

# LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April, 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.

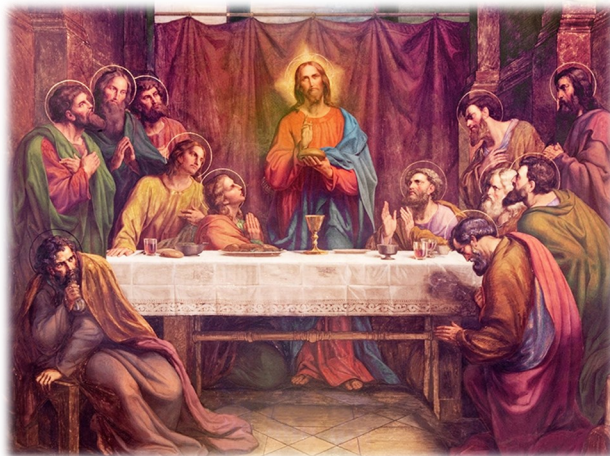
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# HE MESSENGER

*Joyful Christians who Inspire  
Spiritual Growth and Discipleship*



**Maundy Thursday:** Maundy refers to Jesus' commanding to "Love one another as I have loved you." The day commemorates the Last Supper, with His disciples, Jesus breaks bread, saying, "This is my body," and with wine, says, "This is my blood." He asks the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me." The Last Supper is derived from Jesus' Jewish heritage and His observance of the Passover Seder (the feast of unleavened bread). It observes

the exodus of the Jews from Egypt (when they left so quickly there was no time for the bread to rise). The day is also associated with the foot-washing; Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, teaching them "servant leadership." Jesus instructs followers to love and to serve. Jesus also foretells His death, saying He will eat no more until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled. Finally, this day marks an act of betrayal of Judas Iscariot, pointed out by Jesus as the one who betrays Him.

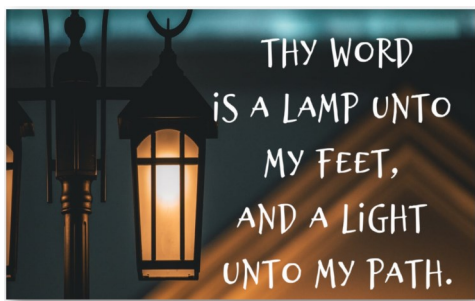
**Good Friday:** At first glance, Good Friday seems like the ultimate misnomer. If Jesus suffered and died on this day, then why is it called Good? Good Friday is always tied to Easter Sunday, which is a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. He could not have been resurrected if he had not died first. With nail prints in His hands we remember the suffering of the crucifixion. We remember what Jesus did on the cross, which is the fulfillment of God's eternal plan for the whole world. Christians worldwide observe the somber holy day of Good Friday, which commemorates the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus' example can provide strength through suffering. God really does understand what it's like to suffer, to be abandoned, to be alone. The events include the trial of Jesus, the shouts of the crowd to "Crucify him!", followed by Jesus carrying the cross and being hung on it to die. Good Friday is powerfully significant partially because it gives us a glimpse into the depths of human evil. It's a time to reflect on the dark tendencies that are in all of us. It's a day to be silent, it's a day to remember, to focus on who Jesus is and what He meant for humanity.





Welcome to the last segment of why we worship. We have already covered 42 unshakable reasons why missing worship is unthinkable when we have faith in Jesus. Not to mention the disappointment to God who sent His Son to the cross in your place. When worship is all about us it is certainly becomes optional to our myopic pride. But in faith we hunger for it. Let's hit it.

Reason 43: We have the great joy to bring others with us to worship. I have one friend that invites multiple people each week by giving them a card that says "I will meet you at the door". He then waits at the door of the church for any of them to arrive. Because of his loving invite they often come. Psalm 66:5 "Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man." The come and see invitation by Philip and the angels (John 1:46, Matthew 28:6) to see Jesus is still viable today.



Reason 44: Worship gives us unity in in the Word, in purpose, and mission. It stops backsliding and keeps us in truth and purity. It is vital that a congregation never comprise the Word with a noisy sin-filled culture. Worship brings clarity to His values, His purpose and His will for our lives. Psalm 119:105 "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Reason 45: In worship you have opportunity to grow and use the fruits of the Spirit. Most church attenders never use these gifts in worship. Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." How can each of these be used in a worship service to touch the lives of another person? Do people know that you genuinely love them in worship? Do people see or even feel your joy? Do they see your frustration of life or your peace in Jesus? The questions can go on, but try to actively use your fruits of the Spirit to impact many other people in worship. Imagine if 50 people intentionally did this each service?



### The Fruit of the Spirit

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (Galatians 5:22-23)

Pastor David Dahlke

### **Bonus Reason:**

**46. Christmas! Joy to the world!**  
O come, all ye faithful.





## Joyfully Inspiring

Did you give up something for Lent? I researched this tradition and found it has an uncertain beginning. LCMS authors write that giving things up “for Lent” – chocolate, caffeine, other indulgences – might put the emphasis on *us* rather than on Jesus. Is it time for us to stop giving things up and use this sacred time to *take things up* instead? For example, daily devotions, prayer, bible studies, hearing His Word, receiving His gifts, sharing the joy of Jesus in our lives, taking up our cross, strengthening our relationship with Him. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance, turning toward our risen Savior on Easter in joy and gratitude for what He gave up for us. His suffering and death took away the sin of the world (1 John 29). Our salvation is certain! Can I get an alleluia? Alleluia!

Pastor's April sermons hone in on our relationship with Jesus and God's faithfulness to us. As David Tripp wrote in the April 20 devotional that will serve as the basis for the April 16 message, “Grace doesn't make it okay for you to live for you. No, grace frees you to experience the joy of living for One greater than you.”

Thank you to those who shared their joyful inspirations with us in March. We are truly blessed by God's grace that transforms us and gives us amazing joy in knowing our sins are forgiven, our debt has been paid.

### Preview of April sermon themes:

#### **April 2: In Awe or Bored With God?** *(Based on New Morning Mercies Apr 4)*

“Human beings, who were created to live in awe of God, are in grave danger when familiarity causes them to be bored with God.”

#### **April 9: Easter** *(Based on New Morning Mercies Apr 1)*

“Worshipping with other believers helps you view all of life from the vantage point of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

#### **April 16: Grace/Joy/Purpose** *(Based on New Morning Mercies Apr 20)*

“Grace doesn't make it okay for you to live for you. No, grace frees you to experience the joy of living for One greater than you.”

#### **April 23: A Visit With Grace** *(Based on New Morning Mercies Apr 26)*

“If you have quit being defensive and are now willingly and humbly approachable, you know that transforming grace has visited you.”

#### **April 30: Results of God's Faithfulness** *(Based on New Morning Mercies Mar 3)*

“Prayer is abandoning my reliance on me and running toward the rest that can be found only when I rely on the power of God.”

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The photo below is of the March S.W.O.T. EVENT





## 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, we discovered the kings of the Old Testament book of Chronicles and saw how they prepared us for King Jesus to go to the cross in our stead. This is most certainly true.

**Who can you encourage  
to attend?**



**HOLY THURSDAY 5:00 EVENING SERVICE**

*(No meal to follow.)*

**GOOD FRIDAY NOON SERVICE**

**GOOD FRIDAY 5:00 EVENING SERVICE**

*(No meal to follow.)*

April 6, 2023 King Hezekiah

April 7, 2023 King Manasseh

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## EASTER CELEBRATION

Where: Lakeside Lutheran Church

When: April 9<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast Buffet: 7am-10am



### EASTER DAY - APRIL 9, 2023

**EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE**  
**6:30 a.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY TRADITIONAL**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**  
**7:00-10:00 a.m.**



## Birthdays

Marlys Roslansky	April 2	Anita Kunkle	April 15
Linda Wolka	April 3	Jane Wilder	April 16
Wendell Wolka	April 6	Nancy Lavdis	April 17
Janet Wilson	April 7	Elaine Burr	April 22
Cheri Adams	April 8	Nancy Koelper	April 22
James Brown	April 8	Terry Williamson	April 24
Mae Reichert	April 9	Patty Weddle	April 26
Bill Hausler	April 11	Kathryn Gerken	April 26
David Marasus	April 11	George Corsilia	April 28
Kristin Knudsvig	April 11	Lydia Holzerland	April 28
Robert Kamerlander	April 12	Mark McGrath	April 30
Mary Kirchhoff	April 13	Douglas MacDonald	April 30

## Anniversaries



Mark and Dolly Hoffer	April 1
Rev. Lee and Joyce Berndt	April 4
Robert and Jean Schlueter	April 15
Dan and Sharon Ladigoski	April 16

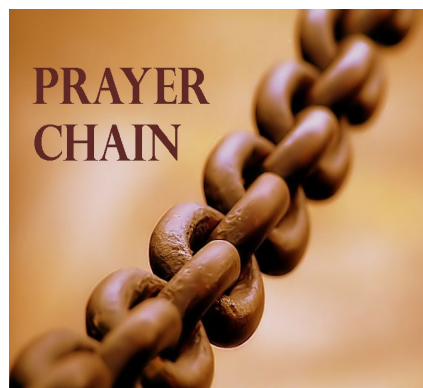


## Prayer Chain

Please feel free to make a prayer request. You can make a request at church, or call the office, or send an email. When making a prayer request, please include a brief description of who and 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.



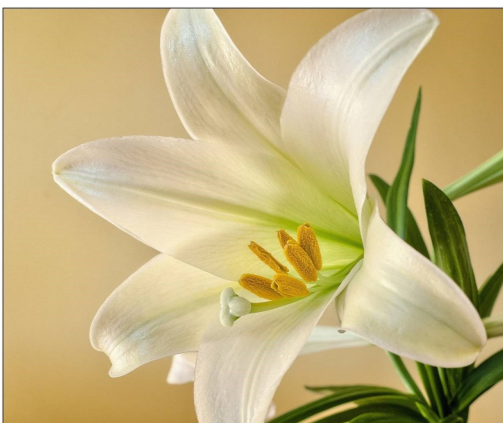
## Helping Hands

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.



## Easter Lilies

The deadline to order a Lily to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning is Sunday, April 2. The lilies cost \$12 each. You are welcome to pick up a lily following the 10:30 Easter morning service. Include the following information:

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

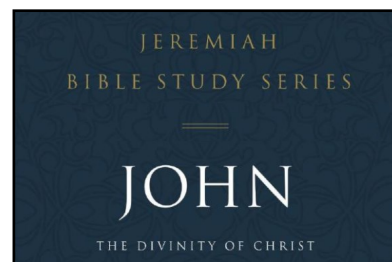
*Please email the church office if you wish to be included.*

## - APRIL CLASSES -

### Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

Led by Amy Dahlke  
**John: The divinity of Christ**  
*by Dr. David Jeremiah.*  
 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

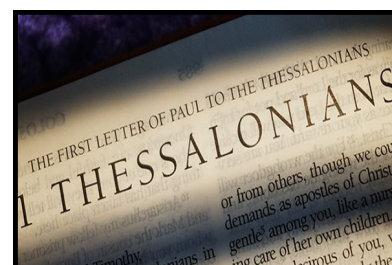
**NEW STUDY!**



### Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Please feel free to join Pastor Dahlke  
 The Study of 1st Thessalonians  
 9:00 a.m. Wednesday's online (Zoom).

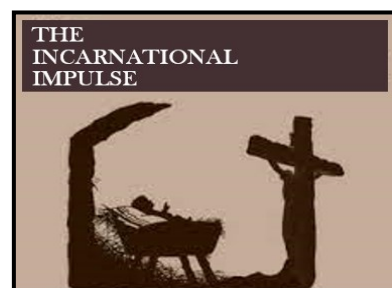
**NEW STUDY!**



### Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke  
**"Incarnational Impulse"**  
 Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. (Meyer Hall)

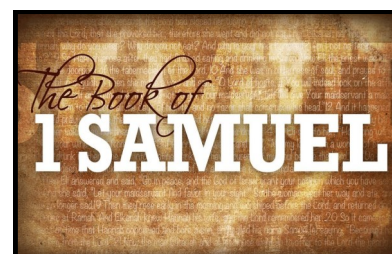
**NEW STUDY!**



### Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

This class is postpone until after Easter,  
 but will start a new class April 26th studying 1st Samuel  
 Wednesday's at 7:00 PM

**NEW STUDY!**



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



The Council had our Council meeting on 3/8/2023.

**A Summary of Church Joyful Operations:**

We are exploring stronger potential outreach with The Treehouse preschool and getting more congregants involved. We sent a letter to the parents of the preschoolers inviting them to see their children in the **Wednesday Children's Chapel** in our church. It is beginning to spark interest from the parents. Perhaps the children really are the **crown** of mature Christians and an inspiration to them (see Proverbs 17:6).

Lakeside **Band of Brothers** is becoming more successful. Their mission statement is: **Striving to know the Joy of Christ better through the study of His word, loving and serving our Lord as He first loved and served us, the Band of Brothers is committed to becoming the men that GOD has called us to be.** The group continues to explore our best efforts each Saturday morning with study and discussion of what we can do as men to point the way to Christ and faith.

Through faith and generosity of our congregants, we have gathered over \$2,500 toward our support of a needful Seminary student, Nic Brusick and his wife Natalie. God is working through us!

Diane Emo has stepped out to recruit for our early service praise band – one person at a time!

Our Member-at-Large, Susan Tenteromano, continues to orchestrate and manage our church's functions and Special events in Meyer Hall and in exploring the commercial possibilities to spread awareness of Lakeside Lutheran to outside communities.

The beautiful church work by Lee Knudsvig and his trusty crew is keeping our campus in good operating condition. Several volunteers have stepped up and helped by making an attractive campus and an inviting home for worship. This should show us once again that God provides – through us!

Our Elder board, under the leadership of Pete Gardner, continues to provide structure and worship guidance to Lakeside. We are looking for two 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.

Sometimes the people in the background get little notice, but they are instrumental in keeping the pulse of the Lakeside family vibrant. Please step up and say thank you when you see them. A good example of this is Carole Schroeder, Sunday School Leader/Teacher. Ms. Carole recently had a full house during the 10:30 AM service. What a blessing, to have the little ones come and hear about Jesus.

*Dan Ladigoski*  
*Congregational President*





The Assimilation Committee and helpers did a great job preparing the New Member reception on March 19. The new members were greeted with a yellow ribbon to wear on their lapel prior to the 10:30 AM service. A reception was held following the service in Meyer Hall. Dan Ladigoski, Council President, welcomed the 30 new members and others before enjoying food and fellowship (10 people were unable to attend). Pastor Dahlke concluded the reception with closing remarks. If you are considering membership at Lakeside Lutheran Church, please call the church office or speak with Pastor.



**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS!**





### LWML April Meeting

Ladies - Please come and join us at the April LWML Meeting on Thursday, **April 13th** at 11:30 in Meyer Hall. (Please note the change of date due to Easter week!) Our theme will be "The Perfect Lamb!" We will be working on a Mother's Day craft present for the preschool moms. Come enjoy a Quiche Lunch. Please sign-up in the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing you!

### The LWML 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
  - Clean Empty Pill Bottles with labels removed will 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!

### LWML 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) Rebecca's Garden of Hope for Christ-centered support of college-bound students and 2) Dominican Republic Disability Ministry to care and advocate for disabled youth. 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.



### Thanks Lakeside for your Generosity!

Lakeside LWML and the Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center want to thank Lakeside members and friends that generously donated so many items as part of our Rally.

We received:

- 176 children's outfits
- 66 pairs of socks
- 30 packages of diapers
- 24 packages of underwear
- 10 baby wipe packages
- 8 liquid baby cleaning products
- 8 bibs
- 2 pacifiers
- 1 formula container





# LWML - SARASOTA ZONE SPRING RALLY PHOTOS

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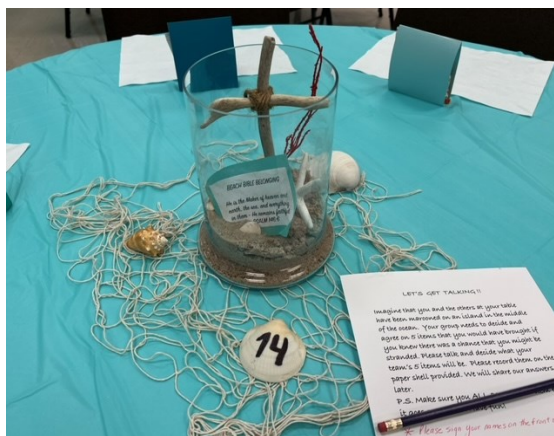


# LWML - SPRING RALLY PREPARATION PHOTOS

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LWML GIFTS OF THE HEART





## THE TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL



The JOY continues every Wednesday morning as the children come to church for prayer, a Bible story and songs. Please stop by to fill your heart with JOY... the chapel program starts at 9:45 and lasts 20 minutes. We're looking for a few more volunteers. If you are interested contact Sharon, [sladd52@gmail.com](mailto:sladd52@gmail.com).

Thanks to the LVML ladies for filling about 500 Easter eggs for our 2nd Easter Egg hunt with the preschool children, to take place April 4, 9:30AM on our campus.

*Pictured left:* The littlest ones in children's chapel

*Pictured below:* The children love to hi-five as they leave church, with Mr. Dan, Ms. Bev and Ms. Diane.



## SAVE THE DATE: **APRIL 25th**

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - POTLUCK DINNER



**APRIL MISSIONARY** - Coffee Fund Monies will go to Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson, serving the Lord in Latvia. They have 3 children - Cosette, Juliette and Aleksander.



### JOY "TO GO"

A great way to carry your Bible, papers, sewing items, etc... Show your JOY wherever you go. Now available for \$10.00. If you'd like to purchase one, please contact Sharon Ladigoski,

## 40 Tables of God's Love – 2023

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42*

In the Bible, we see that Jesus used the table throughout His ministry. He loved coming together and enjoying food around a table. It was an opportunity for Him to share in fellowship and bring the Gospel to His neighbors. The dinner table has long been a place of connection, healing of brokenness, and a loving blessing to the participants in Jesus' name.

**Goals:** To create a joyful fellowship of meals, inspiring stories, and prayer for people both in the congregation and those struggling, confused, hurting, or apart from God's grace in our homes.

**Motivation:** We have been saved by grace in Jesus and desire that salvation for all people.

**Strategy:** During the months of May, June and July we will seek to have 20 meals within our fellowship of believers. In August, September, and October we will seek to have 20 meals with a mix of believers and non-believers or people who are struggling, confused, hurting, or apart from God's grace in our homes.

### May, June and July the participants will:

- Invite 2-6 people to a table.
- Have a meal that creates an environment of joy, peace, and kindness.
- Start the meal with a common prayer.
- Those present have an opportunity to share his or her story with the group about what God is doing or has done in their lives? (Specific for a believing table.)
- Take a photo of the table with the people to add to the “**40 Tables of God's Love**” church display.
- Lead a prayer of thanks and praise or other intercessions.

### August, September, and October the participants will:

- Invite 2-6 people in your home with at least two of them who are struggling, confused, hurting, or apart from God's grace. Some can be disciples from your first meal or they can all be different.
- Have a meal that creates an environment of joy, peace, and kindness.
- Start the meal with a common prayer.
- Those present have an opportunity to share his or her story with the group about what is going on in their life. You may share your story of God if you so choose.
- Take a photo of the table with the people to add to the “**40 Tables of God's Love**” church display.
- Lead a prayer of thanks and praise or other intercessions.

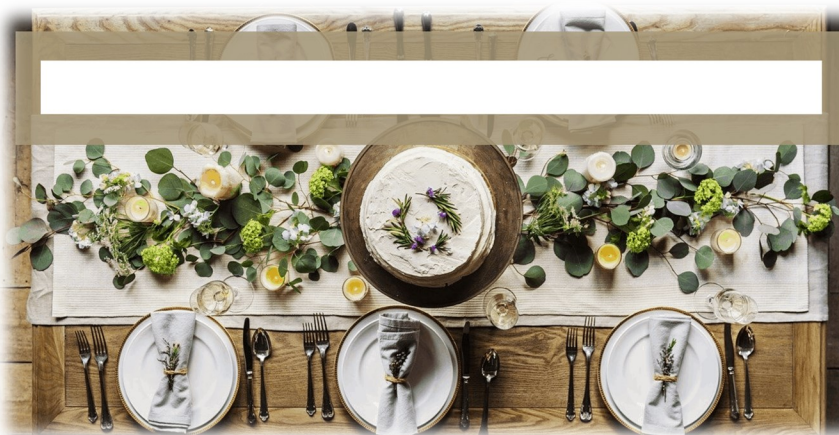
### Follow Up:

Follow up with you guests in about 40 days and see if they could see any prayers that were answered.

Determine if you can continue your relationship with them in prayer and fellowship.

Discover what you can do next in the relationship?

You may certainly do more than the two tables if you want.



(We may have a fellowship meal in October in Meyer Hall to celebrate the 40 tables of God love.)



## Do you have an unbelieving family member and wondering what to do about it?

Dilemma: Accepting a shallow relationship with someone who is literally flesh of our flesh is difficult, but sharing our inner selves is very hard with unsaved adult children. Since God is the basis of our lives, and they usually don't want to hear about Him, relationships tend to stay on the surface. This is more than a dilemma it's heartbreaking and can cause pain and loss of sleep that all leads to poorer health.

Read one person's story. My daughter grew up in church. She won AWANA awards, performed in church plays, did sign language in worship services, had quiet times, and even led to Christ a friend who today is in Bible college. She knows the truth about God. Nothing I can say or do will push a spiritual button that will "fix" her. Her relationship with God is literally out of my hands.

- ✝ What about our homes? Just as parents must respect their adult children's desire not to hear about God, sons and daughters must respect parents. They need to leave their lifestyles outside our homes.
- ✝ Keep communication open. Are you walking on egg shells? Maintaining communication is often difficult and shallow. A wrong word can easily break it. This can create estrangement or weeks of silence.
- ✝ Look for common ground and build from there.
- ✝ Find someone to pray and talk with about this. You are not alone.

Here are four things to help your unbelieving family member:

- ✝ Pray – this means you keep loving them no matter what they have become.
- ✝ Ask impactful question. Intentionally think of questions to discover and understand where they are coming from in their life.
- ✝ Listen – You may have to listen 90% of the time while your 10% is doing the hard work asking the right questions. Perhaps the Holy Spirit will create an opportunity to plant a seed along the way.
- ✝ Repeat – We need not give up or take responsibility for their unbelief. Stay healthy in the Gospel.

Prayer: Lord, help me not to panic as my adult child wrestles with their beliefs in You. Give me strength to be a compassionate listener, willing to truly hear my child's heart on the matter. Help me love them with tender support as they make sense of You. Thank You for carrying me while I support them. Give me courage to listen and not judge. Amen.

Fill in your family members name in the blank below and pray: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (*John 14:6*) Dear Lord, Please help \_\_\_\_\_ find that You really are the way, the truth, and the life. Help (*him/her*) find You as the path that (*he/she*) needs You, as the truth (*he/she*) craves to know, and You as (*his/her*) source of eternal life. Please help \_\_\_\_\_ see the beauty of a faith-filled relationship with You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

There are more of these types of prayer in the second resource below.

### Great Resources:

- Website: 10 WAYS TO HELP WHEN ADULT CHILDREN ARE QUESTIONING THEIR FAITH
- <https://emptynestblessed.com/2022/02/16/when-adult-children-are-questioning-their-faith>
- <https://www.ambitionsforchrist.com/verses-pray-unsaved-family/>
- Book: *When They Turn Away: Drawing Your Adult Child Back to Christ*, copyright 2011 by Rob Rienow. Published by Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI.

What are you doing that you can share with the rest of us?  
Send your ideas to [PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.net](mailto:PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.net).

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It's true that Jesus death was meant for evil. But God Himself was at work through it all, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us as He made Him who had no sin to be sin for us. And come resurrection morn, He proclaims to all the world that its sins are forgiven, forgotten, gone! Joy truly *has* come into all the world: the joy of sins' forgiveness, death's defeat, love's unconquerable triumph.

Don't forget to savor the JOY of the cross yourself — to join the people of God in kneeling before the Crucified One who yet lives, who still is the master of working all things (including suffering and hardship) to bring blessing to His own, and who will surely appear again in glory. To Him, to our Lord of Joy, be all glory and honor!

*Paraphrased: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
President, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*



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