



Looks like the adults may have beaten our youth in this year's food drive for the Salvation Army. Oh well, there is always next year! The youth will be delivering this year's food drive items to the La Porte Salvation Army during the first week of May.



*This year's participants at our Ladies' Spring Tea enjoying a wonderful morning together.*

Don't forget to pick up your May issue of *Tabletalk* in the foyer.

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# LPMC *messenger*

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## ORPHAN CARE SUNDAY

May 13TH, 2018  
9:00 am

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for a  
**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Sunday School will be in  
the sanctuary at 10:30

**NOTE! THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE**

We have designated Sunday, May 13, as Orphan Care Sunday at LPMC. This is also Mother's Day. Our schedule for this Sunday will look a little different from a normal Sunday. We will meet at 9:00 for a single combined worship service. Pastor Steve will preach on the priority of orphan care found in the Bible. We will then meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for a time of refreshments honoring our mothers. Sunday school will take place at 10:30 with the regular classes for the younger kids and a combine class in the sanctuary for all youth and adults.

In addition, we will have a Parents & Baby Dedication at the beginning of the service. If you are interested in participating in the dedication, please contact Pastor Steve.



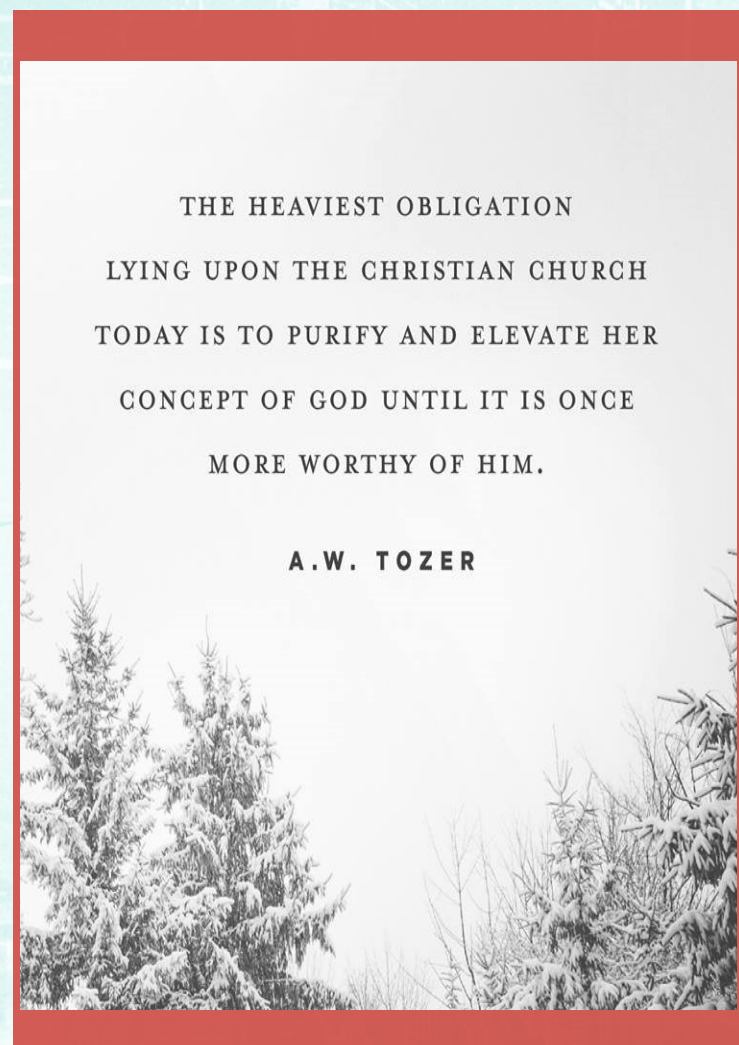


## Operation Diaper Bag

During the month of May we will be collecting supplies to fill diaper bags for our local Department of Child Services. This will be a tremendous opportunity to help foster and adoptive families in our community. Collections will be received in the foyer.

## Worldview Leadership Academy

If you haven't considered Worldview Academy for your teenager, please do! Our church has been sending teens to this camp for the past 10 years, and we have seen tremendous fruit. Worldview Academy is a five-day camp that trains and equips teens to think deeply and biblically in a world rapidly plummeting into postmodernism. It is such a critical time for our kids to understand and be able to defend their faith. For more information, go to [www.worldview.org](http://www.worldview.org) or see Pastor Steve.



## Sunday School

Our new youth and adult Sunday school series will begin on May 20. We will be offering two classes. Pastor Carl will meet in the sanctuary for a study of the Book of Joshua. This class is open to anyone.

Pastor Steve will begin a class specifically for middle and senior high youth and their parents. This class will explore the partnership between home and church for the discipling of our youth. We will also spend time considering biblical answers to questions concerning social media, relationships, and priorities for families. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

## Summer Youth Study

Pastor Steve and Katie will be hosting a midweek Bible study for middle and senior high students in the parsonage. This study will begin in June and go through the month of August until school resumes. We are still considering which evening would be best but it will be held from 7:00 – 8:30.

## Sisters in the Lord

*Ladies, come join Janet, Maxine, and Daisy for afternoon tea in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, May 15, from 1:00 to 2:00. This will be a time for sharing, devotions, and prayer.*

This is a group for all women to meet together for fellowship - a time to share and encourage each other - followed by a short devotional and prayer. We will meet together once a month, May through August, purposing to follow the Women's Ministry goals to equip, serve, and share. "A cord of three strands (women) is not quickly torn apart." Ecclesiastes 4:12

## Missional Community Hiatus

The Discipleship Committee in consultation with our Missional Community host families, have decided to take a break from our missional communities for the summer months. There are a few reasons for this short break. We'd like to give our hosts a short respite. We would also like to free up some time for our missional folks to do more spontaneous hospitality with LPMC families not yet in a missional community. And, finally, we would like to use the summer months to strategize ways to involve a larger percentage of our LPMC family in one of our small groups. We will "re-launch" these small groups in September. Our intention is to add a new Missional Community for our youth at that time as well as at least one new community that meets somewhere on the west side of town.

## Looking Ahead at LPMC

It has been a great first four months of the year here at LPMC! We hope that you are as excited about what is God is doing here as we are. Our weekly attendance is up nearly 15%. This is due to several new families who have joined us as well as your continued faithfulness in joining us for worship each week. Giving is good. Our weekly general fund averages are right where they need to be and our building fund continues to grow. Speaking of buildings, our plans for the new sanctuary are out for bids and state approval. When we receive those bids we will share the best one with you for your approval. Begin praying and talking together in your homes about how much you will be willing to share as monthly support for this project.

We have a full summer of ministry ahead. After the sermon series on Esther is completed, Pastor Steve will begin a new series preaching through Paul's pastoral letter to Titus. This letter contains a great deal of biblical counsel for church and home. We are looking forward to it.

How have you been doing in evangelism? Are you sharing God's story with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers? We still have room for new believers and seekers on Sunday mornings at LPMC. They will come if you invite them.