

**MORNING SCHEDULE**  
Sunday School – 9:30 am    Worship – 10:30 am

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Worship Attendance last Sunday February 27 worship: 55  
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**MARCH 6, 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Theme for Lent: “Love on the Cross”**

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

“Ligonier (First) Church of the Brethren Is a community of believers who seek to walk passionately with Christ by reaching out in His name, preaching and sharing His gospel, and teaching all to live like Him.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive Reading*

Leader: When we feel crippled in our fear.  
**People: And the problems of the world seem too huge to bear,**  
 Leader: Remind us, O God, that you are mightier than every evil.  
**People: Remind us that as long as we are a little faithful,**  
 Leader: We can move mountains  
**People: And spark change among the nations.**  
 Leader: Because with You in control,  
**People: Nothing is impossible.**

\*HYMN “O for a Thousand Tongues” No. 76

INVOCATION PRAYER: *In Unison*

**Creator God, often we forget that our words and actions leave an impact. We think they are too insignificant to make a difference. Remind us that even seemingly small actions can be powerful. Let us remember that a word can bring about justice, a smile can brighten someone’s day, and a simple act of kindness can spread Your love. Give us strength, O God, so that we can show Your glory through the words we say and the things we do. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Luke 4:1-13 (Please sign the attendance sheets)*

Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We’ve been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

BABY DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN “Jesus, I Come” No. 336 (vs. 1 & 2)

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **Mark 8:27-37**

MESSAGE “Love Shows the Way”

\*CLOSING HYMN “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” No. 471

\*BENEDICTION  
 Pastor: Pastor John Shaffer  
 Lay Leader: Stacey Knupp  
 Chorister: Ed Wedge  
 Pianist: Pam Zimmerman  
 Greeter for March: Jack Boyd  
 Counting Steward for March: Becky Kwak

**A BABY DEDICATION**

This morning, Khloe James Rhodes will be dedicated. She was born on January 13, 2022 to Amanda (Knupp) and Kenneth Rhodes. Her grandparents are Paul and Stacey Knupp and her great-grandmother is Sherry Boyd.

**A NEW YOUTH CLASS**

On March 20, there will be a new Youth Class beginning in our church for the slightly older youth. It will meet in the upstairs room (enter through the educational wing and the steps are just beyond the mail boxes and library cabinet). Age and/or grade limits will be announced once the Nurture Commission meets. Kara Boyd will be the teacher.

**FLOWER ORDERS**

We are taking orders for Easter flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of loves ones and friends during the Easter season. The flowers will be purchased from Ray’s Nursery. Please turn in your order and payment (checks made payable to the church) to Michelle Black by March 28<sup>th</sup>. Forms are in the narthex.

**CAMPO HARMONY NUT & APRICOT ROL FUNDRAISER**

Order forms are in the narthex. Please give your completed form and money to Elaine Boyd and she will pick them up on April 13 and have them available for pick up at

the church at Bible Study on April 13, Love Feast and Communion on April 14, or Easter worship on April 17.

### **NOTE FROM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We will be having our first meeting in March; date still has not been decided. We are trying something new. We will be having our meetings on Sundays following church. We will be providing a light lunch and are hoping more women will attend. We want to have a brief business meeting and hopefully focus on more fellowship time. All women are welcome to attend.

The Men's Fellowship and the Women's Fellowship will combine forces on April 9 to make and sell ham loaves. Orders are due by the end of March. There is a basket located in the Narthex for orders to be placed. Hoping to see lots of workers on the morning of April 9 to accomplish this project.

### **JOYS FROM WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

- Pastor John is celebrating a birthday this week
- Pastor and John and Susan's daughter Lisa and family from down East were in church visiting this morning
- Zoe Mastrilli and Bradley Jones had a son, Jayce Russell Jones, on February 18, 2022. He weighed in at 8 lb. 2 oz. and is 21 inches. Congratulations!
- Thanks for a great Sunday: Roman reading Scripture and Carolyn singing. What a blessing!

### **OUTREACH FOR MARCH**

The outreach for March is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Please also remember your gently used shoes, wrapped with a rubber band as this project helps fund the Honduras orphanage we support. Donations for the local Food Pantry are a year-long outreach of our church. This service is provided monthly at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ligonier and is supported by the Association of Churches. At present approximately 100 families are being served. Please be generous with your donations as the Westmoreland County Food Bank has lessened the amount they are providing.

### **RITA'S CLOSET**

Rita's Closet opens Mondays at the First Church of the Brethren, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you are unable to make it on a Monday, please call Darlene Rummel at 814-243-7156 to schedule a time more convenient. All donated clothes were freely given and are free to you. Please come and check us out.

### **UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Good morning.....as you are aware the Association of Churches will not be participating in any Lenten Services this year. Hopefully we will be continuing the services in 2023.

BUT: Pastor Jerry Nuernberger and the members of St. James Lutheran Church invite you to their LENTEN SERVICES beginning this Wednesday, March 9 at 6:45 P.M. and continuing each Wednesday evening during Lent at the Church located at 300 West Main Street in Ligonier. Pastor Nuernberger has written several biblical cantatas in a folk/rock style. Walk your way through Lent with the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17) learning the cantata. Please support the members of St. James Lutheran Church in this worthwhile endeavor. The cantata was written for high school youth to sing so it is easy, lively and fun!

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**Today, during worship – Khloe James Rhodes to be dedicated in our church**

**Today, following worship – General Board Meeting – anyone from the church is welcome to attend as this is an open meeting**

**Monday, 7:00 pm – Trustee Meeting**

**Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study – the book of Acts is subject of our study – refreshments are available**

**Thursday, 9:00 am -- The Happy Stitchers**

**Thursday, 9:00 am to Noon – Pastor John's Office Hours**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 27, immediately following worship – Deacon Meeting to discuss Love Feast and Communion to be held Thursday, April 14, 2022**

**Saturday, April 9, 2022 – Men's and Women's Fellowships making ham loaves – Orders are due the last Sunday of Marchs**

Saturday, April 9, 2022, Camp Harmony – Hogar Enmanuel’s Dinner/Theater featuring the play “FLOODED! The First Lockdown”

Saturday, June 11, 2022 – Memorial Service for Charles and Fay Harr

Saturday, October 15, 2022, Camp Harmony – 2022 Western PA District Conference

**\*\*\*CHURCH FAMILY\*\*\***

We all know that when someone has cancer it not only affects that person, it puts stress on the whole family. Well three families are going through the stress of chemotherapy treatments and we can help with some of that stress. I would like to start a Meal Train in our Church for them. How can I help you ask – Below is a list of the things that you can do.

1. Pick up a Gift Card for a local Restaurant, Giant Eagle, Sheetz, etc. so they will be able to pick up a meal on the way home from treatments, get gas, get snacks for treatments, etc.
2. If you like to cook, a homemade meal would be great: soups and comfort food. Please contact me and we will set up a date and time for the meal. If you cannot deliver the meal, I will pick up the meal and drop it off

I have been in contact with each family and have gotten a treatment schedule. If you would like to help, please contact me. Please call me with any questions at 724-331-2228. I look forward to hearing from you. s/Stacey Knupp

**KINGDOM CONCERNS**

*Jesus Prayer Requests*

*The Glory of God (John 17);*

*Workers for the Harvest (Matthew 9)*

*Spiritual Renewal in our Congregation*

*ALSO: Persecuted Christians; Missions; Peace Workers; Service Persons;*

*National/International Leaders*

*Missionaries to Poland: Ashley and Corby White (23<sup>rd</sup> of each month, please uphold in special prayer as they will also be praying for us on this date)*

**WESTERN PA DISTRICT**

*District Office Staff – Amy Bowman, Tina Lehman*

*District Office Phone Number – 814-479-2181*

*District Moderator – Robert Rummel*

*District Response Team – Herb Ewald*

*District Leadership Team Chair – Pete Kaltenbaugh*

*Camp Harmony Executive Director – Jen Vickroy*

*2022 Prayer Partner Congregation: Arbutus Church of the Brethren, Guy Myers, Minister*

**COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

*Unchurched in Waterford, Ligonier Valley (Welcome and Invite them!)*

*Valley Youth Network – Kip Crumrine, Director; Sandy Crumrine, Assistant;*

*Chelsea Carpenter and Kylie Weber, Interns*

*Ligonier Valley Association of Churches – Janet Riordan, President*

**ALL OF OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY EXPERIENCES**

*\*Future of our church – Please take five minutes at noon every day to pray for ways to encourage the parents, children and young people who could be coming\*\*\**

**LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS**

*Deacon Chairperson – Stacey Knupp*

*Church Board/Executive Board Chairmen – Richard Jones,*

*Nurture -- Michelle Black, Stewardship – Becky Kwak, Witness -- Debbie McInchok*



**Dalai Lama**

Tenzin Gyatso is the 14th Dalai Lama, serving as the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people. A Nobel Peace Prize winner, he has dedicated his life's work to promoting nonviolence and compassion between individuals and nations. Since the 1980s, he has also worked extensively with modern scientists to develop evidence-based techniques for mindfulness and well-being. His words here encourage us to look for the silver lining whenever we are faced with disappointment: Letting go of our expectations may lead to an even better outcome than what we thought we wanted.