

LPC News for the week of April 19, 2026

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us! Whether you are a regular churchgoer or are visiting for the very first time we are *so* glad you are here! We hope you will register your presence in worship with us in the black friendship pads, located in the pew racks toward the center aisle, so we can keep in touch.

Pastor Alex will be out on continuing education April 21-26 but is reachable by phone for pastoral care: 972-998-3740 or other needs. Kelly Couch will preach April 26.

Memorial Service for Andy Kates: The LPC family mourns the death of our beloved friend Andy Kates on March 13 after a long battle with ALS. A worship service to celebrate his life and bear witness to the resurrection will be held at LPC at 10:30am on Saturday, May 9, followed by a reception. Please keep Sam, Maggie, and the Kates family in your prayers.

The Adult Sunday School Library Class will review the life of Martin Luther from birth to death. The Ninety- Five Theses that Luther wrote will be reviewed.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE: Dust off your hearts and your desire to serve others and participate in one or more of these programs for the hungry and the unhoused of Greater New Orleans.

APRIL, MAY and JUNE: Jefferson Presbyterian Church Food Bank (4450 Jefferson Hwy). At the Church on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month grocery bags of food are given to qualified, registered folks between 9-11am. Food is packed at the church on the Thursdays prior to distribution from 7-9 am. Dates are as follows: Thursday bag filling: April, 30, May 14, June 4, June 18. Saturday bag distribution: May 2, May 16, June 6, June 20

Men's Clothing Drive for Program of Hope Unhoused Guests: Whether it is time for Spring Cleaning, Yard Sale shopping or you just want to help clothe a child of God, the time is now. The men who visit POH every Wednesday need of summer clothing. Particularly men who are of small or medium sizes! Everything is needed: pants/shorts/shirts/light jackets/socks/shoes. If you purchase your clothing donation, you can be reimbursed! Bring your receipt and complete the reimbursement form in the Church office. Bring your clothing to the Church Office and we will schedule a sorting and sizing service project after Church one Sunday.

MAY: Parkway Presbyterian is scheduled to bring lunches to Program of Hope every Wednesday in May. They are in need of volunteers to join them at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings to help distribute lunches/assist with clothing distribution, and welcome PoH guests. Just let Charlene Berry know you plan to attend or just show up on one or more Wednesdays in May!

Men's Ministry Update: Men will meet every other week for 3 more sessions. Below are the next meeting dates, times, places:

-Wednesday at 7:30 am (April 22): Château Cafe at 139 Allen Toussaint, led by Gary McCall and Tom Brown.

- Thursday at 10:00 am (April 23): Lakeview Presbyterian, 5914 Canal Blvd, led by Ruben Chrestman.

- Saturday at 8:30 am (April 25): PJ's on 5555 Canal Blvd, led by Andy Chrestman and John Guidry.

We are reading *Life of the Beloved*, by Henri J M. Nouwen. A substack by Gary McCall is available called "Lake Views and Reflections." For more info, please contact Gary at wgmcall1211@gmail.com or one of the men's ministry small group leaders.

Silence Broken: Seniors Aware and Standing Strong (SASS): Thursday, April 23, 9:00 AM– 3:00 PM. Join Silence Broken, Inc. for a series of events designed to support adults ages 60 years and older who have lived through Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Attendees will enjoy a day of learning sessions and fun activities with lunch and special giveaways. The event will take place at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Boulevard. To register, email Admin@SilenceBrokenNow.org or call (504)261-5834. There is no set fee but contributions will be welcomed.

Outreach Task Force approved by the Session: The Session approved the formation of a task force to explore ways to attract visitors to the church and to see subsequent growth from within our community. The idea for this grew out of the series of Lenten Sunday School classes led by Heidi Melancon. The last session was entitled "Reaching Out with Joy." We shared new ideas for outreach and became excited about the possibilities. The task force will seek to implement some of those new ideas. Heidi Melancon has agreed to serve as Chair of the task force. Ann Brown and Gary McCall have volunteered to serve. If you wish to serve on this task force, please let Alex or one of these people know of your interest.

No Worship at LPC 5/24! Go to Jefferson Pres! On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, we will worship at Jefferson Presbyterian Church (4451 E Falk Pl, 70121) at 11:00am as part of the 2026 shared worship series.

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NOLA Area Book Study: Pat Ellzey, an Elder at Chinese Presbyterian Church in New Orleans is leading a study on the book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace*. They will meet weekly on Sundays at 2:30pm at Chinese Pres. (2901 W Esplanade, Kenner), beginning 4/19 (excluding Mother's Day 5/10). Contact Pat Ellzey at booboohew21@gmail.com for more information!

NEW TIME! Preacher's Bible Study: During the season of Easter, Pastor Alex's Bible study will meet **THURSDAYS** from **11:30am-1pm** at LPC in the library. On April 16 we will focus on John 10:1-10, the preaching text for Sunday April 26.

Campus Calendar

Sunday, April 19	3rd Sunday of Easter	
9:00am-12:30pm	LPC worship, Sunday school, & Fellowship	Whole campus
9:30am-11:30am	New Life Church Sunday school and choir rehearsal	Upstairs
1:00pm-4:00pm	New Life Church worship, Sunday school, and Fellowship	Whole campus
Monday, April 20	<i>LPC Office closed</i>	
10:00am-11:30am	Aerobics Dance Class	Fellowship Hall
12:15pm-1:15pm	AWE lunch/recess	Fellowship Hall
2:00pm-2:45pm	AWE yoga	Fellowship Hall
5:00pm-6:30pm	LPWS meeting	Fellowship Hall
5:30pm-6:30pm	Nominating Committee Meeting	Library
7:00pm-9:00pm	Scout Troop 150	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 21	<i>LPC Office open 9am-2pm</i>	
10:00am-11:30am	Aerobics Dance Class	Fellowship Hall
1:30pm-3:00pm	Worship Meeting	Library
1:30pm-2:30pm	AWE PE	Fellowship Hall
2:00pm-3:00pm	AWE Stem	Kitchen
6:00pm-9:00pm	New Orleans Orchid Society	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 22	<i>LPC Office open 9am-2pm</i>	
9:00am-2:00pm	PCHAS Client Session	PCHAS office
10:00am-10:45am	AWE snack	Fellowship Hall
12:15pm-2:45pm	AWE lunch/recess & Jujitsu	Fellowship Hall
1:00pm-2:00pm	Together New Orleans Meeting	Library
Thursday, April 23	<i>LPC Office open 9am-2pm</i>	
10:00am-11:15am	Men's Ministry Meeting	Library
10:00am-11:30am	Aerobics Dance Class	Fellowship Hall
11:30am-1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
12:00pm-2:00pm	PCHAS Client Session	PCHAS office
12:15pm-1:15pm	AWE lunch/recess	Fellowship Hall
2:00pm-3:00pm	AWE dance	Fellowship Hall
6:00pm-9:00pm	Pontchartrain Men's AA	Library
8:00pm-9:00pm	New Life Church prayer meeting	Sanctuary
Friday, April 24	<i>LPC Office open 9am-2pm</i>	
8:45am-9:30am	AWE yoga	Fellowship Hall
10:00am-11:30am	Aerobics Dance Class	Fellowship Hall
1:00pm-3:00pm	AWE cooking club	Kitchen
Saturday, April 25	Restriping Parking Lot - Parking Lot Closed	
6:00am-8:00am	New Life Church Morning Glory Prayer Group	Sanctuary, Library
6:00pm-8:00pm	Crushed Grapes AA	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Sunday, April 26	4th Sunday of Easter - Kelly Couch Preaching	
9:00am-12:30pm	LPC worship, Sunday school, & Fellowship	Whole campus
9:30am-11:30am	New Life Church Sunday school and choir rehearsal	Upstairs
1:00pm-4:00pm	New Life Church worship, Sunday school, and Fellowship	Whole campus