

In Community

A monthly newsletter sharing the blessings, news and vision of Lockport Alliance Church

Special Week of Prayer April 15-19

Easter weekend is one of the most important times in the life of the church. Good Friday, and then Easter Sunday: Easter brunch, celebration, lots of guests – “Christ is risen!”

Will you help us blanket that weekend in prayer?

We are planning a special week of prayer from Monday through Good Friday, April 15-19. You can observe that week through whatever kind of prayer commitment you feel led to; we'll provide you with some different suggestions. But that week will culminate with an 18-hour prayer vigil on Good Friday from 6:00 AM – 12:00 midnight. (The Good Friday service at 7:00 PM will be part of that).

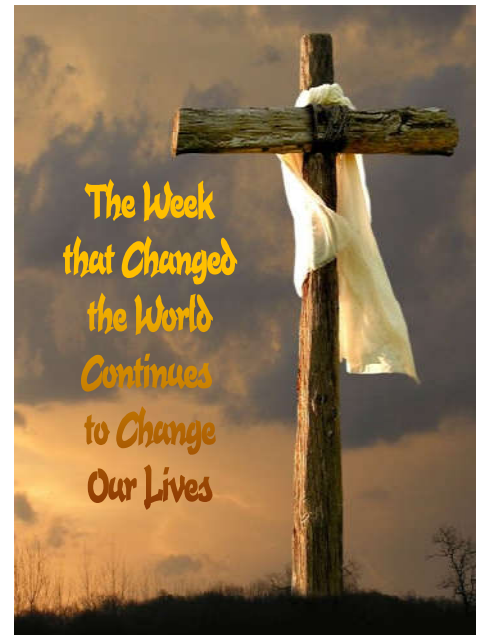
You will be able to sign up for a one-hour block during those 18 hours – and several people can share the same time block. There will be various prayer stations around the sanctuary where you can spend a focused time of prayer. If you've never spent an hour in prayer before, you'll find that it goes amazingly quickly.

For those praying during the early morning time and late night time blocks, someone will be in the church to provide security.

Will you make a point to participate in this special week of prayer? There are many needs in our congregation and in our community that we need to pray for, and there are many things we want to ask God to do in this upcoming Easter season as well.

God works when His people pray. Be a part of something big this Easter – pray!

Kevin R. Robbins



Easter Week Schedule	
Monday - Friday, April 15-19	Special week of prayer
Friday, April 19	18-hour prayer vigil - 6:00am - midnight Good Friday service - 7:00pm
Sunday, April 21	Worship service - 8:00am Easter Brunch - 9:15am Worship service - 10:30am

Elders Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the March 18th elders' meeting:

- The elders reviewed the list of “wins of the week” for February that were shared at weekly staff meetings.
- Plans were made to hold a special week of prayer before Easter, April 15-19, including an 18-hour prayer vigil on Good Friday from 6:00 AM–12:00 midnight.
- The elders reported on their “ministry check-ins” with the various ministries that each of them helps to oversee, based on the church organizational chart.
- The elders discussed several items of a pastoral care/discipleship nature and spent time in prayer for one another and for numerous needs in the LAC family. Several recommendations for help from the church Benevolent Fund were also discussed and acted upon.
- Pastor Alex provided updates on the legal issues that the church is dealing with: trying to re-register the church van so it's not considered a “bus” with the DMV; and navigating the lawsuit that was filed by a LifeTouch photographer who stumbled in the church parking lot two years ago and is now seeking damages from the church.
- Kenny Moore, Jr. will be doing a second internship this summer at LAC as part of his M.Div. degree work with Moody Bible Institute. Pastor Alex will be overseeing this internship and will expose Kenny to a different set of church ministry experiences.
- Nora Bruning has been given an indefinite leave of absence from her responsibilities as Head Deaconess while she tends to Howard's needs during his ongoing illness. We are all praying tirelessly for Howard and Nora and we love them so much.
- A new phone system will soon be installed in the church offices. Some of the office staff are meeting with members of the Tech Team and the Facilities Team on March 26 to work through that process.
- Attendance reports: Average Sunday morning worship attendance in

February was 253 (high 267, low 219); average LIFE Hour attendance in February was 96 (high 125, low 84). Midweek programs had to be canceled several times due to winter weather.

- The elders reviewed the upcoming calendar of events for April, May and June and made changes where

necessary. There will be a special week of prayer during the week of Easter, April 15-19, with an 18-hour prayer vigil on Good Friday from 6:00 AM–12:00 midnight. (The Good Friday service @ 7:00 PM will be a part of that prayer vigil).

Spaghetti Dinner

Every year for quite some time our teens have given up a week of their summer to help people with much needed home repairs through REACH Workcamps. The teens pay to be part of this rewarding mission trip.

LIFE is an Alliance nation-wide conference for teens. It only is held every 4 years and 9 of our teens have the privilege to attend this year.

The youth attending these events in July are seeking your help to raise funds to participate. One way they are fund-raising is through a Spaghetti

Dinner. This is a win - win event. You have an evening off from cooking to enjoy a delicious meal and support is raised for their trips.

Join us on Saturday, April 27 between 4 and 6pm for a dine-in or carry-out meal. Each meal includes: Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Bread & Dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per meal (Children 5 and under are free). Please see one of our LAC teens for tickets or speak with Pastor Alex.

Thank you for your support.

Ladies Spring Luncheon

Ladies, we anticipate kicking off Spring with our annual Ladies Spring Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held on May 11th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme again this year is MORE (of Jesus).

Our speaker (back by ladies request) is Carol Ann Gleason. Carol Ann will be portraying a trilogy of Old & New Testament ladies (Eve, Naomi & Mary Magdalene). She does an excellent job of making you feel a part of the story.

As usual we have planned a delicious lunch and there will be many drawings for wonderful gifts.

Mark your calendar today. You won't want to miss this year's luncheon. Be sure to sign up at the Women's Ministry Station.

MOPS Monthly Bible Study

Open to any mom's of preschooler and elementary aged children

April 9th

7:00pm

at Laura Robbins' home

Let her know if you plan to attend - call 799-4742



KID'S CORNER



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2019

We anticipate another fun-filled week - **July 22 through July 26 from 6 pm till 8:30 pm**. Our theme for 2019 will be **ROAR, Life is Wild - God is Good**, by Group Publishing.

More good news... we have a new VBS Director! Cheryl Rinker has volunteered to take on the leadership of Vacation Bible School. Cheryl, her husband Tyler, and their two children Norah (age 7) and Amelia (age 3) have been attending LAC since June of 2018, but are not new to the C&MA. This young family were previous members of Kenmore Alliance Church for many years. Cheryl grew up in KAC and had served as their Children's Ministry Director for eight years where she became licensed with the C&MA. She has a great deal of experience with VBS, running programs with over 300 children in attendance. Cheryl will bring many fresh ideas to our program, and we are excited to see how God will use her leadership and administrative gifts at LAC! We can't be more thrilled to have her serving with us in this capacity!

Since Cheryl is new to LAC, she would like to get connected, and directing VBS will be a great way for her to get to know many in the LAC family. To help her get a jump start on names and faces, please seek her out on Sunday morning and welcome her and her family! If you would like to welcome her through email or have any VBS questions, please do so at crinker19@gmail.com. Michelle Gendrue will be handling most recruitment for VBS because of her familiarity with our LAC family and VBS volunteers. Don't hesitate to email Michelle at mtgendrue@gmail.com and/or Cheryl with your volunteering requests.

In addition to our traditional recruitment process, this year volunteers will be able to register online. Please keep watch for volunteer recruitment slips and online registration information in the LAC bulletin!!

Together We're Better

Children's Ministry Volunteer Lunch

The Children's Ministry Committee would like to show our appreciation for you and your labors of love. Join us for this fun time of fellowship as a group! Hope to see you there!

Sunday, March 31st at Noon
in the Fellowship Hall

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16

Please sign up at the Children's station
or email Michelle Gendrue at
mtgendrue@gmail.com

A colorful illustration for an Easter event. It features several large, decorated Easter eggs in shades of yellow, pink, blue, and red, set against a light blue background with white polka dots. In the foreground, there is a row of green grass blades. The text is overlaid on this background.

Join us for the 11th Annual LAC
Easter Eggstravaganza!

Saturday, April 13 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Join us for games, activities, refreshments, prizes
and a good old-fashioned egg hunt!

Free and Open to any Child 2-10!

Don't worry about the weather - The entire event is indoors

April & May Birthdays

Birthdays for the month of

April....		Shelly Budziszewski	2
Deb Bulmer	1	Marcia Keller	3
Julie Bulmer	1	Ainsleigh DeLuca	5
Billie Parker	1	Andy Hughes	6
Clarissa Blowers	2	Tracy Grzebinski	7
Sally Conley	2	Roger Peace	8
Ed Gawell	9	Galen Bowerman	9
Mike Gendrue	9	Shirley Engert	9
Samantha Hughes	9	Gale Blendowski	10
David McLaughlin	9	Pat Durlak	10
Charlotte Venesky	10	Elizabeth Colburn	11
Brendan Gawell	12	Zane Stahl	11
Brooke LaGreca	12	Jason Barry	12
Joey Quay	12	Alizah Barry	13
Todd Richards	13	Don Nelson	13
Robert Hensal	14	Mike Revekant	14
Cindy Walker	16	Roger Bil	15
David Westcott	18	Barb Wheat	15
Carrisa Hallock	19	Bonnie Buri	16
Angelo LaGreca	21	Gregory Klopfer	16
Shara Venesky	21	Thomas Kutnyak	17
Jason Donner	22	Shirley Marshall	18
Michael Donner	22	Kristina Colburn	23
Phil Graczyk	22	Dawn Copperthite	23
Amelia Konstanty	22	Rebecca Roblee	23
Savannah Raetz	22	Linda Deleel	24
Katie Richards	22	Lyndsay Georgian	24
Randall Shortridge, Jr.	23	Dave Rheam	24
Oliver Walling	23	Alaina Grzebinski	26
Allie Morrow	27	Shawn Colburn	27
Rebecca Zastrow	29	Dick Conley	27
May.....		Tammy LaGreca	30
Glenn Baum	2	Delta Kleinhaus	31

April & May Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary for the month of

April....	
Vince & Marian Wik	4
Dick & Sally Conley	11
Don & Gale Blendowski	12
Dennis & Jewel Myers	18
Bill & Sharon Richardson	25
Mark & Linda Deleel	29
Roger & Rhodessa Peace	29
May.....	
Jason & Tera Peace	4
Bob & Sue D'Arcy	5
Michael & Gloria Ferraro	9
Brian & Lindsay Quay	12
Dan & Julie Costello	16
Andrew & Katie Evans	19
Steve & Kim Lunden	20
Mike & Michelle Gendrue	23
Andrew & Sarah Nicholson	24
Adam & Sarah Raetz	28
Ted & Sonia Werner	29
Peter & Melissa Mayers	30



April Events

3 MOPs	11 Women's trip to Platter's Chocolates	21 Easter Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 Services
3 Youth Group Parent Appreciation Night	13 Pastires at Panera	21 Easter Brunch
4 Good News Banquet	13 Eggstravaganza	26-27 Spring Refresh
6 Christianity Explored Day Away	14 YAH To Lewiston Choraleers	27 Spaghetti Dinner
7 Bridal Shower for Diana Cabrera	15-19 Week of Prayer	27 Lockport CARES Open House and Chowder Sale
7 Family Bowling	17 MOPs	
9 YAH Bible Study	17 LIFE Trip - \$500 Due	
9 Egg Stuffing	19 18 Hour Prayer Vigil	
9 MOPs Bible Study	19 Good Friday Service	



Prayer Teams

Prayer teams meet every Sunday during the worship service to pray for the worship service, the ministries of LAC and other needs.

If you would like to be a part of this very important and rewarding ministry, call the church office, (433-3571).

April Prayer teams:

7	Team 2
14	Team 3
21	Team 4
28	Team 5

Financial Update

March 17, 2019

GREAT COMMISSION FUND

2019 Goal	\$ 65,000
Goal to Date	\$ 13,750
Received to Date	\$ 14,615

GENERAL FUND

2019 Goal	\$400,272
Goal to Date	\$ 81,028
Received to Date	\$ 86,832
Expenses to Date	\$ 68,425

“Top Ten” Prayer Requests

- Pray about LAC’s “Word of the Year” for 2019: [Intentional]
- Pray for a strong start financially to the new year after an encouraging year in 2018.
- Pray for our church vision sermon series in January.
- Pray for a new “School of Prayer” concept Wednesday nights on January 9, 16, 23 & 30.
- Pray for our next scheduled Christianity Explored (CE) course in February.
- Pray for our missions conference February 3-10 with Alan (Philip) Clason (France) and our own Judy Button (February 10) and an even stronger year of giving to the Great Commission Fund in 2019.
- Pray for wisdom for the elders in shaping vision, strategy and decisions for 2019.
- Pray for our children’s ministries outreach: the winter months are often a peak time for AWANA on Wednesday nights; 11th annual Egg-Stravaganza outreach TBA.
- Pray for continued traction and impact through men’s and women’s ministry events.
- Pray for our outreach to our community and for conversion growth (salvations) leading up to Easter weekend April 19-21.

Ministry Positions

2019

Elders

Mike Gendrué
Dave McLaughlin
Dave Rheam
*Todd Richards (Chairman)

NYS Trustees

Alex Banks
Kevin Robbins
Mike Gendrué

Deacons

* Ken Moore, Jr. (Chairman)
Ray Kline, Sr.
Bob Davidson
Steve Saraf

*Ministry Board Secretary

Christine Blowers

*Treasurer/Missions Treasurer

Denise Walker

*Assistant Treasurer

Lynda Rose

* Deaconess/Women’s Representative

Beth Hensal

* Youth Ministry Representative

Alex Banks

Facilities Team

*Walt Keller (Chairman)
Chic Bigelow
Craig Blowers
Paul Buri
David McLaughlin
Adam Raetz
Mike Revekant
Josh Smith
Jason Walling

*Min. Board Members at Large

Kim Davidson
Chris Brown

*Children’s Coordinator

Michelle Gendrué

Great Commission Women President

Marcia Keller

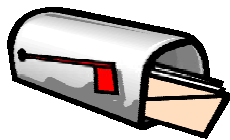
Deaconesses

Nora Bruning (Chairperson)
Beth Hensal
Darcee Hughes
Lynda Rose
Arlene Sluyter

2019 Nominating Committee

Bevin Lambert Howard Bruning
Ken Kirkman Beth Hensal

* Serves on the Ministry Board



Attention Ministry Leaders

Please be sure to check your box.
New items are added each week.

Ministry Leaders have mailboxes located in the foyer.
If you have any correspondence for ministry leaders
you are encouraged to leave it in their mailboxes.