

Serving at the Good Samaritan Center

Today

Carla Haan & Billie Valentien

May 6

Marlyn & Kathy Bunger

Serving as Greeters

Today

West Door: Arlon Knock

North Door: Bryce & Marne Strasser

East Door: Russ & Stacey Nelson

May 6

West door: Alan & Gloria Rops

North Door: Richard & Charlotte Lounsbury

East Door: Joan Bleeker

Serving in the Nursery

Today

Brock & Nancy Rops

May 6

Jeremy & Patti Timmermans

Serving Fellowship Time

Today

March & April birthdays

May 6

This Week at LEPC

Sunday, April 29

9:25 am Morning worship

Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for all ages

11:45 am VBS Information potluck meal

6:30 pm Evening worship service

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 pm Deacons' meeting

Wednesday, May 2

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

6:00 pm CE Celebration banquet

7:45 pm Adult choir practice

Saturday, May 5

7:00 am Rise With the Guys – Genesis 34

8:30 am Women's Bible study—I Cor. 2

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

Sunday, May 6

9:25 am Morning worship with Lord's Supper

Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for all ages

Lesson #30 for pre-K through 6th

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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 29 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 29, 2018 — 9:25 AM

Time of Preparation

O almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Calls us to Worship

Call to Worship		Psalm 105:1-2, 6
* Hymn	“Glory Be To God the Father”	(Yellow Book)
* Prayer of Adoration		
* Hymn	“Come People of the Risen King”	(Yellow Book)

God Renews us In His Grace

Call to Confession		Hosea 6:1-2
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		Colossians 1:7-9
Hymn of Assurance	“Holy Spirit”	(Yellow Book)
Passing the Peace		

Giving Back to God

Offering
Congregational Prayer

God Gives us His Word

Children’s Message		
Scripture		Jeremiah 20:7-18
Sermon	“Seeking God in Despair”	Rev. Ethan D. Sayler
* Hymn	“Lord I Need You”	(Yellow Book)

God Sends us out with His Blessing

* Charge and Benediction		1 Thessalonians 5:13-22
* Doxology	“Salvation Belongs To Our God”	(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: Seeking God in Despair

Jeremiah 20:7-18

- I. Hindrance to Growth: Starvation through Superficiality
- II. The Prophet’s Conflict
 - A. Background to the Prayer
 - B. The Prophets’ Conflict of Calling
 - C. The Prophet’s Conflict of Faith and Despair
- III. Finding Hope in the Midst of Conflict
 - A. Jeremiah after the Prayer
 - B. God Receives our Prayers
 - C. His Grace is Sufficient

Food for Thought

“Take your sufferings to that secret place where you meet God in prayer. That is where you must take them. Where else can you unburden your heart so freely? Who else will comfort you so tenderly? There is no need to hide your troubles. Take them to the Lord in prayer, the way Jeremiah did.” Philip Ryken

Questions for Discussion

1. How does superficiality threaten our spiritual development?
2. How has your identity in Christ brought you into conflict?
3. When has speaking and living according to God’s Word brought you into conflict?
4. How is it possible to have faith and despair at the same time?
5. What is our confidence in the midst of conflict?

April 29, 2018

Praise & Prayer

Pray for our **persecuted brothers & sisters**. Persecution has been increasing in several countries — India, Nigeria, and China to name a few.

Pray for **Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lemmon, SD**.

at home: **Vera Steever**; ... our member residents at GSC: **Bernice Bultena, Ray Bunker, Bonnie Husman & Don Kuper**; ... at Welcov: **Frances Klock**, ...at Riverview Healthcare & Nursing Home, Flandreau: **Mike Reed**; ...our member residents in Sioux Falls: **Virgil Dykstra** - Good Samaritan Center in Sioux Falls; **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

Today's offering...will go towards the next part of the video update which is for live streaming of our worship services. The amount needed is \$13,000.

High School Baccalaureate service... Pastor Saylor is coordinating the service which will be held on May 9th. The church choir has been asked to sing for the service. They will practice following the graduation banquet on May 2.

Reminder... Officer nominations are due **today**.

Late registration date...for Bible Camp is **May 15th** so you are encouraged to get your registrations in as soon as possible. If you would like to split your payments, you may put down \$25.00 and pay the rest by June 15th.

May newsletters... are in your mail boxes. If you don't have a mail box and would like a copy, there are extras on the bulletin board west of the boxes.

Library books... The church library is being reorganized. There is a table by the east wall of the library and a box under it with books for the taking.

New newsletters/updates... from Ethan Zimmerman & Pete & Esther Errington are on the mission bulletin board, along with a birth announcement from the Haans.

VBS information meal... for the congregation is today 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.

Union Gospel Mission Love Gift... for May is creamed soup. Please bring your donations by May 16th.

Christian Ed Celebration Meal ~ May 2nd

This is an evening to honor our 8th & 12th grade graduates and the work of our Christian Education volunteers. There will be a catered meal for them at 6:00 pm.

The program will begin at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary with special guest speaker, Adam Timmerman, SDSU graduate, and former player for the Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Rams. **Anyone is welcome to come for the program. Those invited to the meal are asked to RSVP today.**

Open House Invitation

for Amanda Miller & Luke Throckmorton

Come out to Pat & Deb Miller's on May 12th from 12:30-4:00 pm to wish Amanda and Luke well as they will start their lives together on July 7, 2018.

The Millers live at 46757 SD Hwy 44

Mission Outreach Opportunity

Ebenezer has been invited to participate in a mission outreach to the Rosebud Indian Reservation to help with Prairie Light Youth Camp for K through 8th grades that will be held on the reservation July 15-20. It is a VBS type program as well as teaching some classes like math and English. They can use high school and college age youth and adults. Families with children of the same ages are also welcome. They need a wide variety of volunteers like teachers, helpers, cooks, bus drivers, and people to do repair jobs. Minimal cost would include transportation, housing, and some meals. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Pastor Saylor.

Vacation Bible School ~ July 22-26

There is a volunteer sign-up poster in the narthex on the stairway wall. Please consider how you can serve. There are still many openings.

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.