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Dear Lake Forest Family,

As summer draws to a close and a new school year picks up steam, we find ourselves with a renewed opportunity to learn and grow in our faith. It is with great joy and anticipation that we invite you into a deeper connection with your faith, your church family, and yourself by participating in one of our faith formation groups! I hope you're ready to embark on this journey together.

Our theme for this new season, "Seek Ye First" drawn from Matthew 6:33, serves as a guiding light as we navigate the months ahead. Just as students enter their classrooms with a quest for knowledge, let us approach each day with an earnest desire to seek and prioritize God's kingdom of peace and justice in every facet of our lives. As we come together for worship, fellowship, and service, let our actions and intentions be a reflection of our shared commitment to placing God at the forefront of our hearts and minds.

With open hearts and eager spirits, let us lean into the challenges and opportunities this school year presents, knowing that when we seek the kingdom of God first, all the rest will come into clearer focus. May this scriptural focus guide us in unity, purpose, and faith, creating a tapestry of love and devotion that enriches not only our lives but also the lives of those around us.

In Gratitude and Joy,
-Chad

At Lake Forest Presbyterian Church We Gather for our Worship each Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.



We continue to offer a variety of options for joining in worship with us:

- Participating in person at our 10:45 a.m. worship service
- Participating in our live streamed service during the regular 10:45 a.m. worship time through our Facebook page.
- Viewing an archived video of our worship service, found on our Facebook page.

At this time, wearing masks is optional at all our church gatherings.





Our 10:45 a.m. worship service streams live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page. If you can't join us in person we invite you to participate with us in worship as our worship service streams online.

In our Sunday Worship Email, we send a link to our Facebook pagewhere our live video feed is available. You will also find



a .pdf of the bulletinin the weekly email as well, so that you can fully participate in the liturgy. If you miss viewing the service as it is streaming live at 10:45 a.m., an archive of the service will be available for viewing at your convenience almost immediately after our 10:45 a.m. service ends on our Facebook page.

(The link to our Facebook page as well as the audio of each week's sermon and anthem can be found on our church's website as well.)







Thirsty for thought-provoking discussions?

Join us for Theology on Tap on Sept 12 at 6 p.m., hosted at the Southside Garage! Engage in vibrant conversation aboutfaith, life, and everything in between, all while enjoying good company and your beverage of choice.

Our first topic is foundational! "What even \*is\* Theology?" See you there!



Our Weekly Wednesday Night Rehearsals Resume on September 6

Handbell choir rehearses at 6 p.m. each Wednesday night

Chancel choir rehearsal follows each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Planned Childcare is provided during our chancel choir rehearsal.

We offer Sunday School classes for every age group.
Find your place to study God's Word.





HANDBELL PRACTICE
Weekly Wednesdays 6-7
Led by John Maples
\*Nursery Provided

CHOIR PRACTICE
Weekly Wednesdays 7-8
Led by John Maples
\*Nursery Provided

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6-7
Led by Penny Babelay and
Brittany Rickard

YOUTH GROUP

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6-7 Led by Penny Babelay and Brittany Rickard

WEDNESDAY FUN NIGHTS
5th Wednesday of the Month
Open to all children
Led by Brittany and Penny

THEOLOGY ON TAP
2nd Tuesdays 6 pm
Led by Rev. Chad Wright-Pittman
Location TBA
\*Childcare provided (Details TBA)



A Note from our Finance Committee--

We hope this finds you well and rested from a joyful summer. As we settle back into routine, the Finance Committee shares a positive outlook for Lake Forest's financial position.

We will soon be thinking about next year's budget and the new (and renewed programs) we have to offer. If you have been away during the summer and distracted from church giving, it is not too late to make a meaningful impact. If you are as excited as we are about what's happening at Lake Forest, consider enhancing your pledged giving.

The Finance Committee believes Lake Forest can finish the year in a positive financial position. Your giving isn't just about financial transactions; it is an embodiment of the love and commitment that defines our congregation. Come join us! Giving is always part of Sunday worship. If you prefer to give online, that convenience is available.

In Jesus 'Name,

Josh McGill, Megan Talley, Melinda Kelley, Russell Carpenter

# MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE



JULY 2023	Operating
Giving Expenses	18,931.87 17,267.45
Surplus (Deficit)	1,664.42
YEAR-TO-DATE 2023	Operating
Giving Expenses	105,624.57 111,355.52
Surplus (Deficit)	(5,730.95)





Our Youth Group is a Wednesday night program filled with fun, games, music and listening for God's Word. Our youth meet at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room on

the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month throughout the school year. We also look for opportunities throughout the school year to get outside the walls of the church to have fun as a group at some exciting events.

Youth Sunday School class meets each Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 in the youth room.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be a part of the team that leads our youth on Wednesday nights throughout the school year, please email the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org



Our Children's Worship Group is a fantastic way to teach our kids about God and have a blast doing it. We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of each month from 6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Worship Group resumes for the fall on Wednesday, September 13. We hope you will invite your friends to join us for this awesome part of our Wednesday night lineup of activities.

We offer Sunday School classes for children in every grade. These classes meet from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the educational wing of our church.

If you would like more information on our Children's ministry or have any questions concerning our children's program, you can contact our Christian Education & Discipleship Committee Chairperson - Bethany Maples or email us in the church office (office@lakeforestpc.org)



Would you like to hear the stories of the Bible come alive to our Lake Forest kids? Why not consider becoming one member of our rotating team of

## Children's Time Speakers?

Children's Time is a special moment during our Sunday morning worship service. During Children's Time we teach the truth of God's Word in ways specifically designed to touch the hearts of our children.

If you would be open to learning more about leading our Children's Time, or participating in training so that you can join the team of volunteers that serve our children in this way, please contact the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org.

#### Prayers PRAISES

Our Lake Forest Church family considers it a joy and privilege to pray for each other and watch to see how God answers our prayers. If you have a need - if you are facing a healthcare concern or crisis, have experienced the loss of a job, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or are asking God to work in a specific situation in your life that needs His powerful touch, please let us know by emailing the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org so that we can pray for you. We send out a Prayers & Praises email each Thursday morning. And don't forget to send us updates as we walk this faith journey together.

Thanks for being a praying church family!







Did we miss wishing a
"Happy Birthday" to someone
who is a part of our church family?
If so, please help us keep our
birthday list up-to-date by emailing
us at office@lakeforestpc.org.

September 1 - John Maples

September 5 - Lindsay Johnson

September 6 - Stephen Maples

September 7 - Eric Cardwell

September 8 - Brad Johnson

September 10 - Carter Norvell

September 11 - Sarah Huff Lamb

September 14 – Jimmy Johnson

September 17 - Russell Carpenter

September 18 – Morgan Rickard

September 19 - Marian Burchfield

September 22 - Cathie Boren

September 24 - Phyl King

September 25 - Ann Graf

September 29 - Louise Huff



Our Session Meets on the third Sunday of each month immediately following our 10:45 a.m. service in the YAYF classroom.

The Session Will Meet:

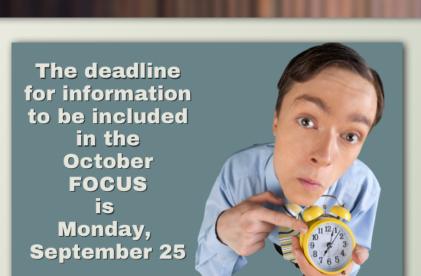
Sunday, September 17

Our Elder of the Month for September is:

Ryan Pierce

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3 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook	4  LABOR DAY September 4	AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	7	8	9
10 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook	Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m	Theology on Tap 6 p.m. Location TBA  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	14	15	16
17 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook  The Session meets at noon in the YAYF Classroom	18	AA Meeting 7 p.m. (YAYF classroom)	Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook	Deadline for the October FOCUS  The deadline for information to be included in the October FOOUS  Monday, September 25	AA Meeting 7 p.m. (YAYF classroom)	Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	28	29	30



If you have an announcement about an upcoming event, a volunteer list, a committee meeting date and time, or any other information that needs to be included in the October 2023 issue of the Lake Forest FOCUS, please take a few minutes, as soon as you know the details, to email that information to: office@lakeforestpc.org









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