 2 & 3
Fireworks over the Twin Lakes	July 3, dusk (rain date July 4)
Boat Parades on the Twin Lakes	July 4, 5pm
Memorial Service for Vic Eicher	July 5, 10am memorial, 11am service
Farmers Market with Music by Liam Wellard	July 5, 9am – 1pm (free hot dogs at 10am)
Fourth of July Parade	July 5, 11am
Friends of the Lewiston Library Book Giveaway	July 5 following the parade
Community Breakfast at St. Francis Church	July 6, 8:30am – noon
Book Study in the Library Garden Gazebo	July 9, 10am (others TBA)
WOW Group Meeting at the Lewiston Lodge	July 10, 2pm
Concert: Doc Bungard and Friends, Lions Park	July 17, 6pm
Concert: Steve Spracklen Ragtime, Pavilion	July 19, 6pm
Men's Luncheon at the Iron Kettle	July 14 at noon
Board of Diaconate and Trustee Meeting	July 21 at 10am
Ukuladies every other Thursday at 1:30pm	June 26, July 10 and 24

Help Wanted - Share Your Talents

We are always in need of additional ushers and service leaders. A sign-up is in the narthex. If you have questions, re: ushering – contact Joan Penrod or re: service leaders – contact Nancy Render.

Seeking members willing to run sound, visuals, and Zoom for Sunday worship. We will train you! If interested, please contact the church office.



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happy birthday

July

1	Lori Pascador
5	Claudia Rhode
12	Cory Andersen
13	Richard Korff
18	James Lake
19	Dell Bolser
23	Cindy Gallaway
26	Amanda Lake
31	Deb Cox
31	Jenny Sides
31	Maurice Evans

Care Team

If you need assistance with transportation to the doctor or other appointments, please contact the church office and assistance can be arranged.

Do You Need a Nametag?

If you do not have a name tag and would like one – Susan Evans can order one for you. Please contact Susan or the church office to have an order placed.

AA meets at the church on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Happy Anniversary

1	Bruce & Deb Larner	1978
12	Neil & Cindy Gallaway	1975
23	Phil & Samantha Dikeman	2011
30	Dennis & Julie McClure	1983

If we have missed celebrating your birthday or anniversary, that means we do not have those dates. Please leave your information in the church office. We want everyone to be equally honored on their special day!



If you need to use a hearing assist, please ask an usher to get one for you.

PLEASE CONTACT EMILY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE IF:

- You have not been receiving emails from the church
- You wish to have your Beacon sent to you by US mail
- You have a Lewiston P.O. Box to add to your mailing address
- You'd like to be removed from the email or mailing list



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Library – Featured Book Because He Lives by Gloria Gaither

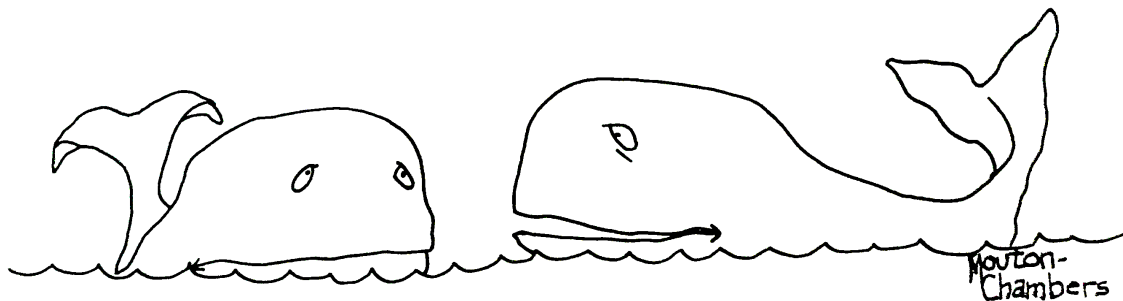
Have you ever wondered where the songs we sing come from? I discovered the book “Because He Lives” by Gloria Gaither in our library. In it, Gloria gives the history and inspiration behind some of the songs she and husband Bill have written through the years. Some of these include, Because He Lives, He touched me, and The King is Coming. Read and enjoy the stories of faith from the Gaithers and these beloved songs.

If you have newer books that you have read and would like to pass on to our library, drop them off at the table by the library with my name taped to the top. Happy reading, Deb Cox

When taking books out of the library you can sign a sheet located in the Return Tray on top of the file cabinets. When you are finished just leave the book in the Return Tray and we will reshelve it for you. If you have newer book you would like to donate, just leave them in the Return Tray.

The Beacon will be published monthly for the foreseeable future. If you have items for the Beacon, please send them to Emily Gómez via email to: lewistoncommunitychurch@gmail.com. **The deadline for the next issue is July 22, 2025 at noon.**

The deadline for announcements or items you would like listed in the Sunday Bulletin is Wednesdays.



“You wouldn’t believe what I had for supper.”