

# Allen Family Update

It was wonderful to hear that the church received the needed pledges and that the plan was approved and construction on the new sanctuary will begin soon. God continues to bless his people and we can't wait to see how God will use this new addition to His glory.

Our family was able to spend some quality time together throughout the summer. Gunnar learned to swim in the spring, so we frequented the pool multiple times a week. The boys also enjoyed playing at some splash pads around our apartment as well as visiting different parks in the area. Chris took 3 summer classes which required many hours of reading and paper writing to prepare him for two week long intensives that took place in mid-July.

School has begun again at The Master's Academy. Michelle returned for pre-planning on August 1<sup>st</sup> and her students joined her on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Our family is blessed to have Gunnar joining Michelle this year in one of the K4 classes. He has made many friends and enjoys listening to stories and playing at the different centers. Michelle cherishes the 10 minute overlap between her and Gunnar's lunch times. It is so sweet to spend that time together. Chris has another full semester beginning next week with 7 classes. He has been diligently working since completing his summer classes in order to get ahead so he will be able to take some time off on Saturdays to spend together as a family. We are so grateful for your faithful and sacrificial giving in support of our family.



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

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# LPMC *messenger*

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## Building Project Update

The ground has been broken, the trees have been felled, and the construction is beginning! If you were not able to be here for our groundbreaking ceremony and would like to watch it, we have posted a video of the event on our Facebook page. This is an exciting time at LPMC. We are thanking God for your faithful and generous support of this new sanctuary. Your enthusiasm is contagious. We will keep you updated during the entire construction process. Look for monthly updates in our newsletter or more frequently online through our Facebook page and our website.



We will also have a display set up in our foyer where we will post updates as well. The pledge box is there for those who have not yet pledged to support this project but would like to.

## Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Gathering

Our Saturday morning prayer gathering for men is back on the calendar. We are meeting in the sanctuary each Saturday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 for a short devotional followed by a time of corporate prayer. Corporate prayer is an often overlooked ministry of the church. At LPMC, it is our desire to provide as many opportunities for corporate prayer as possible. This Saturday morning time for men is an important one for our church. Please join us! We also provide the opportunity to join for corporate prayer on Wednesday nights, as well as in our weekly missional communities on Sunday evenings.



## La Porte Sunflower Fair - Volunteers Needed

Our Outreach Committee has secured us a place, once again, at the annual Sunflower Fair in downtown La Porte. Sunflower Fair is a one-day event in La Porte and is a great opportunity for us to meet the people in our community and invite them to our church. The Sunflower Fair will be held on Saturday, September 15. We need volunteers to run a kid's game, pass out flyers about our church, and be available to talk with those who stop by our table. You can sign up to help by visiting the display in the foyer. For more information talk to Bob or Mauhrai Walker.

## 7th Annual Mission Quilt Sale

Over 200 quilts will be on display at this year's annual quilt sale hosted by the La Porte Mission Quilters. The cost is \$55.00 per quilt. Quilts will be on display at the La Porte Missionary Church from 9:00 - Noon on October 6th. Proceeds go to various mission endeavors and for quilting supplies.

## Short-Term Missions Trip

Marty Barr is organizing a short-term missions trip to Honduras in March of 2019. This trip will focus on providing medical and dental ministry to the Honduran people as well as providing an opportunity for evangelism. This trip is open to anyone, those under 16 years of age need to be accompanied by a parent. Medical knowledge or experience is not required, although doctors and nurses would be a welcome addition to the team! The trip will take place March 2 - 9, 2019. Total cost for this missions experience will be around \$1500.00 per person. A \$200.00 deposit, payable by October 14, is necessary to hold your place on this team. Fundraising assistance will be provided. Contact Martin Barr for more information.

## Missional Community Reboot

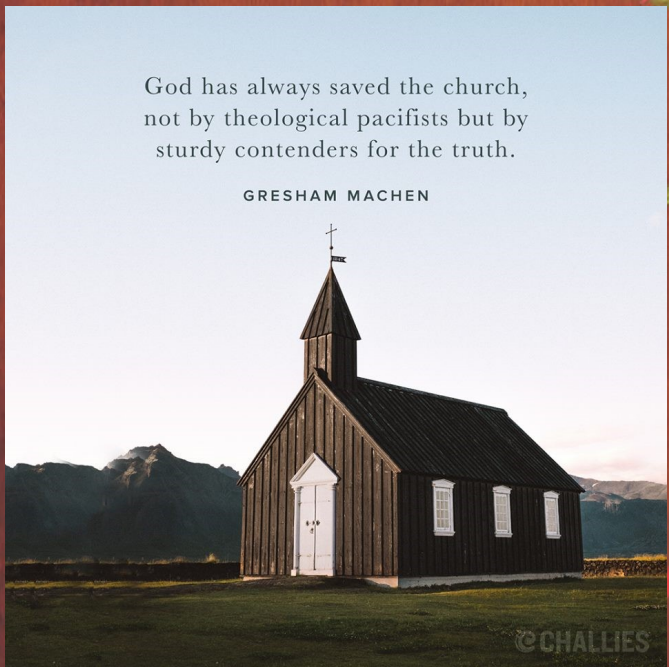
Our Missional Communities are set to relaunch the first Sunday of October. After taking the summer off, we are excited to begin meeting again. Each of these groups meets on Sunday nights to pray together, to develop and strengthen relationships within LPMC, to discuss and apply the weekly sermon, and to strategize ways to serve the La Porte community together. If you have never been a part of a missional group, we encourage you to join one this fall. In addition to the groups meeting at the parsonage, the Schmidt's home, Bob Marker's home and Pastor Carl's, we will be starting a group for our teenagers meeting at Mark and Carrye Blake's house. If there is enough interest, we will consider forming a group to meet west of town. Sign up for a group at our display in the foyer beginning September 9. You are not obligated to rejoin the community you attended before. Feel free to switch to a different group to meet new friends!

## Fall Sunday School Classes

Our fall Sunday School series starts next Sunday morning. We are offering two classes this fall for you to choose from. Pastor Carl will be teaching through the book of Matthew in the sanctuary.

Pastor Steve will be facilitating a class on the book, *Desiring God*, by Pastor John Piper. This study will uncover biblical teaching to help you find complete satisfaction and joy in serving God. For a generation now, John Piper has been provoking Christians with the simple but paradigm-shattering truth that *God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him*. Building his message on hundreds of Scriptures, especially from the Psalms, the apostle Paul, and Jesus himself — and echoing the likes of Blaise Pascal, Jonathan Edwards, and C.S. Lewis — Piper beckons us to approach God with the hedonist's abandon. Finally, we are freed to enjoy Jesus not only as our Lord and Savior, but also our all-surpassing, soul-satisfying Treasure.

*Desiring God* may turn your Christian world upside down. And that will be a good thing, for the glory of God, and for your deepest joy. This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.



## Wednesday Night is Family Night!

Our Wednesday evening, Family Nights begin on September 12 this year. We will be serving supper at 5:00 each week, have our opening time at 5:45 and classes will begin at 6:00. There will be plenty of study options for children of all ages, as well as for youth, and adults. We will continue to offer a time of prayer following our Wednesday night teaching times for all who would like to join us.

Here is a list of classes that will be available. Our lower elementary students will be meeting with Jon and Sarah Rinkel. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will be in year two of our *Kid's Quest Catechism Club* with Rick Schmidt and Bob Walker. Our Transitions class for middle school youth will be meeting in the Upper Room with Mark and Carry Blake for a course in Apologetics. We are encouraging our senior high students to take advantage of this class as well.

Pastor Steve will be offering an overview of the Bible. Each week will feature a single lesson summary of a book of the Bible. Graphics, video clips, and each week's lesson will highlight key people, themes, and verses from each book of the Bible. If you have been looking for more information to help you put the sixty-six books of the Bible into better context as a whole, this class is for you.

Pastor Carl is facilitating a biblical counseling course this fall entitled, *How People Change*. If you are interested in participating in this study, please email Pastor Carl at [lp.mc@comcast.net](mailto:lp.mc@comcast.net) so that Pastor Carl can order a workbook for you.

As always, we will have a nursery and pre-school care available for our youngest family members.