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Presbyterian PATHS November Edition



From the Pastor's Pen

“I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted....The Lord is my strength & my song; he has become my salvation.” (Exodus 15:1a & 2).

Some scholars assert that the song of Moses in Exodus 15 is the oldest recorded song in the world. The key word being “recorded”. Whether or not this is so, music has always played an important role in Israel’s worship and celebration. Singing was (and is) an expression of the love of God, of praise, and of thankfulness to the Lord. As you explore Holy Scripture, you will discover- in abundance- songs praising the Lord our God.

Moses’ song of praise came after God led Israel out of Egypt and saved them. Miriam, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Mary, Zechariah, Paul, and Silas all sang songs and hymns to praise and thank God. Many expressions of church music today, whether expressed as chant, plainsong, classical, contemporary, gospel, or spiritual songs, function in worship to pull us toward the sacred in ways that the proclamation of the gospel simply cannot accomplish alone. When the music & preaching soar together, time bends, thoughts focus, emotions extend, and molecular biology all align to pull us into the deep joy of the sacred. When music and preaching soar together, we enter God’s presence together.

Though not everyone has the same abilities or interest, music is a universal language. Whether or not we enjoy music per se, we can all feel it. Some enjoy the way music “feels” more than others. I bet you, or someone you know, “loves” music. That is how much God loves us and then some.

The love of music helps us appreciate the goodness of God. Even as musicians and composers have the capacity, interest, & discipline to accomplish high levels of songwriting, and performance, the capacity, interest, and discipline are not entirely products of circumstance or their own making. Whether the singer is Solomon, Johann Sebastian Bach, Amy Grant or Crowder, Crowder, they- and we- come into the world gifts from God.

Our choir is a shining example of this gift. Not everyone is on the same level of expertise and knowledge, but the one unifying element is the love of music and song, and the desire to make music as an offering to God, just like the people in the Bible. The congregation adds much to the morning worship when we sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving. I wish you could come up to the chancel and hear yourselves sing as I do. Again, there are varying levels of music ability, but when we sing in unity, it’s a wonderful sound. Let’s continue to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Pastor Mary Jo

To the Members & Friends of LMPC

Dreams for Teens

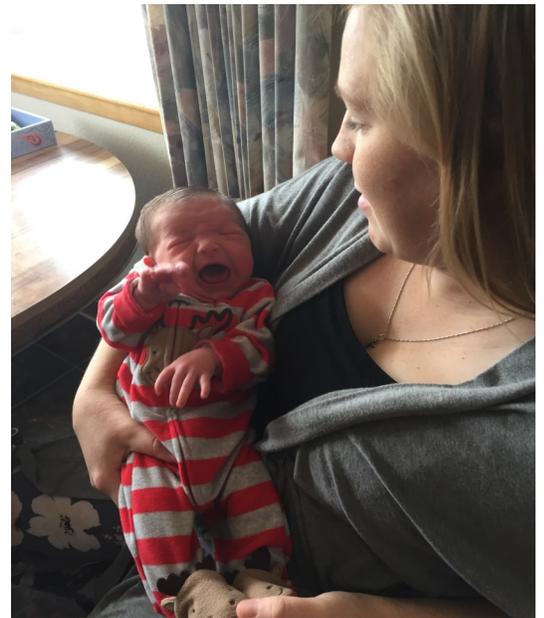
At Christmastime, our church family wants to share with area teens in need. We do this by giving each identified teen a gift certificate for Chamber Dollars which they may spend at numerous local businesses. This project is spearheaded by the Church Deacons, and depends on the generous donations of the entire LMPC congregation. Please send contributions to the Church office, or place your donation in the special envelopes that will be placed in the pews. Donations will be collected from late November through Dec. 12th.

Your Deacons

St. Patrick's Parish is hosting their annual Fall Festival Turkey Dinner Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018 / 11am- 2pm. Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children \$3 (4-12 yrs.). Raffle ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to Miss Evelyn Lorene Easterly. She was born on Oct. 19, 2018, 7 lbs. 1 oz. Parents are Dwight and Amanda Easterly, Grandparents are Scott & Jane Easterly. All are doing well and may recover from sleep deprivation some day? Congratulations to the Easterly family.



A teacher was observing her Sunday school classroom as they were drawing pictures. She asked one little girl what she was drawing. The girl replied " I'm drawing a picture of GOD." The teacher said "but nobody knows what GOD looks like." The little girl replied "They will in a minute."

November



Birthdays

- 1 Steve Mattoon
- 5 Randy Richards,
Kent Talich
Skylar & Lydia Janssen
- 7 Wanda Whartman
- 14 Sandy White
- 18 James Gill
- 19 Devan Schilz
- 24 Jean Struckmeyer
- 25 Bob Pohl, Judy Pohl
- 28 Cathy Mattoon,
- 29 Dwight Easterly
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Anniversaries

Serving in November	
lay readers	
4 & 11	Jane Easterly
18 & 25	Sally Harris
Greeter	Randy & Leslie Richards
usher	Duane Nightingale
communion servers (11th)	
	Bret Whartman Jennifer Holtz Jane Easterly
local church committee	
Tom & Priscilla Nightingale	
*Brian & Sheri Kurz	
Becky Rezac	Elise Rezac
Kent & Susan Talich	
Joe & Amber Talich	

November Calendar of Events

10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship

Choir every Wednesday night at 6:30pm, Bells at 7:15pm

Java with Joe every Thursday morning at 9:00 am.

Election Day November 6, 2018

Veterans Day, Sunday Nov. 11, 2018

November 18th is Generosity Sunday

Please consider the gifts you can give to continue GOD'S ministry.

Thanksgiving, Thursday Nov. 22, 2018

***IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS:
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN
CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.***

1 Thessalonians 5: 18

