

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JULY 2022 EDITION

THE PANORAMA

A Letter From The Pastor

BY REV. SARAH SEDGWICK

Summer greetings! I hope as you read this month's newsletter that you are in the midst of enjoying all the gifts of summer. What beautiful weather we have had this week while I write this month's newsletter article.

Generally we associate Summer with a small break in the normal activities we do. Having a break is good for a variety of spiritual, emotional, and physical reasons, but not always possible.

I had time for a break while traveling with Jim to Orlando for a conference he attended. I read a couple books and delighted in several days of non-planned activities. My other kinds of "breaks" this summer come in the form of participation in programs only offered in the Summer.

The last week of June I led worship time with the 4th and 5th graders attending Rainbow Summer at the Lumina Center. Talk about a great group of kids! They engaged so well in learning how to "make waves," meaning how to show the love of Jesus in the world around them.

The end of July, Ginny and I will serve as co-chaplains at Camp Krislund and again spend our week with youth who are learning what it means to be Christ-followers in a world full of joy, challenges, and brokenness. I have no doubt, we will learn from these campers as much as they learn from us!

What are you learning this summer? How are you learning this summer? This "break" might be a great time to read a new book, watch a new movie, contact someone in the church you haven't spoken to for awhile, or volunteer with one of our mission partners.

I've read a fantastic book, written by Shauna Niequist and I'm clinging to this quote from her book, "I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet: Discovering New Ways of Living When the Old Ways Stop Working."

"God's loving whisper pulses around every corner, and love and goodness still prevail, even when it seems like they don't."

Is there a quote or statement you've learned this summer "break?" Share it with us on LPC Friends Facebook Page.

We are learning together! Pastor Sarah

We Worship Together

During the month of July when we gather for worship we will be reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians. Colossians is unique among the letters of or attributed to Paul in that Paul himself had not previously visited or been directly involved in the life of the Christian congregations there.

The Epistle to the Colossians is the twelfth book of the New Testament. It was written, according to the text, by Paul the Apostle and Timothy, and addressed to the church in Colossae, a small Phrygian city near Laodicea and approximately 100 miles (160 km) from Ephesus in Asia Minor.

Colossians addresses problems in the church and challenges believers to examine their lives and be transformed through the love of Jesus.

Join us on Sunday mornings as we apply Paul's letter to our lives at this time.



Max Warke expresses complete JOY at his baptism on June 5. Max was baptized, along with his cousins, Fitz and London.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JULY 10 9:30 ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP KIDZ ZONE

JULY 17 9:30 ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP KIDZ ZONE

JULY 24 9:30 ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP KIDZ ZONE

JULY 31 9:30 ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP KIDZ ZONE



The Worship and Music Team invites you to sign up to offer special music during worship this summer. Call the church office if you would like to share your music.

We Learn Together



Community VBS-RENEW and Rainbow Summer

An average of 33 children gathered at St John's Lutheran Church from June 27 to 29.

Special thanks to the great team of LPC volunteers:
Adults-Reana Donaldson,
Susan Ferguson, Elaine
Siddons, Ginny Westover and
Youth-McKenzie Donahue,
Rustin Donaldson, Leland
Mitchell,Abi Riden, and Khloe
Stitt. Special thanks to Pauli
Belfiore, Ruth Fisher, Kathy
Hardin, and Leah Riden for preparing and serving the snack on Tuesday!

Kids have been "Making Waves" at Rainbow Summer! Pastor Sarah, Miranda Shoop, Elaine Siddons, and Ginny Westover have helped teach the Bible stories. LPC's fenced yard has been a blessing!



"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38 (NIV)

This was the scripture memorized at the Lumina Center's Rainbow Summer during the month of June.

We Fellowship Together









For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20



We Serve Together



Financial Report -Susan L. Ferguson, Church Treasurer

	Jan - May 22	Budget	% of Budget
Income		(i)	
BUDGETED INCOME	101,206.87	198,360.25	51.02%
INVESTMENT INCOME	49,469.76	144,100.00	34.33%
Total Income	150,676.63	342,460.25	44.0%
Expense		2.1	10000
BENEVOLENCE	4,908.68	23,000.00	21.34%
MINISTRY OF THE WORD	33,750.20	85,300.00	39.57%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,401.82	4,700.00	29.83%
MUSIC AND WORSHIP	1,029.25	2,000.00	51.46%
PROPERTY	21,137.75	52,100.00	40.57%
ADMINISTRATION	7,746.50	23,428.25	33.07%
PERSONNEL	65,103.80	149,132.00	43.66%
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	1,800.00	0.0%
PRESCHOOL	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	135,078.00	342,460.25	39.44%
NET INCOME	15.598.63	\$5 E	

Serving in Worship for July

CHILDREN'S CHAT

- 3 Pastor Sarah
- 10 Leah Siddons
- 17 Miranda Shoop
- 24 Kari Cullen
- 31 Annalise Haines

Worship Assistant

- 3 Brian Blackwell
- 10 Bill Sisson
- 17 Dorothy Rudy
- 24 Bill Sisson
- 31 Phyllis Palm

<u>Deacon of the Month</u> Kathy Hardin

Counters

- 3 Marianne Haines and Dave Noss
- 10 Marianne Haines and Kari Cullen
- 17 Bill Sisson and Jack Wilson
- 24 Ginny Westover and Alex Garner
- 31 Kari Cullen and John Gregory

<u>Ushers for July</u> Anita Rudy, Dorothy Rudy, Bill Sisson, & Jack Wilson

Offering counters are still neeeded for Sundays. Contact Kari Cullen at 620-704-0087 to serve.

We Serve Our COMMUNITY





July Blessing Box

FUN IN THE SUN

Psalm 121:6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

Bring sunscreen and various lotions and any fun summer thing you can think of.





Deacons Loose Offering July Collection



The Siennick House is being built locally for a local woman who is raising her six grandchildren unexpectedly after her daughter was murdered. Local volunteers have built the home and the family is ready to move in and start creating better memories.

Organizers of the building project still need about \$50,000 to finish the house. Many vendors have worked on credit, and as the house is close to completion they need to pay the vendors. It has been an example of love and grace that people kept working on the promise of reimbursement, and that speaks volumes of all our churches who raised them.

But as the cost of goods has increased exponentially in the midst of this project, so they need this last push of financial help to finish the build. The loose offering designated to the Deacons on the third Sunday of each month has been dedicated by the Deacons to the Siennick House Project during the month of July. There will also be envelopes available for you to place your donation on July 17, 2022. All loose offering and designated envelopes to the Deacons on this date will go to the Siennick House Fund. Thank you for your generosity!