

In Community

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

Great Commission Sunday ~ June 9

Sunday, June 9, is a day that we are designating “Great Commission Sunday.”

In some ways, of course, every Sunday is a “Great Commission Sunday,” because we are always working to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, *“All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”* (Matthew 28:18-20). That’s what we’re all about as a church: making disciples of Jesus Christ who are centered on God, connected in community, and committed to His mission. We want every ministry in the church to be aimed toward that end.

Great Commission Sunday is a time to once again remind ourselves of the big picture of what God is doing all over the world, and how we can be a part of that through our prayers, our gifts, and our own “go[ing].” We’ll be coming to you on June 9 fresh off a week at Alliance General Council in Orlando, where a record number of new international workers (IWs) are scheduled to be commissioned.

On Great Commission Sunday you’ll be asked to consider a special “above and beyond” gift to the Great Commission Fund, the main line of financial support to our missionaries working overseas. It’s a part of our cooperative partnership with them, especially as the Alliance continues to

go to the least-reached and often most-resistant places in the world. It’s the Great Commission Fund that keeps our IW friends like Renee Valach at the Bongolo Evangelical Hospital in Gabon, and Kent and Chrissy Copeland in Cambodia, fully supported in what they’re doing.

The President’s report to General Council showed that LAC was once again one of the top 100 churches in the Alliance (among around 2,000 churches) in giving to the Great Commission Fund and Alliance ministries in 2018. That is a great encouragement to see how God is working in the heart of this church. Let’s keep up the good work of doing a good thing for God’s glory

Kevin R. Robbins



KID’S CORNER

Children's LIFE Hour

It was wonderful to celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of all our LIFE Hour Kids! On Sunday, May 26, we had a fun party for the kids during LIFE Hour class time. Here they received their certificates of completion and were able to enjoy some yummy treats, games and presents! Thank you to all the school-year LIFE Hour teachers for their dedication to this program: Jewel and Dennis Myers, Mark Deleel, Renee Copperthite, Tera and Jason Peace, and Dawn Copperthite, and Katie Richards!

Summer LIFE Hour classrooms starting June 2 are as follows:

Ages two and three: Preschool class taught by Dawn Copperthite and Katie Richards (Two-year-old children move to Toddler Room upstairs during church time.)

Ages 4 - Kindergarten: Pre-K and K class taught by Teresa Shortridge and Betty Schielke in July, and Jenna and Jason Walling in August.

Children entering Grades 1-6 in September: Large group classroom

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Elders Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the May 20th elders' meeting:

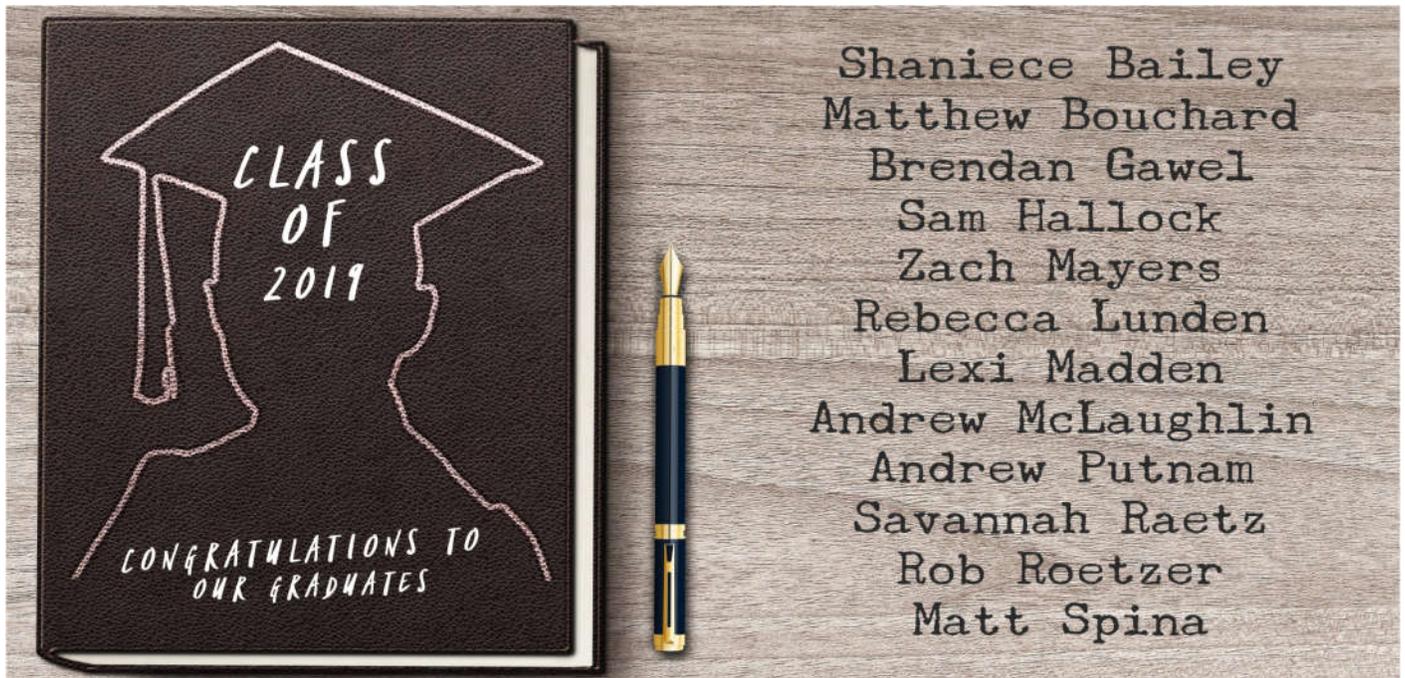
- The elders reviewed the list of “wins of the week” from April that were shared at weekly staff meetings.
- Pastor Alex informed the elders that our final appeal to the NYS DMV regarding our 15-passenger van has been denied, and that we need either to comply with Article 19-A regarding its status as a “bus” or to leave its plates and registration permanently suspended. Following discussion, together with input from the Ministry Board, we will move to sell the 15-passenger van and pursue the purchase of a smaller vehicle, or possibly even two. To avoid conflict with Article 19-A, a vehicle must have a seating capacity of less than ten (10).
- Pastor Kevin informed the elders that the District Office has scheduled our next missions conference for November 17-24. This will require some changes to be made in our November calendar. We knew that changes like this might soon be coming due to a new paradigm shift in scheduling missions conference tours. Kevin will follow up with the District Office to see if any other possibilities

may exist.

- 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. Especially noted was the great job that Bob and Kim Davidson have been doing with GriefShare, which concluded its current session May 14.
- 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.
- There were no new updates on 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.
- A second generous check of \$10,000 was received by the church to be used as needed. It looks like the perfect timing with our needed purchase of a new church vehicle. We are deeply touched by, and grateful for, the generosity of the donor.
- An LAC attender asked to meet personally with the elders to express

his appreciation for a recent gift from the church Benevolent Fund, and how it perfectly met his need at just the perfect time. We are always encouraged by those stories and we're grateful for the generous freewill gifts from the congregation to that important fund.

- A significant portion of the elders meeting included Coordinator of Congregational Care Laura Robbins and our church deacons. The joint session focused on how we can provide appropriate care for the congregation in the most optimal way possible. We lost a great shepherding champion in Howard Bruning, who spent countless hours visiting people in the congregation who were in need of care and encouragement.
- Attendance reports: Average Sunday morning worship attendance in April was 292 (high 370 on Easter Sunday, low 252); average LIFE Hour attendance in April was 138 (high 205 for the Easter brunch, low 110).
- The elders reviewed the upcoming calendar of events for June, July and August and made changes where necessary.



LIFE Conference

You may have been hearing about the LIFE Conference that the teens are headed to in July. You may have even contributed to their fundraising efforts. But what exactly is LIFE and why is it so important? The LIFE Conference is hosted every three years by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. It serves as a place where the next generation of leaders will gather to experience God and expand His kingdom locally and globally. It seeks to glorify God in worship, word, and community; expose God's heart for the lost; introduce Jesus Christ into the whole life of each student; and inspire students to join the global Alliance family.

I attended the LIFE Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in 2004. God used that week to be a transformative one in my life. I experienced God in a way that I never had, and the conference helped confirm my calling to full-time Ministry. Following of the leading of God through many things (including the

LIFE Conference) led me to serving the Lord here in Lockport. Countless others have similar stories.

We are taking students who have the potential to be world changers. I would ask that you pray for this important week of development and discipleship. Pray that God would raise up his church, and the life that God is calling our teens to live will be made clear. If you've supported the fundraising efforts, thank you! The cost of the trip in total is over \$1,000 per student. There will be one more way to financially support our youth. From June 9 - June 23 there will be a big board with numbers on it in the foyer. For lack of a better term, we're coining it the "Wall of Money." There will be envelopes on the



board with a numbers on them. If you feel led, we're encouraging you to pull an envelope with a number on it off the board, and put the dollar amount that matches back in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate. Inside each envelope will be business card sized prayer reminder with a list of all the teens traveling to the LIFE Conference. Pray God will be glorified and that he'll move in a mighty way for the THOUSANDS of teens attending LIFE.

Alex Banks

Kid's Corner, cont.

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taught by Amanda and Becca Lunden and Sarah and Adam Raetz located in the large room of Kids' Zone. This older group will be using new curriculum by KidMo with focus on putting God's Love in Action. With this focus we will include three service projects, having one each month during June, July and August. June's project will take place on June 16 where the children will focus on the elderly in our church family. July's project will include helping our church get ready for VBS. August project will focus on those who serve are country. This large group class will continue through August 25.

Children moving up to Grade 7 in September will attend the Middle School class taught by Alex Banks on June 5.

All classes will take a break for Labor Day weekend and resume on September 8.

We look forward to teaching your children to love like Jesus, and we thank you for sharing your children with us! Have a wonderful Summer!



ILLUMINATE STUDENT MINISTRIES
JUNE EVENTS

JUNE 5TH
GUEST SPEAKER KENNY MOORE

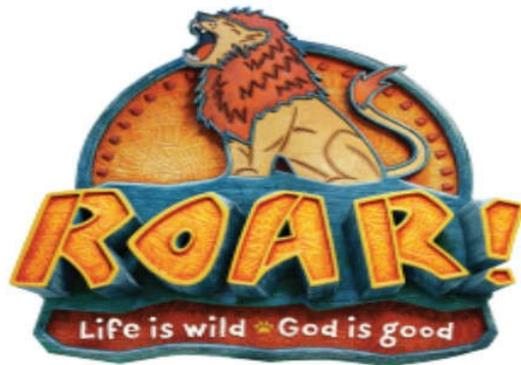
JUNE 12TH
LAST REGULAR
YOUTH GROUP AT LAC

JUNE 19TH
VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT
(7:00 - 9:00)

JUNE 23RD
YOUTH SUNDAY
(10:30)

JUNE 26TH
ULTIMATE FRISBEE
AT DAY ROAD PARK
(6:30-8:30)

The "Mane" Event



The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games

Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Join us as we experience

Roar Vacation Bible School

where kids age 4 (by Dec. 1st) through
kids entering 6th grade (in September)
discover that God is good even when life gets wild!

JULY 22-26

6:00 - 8:30 PM

LOCKPORT ALLIANCE CHURCH

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE TODAY

WWW.LOCKPORTALLIANCE.ORG

433-3571



June & July Birthdays

Birthdays for the month of		Linda Nelson	3
		Matthew Deeks	4
June		Nancy Miron	7
Grace Putnam	1	Lynda Rose	9
Robert Kress	3	Grace Bancroft	11
Jason Walling	4	Linda Fraser	12
Tom Bancroft	5	Elijah Georgian	12
Carolyn Nowak	7	Rebecca Lunden	13
Sandy Sarhal	7	Sarah Raetz	13
Madalyn Budziszewski	8	Lucas Barry	14
Marc Budziszewski	8	Charlie Kephart	15
Nate Duncan	8	Ray Kline Sr.	15
Ken Moore Sr.	8	Karen Robison	15
Molly Niland	8	Sam Hallock	16
Alissa O'Neil	9	Betty McCormick	16
Paul Kleinhans	10	Alex Banks	17
Abigail Shortridge	10	Dottie Kline	17
Sara Gendrue	13	John Konstanty IV	17
Ben Hallock	13	Ezekiel Banks	18
Alice Maerten	16	Clayton Buri	21
Vince Wik	17	Al Kelkenberg	21
Peter Mayers	20	Michelle Oakes	21
Jenna Walling	21	John Ottaviano Jr.	22
Darcee Hughes	23	Ashley Parker	23
Gabriela Zastrow	23	Olivia Ottaviano	24
Hayleigh Brewer	26	Rhodesa Peace	26
Denise Walker	26	Sue D'Arcy	27
Kayla Baker	28	Andrew Mcaughlin	27
Tera Peace	29	Andrew Raetz	28
July.....		Bonnie Birkmeyer	30
Kyle McGinnis	3	Ted Werner	31



June Events

1 YAH Bible Study	19 Youth Video Scavenger Hunt
5 MOPs Playdate at Day Rd. Park	23 Youth Sunday
8 Pastries @ Panera	23 VBS Volunteer Meeting
9 Great Commission Sunday	25 Elections in the Foyer
11 MOPs Bible Study	26 Youth Ultimate Frisbee
12 Youth Group Finale	30 VBS Volunteer Meeting
13 CareNet Chiavettas BBQ	
15 Work Day	
15 YAH Bible Study	
16 Father's Day	



June & July Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary for the month of

June.....	
Robert & Judy Hensal	3
Mike & Julie Bulmer	4
Dave & Cindy McLaughlin	5
John & MaryAnne Richter	5
Mike & Martha Putnam	7
Bill & Shirley Engert	10
Pat & Debra Bulmer	11
Ken & Sally Moore	13
Phil & Tracy Graczyk	15
Jason & Jenna Walling	17
Paul & Bonnie Buri	19
Walt & Marcia Keller	20
Frank & Michelle Oakes	20
Dave & Ashley Lewis	21
Tom & Mandi Stahl	22
Phil & Robin Yoder	23
Dave & Arlene Sluyter	24
Pastor Kevin & Laura Robbins	25
Ken & Naomi Moore	26
Jamie & Dawn Copperthite	27
Rob & Andrea Zastrow	28

July.....	
Alan & Shara Venesky	1
Steve & Lindsay Saraf	2
Ken & Debbie Kirkman	7
Jason & Sarah Barry	10
Michael & Tammy Szafran	10
Jon & Lizzy Deeks	11
Mike & Sandy Sarhal	11
Bob & Pat Durlak	12
Dave & Chrissy Rheam	13
Marc & Shelly Budziszewski	19
Chic & Paula Bigelow	21
Dale & Pat Means	24
Alex & Becky Banks	25
Bruce & Linda Fraser	31



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).

June Prayer teams:

2	Team 1
9	Team 2
16	Team 3
23	Team 4
30	Team 5

Financial Update

May 19, 2019

GREAT COMMISSION FUND

2019 Goal	\$ 65,000
Goal to Date	\$ 23,077
Received to Date	\$ 28,551

GENERAL FUND

2019 Goal	\$400,272
Goal to Date	\$147,323
Received to Date	\$155,207
Expenses to Date	\$145,677

“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

Alliance Women President

Marcia Keller

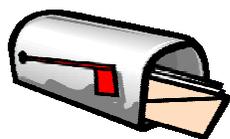
Deaconesses

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

2019 Nominating Committee

Bevin Lambert Beth Hensal
Ken Kirkman

* 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.