



"Walk It Out" from Laurentian Wesleyan Church

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

Sunday January 14th, 2023

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 and click on "HELLO" to let us know more about yourself.

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

Nursery available (unstaffed)
Refreshments to follow

Seeking Out the Seekers

When a person comes to you, asking questions about your faith, sometimes we call these people "seekers"? I've talked with people who don't really know much about Jesus or the scriptures, but on some level, they know there's answers found there, so they ask? We want to be ready for seekers. As 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us; "...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have....". I love how personal this verse is. It doesn't say "you need to be an expert in the scriptures so you're ready for their questions", but rather, it says, "give the reason for the hope that you have." You ARE the expert of your story!

We want to be ready when seekers come to us, but Jesus reminds us of something else when he said in Luke 19:10; "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." In this verse, Jesus is doing the seeking OF the seeker. He's looking for them because they are lost. They might not even know it, but without the hope of Christ, we are all lost.

Yes, the Holy Spirit is at work in people before we ever get there. We call this prevenient grace (prevenient means preceding in time or order).

He's seeking the lost. But we are called to be part of this seeking! Are we putting ourselves where lost people are? Are we bringing our hope story into hopeless places? We welcome the lost when they come, but we also need to go where they are.

Let's seek out the seekers!

Prayer Corner

- Continue to pray for Tony Verlinden and his health.
- Many of you know Shannon Anderson. Her father passed away this week. Pray for peace as they grieve.
- Angelika's daughter Ingrid asked for prayer for the wife of a coworker. Her name is Claudia. She had a kidney transplant this past week.
- Peace & Justice: Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Persecuted church. War in Ukraine.
- Healing & Comfort: Lorna Powell, Loes Verlinden (Tony's sister-in-law), Tony Verlinden, Sharon Graff, Nancy (Ernie Reise's wife), Sharon Webster, Lorna Powell, Kevin Trombley (Chrissy's Uncle), Pauline (Nancy Mercier's sister), Cecile Muike (Madeleine Daly's mom), Annabelle (Fern Turcott's sister), 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

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>

Children's Ministry Update

We are working at (re)launching Children's Church in the near future. Our goal is to offer a simple lesson and activity to school age children up to age 10, dismissed from our Sunday Service to the foyer right before the sermon. The children would take part in the service in the

sanctuary up until that point. **BUT WE'RE NOT READY YET.**

In the meantime we have activity clip boards available in the foyer for children to use at their seat or parents can sit with their child at the children's table in the foyer. Please do not leave your child unattended, or with someone who is not their parent/guardian. We are asking children/tweens/teens (however you like to refer to yourselves 😊) age 11 and up to please stay in the service.

Would you like to volunteer?

We want to minister to the whole family in a safe environment, in Jesus' name. Because the children's table is in the foyer, and there is a large window into the sanctuary as well as frequent traffic in and out of the foyer, we can safely run this program with one screened adult volunteer each Sunday. If you'd like to be involved please talk to Pastor Jason to begin the screening process.

Find Freedom from your Hurts, Habits and Hang-Ups! - Life's Healing Choices Series Starts This Wednesday!

Join Pastor Wilbert Zavitz and I as we tag-team a 9 week study, starting Wed., Jan. 10 at 7pm. Celebrate Recovery is hosted at First Baptist Church. I'll be teaching on "The Reality Choice".

Accessibility Project

To see the whole project, visit:
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

Upcoming Events, At a Glance

Bible Study - Thursdays at 7pm

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

CR Men's Step Study- Thu's @7pm at First Baptist – still time to join!

Men, if you want to get serious about addressing your "hurts, habits and hangups", this study is for you!

Seniors' Pot-Luck Lunch -Upcoming Dates

Jan. 16 - Theme - Try a new recipe in this new year!

"Moving Is Christ" Group - Coming in 2024

Starts January 17th at noon, meet us for a weekly fitness and wellness class in the church basement! Come for a mid week boost by moving, stretching and saying yes to your wellness together with others because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Both men and women welcome.

Financial Update – Jan 7th

General: \$3,230
Missions: \$20
Access. Project: \$110
World Hope/Clean Water: \$100
Total: \$3,460

Parsonage Rent: \$1,200

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

Upcoming Church Family Celebrations!

January
17th Marg Anderson
27th Sharon Graff

Community Announcements:

North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre - Trivia Night Fund-Raiser

February 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the North Bay Museum