



## "Walk It Out" from Laurentian Wesleyan Church

*Inspiration and Information to Help You "Walk Out" Your Faith Everyday.*

### Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Thanks for joining us! We pray you are filled with the grace and peace of Jesus. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card, located in the pews, and give it to me, Pastor Jason. You can also head over to [www.laurentianchurch.com](http://www.laurentianchurch.com), click on "HELLO" to let us know more about you!

### Today - Sunday Service - 10am In-Person & Online

Nursery available (unstaffed) \* Refreshments to follow

### Our Grace-Filled God

This past Wednesday I travelled with Pastor John & Julia Buttigieg and a member of their congregation to the "Wesley Conference" at Tyndale University. It was a good day of learning and fellowship. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jessica LaGrone. She had two powerful sessions where she taught us about the interconnectedness of scripture and how that can help us as pastors effectively preach and teach. In one session she spoke about the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32 and how it would have reminded the first hearers of the reunion between Jacob and Esau in Genesis 32. In both cases, there was a walk of shame as Jacob approached Esau in repentance and also as the prodigal son returned home. If you recall the story of the prodigal son, he requested his inheritance early, in effect saying to his father; "I wish you were dead." In that culture, if someone were to walk through your village who had done something so awful, they would be publicly shunned and shamed. When the prodigal son "came to his senses" (Luke 15:17) he decided to return home. He knew he would have to endure the walk of shame. But we read this amazing verse in Luke 15:20; "But while [the prodigal son] was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20). The father not only forgave him, but saved him from the walk of shame, running

to him while he was still a long way off and before the community had a chance to hold him accountable. Many may have been ready to shame the prodigal son, but instead they witnessed the love and forgiveness of the father.

If you ever think you've gone too far, did too much, and are beyond saving, remember this image. This is Jesus. Our grace-filled God will run to you, releasing you from guilt and protecting you from shame. PTL!

### Prayer Corner

- Pray for Tony Verlinden and family as they grieve the passing of his sister-in-law, Loes Verlinden.
- Peace & Justice: Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Persecuted church. War in Ukraine.
- Healing & Comfort: Owen McCutcheon (Pastor Jason's great nephew), Chrissy McCutcheon, Mara (Pastor Jason's niece), Andrew Hamilton (Fern Turcott's grandson), Brad Wheeler, Greg Birr (Tony Verlinden's friend), Nancy Reise (Ernie's wife), Lydia Eichwald, Oliver (Carol Dawson's prayer request), Karis (Chrissy's niece), Danielle Lewis, Sharon Graff, Claudia (Angelika's daughter's coworker), Lorna Powell, Tony Verlinden, Sharon Webster, Kevin Trombley (Chrissy's Uncle), Cecile Muise (Madeleine Daly's mom), Thomas & Johnathan (Barb Daw's sons).
- Wisdom & Freedom: Accessibility Project, Celebrate Recovery Ministry, Braydon, Andrew.

- Salvation. Lift up some names that come to mind. This website gives a clear presentation of the Gospel: [peacewithgod.net](http://peacewithgod.net)

*If you have requests to add or remove, or an update to share, please let Pastor Jason know.*

*Join and share requests on our "Laurentian Prays" Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/laurentianprays>*

### Looking for Those Willing to Serve

- Serve in the sound/computer booth.
- Games night coordinator.

*Talk to Pastor Jason today if you'd like to know more about serving in any of these areas.*

## Accessibility Project

To see the whole project, visit:

[www.laurentianwesleyan.com](http://www.laurentianwesleyan.com)

Check out the binder in the foyer if you have questions about our fund-raising efforts.

## Accessibility Fund-Raising

Questions/pick ups – ask Tony 705-358-1263

- Collecting large metal items & pop cans
- Check out the “craft” table downstairs! All for a donation to the Accessibility Project.

## Upcoming Events, At a Glance

**Bible Study** - Thursdays at 7pm

**Celebrate Recovery** - First Baptist Church  
*Every Wed 7pm – Teaching \* 8pm - Share Groups \* Everyone welcome.*

## Membership Class (and Tomatoes)

Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about your church. At the end, you'll be invited to become an official member of The Wesleyan Church. It opens up doors of opportunity, leadership, accountability and belonging.

**Session #1:** Sunday, April 28th. 6-8pm (starting with free Chili for supper)

**Session #2:** Sunday, May 5th. 6-8pm (starting with free Spaghetti for supper)

Talk to Pastor Jason for more details.

**Advisory Board Meeting** - Tue, Apr 30th at 7

**Breakfast Fund-Raiser - Saturday, May 4th**

Drop In from 8:30 to 11am

All proceeds to the Accessibility Project.

**Church Work Day - Sat, May 25 - 8am – 12**

Come help keep your church looking great!

**Local Church Conference (LCC) - Tuesday, May 28th at 7pm**

This is our annual business meeting. If you would like to give input to our annual budget, hear plans for the future (etc), this is your opportunity to add your voice. Everyone is welcome to attend. Members, this is your meeting to participate. The LCC conference

booklet will be available in early May.

**Seniors' Lunch** – Tuesday, May 21st. Bring your best picnic food.

**Christian Salvage Mission Ship-Out - Over 120 boxes of Bibles and Christian books getting a new life!**

Thanks to local coordinator Jasen Belanger, and packer extraordinaire, Bev Ferguson, and all who came and helped!

## Financial Update – April 21

General: \$877

Missions: \$120

Access. Project: \$155

Change for Change: \$38.85

Total: \$1,190.85

*Do you give with cheques? Please make sure you make your cheque payable to "Laurentian Wesleyan Church". Thanks!*

*(Budget Required Per Week: \$2,170.71)*

*For more information about giving, visit [www.laurentianchurch.com/give](http://www.laurentianchurch.com/give)*

## Upcoming Church Family Celebrations!

April 29 Johnathan MacLeod

May 2 Lana Neal

May 11 Mona Cooper

May 14 Ed & Carol Vitunski

May 19 Jaxon Belanger

May 19 Tim Scarrow

May 26 Turner Scarrow

May 26 Wayne & Lorna Brown

## For fun...

*A wife was praying...*

*"Hey Jesus, it's me. I was reading that Bible verse; 'Better a husband live in the desert than with a nagging wife.' Oh, hit me like a tonne of bricks. Hit me hard. Now here's my questions Lord...do I just take him to any desert?"*

*Yikes...I hope Chrissy doesn't pray these kinds of prayers! Ha.*