

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March, 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*



The title, King of kings, indicates someone who has the power to exercise absolute dominion over all His realm. In the case of the Lord Jesus, the realm is all of creation.

When Jesus is called "King of kings and Lord of lords," it means that, in the end, all other rulers will be conquered or abolished, and He alone will reign supreme as King and Lord of all the earth. There is no power, no king, and no lord who can oppose Him and win. There are myriad references to this absolute rule of Jesus and His preeminence over other rulers throughout Scripture, for example *Isaiah 40:23* says that the Lord brings "princes to nothing" and makes earth's rulers "emptiness".

The day is coming: Prepare for The King during this Season of Lent.

Jesus' full title:

"KING" of kings and LORD of lords"
Rev. 19:16



ADDED SCRIPTURES FOR SELF-STUDY:

*1 Timothy 6:15
Rev 17:14
Rev 19:16
Deut. 10:17
Psalm 136:3
Daniel 7:13-14
Mark 13:26
Hebrews 1:3
Phil 2:9-11
Ephesians 1:21*





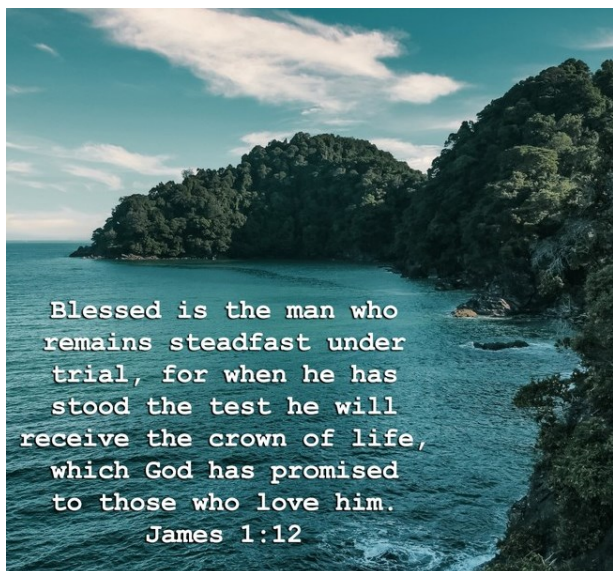
We only have 6 more reasons to go as we continue on this long trek of "Why We Worship". It is the most important event that you can imagine, discuss or ever dream up. Every activity that tries to replace it is simply a manifestation of original and actual sin. That is not lovely at all.

Reason 40: Someone in the worship service needs your faith. Someone needs your prayer, your encouragement, your hand, your eye contact, your invitation, your joyful inspiration, your grace, your spirit, your Christ-like love. *Galatians 6:10* "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." What commandment do we break when we hold back blessings that we can give to others?

Reason 41: Strength is delivered from heaven to your very soul. Who can say no to worship? Seems awful to even think of saying no to God. He thinks its awful, too. *Psalm 59:17* "O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love." *Psalm 68:35* "Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel - He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!"

"
God is our refuge and
strength, a very present
help in trouble."

-PSALM 46:1



Reason 42: Steadfast Faith: This means that when I am misunderstood and falsely judged, I remain steadfast in what I know to be true. Growing in God even when it's not popular or comfortable for my flesh. Being steadfast means being rooted and grounded in the Word throughout any season or circumstance. Being steadfast means burning steadily and consistently for the Lord. This faith is driven in worship. *Psalm 26:3* "For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness." This faith grows in worship.

Of the 42 reasons so far, which one means the most to you? Which ones do you need to teach or pass on to someone else? If you don't teach them to the people in your life, who else will? People in your life need to be taught the content of worship through you. Take the baton and go with strength and steadfast faith. Someone needs you in worship.

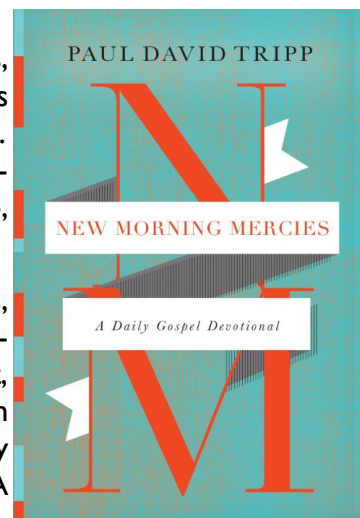
Pastor Dahlke



Joyfully Inspiring

March is here! While February was the traditional month for Valentines, chocolates and lovely greeting cards, our March devotionals and Pastor's weekly sermons begin with matters of the heart. *Real* matters of the heart. Your heart reflects your spiritual health and determines your spiritual condition. When you expose your heart, people see how you really are. So, how are you?

Beyond the physical heart, "heart" is the center of our thoughts, desires, emotions and motivations. Proverbs is a case study of the heart: "The foolish heart, the wise heart, the joyful heart, the grieving heart, the evil heart, the righteous heart, the tranquil heart, the understanding heart, the foolish heart, the just heart, the cheerful heart, the arrogant heart, the greedy heart, the angry heart, and the list just goes on and on," (Paul Tripp, *A Case Study of the Heart*, 2021).



Please take time to read the March 7 - New Morning Mercies devotional in preparation for our first March sermon. As Tripp writes, "It feels good to think that your biggest problems in life exist outside you and not inside you, but the problem is that it simply is not true... I am in desperate need of the grace that is alone able to rescue me from me. I can escape situations and relationships, but I have no power to escape me." Powerful words for our Lenten season and daily lives. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!

Thank you to those who shared their hearts and inspiring testimonials with us in February – joyful Christians inspiring spiritual growth and discipleship!

PREVIEW OF MARCH SERMON THEMES:

March 5: The Heart of Sin

(Based on New Morning Mercies Mar 7)

"It's the heart that's the problem. People, locations, and situations don't cause me to sin; they're where the sin of my heart gets revealed."

March 12: A Worship Rest (Mission Central)

(Based on New Morning Mercies Mar 14)

"If you mourn the fallenness of your world rather than curse its difficulties, you know that grace has visited you."

March 19: Grace in Discipline

(Based on New Morning Mercies Mar 20)

"Faith is about measuring your potential, not on the basis of your natural gifts and experience, but in the surety of God's presence and promises."

March 26: "A Life of Courage"

(Based on New Morning Mercies Mar 27)

"Today you'll encounter things that will confuse you, but rest assured the One who rules all those things is not confused."



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?

LENTEN MIDWEEK 2 March 1, 2023 King Asa
Meal to follow.

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3 March 8, 2023 King Jehoshaphat
Meal to follow.

LENTEN MIDWEEK 4 March 15, 2023 King Joash
Meal to follow.

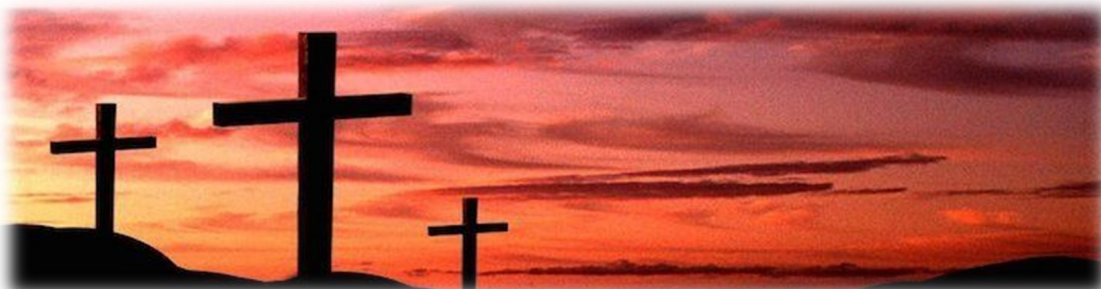
LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 March 22, 2023 King Uzziah
Meal to follow.

LENTEN MIDWEEK 6 March 29, 2023 King Josiah
Meal to follow.

HOLY THURSDAY April 6, 2023 King Hezekiah
No meal to follow.

GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 2023 King Manasseh
No meal to follow. 12:00 Noon and 5:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Easter Morning Breakfast



L.W.M.L. MARCH MEETING

Ladies - Please come and join us at the March LWML Meeting on Thursday, March 2nd at 11:30 in Meyer Hall. Our theme will be Spring Cleaning of the Heart & Soul! We will be working on filling Easter eggs for the Preschool Easter Egg Hunt. Come enjoy an Eggstravaganza & Chicken Salad Lunch. Please sign-up in the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing you!



WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT:

LWML continues collecting the following items:

- Eyeglasses & 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 to be donated to Matthew 25: Ministries who distribute the bottles to improve the quality of life in hospitals & health clinics in developing countries.



Collection boxes are in the Narthex. Thanks for supporting these worthwhile ministries!

THE BAKELESS BAKE SALE WAS A BIG SUCCESS

LWML thanks Lakeside members and friends for your generosity during our "Bakeless Bake Sale". We collected \$1,148. The money received will support LWML mission projects. A big THANK YOU for your support!

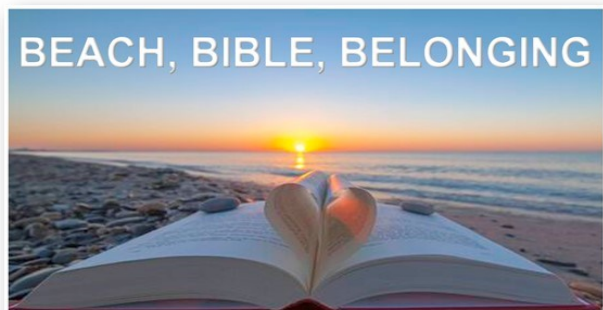


VETERANS ENJOYED LWML VALENTINE DAY CARDS

During the March LWML meeting, the attendees made 100 Valentine Day cards that were given to the veterans at Douglas T. Jacobson Florida State Veterans Nursing Home. The staff and residents were very appreciative. Thanks to all the LWML ladies who made the beautiful creative cards!



L.W.M.L. MITE SUNDAY The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Lakeside LWML supports the Florida-Georgia LWML with our mites. Two organizations (of fifteen) that received grants are: 1) Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry of Valdosta, GA to distribute food & Christian Literature and 2) Trinity HOPE & Haitian churches provide noontime lunches at Christian schools in Haiti. 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.



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 (this was due February 25).

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!





Birthdays

Jane Friberg	Mar 1	Zoe Miller	Mar 11
Tim Dell	Mar 2	Heidi Nyvoll	Mar 11
Sandy Gossert	Mar 3	Robert Schlueter	Mar 12
Arnt Nyvoll	Mar 4	Ida Bofinger	Mar 13
Rev. Lee Berndt	Mar 6	Joan McManaman	Mar 13
Joanne Koplien	Mar 6	John Perkins	Mar 13
Nancy Roleson	Mar 7	Don Suko	Mar 16
Barbara Roggi	Mar 7	Susanne Stempfhuber	Mar 22
Ralph Reichert	Mar 9	Jameson Dahlke	Mar 23
Robert Brock	Mar 9	Susan Tenteromano	Mar 25
Joe Sonnenberg	Mar 9	Meredith Dornemann	Mar 29
Bob Mulvihill	Mar 9	Patricia Huffman	Mar 29
Coco Marasus	Mar 10	Judy Marxman	Mar 30
Joyce Ohlsen	Mar 10	Michael Sedlak	Mar 30
Dennis Peterson	Mar 10	Ellen Sedlak	Mar 30

Anniversaries



Joseph and Marion Stanjones	Mar 9
Carl and Barbara Reiche	Mar 10
Dennis and Barbara Peterson	Mar 14
James and Mackenzie Freeman	Mar 22
Vic and Kathy Englehardt	Mar 30



The Council had a meeting on 2/8/2023. A Summary of Church operations;

We are exploring stronger potential outreach with The Treehouse preschool and getting more congregants involved. We are planning to conference with two Pastors with experience in this area.

Our finances continue to be in good order through positive revenues and keeping expenditures within approved budgets. The fiscal year ended up in a reasonable surplus and we anticipate completion of our mortgage this year - to emerge debt-free. Yay! Thank you Bill Meints, Larry Sheldrake & Terri Warner.



The base-line maintenance work by Lee Knudsvig and his trusty crew is keeping our campus in good operating condition – and in addition, continues along with Diane Emo and Jameson Dahlke to outreach beyond our campus to people still in need of hurricane recovery help. Not just physical recovery but emotional and spiritual help as well. Diane has taken the initiative to keep the LERT training going forward – so Lakeside can be a blessing to others when and if needed. We will soon have our Pineapple Palm replaced in the church “roundabout”. Yay !



Our Elder board, under Pete Gardner, continues to provide structure and worship guidance to Lakeside. We are ushering in a new Elder at the next Elder Board meeting and look for three more men with the potential to help lead the worship and faith growth here at Lakeside. Be bold and step forward like Christ and the disciples if you have the Holy Spirit leading you.

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 outside communities.

Sometimes the people in the background get little notice – but are instrumental in keeping the pulse of the Lakeside family vibrant so please step up and say thank you when you see them:

- Brenda Gustafson – Office Administrator
- Ken Gustafson – IT Technical Administrator
- Susan Tenteromano – Event administrator and great initiative
- Arlene Haegele and Wayne Schuchart – keep our church campus clean and organized.
- Ryan Krause – Media Producer and “words to the hymns” provider.
- Dr. Jim Domzalski – Our Organist and Choir Director
- Nancy Lindquist, Nina Rausch, Doug MacDonald, Carrie Brooks, Judy Meske and others on our Altar Guild that keeps our colors straight and the Communion elements handled properly.

There are many more - so keep alert to thank them.

Dan Ladigoski



- MARCH CLASSES -

Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

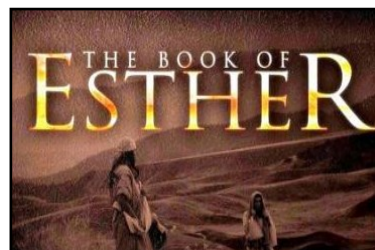
Led by Amy Dahlke
"Your Walk With God Is a Community Project"
 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

UPCOMING NEW STUDY: John: The divinity of Christ
 by Dr. David Jeremiah.



Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

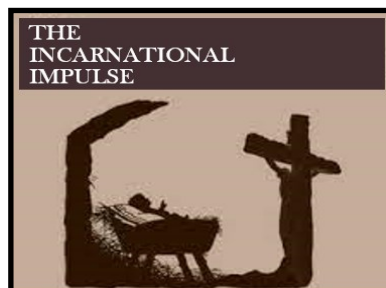
Please feel free to join Pastor Dahlke
 The Study of Esther
 9:00 a.m. Wednesday's online (Zoom).



Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

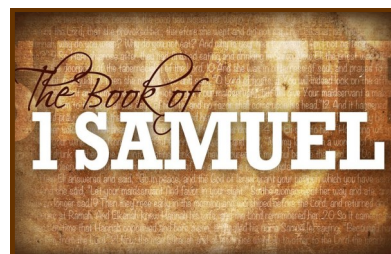
Join Pastor Dahlke
"Studying the Book of James"
 Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. (Meyer Hall)

UPCOMING NEW STUDY: begins 4/12 -Incarnational Impulse



Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

This class is postpone until after Easter,
 but will start a new class April 26th on 1 Samuel
 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.

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.



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.



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LERT

Lutheran Early Response Team

Over 30 people attend the LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team), 21 of the people were from Lakeside and had an instructive and



fulfilling time. The instructors were Joel and Kathy Matthews who lead the deployment in Fort Meyers for the Florida/Georgia District for two months. This team is equipped and ready to help neighbors in the serving of spiritual needs and some physical needs as well. Thanks to all who participated in the Gospel delivering ministry of Jesus Christ.

SWOT

Strength Weakness Opportunity Threat



Thanks so much to the 35 participants in the SWOT meeting in February. We asked the question if Lakeside had strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The answer was an overwhelming yes. When the church comes together as the body of Christ miracles happen. The event was a positive, encouraging, uplifting, and unifying in the name of the risen Savior. Look at those smiles. Heaven awaits us all. Amen. What an exciting time to be Jesus in a culture that has replaced Jesus with human wisdom. Who will enter the joy of grace through the ministry of God's people through Lakeside? Challenges are many, but living out the mission and vision of Jesus is the real joy. Seek you first the kingdom of God! LSB 712

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Many thanks to all for your continued support of our "missionary of the month" basket at coffee hour. This month we will support Missionaries Rev. Vance and Linda Becker, Serving in Kenya. Vance teaches at the Lutheran Theological College, training teachers and evangelist to serve in 11 countries in East Africa. Linda works with music and deaconess students.



We recently received thank you notes from missionaries Rev. James Sharp (serving in Uruguay) and Rev. Arthur Just (serving in Taiwan). It's nice to hear from these missionaries while they are serving so far away.



Our "coffee and cookies" dates will be March 12 & 26. If you would like to donate cookies, please speak to Sharon Ladigoski 941-460-6959...or just bring them in at your convenience.

Welcome to our New Members

Those who have joined Lakeside Lutheran Church in the last 12 months will be recognized during the church service on March 19th, at the 10:30 AM service. We will have a small reception in Meyer Hall immediately afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us. Look for the new members on that day; they'll be wearing a yellow ribbons. Then make sure to say, "HELLO!"

Robert and Lorriane Brock
Christopher Forrest
Leon and Mary Kirchoff
Doug and Annetta MacDonald
Shirley Preston
Doug and Linda Freeman
Larry and Donna Sheldrake

Dennis and Gale Bakalik
Brenda McGowan
Bill and Martha Shipul
Sam and Lesley Bowers
Ralph and Betty D'Elosua
Autumn Edwards
Robert and Jean Schlueter

Patricia Huffman
Dana and Jeanette Eaves
Vic and Kathy Englehardt
Dan and Sally Meyer
Bob and Vicky Mulvihill
Don and Stella Reschke
Don and Sandra Tallman

CONSIDER JOINING THE HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell practice happens on Thursday mornings, at 9:30 AM, in the sanctuary - It's a lot of FUN!



Below are photos from the Picnic Bingo - Hotdog Event held on February 8th. Thank you, Susan Tenteromano for organizing the event.



THE TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL AT LAKESIDE

There are volunteer opportunities at the Treehouse. If you know of someone interested in teaching, they are hiring teachers. Please call Elizabeth Randol, director, 941-497-5858.



An Easter egg hunt will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 10:00 AM. Thank you to LWML for again getting and filling over 300 eggs for this event. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the children hunt; what JOY there is to see the little ones running around the campus.

Thanks to so many members who have been volunteering at the preschool. If you would like to volunteer you can get more information from Sharon Ladigoski, (941) 460-6959 or sladd52@gmail.com

Below see the group picture - (standing) Miss Diane (Emo), Mr. Dan (Ladigoski), Miss Sharon (Ladigoski). Come join us on Wednesday mornings, 9:45 AM, for Children's Chapel. The program is short and so sweet. We offer a prayer, a song, a Bible story, a 3 minute video (related to the Bible story), another song or two, and then close with a prayer. This time with God is the highlight of the week for the adults as well as the children.

Sharon Ladigoski





The photo above is one of our many Bread Breaker groups who celebrated Valentine's Day lunch at Der Dutchman. (Front row: Edrise, Joan, Bob, Pat. Second row: Betty, Will, Elie, Sharon, Vicky. Back row: Ralph, Dan)

Contemporary Service Musicians Wanted

Lakeside is seeking musicians/vocals for our 9 AM contemporary service, either to play occasionally or regularly. We subscribe to MultiTracks and have awesome acoustics, as well as a drum set, keyboard and miscellaneous equipment. The goal is to have someone lead our contemporary music program and build a praise band. Let's see where the Lord takes us -- one step at a time! If you know anyone who might be interested, please let Bob Thompson, Diane Emo or Pastor know. Thank you!



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