

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January, 2023

SERVICES ARE
ONLINE AND ONSITE

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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HE MESSENGER

*Joyful Christians who Inspire
Spiritual Growth and Discipleship*



Love!

Love is more easily described than defined. It usually involves intimate knowledge, kindness, loyalty, and responsibility. In its basic Biblical sense love is not only an emotion but a deep expression of the total personality; it is not caused by any goodness in its object but is the free, creative, and unmerited response of the one who loves.

cyclopedia.lcms.org



- ♥ **Love is commanded:** This is my command: Love each other. (John 15:17) ♥
- ♥ **Love is a gift of the Spirit:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (Galatian 5:22) ♥
- ♥ **Love is a mark of discipleship:** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) ♥
- ♥ **Love is a sign that the believer has passed from death to life:** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. (1 John 3:14) ♥





Are you ready for three more reasons for worship?
If you are you are in the minority...
but we press on in Jesus' holy name.

Let's review the three reasons given last month to choose not to worship:

- Providential held back by God's hand due to sickness, or emergency.
- All kinds of sin from being busy, or just plain selfish.
- Worship calls us to repent and do better than what the world accepts or defines as good.

Here are reasons 37-39 for this month:

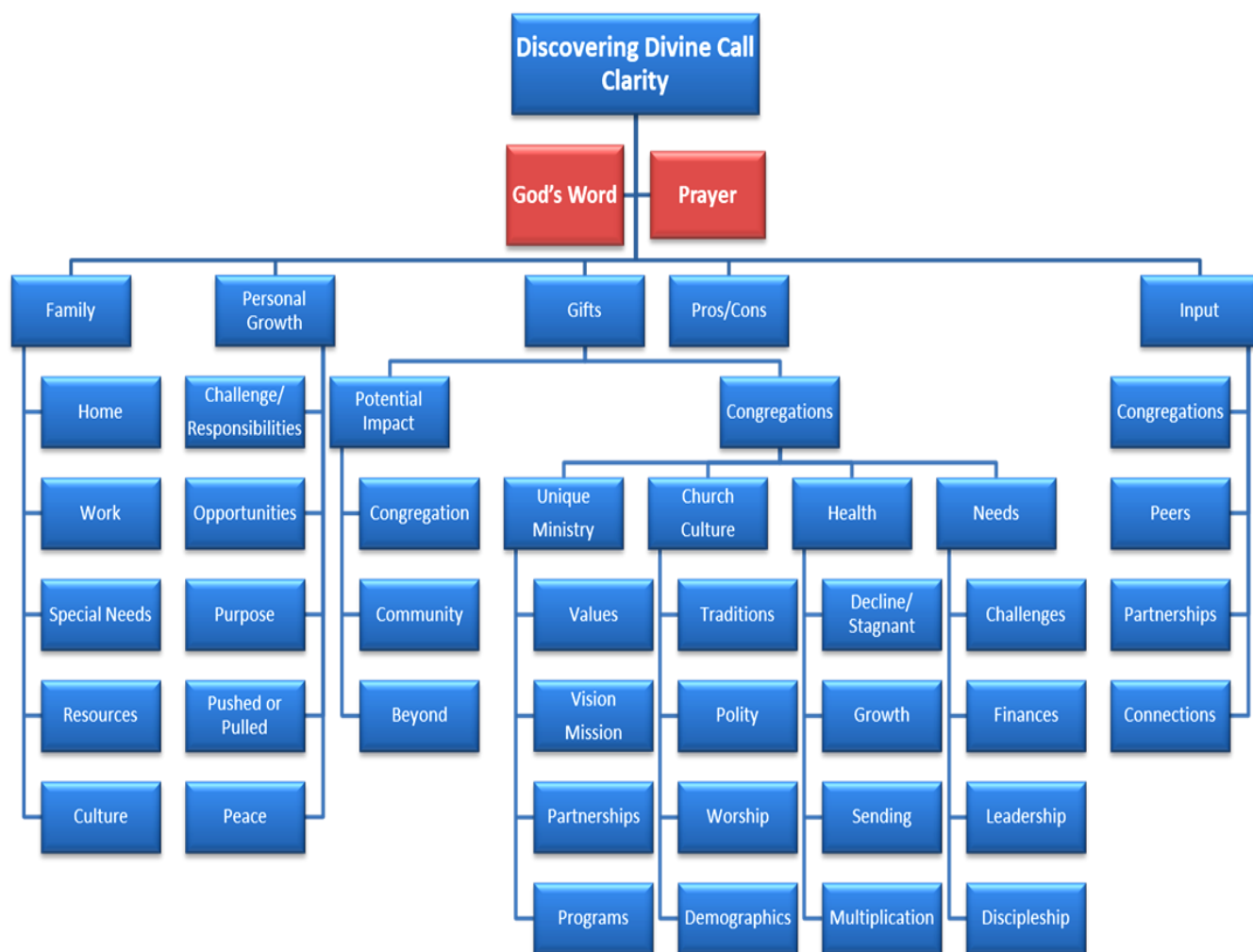
- So the big three of this month is that worship helps us resist temptation. When we are fed the nutrients of God's Gospel we are empowered to say no to sin every time. "I have stored up your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11. Worship is an extravaganza of God's Word. Let it, and the other power sources of Baptism, and the Lord's supper add to the feast of victory that helps us say no with great authority to all sorts of temptation. It can all start in worship.
- A second reason to run to worship with great zeal is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," 1 Peter 1:3. O come let us worship Him. Any other option is truly small, putrid and known to be in offense to the Holy One. "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22. He is risen! We worship without debate to hesitation.
- Singing is a great reason for worship, too. "My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You; my soul also, which You have redeemed." Psalm 71:23. Love it! More please! "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16. One more time please. "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!" Psalm 95:1. Not attending worship is like telling God that He is no big deal anymore. Let us flee from such nonsense.

God calls upon us to make every effort to worship the Lord in His sanctuary. We most certainly can. All praise and glory to God our Creator and Redeemer. Be inspired and you can certainly inspire others. You are needed in the body of Christ. Keep in mind Jesus sings for you, He has risen for you, and He keeps you from temptation.

Pastor David Dahlke

How does Pastor Dahlke Navigate the deliberation of a call?

Readings for meditation: Psalm 1, 25:1-5, 32:8, 102:1-2 Proverbs 3:5-6, 19:21, Isaiah 40-41, 52:7, Ezekiel 34, John 21, I Cor. 15, Ephesians 3, Philippians 2 & 4, I Timothy 3 & 4, Titus 3.



LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR 2023

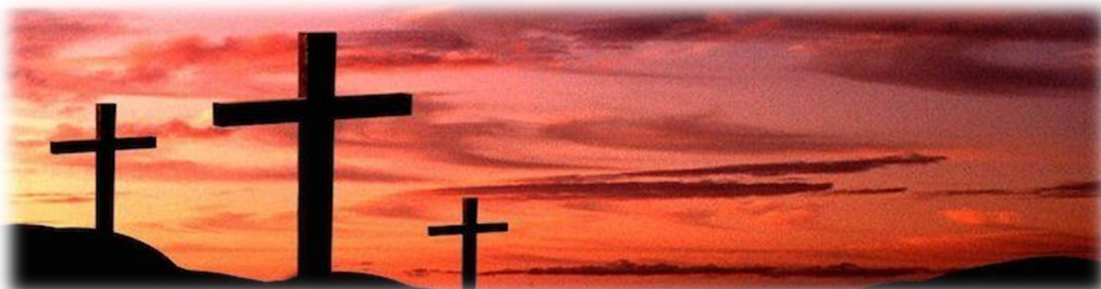
Though we call Jesus King of kings, we often do not focus much on the nature of His kingdom. Come with us this Lenten season as we discover the kings of the Old Testament book of Chronicles and see how they prepared us for King Jesus to go to the cross in our stead. This is most certainly true.



Services begin at 5:00. Good Friday has 2 services; noon and 5:00.

Who can you encourage to attend?

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| ASH WEDNESDAY No meal to follow. | February 22, 2023 | King David |
| LENTEN MIDWEEK 2 Meal to follow. | March 1, 2023 | King Asa |
| LENTEN MIDWEEK 3 Meal to follow. | March 8, 2023 | King Jehoshaphat |
| LENTEN MIDWEEK 4 Meal to follow. | March 15, 2023 | King Joash |
| LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 Meal to follow. | March 22, 2023 | King Uzziah |
| LENTEN MIDWEEK 6 Meal to follow. | March 29, 2023 | King Josiah |
| HOLY THURSDAY No meal to follow. | April 6, 2023 | King Hezekiah |
| GOOD FRIDAY No meal to follow. | April 7, 2023 | King Manasseh 12:00 Noon and 5:00 p.m. |
| EASTER SUNDAY Easter Morning Breakfast | April 9, 2023 | 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. |



Joyfully Inspiring

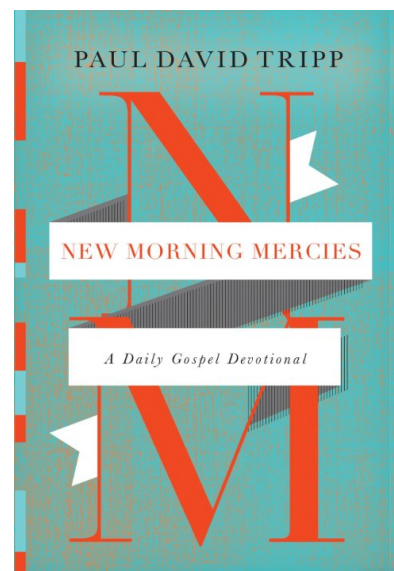
January kicked off our Joyfully Inspired daily devotions in alignment with the book, “*New Morning Mercies*,”. This is also aligned with Pastor’s weekly sermons. If you need a book or a study guide, they are available at the church.

Also, starting in January, we began hearing inspiring stories from our fellow congregants: stories about spouses, parents, grandparents, sisters, Bible study groups, people, situations and moments that touched lives and inspired connection to God’s grace. Thank you to all those who have shared their inspirations in January.

In the introduction to “*New Morning Mercies*,” Tripp writes:

“One of the stunning realities of the Christian life is that in a world where everything is in some state of decay, God’s mercies never grow old. They never run out. They never are ill timed. They never dry up. They never grow weak. They never get weary. They never fail to meet the need. They never disappoint. They never, ever fail, because they really are new every morning.”

In each of Tripp’s daily devotionals, and each of Pastor’s Sunday sermons, we are reminded of our humanness and need for help. God knew we would sin and provided rescue in His Son, Jesus. “We were not made to live independent, self-directed lives. We were not meant to exist according to our own little self-oriented plans, living for our own moments of glory. No, we were created to live for Him.”



Preview of February Sermon Themes:

February 5: “Celebrate or Mourn” (Based on *New Morning Mercies* Feb 9)

“Today you will celebrate that grace has made you part of God’s great plan or mourn the places where you aren’t getting your own way.”

February 12: “God’s Plan for You” (Based on *New Morning Mercies* Feb 13)

“Faith isn’t natural for us. Doubt is, fear is, and pride is, but faith in the words and works of another isn’t, and for that there’s grace.”

February 19: “Grace in Hardship” (Based on *New Morning Mercies* Feb 19)

“When hardship comes your way, will you tell yourself it’s a tool of God’s grace and a sign of His love, or will you give in to doubting His goodness?”

February 26: “Sin Is Our Need for Jesus” (Based on *New Morning Mercies* Feb 29)

“Your life is not good because it is easy or predictable, but because the I Am has invaded your existence by His grace.”



Lakeside is hosting the LWML Sarasota Zone Spring Rally

All ladies are invited to
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally
Saturday, March 11th
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
being held here at Lakeside!

Our Theme is "Beach, Bible, Belonging"

"He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them - He remains faithful forever"
Psalm 146:6.

The Cost is \$10.

The day will include a continental breakfast, devotion, Bible study, guest speaker, lunch and meeting. Please sign the rally registration form in the narthex and pay by **February 25**. Payment can be given to Judy Meske, or it can be placed in the offering plate in an envelope with your Name and "LWML Rally" on the front.

During the Rally we will be receiving **Gifts from the Heart Donations** for the Venice Area Pregnancy Center (see announcement below). We are looking forward to seeing you on March 11th!

Gifts from the Heart Collection

The LWML Zone is collecting donations for **The Venice Area Pregnancy Center** as part of the LWML Rally's "Gifts from the Heart" Collection. We welcome the following donations **by March 10th** - which can be left in collection boxes in the Narthex:

- New or gently loved clothing (Sizes 2T – 6T)
- New socks & underwear (Sizes 2T – 6T)
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby shampoo and oil
- Formula (no baby food)

On behalf of the Venice Area Pregnancy Center we thank you for your generosity!



The photo above is from the L.W.M.L. January Meeting



L.W.M.L. FEBRUARY MEETING

Ladies - Please come and join us at the February LWML Meeting on Thursday, February 9th, at 11:30, in Meyer Hall. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY). Our theme will be The Great Candy Pass! We will be working on simple projects for Valentines for Veterans. Come enjoy a Valentine's Day Casserole Lunch. Please sign-up in the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing you!



L.W.M.L. CONTINUES TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Eyeglasses and Non-prescription Sunglasses will be donated to **MOST Ministry** who distribute the glasses to poor countries around the world.

Empty clean Pill Bottles (with labels removed) will be donated to **Matthew 25: Ministries** for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling.



**Collection boxes are available in the Narthex.
Thank you for supporting these worthwhile ministries!**

L.W.M.L. MITE SUNDAY

The 1st Sunday of each month is L.W.M.L. Mite Sunday. Lakeside L.W.M.L. supports the Florida-Georgia L.W.M.L. with our Mites. Two organizations (of fifteen) that received grants are: **Kenya's Kids** to buy 6 dairy cows and expand the barn and **Feed the Children - Peru** to buy breakfast for 430 impoverished children three days a week during the school year. Please bring your mite box on the 1st Sunday and put it on the purple table in the narthex - and take a new box! Also, we'd appreciate EVERYONE adding their spare change to the Mighty Mites Bucket!



Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Don't forget
your mite box**



Prayer Chain

Please feel free to make a prayer request. You can fill out a request card at church, or call the office, or send an email. When making a prayer request, please include a brief description of what we are praying for.

Please include your name, address, and phone number if you would like to be contacted or desire a visit.

Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayer Chain. Lakeside's office number is (941) 493-5102 or email llc@lakesidelutheran.net



Helping Hands

We have a group of people who are ready and willing help you! If you need help please contact the church office and we will try to find someone who can assist you.

We are always looking for members who are willing to assist. Please let the office know if you can be a helper.

Altar Flowers

Flowers make excellent gifts for any occasion. For just \$30 you can purchase a bouquet of flowers for the Altar. Your flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 service. Call or email the church office to place your order for flowers. Flowers that are not picked up will be used to brighten someone else's day.





Birthdays

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| George Wakulat | Feb 1 | Lorraine Brock | Feb 17 |
| Brian Tippman | Feb 1 | Dana Eaves | Feb 17 |
| Robert Poglitsch | Feb 3 | Sandra Tallman | Feb 18 |
| Tawnya Edwards | Feb 3 | Diane Emo | Feb 19 |
| Grant Totushek | Feb 4 | Donna Sheldrake | Feb 19 |
| Peter Gardner | Feb 6 | Betty D'Elosua | Feb 21 |
| Michele Tippman | Feb 8 | Lyle Kienitz | Feb 22 |
| Bonnie Surma | Feb 11 | Russell Hurliman | Feb 25 |
| William Schipul | Feb 12 | Brenda Kraft | Feb 26 |
| Kelsey Surma | Feb 16 | Cynthia Holmes | Feb 27 |
| William Lindquist | Feb 17 | | |

Anniversaries



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| Jim and Cindy Melcher | Feb 14 |
| Herm and Diane Bokelman | Feb 24 |
| Doug and Joanne Koplien | Feb 26 |



**The Council met on January 11, 2023.
Below is a Summary of Church Operations**

We have signed a new 1-year lease with The Treehouse preschool. The limitation of 1 year was necessary because of the "for-profit" status of The Treehouse. They are considering going to a non-profit status 403(b) which may allow for a re-consideration for a new multi-year contract in early 2023. Stay tuned – there are truly good things coming for both The Treehouse and Lakeside Lutheran Church.

Average attendance at services for the past year was 191. Our database shows approximately 353 members in our system - this includes full-time, part-time and associate members.

Pastor Dahlke has become the Head of Spiritual Care for a community group established in Sarasota County to assist when emergencies occur.

Pastor Dahlke said he received a "Call" from an LCMS congregation in Arlington, Texas. He encouraged all to communicate with him by phone, text, email cards, etc. to aide in consideration of that call.

Our finances continue to be in good order through positive revenues and keeping expenditures within approved budgets. Thank you Bill Meints, Larry Sheldrake and Terry Warner.

Our excellent Trustee crew continues with the cleaning-up and organizing our campus. They are continuing to evaluate the re-structuring of parts of our buildings to become a possible hub for future emergency responses.

Our Elder Board, under Pete Gardner, continue to provide structure and worship guidance to Lakeside. We have two new Elders on our board: Michael Mona and Kenneth Arney have been accepted by the church leadership and a couple of strong souls for helping guide the spiritual direction of our Church.

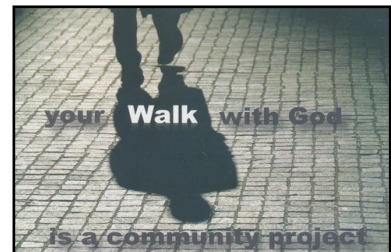
Our Member-at-Large, Susan Tenteromano, continues to enhance our church's forward momentum by her tireless work with special events in Meyer Hall and in exploring the commercial possibilities to spread awareness of Lakeside Lutheran to the outside community. The true outreach has to come from Lakeside Christians, along with the Holy Spirit, reaching out to others to invite them to the unchanging truth that our faith provides in this broken and confused world.



- FEBRUARY CLASSES -

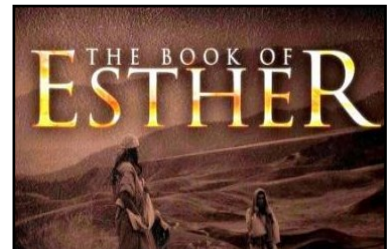
Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

Led by Amy Dahlke
"Your Walk With God Is a Community Project"
 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room



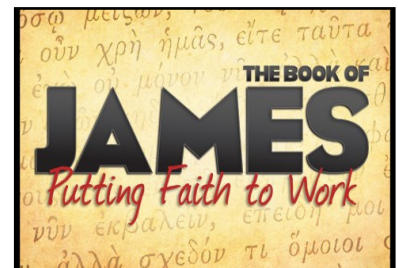
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Please feel free to join Pastor Dahlke
 9:00 a.m. Wednesday's online (Zoom).
"Studying the book of Esther"



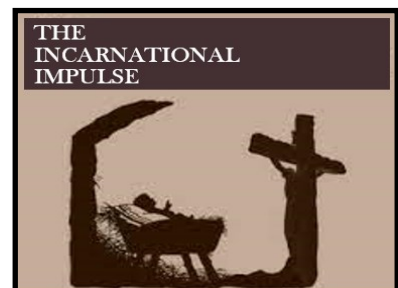
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke
"Studying the Book of James"
 Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. (Meyer Hall)



Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

You're invited to join Pastor Dahlke
 in this online (Zoom) class
"Incarnational Impulse Class"
 Wednesday's at 7:00 PM



Contact Pastor (PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.Net) or the church office
 (LLC@LakesideLutheran.Net) to sign up for an online class.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Thanks to all for your support of the bi-monthly coffee and cookies, served in the narthex between services. It is a great time to say hello to one another! Many thanks for the generous donations to our monthly missionary. Coffee and cookies will be available on February 12th and 26th. If you would like to donate cookies or coffee, please bring them in anytime or see Sharon Ladigoski.



All money collected in the coffee fund goes to our missionary of the month. In February the missionary is Rebecca Bartelt. Rebecca serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Asia, based in Taiwan. Pray for Rebecca as she serves in Taiwan. Ask God to give her peace and patience as she adjusts to a new language, a new culture and a new way of working. Pray that the Lord would open up opportunities for her to use her gifts in service to the church in both Taiwan and in other Asian countries. Ask God also to open the hearts of those she meets to hear the Gospel and come to know the Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us give thanks that Rebecca is serving God's children in this part of the world.

Thank you for all your kind donations in the basket on the coffee table.



Pictured above is the Active Faith Home Bible Study Group. Unfortunately everyone could not make it to this week's study. We had good discussions and good food!



PIANIST AND POTLUCK

We had a great turn out to enjoy pianist, Tony Zeck. Tony played ten songs then took requests; he played Hello Dolly which was one of the request, with the parishioners singing along to the song.

The potluck dinner was successful with ample food and a turn out of over 60 people. Tony Zeck is appreciative to have had the opportunity to play and he looks forward to playing again someday.



BINGO NIGHT FEBRUARY 8TH AT 5:00 PM

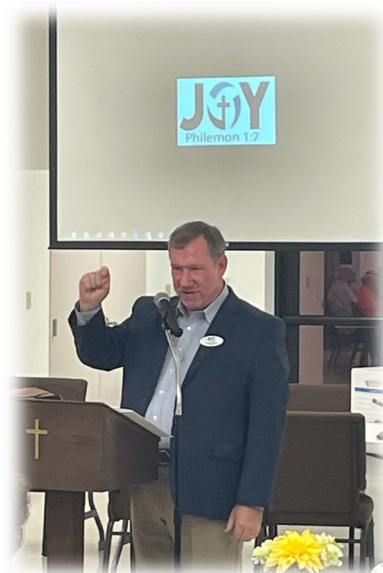
Everyone is welcome to join in with the
Hot Dog Picnic
in conjunction with
Bingo Night

There will be Prizes
for the winner
of the different aspects
of the game.



FL/GA DISTRICT CAME TO LAKESIDE

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the FL/GA District Circuit meeting. District President, Rev. James Rocky gave an informative presentation.



Preaching
your story
gives
= God glory =

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

Members are giving Stories of Inspiration at both services, just before the sermon. The hope is to have a full schedule of inspirational stories (scheduled monthly) to share during the services.

Can You Share Your Story of Inspiration?

Your Inspiration story needs to be shared for the sake of others. Each Sunday in 2023 we will have a few minutes for people to share the story of inspiration. Who inspires you? Who have you inspired? What is your ministry that can inspire others? The world is starving for your ministry to joyfully impact others. Don't let it go unnoticed. Please contact Pete Gardner to get on the schedule. pbgl458@aol.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

Lakeside is happy to celebrate our 2nd year in partnership with the preschool. Elizabeth Randol, owner/director has kept very busy during that time with updates and renovations - and more to come this year as well. If you'd like a tour of the updated facility please contact Sharon Ladigoski 941 460 6959. Volunteers are still needed to help in the preschool office, kitchen, classrooms and at Wednesday morning Children's Chapel. It's a super JOY to see the little ones, sing, prayer and listen to a Bible story. Pictures - Mr. Dan & Ms. Diane sometimes dress up for the story. Ms. Savannah and her class arrive for children's chapel. The children watch and listen to the story.



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We hope everyone has picked up their 2023 contribution envelopes. If not, they will be available in the church office during regular business hours. A new year, new envelopes, so please discard your old 2022 envelopes because a few envelope numbers did change.

Many of you are using your financial institution's Bill Pay system to send in monthly contributions. This is one of several options, instead of making weekly contributions. Others are using the Recurring ACH Payment system using either a Debit or Credit card. In 2006, the Pension Protection Act allowed taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to make a tax free Qualified Charitable Distribution, called QCD, up to \$100,000. Many IRAs are eligible for QCDs along with Traditional, Rollover and Inherited funds. You direct your Trustee to make a distribution directly from your account to Lakeside, a qualified charitable institution. The QCDs counts toward satisfying any required minimum distribution you are required to make. The exclusion from gross income for QCDs also provides a tax-effective way for taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to make charitable contributions. Lakeside also has the ability to accept stock. Like the QCDs, your stockbroker must directly make a stock transfer to Lakeside. Talk to your financial advisor (Trustee) to process your contribution.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Church Office, Treasurer Larry Shel-drake, or Vice-President Bill Meints. We will be glad to provide assistance.

Thanking you for your continued generosity and support.
Finance Team



Please know that the 2022 Contribution Statements have been emailed to all people who have a Lakeside Lutheran Church offering envelope. Please check your junk mailbox if you did not receive your statement. A hard copy (printed copy) can be obtained in the church office on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-2:00 or on Friday, 8:00-12:00. You can also email the church if you would like a contribution statement to be mailed to your residence. If for any reason you have questions or concerns regarding your statement please reach out to Wendell Wolka at (317) 727-0705 or you can email Wendell at: purduenut@aol.com .

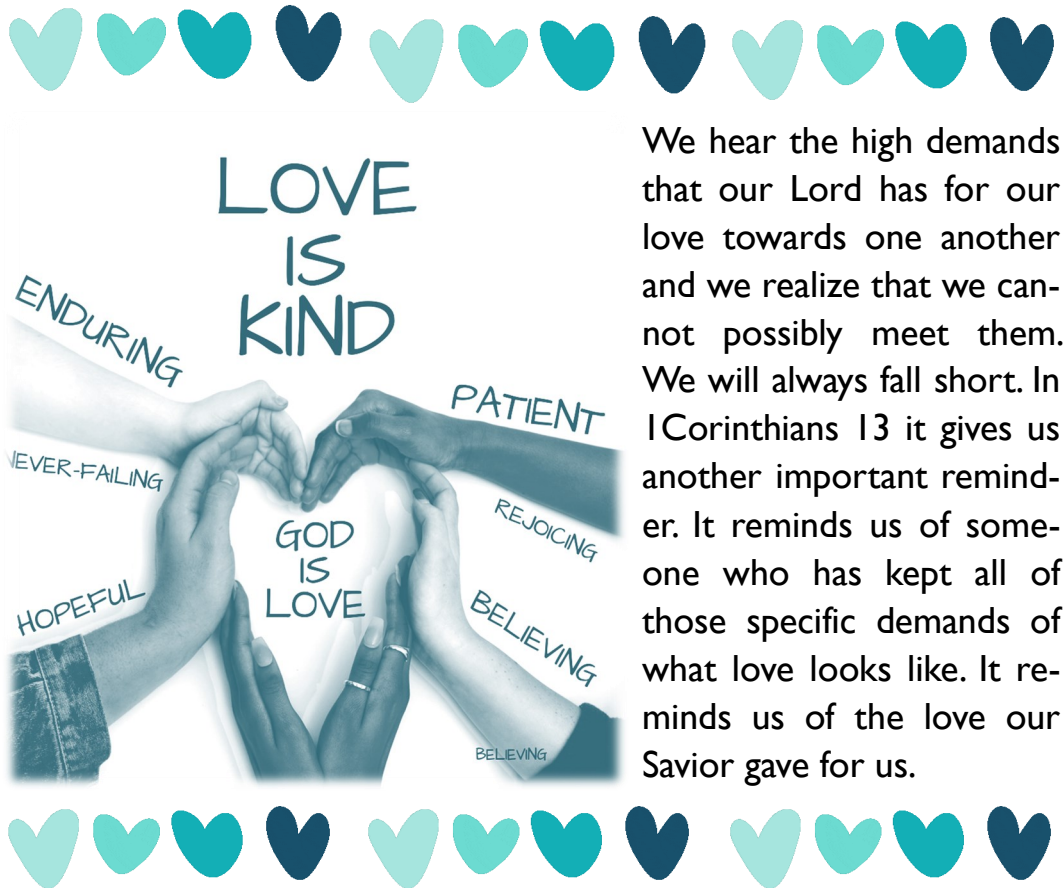
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We hear the high demands that our Lord has for our love towards one another and we realize that we cannot possibly meet them. We will always fall short. In 1 Corinthians 13 it gives us another important reminder. It reminds us of someone who has kept all of those specific demands of what love looks like. It reminds us of the love our Savior gave for us.



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