



**VOICES OF THE KINGDOM CHOIR & ORCHESTRA**

**CONCERT DATES:**

Friday, December 14th, 7:00 PM at Sussex Christian Reformed  
 Saturday, December 15th, 3:00 PM at Lafayette Federated Church  
 Sunday, December 16th, 6:30 PM at Lafayette Federated Church



**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR..**

Church Family,

I hope your fall is shaping up to be a good one! As much as I enjoy the freedom summer brings, it's always a little comforting to get back into the routine that this season brings—with family, church and school. As we settle back into these routines, I wanted to share a few of my current favorite resources for spiritual growth and development. I'm often asked about what I would recommend as helpful books, websites and articles for either general spiritual growth or for digging deeper into a certain subjects. Hopefully, the following list will be helpful to that end. None of these resources are new, but instead are older treasures that I have just discovered or rediscovered, or have continued to appreciate for many years. All of them have been a personal help to me in my Christian walk this last year.

**Two commentaries on the Gospel of Mark:** In my preparation for my weekly sermons on the Gospel of Mark, I have found two very good commentaries. Both are very readable and accessible, and I have found them helpful not only for sermon preparation, but also for personal study and encouragement. **Mark**, in the Tyndale New Testament Commentary series, by R. Alan Cole is easy to read, but presents some excellent insights into this wonderful Gospel. I also love William L. Lane's **The Gospel According to Mark** in The New International Commentary on the New Testament series. This is a little more in depth than Cole's, but is still very readable, and though it's a commentary, I am struck by Lane's consistent application of the text to our daily lives. I love this volume for both study and personal encouragement.

**A website:** For years I have utilized The Gospel Coalition's website for resources, sermons, timely articles on current events and book reviews from a strong conservative, "reformed-ish" perspective.  
[www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org)

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## Glenn Cohrs, Pastor of Family Ministries / Administration

Hard to believe we're almost to the end of the year. The second half of the year has been a busy one here at LFC, as well as for Diane and I personally with our son Michael's marriage to our wonderful new daughter-in-law, Janessa. We had a beautiful time up in Michigan in July celebrating with the two of them. This past August we saw our third son, Matthew, head off to Liberty University for his freshmen year in college where he will be studying Music/Worship. Not to leave the other two out, Jim is doing great in the Air Force (stationed in Germany) and will be promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant this month, and Jon is now a Junior in High School (yes, that means we must start looking at colleges for him next, lol). As a family we so appreciate all the love you have shown us over the years. Diane and I were just talking about how big of a role our incredible church family has played in helping us raise our boys into the godly men they have become. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our lives

Our fall ministries at LFC are in full swing. All our Wednesday Night Programs kicked off on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> and have been going strong. We have seen an increase in attendance in all the Wednesday Night Programs. Our family dinners start at 6:00pm and are a great chance to enjoy great food and fellowship together. Many times in God's Word we see the importance of fellowshiping over a meal together as a family. Here at LFC we like to give you that chance mid-week to gather with other believers for a time of fellowship. Right after the meal we have several programs available for the children: Kids Club, Pioneer Girls, Christian Service Brigade, D-Group and multiple Bible Studies for the adults. Wednesday is truly a great way to recharge your batteries for Christ.

The Men's Monday Night Bible Study meets on Monday Nights at 7pm in the Fellowship Room next to the kitchen. This a great opportunity to dig into God's Word together in a very relaxed atmosphere. So come on out and join us. We just finished a study titled "All In" by Mark Batterson and will be beginning a new study on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Facility Updates:

I am excited to let you know that after much work we have finally received the green light from the State to move forward on the elevator project. We are now waiting for the local permits to be released and then we can schedule our contractors to begin the work. Realistically, we are looking at beginning work right after the holidays.

We are also excited at all the progress with the new Youth Room area. If you get a chance, stick your head in and see all the changes. With the youth officially moved down to the main building, we have begun the transformation of the old youth room into the new location of our expanded Sunshine Shop. A big "thank you" to Dianne and Jan Schneider and their team on all the work that they have done in setting up the new location. The Food Pantry will be moving into the old Sunshine Shop location over the next few months.

Our Annual Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. I would like to take a moment and thank the Trustees for all of their hard work on the budget and throughout the year.

We are truly blessed, here at LFC, with so many who give in many ways to these projects, both physically and financially. Thank You for all that you do for the glory of God.

On behalf of Diane and the rest of our family, I would like to wish our church family a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

In Christ Service,

Pastor Glenn

**Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more, as you see the Day approaching."**

## Brian Ingraham, Pastor of Kingdom Expansion

### LFC Missions Conference Update

We had a great Missions conference which centered on our theme, Christ – Hope for the World. Our main goals for the conference were to provide opportunities for our global partners and church family to connect with God and with one another. We offered a number of different venues throughout the weekend to help accomplish those goals. Please be praying for those that are considering what God may be calling them to as a result of the conference. Specials thanks to our eight global partners who were able to attend along with so many who gave of their time to serve in so many ways! Below you will find a number of pictures from throughout the weekend.



# December 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS:</b> <b>12/03 J.O.Y. Club Christmas Luncheon/Concert</b> <b>12/14 Christmas Concerts at SCRC, 7 pm</b> <b>12/15 Christmas Concert at LFC, 3 pm</b> <b>12/16 Christmas Concert at LFC, 6:30 pm</b> <b>12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 7 &amp; 9 pm</b>							1 7:00 Elder Breakfast 10-1 Sunshine Shop
2 <b>Shepherding Fellowship</b> 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Worship Service	3 11:00 J.O.Y. Club Christmas Concert by NWC School 7:00 Men's Bible Study	4 9:15 Women's Bible Studies/MOPS 6:30 Women's AA 7:15 Choir Reh. 8:00 AA Meeting	5 10-1 Sunshine Shop 9:30 Prayer Mtg. 6 Fellowship Dinner 7 Boys Brigade / Pioneer Girls / Kids Klub / Sr. High D_Group / Adult Discipleship Groups	6 7:00 Celebrate Recovery	7 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's	8 10-1 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	
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16 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Worship Service 6:30 Christmas Concert at LFC	17 6:30 Trustee Mtg. 7:00 Men's Bible Study	18 6:30 Women's AA 7:00 Elder Mtg. 8:00 AA Meeting	19 10-1 Sunshine Shop 9:30 Prayer Mtg. No Wednesday Night Programs	20 7:00 Celebrate Recovery	21 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's	22 10-1 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	
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## Gregg Gaffney, Pastor of Worship & Music

### It's Christmas!

It's hard to believe we are already preparing for Christmas! The choir has been rehearsing, the orchestra has been recruited and getting its music and the narration scripts are being finalized. This year our annual cantata is focused on the hope the world is seeking; God has sent His Son to the earth to redeem the lost. When we look at the uncertainty and anger that fills our world today, it is so important that we put the spotlight on the Prince of Peace.

Here's what this year's musical is going to do; look at old favorites and new settings while declaring and celebrating the work of our God. With a full orchestra and a combined choir composed of our own singers joined by many others including members of Sussex Christian Reformed Church, Christian Faith Fellowship and Unionville Presbyterian Church, I believe the message will be clear and the program entertaining. But that is not enough. As we glorify our Lord, we want the program to be an encouragement to the believer and life changing for those who have yet to put their trust in Jesus. We also desire to see that our worship will continue as we take the message and share it with a world greatly in need of hope! In a season that is marked by extreme greed and commercialism, and in a world marred by natural disaster, senseless violence and political vitriol, wouldn't it be a significant contrast for us to share the hope that is Christ?

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, for unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."*

The theme of the cantata was taken from an arrangement of the song of the same title written by Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash. Entwined in familiar carols comes their words; *"It's Christmas, the angels are singing and I know the reason; the Savior is born. It's Christmas, the bells are ringing, and I feel like shouting "Joy to the World!"*" It is our responsibility to share this hope that we have!

With the radio already playing Christmas songs and people preparing for the holidays, we have the opportunity to jump into the conversation and point our family, friends, neighbors and coworkers towards the Biblical foundation of Christmas. Hope is here, the Savior of the world has come!

Last year we tried a matinee performance on Saturday and were pleased to see the positive response. We will offer it again! However, we are adding a Friday performance back into the schedule. But we are moving it to one of our partner churches, celebrating Sussex Christian Reformed Church's newly remodeled sanctuary. We will be back at LFC on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Hope Through the Holidays</b>	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b>	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>Tree Lighting at Lafayette Village</b>	6:45 p.m.
Friday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>"It's Christmas" @ SCRC</b>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>"It's Christmas" @ LFC</b>	3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>"It's Christmas" @LFC</b>	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Eve Celebration</b>	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.

## Ryan Drew, Pastor of Students

**"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:9-10**

During a worship service earlier in September, we spent time before the sermon praying for our students as they began a new school year. I challenged the congregation to take a few minutes to pray purposefully for their own children, or students who were sitting near them, even audibly if they felt comfortable to do so. I loved those few moments of prayer as a gentle whisper of voices could be heard fervently lifting up this new generation of students to God in prayer. I also distinctly remember thinking that if given the opportunity, many of these parents would gladly continue praying for the entire of service, or longer!

There is something beautiful about believers praying for one another. This passage in Colossians 1 is a clear reminder of the power of bringing our requests for one another to God. At this time of year it is common for us to take time to specifically pray for our students, but the model

certainly applies to all of life in all circumstances and situations. We are to be a people of prayer. Praying for revival in our own hearts. Praying that our brothers and sisters would be "filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding".

The message applies in every circumstance and situation. The questions that I ask of myself (probably not often enough) are things like: Who are you personally investing in for His will? Whose salvation are you praying for? Who is in need of fellow believers to come around them to pray and uphold them?

The flood of situations and names that follow asking these questions may be overwhelming, but be reminded that your personal investment in another human being through prayer is valuable, even if just for one person. With that in mind, keep praying for those people that God has put in your path, and start praying for the ones He is opening your eyes to. The encouragement is to live with anticipation for what God will do. What is God doing around you and how is He inviting you to be a part of it? Don't miss out!

All for Him,  
Ryan

## Aaron Robb, Senior Pastor

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**Two books:** The first book is one that I re-read earlier this year after having read it in seminary years ago. **Life Together**, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, is a Christian classic about how to live life together as the Body of Christ. It is extremely practical and written in simple, almost biblical words. It is one of those "must read" books for the Believer. The second book that encouraged me this last year was **Isaiah 53 Explained: This Chapter Will Change Your Life** by Mitch Glaser. Dr. Glaser is the president of *Chosen People Ministries* and was our speaker for our Maundy Thursday presentation of **Christ In the Passover**.

Glaser presents a powerful and beautiful picture of Jesus and His sacrifice for us in this in-depth look at Isaiah 53. You will not only gain some incredible insights into the Scriptures and our Lord, but you will be personally moved by our Lord's great love for us.

I hope this list will be helpful to you. If you've found some particularly helpful resources for your walk with the Lord, I'd love to hear about them, as well.

In Christ,  
Aaron