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*Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name.*

Prince of Peace

Jesus, the Light of the World

His name is Wonderful Counselor

*He is King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
Jesus Christ, the First and the Last, nobody works like him.*

As Christians, we call ourselves followers of Jesus. He is the one upon whom we model our own lives. Through centuries, Jesus has been given many names, so many phrases and images have been crafted to describe him. According to one count, there are some 25 names for Jesus in Scripture alone. Many of those have been set to music. I bet reading the names above you can hear the tune that accompanies each one.

As a new year of growing in faith together begins at Lower Brandywine, we'll be spending some time with Jesus, learning about who he is through the many names ascribed to him. Wondering were he to ask us, as he did his earliest disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", what would be our reply? What image or name of Jesus speaks most to you? Which one brings with it challenge or asks you to stretch your understanding of who Jesus is?

My hope is that as we meet Jesus again this fall, that our commitment to being his hands and feet, heart and voice, in the world today will be strengthened.

Peace,
Pastor Nona

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Please share your joys and concerns with us so that we can support each other in specific prayer requests. *Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.*

We pray for Harriet Spayth who took a fall over the weekend.

Let us surround Maren Heger and her parents, Alex and Natalie (Ventura) Heger as she undergoes brain surgery next Monday. You can sign-up to pray at a particular hour of the day by calling the church office or emailing Pastor Nona (pastor@lowerbrandywine.org).



WORSHIP LINKS

September 1, 2024

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2024 Giving Goal: \$271,358
2024 Giving YTD: \$167,501.91

LBPC UPDATES

MATTHEW QUARLES

Senior recital

ACCOMPANIST:
Chris McCloskey
& Alyssa Sermohs

September 6th
6:00pm

Swope Music Building
(Ware Family Recital Hall)

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 8TH
AS WE CELEBRATE

KICK OFF SUNDAY

FEATURING MUSIC BY
THE RAMBLERS

BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS DURING
WORSHIP

FOOD, GAMES &
DESSERT COOK OFF

ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY'S
6:30 PM: BELL & JUNIOR CHOIR
7:30 PM: SENIOR CHOIR

Can you imagine our life together as a congregation without music? Or worship without the sounds of hymns and anthems? Of course not! Music is that integral to our life together: it lifts our spirits and speaks for us beyond words.

At LBPC, we're blessed to have dedicated volunteers who lead us all in worship as they sing and play and a new music director, Peyton Cole, in his first season with the church, who relishes the collaboration of making music in community.

If you've ever wanted to be part of making music that has such meaning in a group that is supportive and fun, please join the Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Children's Choir or The Trebles (girls choir). Rehearsals begin Wednesday,

September 4th. No previous musical experience is necessary! All are welcome – LBPC members & friends! The Senior Choir will sing twice a month in worship and other groups will share their gifts frequently throughout the year.

LBPC UPDATES

SERVE-ing at The Garage

In Jesus' name, we reach out into our community to serve those in need. With the leadership of the SERVE/Missions committee, we continue our partnership with The Garage in Kennett Square as they provide opportunities and support to middle school and high school students.



This year we'll be continuing our commitment to providing a meal once a month for staff and students on the 2nd Monday of the month. But new for the 24-25 school year, is a commitment to volunteering on that afternoon as well. When LBPC serves the meal, the staff is freed up for valuable one-on-one contact with students and with The Garage's emphasis on academics on Mondays this year, they are very appreciative of the extra help we'll provide to sit with students and help them stay focused on homework.

You'll find a sign-up genius on the LBPC website where you can sign-up to help prepare the meal and/or volunteer on a 2nd Monday (Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 or Dec 9). And there will be a carpool of folks leaving for The Garage each 2nd Monday at 2:30pm, returning by 6pm. As always, feel free to extend this invitation to friends who may want to be involved!



Hands & Feet of Jesus Sunday, 9/29. Help us stock the freezer with lasagna for folks in need.

Introducing LBPC's new Walking Group!

Our first walk will be Saturday, 9/14/24 at 3:30 PM followed by a walk on 9/28/24 at 3:30 PM. We'll meet in the Winterthur visitor lot at the picnic house. Anyone who wants to join is welcome so be sure to tell your family and friends. Upon arrival, please let the security guard at the security gate know that you're there to see Carla Major and they will send you through. If anyone has any questions they can email Carla at waage1976@gmail.com or call her at 631-553-9228.



LBPC UPDATES

Here are the highlights of Session Meetings held in June and August. (Note: There was no session meeting in July.)

Facilities repairs: A recent inspection of our steeple revealed that it is in bad shape and worse shape than we thought. There are repairs needed that cannot wait (caused by pests and water damage). The F&A committee is seeking additional quotes, and although expected to be rather costly, they will be covered by our reserve fund. There will also be repairs (rather than replacement) to the brick front steps, also funded by our reserves. Overall, our financial status through end of July is on track with budget.

CLERK'S CORNER

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) chair, Reed Coats, gave an update to the congregation a couple of Sundays ago and included the recap in a recent Messenger. Still awaiting approval by Presbytery's Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMC) to move forward with our Ministry Discernment Profile to be entered into Church Leadership Connection (candidate matching) system.

Membership rolls update: Current "active" membership is 176, after a few more deletions of non-respondents from the recent mailing to inactive members.

A new "3-I" Committee (Invite, Involve, Invest) is being formed and chaired by Patrick Lannon to continue to work on outreach goals from Strategic Planning. Tasks will include: defining and reaching out to the community we serve; *inviting* new people to attend church; offer meaningful activities to *involve* attendees; discover and offer what would make attendees feel *invested* in the life of the church. Session approved training for "3-I" committee through Discover-Connect-Act (DisCO) program offered by New Castle Presbytery. Please reach out to Patrick if you are interested in serving on this committee.

VOTING & POLLING PLACE

IMPORTANT NOTE:

LBPC is a polling place on September 10th. Visitors will be in and out from 6 AM to 8 PM

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER

Birthday's

Brent Reese - 9/4

Lisa Adams - 9/6

Delaney Armstrong - 9/8

Gillian Haldeman - 9/8

Linda Bronson - 9/12

Maureen Ringstrom - 9/12

Susan Porth - 9/19

Selina Toedter - 9/20

William Main - 9/22

George Plerhoples - 9/25

Raquel Balderas - 9/27

Meredith Kenton - 9/30



September Anniversaries

REED & GEORGIA COATS - 9/6

ANN & PETE FERRARI - 9/21

ALAN SENEGETO & MADELYN UNDERWOOD - 9/23

BOB & MARIAN HARTMAN - 9/30

CALENDAR

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Start Date	Start Time	Subject
9/1/2024	9:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
9/2/2024		Church Office Closed
9/4/2024	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
9/6/2024	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
9/8/2024		Church Office Closed
9/8/2024		Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Kick-off Sunday
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
9/9/2024	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	2:30 PM	LBPC Volunteers @ The Garage
9/10/2024	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	6:00 AM	State Primary Election - Social Hall
9/11/2024	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9/12/2024	7:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	CCA - Social Hall
9/13/2024		Church Office Closed
9/15/2024		Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
9/16/2024	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
9/18/2024		Property/F&A - Resources
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
9/20/2024	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
9/21/2024		Church Office Closed
9/21/2024	10:00 AM	NCP Assembly
9/22/2024		Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		MFM: Hands and Feet Sunday
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
9/23/2024	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
9/23/2024	11:30 AM	Service for Those Seeking Peace
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
9/25/2024		Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	12:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9/26/2024	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Divorce Care
9/27/2024		Church Office Closed
9/29/2024		Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Hands and Feet of Jesus Sunday
9/30/2024	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)



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