

Serving at the Good Samaritan Center

Today

Rhoda Strasser & Dana Haan

April 15

Vicky Levene & Joan Bleeker

Serving as Greeters

Today

West Door: Larry & Lori Bunjer

North Door: Kathy Bunger

East Door Ardis Fischer

April 15

West door:

North Door: Dick & Charlotte Lounsbery

East Door: Loretta Hill

Serving in the Nursery

Today

Keli Brende & Kim Hanssen

April 15

Crystal Kezar & Barb Buse

Serving Fellowship Time

Today

Barb Buse & Sharon Crider

April 15

Joyce Olson & Laura Welch

This Week at LEPC

Sunday, April 8

9:25 am Morning worship with Lord's Supper
Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for all ages

6:30 pm Evening worship service

Monday, April 9

2:00-3:30 pm The Exchange is open

7:00 pm Rachel Bible study at the home of
Billie Valentien

Tuesday, April 10

1:00 pm Women's Connection

7:00 pm Session meeting

Wednesday, April 11

3:30-5:00 pm The Exchange is open

6:30 pm 1st through 8th grades

7:15 pm High school youth

7:45 pm Choir practice

Thursday, April 12

7:00 pm Mission committee meeting

Saturday, April 14

9:00-10:00 am The Exchange is open

Sunday, April 15

9:25 am Morning worship

Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for all ages

Lesson #27 for pre-K through 6th

11:45 am Covered dish meal

6:30 pm Evening worship service

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7 Keys to Christian Maturity

A SERIES ON DEVELOPING THE MINDSET OF A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

April and May of 2018

LENNOX EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church

***Where we strive to grow daily in the grace
and knowledge of Jesus Christ***

April 8, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 8, 2018 — 9:25 AM

Time of Preparation

Heavenly Father, may I come rightly to worship you at the table of the Lord today, and may your indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen

God Calls us to Worship

Call to Worship

John 11:25-27

* Hymn # 360

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LLANFAIR

* Prayer of Adoration

God Renews us In His Grace

Call to Confession

Ephesians 5:15-18

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

Hymn of Assurance

“Christ Is Risen”

(Yellow Book)

Passing the Peace

Giving Back to God

Offering

Matthew 6:19-21

Congregational Prayer

God Gives us His Word

Children’s Message

Scripture

2 Peter 4:17-18

Sermon

“Grow in Grace”

Rev. Ethan D. Saylor

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

* Hymn

“I Will Glory In My Redeemer”

(Yellow Book)

God Sends us out with His Blessing

* Charge and Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

* Doxology

“Benediction”

(Yellow Book)

Visitors, we welcome you with open arms.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service for fellowship and refreshments.

7 Keys to Christian Maturity: Grow in Grace

2 Peter 4:17-18

I. The Necessity of a Maturing Faith

A. Life is defined by growth

II. Growing in Grace

A. Deeply Rooted

B. Increasing in knowledge and love

C. Bearing Spiritual Fruit

III. The Means of Growing in Grace

Food for Thought

Peter also exhorts us to make progress; for it is the only way of persevering, to make continual advances, and not to stand still in the middle of our journey. It is as though he had said that only those who labored to make progress daily would be safe.

John Calvin

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord’s Supper

Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, and who are communing members in good standing in churches that proclaim the Gospel, to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for those Searching for the Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

April 8, 2018

Praise & Prayer

Pray for those serving in the military and our PCA chaplains.

Pray for **Pollock Memorial Presbyterian Church** in Pollock, SD.

at home: **Vera Steever**; ... our member residents at GSC: **Bernice Bultena, Ray Bunner, Bonnie Husman & Don Kuper**; ... at Welco: **Frances Klock**, ...at Riverview Health-care & Nursing Home, Flandreau: **Mike Reed**; ...our member residents in Sioux Falls: **Virgil Dykstra** - Dow Rummel Assisted Living; **Harven Brass**, - Stoneybrooke Suites, **Erma DeWilde** - Prairie Circle, and **LaVerne Miller** - Good Samaritan Village, **BJ Olson** - Dakotabilities, **Walter Otten** - Good Samaritan Center in Canisota ...those with cancer: **Buck Berens** ... in the military: **Ben Miller**

Announcements

Congratulations... to Alvin & Carla Haan on the birth of grandson, Everett John, born to Brandon & Erin Haan on March 29th.

VBS information meal... On Sunday, April 15, the congregation is invited to a covered dish meal at 11:45 am to get a preview of the summer VBS program. All are welcome to come see what opportunities are waiting for you to serve in the church AND fellowship with one another. Bring your favorite casserole/salad/dessert. Drink will be provided. See you there!

Wednesday evening activities... The 1st-8th graders will have their regular activities on April 11th & 18th. The last time to meet will be a game night on the 25th.

Easter offering... for MTW's Compassion ministry was \$429.00.

Officer nominations... are now open for men to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in January of 2019. Please put your forms in the box on the information center by April 29th. If you did not get a nomination form, there are some by the box.

Sermon bookmarks... If you did not get a new sermon bookmark last week, there are some on the information center.

Union Gospel Mission Love Gift... for April is coffee. Please bring your donations by April 18th.

May newsletters... The secretary will be out of the office the latter part of April so the May newsletter will be printed on the 18th. If you have something you would like in it, please have it in the office by the 16th.

Greeters... If you are able to greet during the month of April, please sign-up on the greeter board. There are still some openings.

Camp brochures... If your child (children) did not received a camp brochure and registration form, there are some on the information center.

Old video equipment... If you are interested in any of the old video equipment, please see Pat Miller or Jeff Haan.

New newsletters/updates... From the Alpha Center, Pete & Esther Errington, Pam Box, Jim & Sue Akovenko, and the Union Gospel Mission are on the mission bulletin board.

Vacation Bible School ~ July 22-26

It is time to start thinking about VBS. This year our theme is *Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride*. There is a volunteer sign-up poster in the narthex on the stairway wall. Please consider how you can serve.

To register your child, please go to vbsmate.com/LennoxEbenezer or there are forms on the table under the sign-up poster that you may fill out and return to Christi Saylor or the church office.

In The Spirit Of Giving...

Offerings to Date

April 1st

Year-to-Date Projected Budget
\$43,595.01

Year-to-Date Giving
\$43,335.01

Year-to-Date Expenses
\$38,722.50

2018 Budget
\$36,990.00

Mission Fund
Year-to-Date Giving
\$10,502.00

Amount Yet Needed
\$26,488.00