

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday	9:15 am	LIFE Hour ~ Sunday School (All Ages)	Various Locations
	10:10 am	Children's Musical Practice	Large Red Room in Kid's Zone.
	10:30 am	Worship Service	Worship Center
Tuesday	Noon	Teen's Plan to Protect	Youth Room
	1:00 pm	Young at Heart Bible Study	Davison Room
	7:30 pm	LINK (College & Career Age) Meeting	Loft
Wednesday	9:30 am	Mothers of PreSchoolers	Fellowship Hall
	Noon	Ministry Board Agenda Items Due	Office
	6:00 pm	Awana	Fellowship Hall
Thursday	7:00 pm	Youth Group	Loft
	2:00 pm	Together in Prayer	Conference Room
Saturday	9:00 am	Pastries at Panera	Lockport Panera
	All Day	Bible Quizzing	LAC Campus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship

Celebrating Community

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Alex Banks*

Worship through Song

Worship Leader ~ *Jenna Walling*

Worship through Prayer and the Ministry of the Word

Prayer ~ *Alex Banks*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ *Adam & Sarah Raetz & Family*

Video ~ *Christmas 101*

Advent 2018 ~ *Christmas According to Matthew*

Message: *"Christmas Grace"*

Matthew 1:1-17 (p. 681) ~ *Kevin R. Robbins*

Worship through Response

Connection Cards

Response Time /Offering

The front altar area of the church is open for prayer at the end of every service. You are welcome to come forward to pray privately or to request to be prayed for.

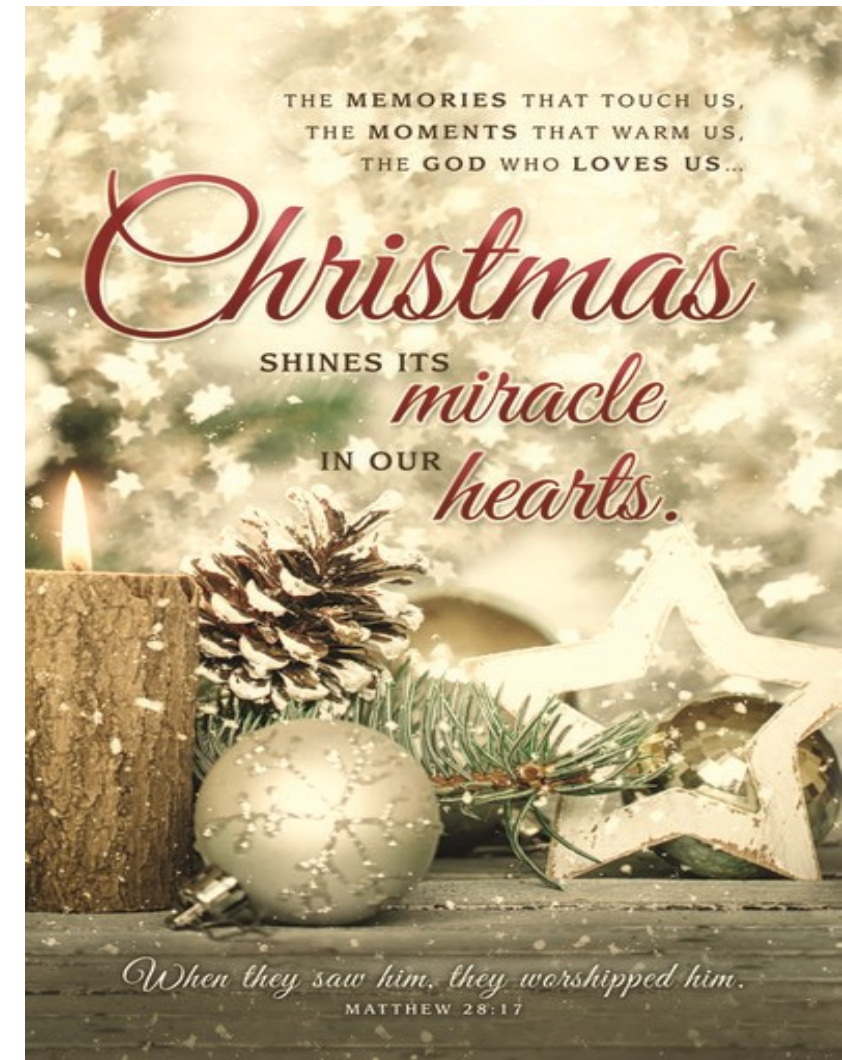
ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL REPORT

	LIFE Hour	Worship Service	CONTRIBUTE ONLINE WITH TITHE.LY	
For the week of Nov. 25, 2018	104	304		
As of November 18, 2018	Goal To Date	Giving To Date	Expenses To Date	
Church Ministry Budget	343,266	356,109	314,919	
Great Commission Fund	53,077	57,373		

STAFF & MINISTRY TEAM

Senior Pastor	Kevin R. Robbins	433-3571 ext 103
Associate Pastor	Alex Banks	433-3571 ext 106
Congregational Care	Laura Robbins	434-6799
Office Manager	Marcia Keller	433-3571 ext 101
Administrative Assistant	Dani Kelkenberg	433-3571 ext 102
Treasurer	Denise Walker	989-8311
Assistant Treasurer	Lynda Rose	998-4787
Custodian	Beth Hensal	628-4553
Custodian	Mark Deleel	438-7337
Elder	Mike Gendrue	772-7171
Elder	Dave McLaughlin	957-4232
Elder	Ken Moore, Sr.	433-7154
Elder Chairman	Todd Richards	480-4692
Adult LIFE Hour	Chris Brown	998-6436
Children's Ministry	Michelle Gendrue	433-3571 ext 107
Deacon Chairman	Ken Moore, Jr.	434-5234
Deaconess Chairperson	Nora Bruning	434-2986
Facilities Team Chairman	Walt Keller	531-3540
Fellowship Chairperson	Linda Fraser	434-6319
LINK (College/Young Adult)	Erin Deeks	418-5683
Men's Ministry	Tom Grzebinski	940-3560
Missions	Kevin Robbins	433-3571
MOPS	Mandie Stahl	628-0902
Small Groups	Alex Banks	433-3571 ext 106
Women's Ministry	Marcia Keller	531-3663
Worship Ministries	Dave Rheam	982-9858
Young at Heart (Seniors)	Helen Bil	434-0686
Youth	Alex Banks	433-3571 ext 106

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*Becoming a thriving church.
Making committed disciples.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar ~ have been placed by Ken, Sally, Ken Jr., Naomi, Preston & Gabe Moore in memory of Stephanie Moore Verratti eight year since her homecoming today, December 2.

Benevolent Fund ~ You can be a blessing to those in need by giving towards our benevolent fund, along with your weekly offering. Please mark your envelope, "Benevolent Fund".

Advent Devotionals ~ During this season we are partnering with Christianity Today publishers to bring you a devotional booklet that will follow the same weekly themes in our Advent sermon series. There is no charge for the devotionals. Be sure to pick yours up today. (Just one per household, please.)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing ~ We invite you to volunteer to ring in the Christmas season. LAC has partnered with the Lockport Salvation Army to man the bell and the red kettle in the foyer of the Transit Road TOPS Market (inside) Saturday, December 15, 10:00am - 8:00pm. If you and your family, friends or small group would like participate, there will be a schedule available to signup at the Partner Ministries station in the foyer.

Who decked halls? Thanks goes out to Pat & Bob Durlak who lead the decorating crew: Chrissy Rheam, Jenna Walling, Bonnie Buri, Sarah Barry, Linda Fraser, Lizzy Deeks, Erin Deeks and the ever-patient, Jay Walling. Thanks to the guys who brought all the decorations down from the attic.

Thank You ~ We'd like to thank Debbie Kirkman and her team for all their time and effort on the Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox project and the Thanksgiving baskets. *Thanks Debbie.*

Give the Gift of Prayer during the New Year! Currently we have 9 rotating Prayer Teams of 3-5 people who pray in our church library for our church services and ministries during the 10:30 Worship Service along with upcoming ministries during the week. Consider serving once every 2 months in this vital ministry. Contact Laura Robbins at 434-6799 or at robbnest@aol.com or make a note on your connection card.

Christmas Gift for Pastors ~ Those wishing to participate in a Christmas gift for our pastors may do so by placing your gift in the offering plate and marking your envelope "Pastor's Christmas Gift". Alternatively in Tithe.ly, add your gift to the "General Fund" category and type in the Notes/Memo: "Pastor's Christmas Gift". Gifts should be in by Sunday, December 16. Thank you.

Wish former LAC pastor Tim Huber a happy 75th birthday! Tim Huber, who served as senior pastor at LAC from 1982-1997, is turning 75 on December 27. His family is putting together a surprise book of greetings for him. You can send e-mails or cards to his daughter Korinne at kjhube0@uky.edu or Korinne Huber Callihan, 1024 Vero Court, Lexington, KY 40509. Please have all cards and e-mails in Korinne's hands by December 10. Thank you.

Newsletter ~ The Newsletter is out via email, but for those without email, please pick up a paper copy from the Resource Ministry station. Would you like an email copy? Place your email address on your connection card we'll happily send you a copy.

PRAYER

A list of prayer requests may be found at the Resource station in the foyer. We have other opportunities to join in corporate prayer.

Sunday morning during the service, through rotating prayer teams; *Together in Prayer* meeting Thursdays at 2:00PM; and also through our prayer chains that support needs on a current basis.

If you would like to participate, or be added to the prayer chain (phone or email) please contact the church office.

If you have a prayer need you may contact us through the website, www.lockportalliance.org; via email: lockcma@roadrunner.com, or call the office 716-433-3571.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church-Wide Events

Together in Prayer

Join us weekly for a time of corporate prayer in the Conference Room in the Admin Center. TIP meets every Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm. All are welcome.

Gift of a Christmas Cookie

Sunday, December 9 please bring in 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas Cookies to be distributed to those who can use a little joy this Christmas season. Stop by the Women's Ministry station for more information and signup. Let us know if you can assist with delivery.

Young @ Heart (Senior) Ministry

Young at Heart Bible Study

Tuesday, December 4 - 1:00pm in the Davison Room here at LAC. For more information contact John Maser - 433-8080

Lewiston Choraleers

Sunday, December 9 the Young at Heart are off to beautiful Lewiston for the Christmas production from the Lewiston Choraleers. Information and signup at the YAH Ministry station.

Women's Ministry

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

MOPS meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30

am. MOPS is open to all moms of preschoolers. Questions? Call or text Mandie Stahl at 628-0902.

Pastries at Panera

Saturday, December 8, at 9:00am at Panera Bread in Lockport. Enjoy a time of conversation over your favorite Panera selection. No signup, we'll see you there.

Women's Christmas Craft Night

Thursday, December 13 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Weave your own Nativity Basket, instructed by Jessica Venne. Cost - \$35 prepaid. We can take up to 30 ladies, so sign up quickly. More information, signup and pay at the Women's Ministry station. Deadline for registration and payment is **TODAY!**

Men of LAC Ministry

Chowder Sale for Lockport CARES

Friday, Dec.14 at 6:30pm food prep will begin in the Fellowship Hall - All Welcome. Please signup at the Men of LAC Ministry station. Sale of hot chowder will be on Saturday, Dec.15 from 3:00 - 5:00pm here at LAC. Pick up packaged chowder after the service, Sunday Dec.16 Presale tickets will be available after the service on Dec.2 & Dec.9. \$5 per pint/\$7.50 per quart. Questions to Tom Grzebinski at 940-3560.

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

LINK (College & Career) Ministry

LINK

College & Career Age ministry meet every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Loft. This week we will break for the holidays. Questions? Call/Text Erin at 418-5683.

Children's Ministry

Awana

Awana meets Wednesdays, from 6-7:30pm. Children preschool age through Grade 6 are welcome. Questions? Contact Carrie Hallock at 930-4151.

Christmas Musical Practice

Kids (Parents) please note the Musical Practice schedule is as follows: December 2 - No Kid's Church. Practice - 10:10 till 11:45am. December 9 - Practice 10:10 till 10:40am. December 16 - Practice 10:10 till 10:40am. Dress rehearsal 12:00 till 1:00pm. Questions? Call Sarah Barry at 434-0904.

Illuminate Student Ministry

Plan to Protect - Teens - Don't forget **TODAY** from Noon to 2:00pm is our Plan to Protect teen training session. This is a mandatory requirement as we plan to protect those who can't protect themselves. Pizza lunch will be served.

Youth Group

Youth from Grade 7 to 12 meet weekly on Wednesdays, from 7:00pm in the Youth Loft. Questions to Pastor Alex at 433-3571, ext. 106.

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16 at the Keller's. Meet at the church at 1:00pm.

Bible Quizzing

The LAC Bible Quizzing team are hosting a Quizzing tournament on Saturday, December 8 here at the LAC Campus. You can come and support the team or simply keep them in prayer.

Mark your calendars and
make plans to join us for our annual
Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 16

**SING A SONG OF
CHRISTMAS**



*All are welcome to stay for refreshments
following the program!*

Advent 2018: Christmas According to Matthew

Christmas Grace

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The Big Idea:

The story of Christmas is the story of God's work in human history.

Two important points about the birth of Jesus:

1. The birth of Jesus is a story rooted in _____.

2. The birth of Jesus is a story rooted in _____.

Application: Making it personal (So what? Now what?)

1. _____ the _____.

2. Determine _____ you _____.

3. _____ your _____.