

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July, 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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THE MESSENGER

*Joyful Christians who Inspire
Spiritual Growth and Discipleship*



The most familiar eagle Bible text is “but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” ([Isaiah 40:31](#)). This verse is the conclusion of a chapter detailing the greatness of God. It reminds the reader that the strongest of men may stumble and fall, but those who trust in the Lord have a strength that this world cannot offer.

When we see an eagle in flight we can be reminded that it is the Creator who supplies the eagle's strength. He will also strengthen those who call upon His name ([Psalm 50:15](#); [Isaiah 55:6-7](#)).

Eagles have always symbolized freedom, strength, and power. They are considered the kings of the sky and were adopted by several cultures as a symbol of that country's immortality. The United States declared the bald eagle its national bird in 1792.

Eagles are used as a part of the song God instructed Moses to teach the Israelites. In that song, God compares His care for His people to that of a mother eagle who spreads her wings to cover her young and carry them away from danger ([Exodus 19:4](#)).

Throughout the Bible, eagles represent God's power. God uses the imagery of an eagle in issuing warnings to nations who do evil ([Obadiah 1:4](#); [Jeremiah 49:22](#)). He chose the bird they considered powerful to demonstrate His sovereign control over everything.



JohnBaby



During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord. That

is faith manifested through us rather than the common fear offered by the world. The world has plenty of fear apart from Christ. We bring peace in Jesus. The world can only offer rules and regulation offered through government and enforced by organized force.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we seek to provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself. In a time when workers are getting fewer we begin to realize that we are the ones sent. When we see that God works through us as part of the solution we become too dedicated to service and we quit looking at others people's specks.



As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord, and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

Pastor David Dahlke



HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Prepare for your Personal Bible Study:

- Ready your Heart for the Holy Spirit entering you through the Word!
- Be dependent on the Holy Spirit, not yourself
- Be dependent on mature believers, not your ego - talk about it.

Know why you are taking part of the day for studying the Word.

- To plant the Gospel in other through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To grow a much deeper spirituality in God.
- To receive spiritual blessings from God through the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus
- To receive regular encouragement from the hand of God
- To receive personal guidance by the Holy Spirit
- Repel the devil, the world and our sinful nature by the Word (Jesus)
- To learn so you can pass it on to the next generation and the present generation
- To advise others as they maneuver through life
- To plant the Gospel to those apart from grace
- Expose false doctrine and verify truth and purity
- God says it a great idea. He smarter than your excuses.

Discern the Message

- One point may have many applications; look for one key point.
- Study Outlines: It more than reading
- Observe: Look at as much stuff as you can and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Reflect

- The Christological Principle – see it through Christ
- Think through the Law and Gospel - Sin and Grace Principle
- The Literal Principle – See it as it is
- The Historical Principle (Then and There and Here and Now)
- The Contextual Principle
- The Compatibility or the Scripture Interprets Scripture Principle
- The Grammatical Principle
- Discuss with people of peace

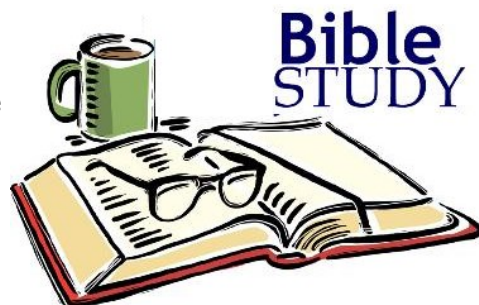
Finally Apply, Plan, Be Accountable, and Act

How is your Biblical discernment?

Match the statements with the Bible verses

- ⇒ *By the Power of the Holy Spirit, we are changed from self-centered to God-Centered people.*
- ⇒ *When we place our trust in the Lord, we commit our ways to Him.*
- ⇒ *Realize that because we live in a country with a government that allows us to say, "One Nation Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All: we can worship and serve Jesus freely.*
- ⇒ *With God's Power within us, we are empowered to serve.*

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- ✚ "Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You" (Psalm 9:10).
 - ✚ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - ✚ "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
 - ✚ "And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:15).



Lakeside Band-of-Brothers

MISSION STATEMENT: 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.

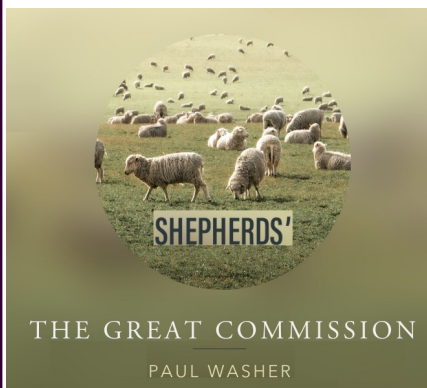
The Band-of-Brothers meets each Saturday morning from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room (with the exception of the first Saturday of the month - when we meet at Skillet's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.)

In July, we will continue our fund-raising which offers support to give to a seminary student.

We continue to collect and distribute non-perishable foods and toiletries for the South County Food Pantry, alongside the Lakeside collection efforts.



We reach out to other Christian congregations in our area by encouraging group-participation in the Friday evening song and faith rallies at Venice beach (located at the West end of Venice Avenue). The songs begin one hour before sunset.



We immerse ourselves in a video about our Christian faith. We recently finished a series from David Jeremiah, and we have started some seminars from Paul Washer. They are truly amazing and inspiring for our continued enthusiastic faith journey. We anticipate preparing a time to share these videos and discussions with everyone, starting in July.



Men, please come join us - coffee and donuts are included!

Thought for the day: *Sin will take you farther than you wanted to go,
Keep you longer than you wanted to stay,
Cost you more than you wanted to pay.*

Birthdays

Leonard Fitchlee July 1	Annette MacDonald July 12	Albert Trautner July 26
Margaret Murphy July 3	Sally Meyer July 13	Diane Bokelman July 27
Phillip Russell July 3	Joan Hajdas July 14	Pattie Hays July 28
Mike Thieroff July 3	Jill Kalish July 16	Vicky Mulvihill July 28
Gary Whitlow July 3	Vic Englehardt July 19	David Dahlke July 29
Duke Coval July 7	JoAnn Dickman July 20	Dan Meyer July 29
Lyle Evans July 7	Lizzy Kalish July 21	Robert Holmes July 31
Don Jawor July 8	Louise Solomon July 21	Albert Lemieux July 31
Kenny Gustafson July 9	Symphony O'Keefe July 22	Don Reschke July 31
Leon Kirchhoff July 9	Marion Stanjones July 22	
Cheryl Langenek July 11	Marlene Mullen July 23	

Happy Birthday and Anniversary



Anniversaries

Bob and Sharon Bradham July 2
John and Carrie Brooks July 3
George and Alice Johnson July 16
Ralph and Betty D'Elosua July 21
Michael and Cindy Ehrat July 22
Joseph and Janet Wilson July 22
John and Lois Hammond July 24
Lawrence and Joan Waters July 24
Robert and Roberta Kamerlander July 28

Thank you!



Thank you so much to **Peter Joseph!** You did an amazing job taking photographs for the 2023 Church Directory.

People: If you neglected to get a photo turned in, please email a snapshot asap to the office - or bring a photo in to the office and we will scan it and give it right back.

We would love for everyone to be in the directory.



Let's get together and "do lunch"
on Thursday, July 27th
at 11:30 at Skillets
(4115 S Tamiami Trail - in the Pioneer Room)

LWML will be holding a **40 Tables of Love** event for all ladies - Dutch treat! There will be no meeting, no agenda - just joyful fellowship. Please bring a friend or neighbor. It will be nice to hear how God has been working in your life this summer!

Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact Diane Kremkow at 312-420-2716 or dvkremk@gmail.com.

let's do
A LADIES LUNCH



**LWML continues to
collect clean pill bottles and
Prescription glasses/sunglasses**



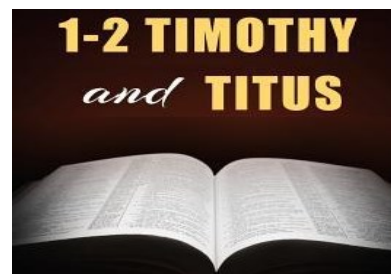
**And don't forget your
mighty mite box.**



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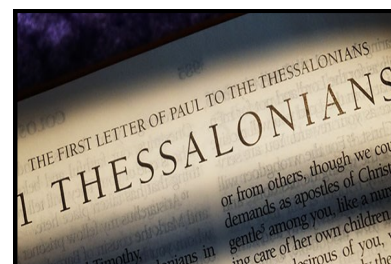
Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

Led by Amy Dahlke
1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus
 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room



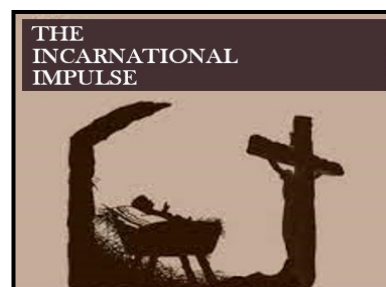
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke
The Study of 1st Thessalonians
 9:00 a.m. Wednesday's online (Zoom).



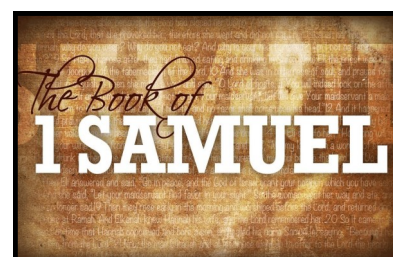
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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



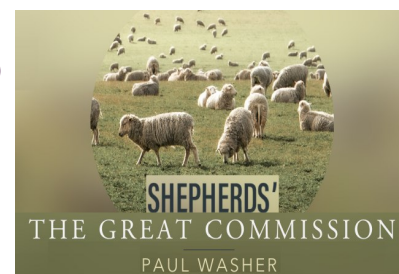
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke
The Study of 1st Samuel
 Wednesday's at 7:00 PM online (Zoom).



Saturday Morning - Men's Group Study (in the Youth Room)

Join the men
Watch Paul Washer's Study Videos
 Saturday at 8:30 AM - Youth Room.
 (Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skilletts)



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



SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Our church garden is designated as a sharing gardening. As people in Venice choose apartments or homes with less acreage, this type of growing may be something that you would be interest in?

Can you dig it? Come Grow With Us! Contact Brenda if you want to muddying your shoes...

THE CARDEN IS ESTABLISHED: Would you like to join our gardening group? People can volunteer time to the garden, or volunteer financially (to purchase soil, fertilizers, seeds, tools or other items needed). Call the office if you would like to be a Waterer, Weeder or Seeder.



We are looking for a volunteer to make a **SCARECROW**. Could you be that person? Contact the church office if you can do this!

WANTED: Donations of USED-DISCARDED-UNWANTED garden containers - for a Herb Garden. Please do not give anything of value, just unwanted plant containers or garden boxes. (Please do not go out and purchase new containers, just bring old ones if you happen to have some.)



Feel free to pick up a
SHARING GARDEN - JUNE BIBLE STUDY

available in the Narthex
(or email the church)



Joyfully Inspiring

Do you remember the Wizard of Oz? “I am the great and powerful Oz,” the professor bellows from behind a curtain. Sometimes we might think we are the great and powerful in our lives, but God sees us behind the curtain. “God humbles us. He puts us in situations where our weakness, foolishness, and immaturity are exposed.” And through His grace, love and mercy, He forgives us, teaches us, redeems us, and surrounds us with a community of love.



Pastor’s July sermons bring us back to the heart of worship – how we disciple each other, comfort each other in hard moments, instill hope and courage, and share the love of Jesus with our friends, families and communities. As David Tripp states, “Our walk with God is a community project.”

Thank you to everyone who disciplined us with their joyful inspirations in June. Some reflected on inspirations in their current lives, and others on moments from childhood on. “The faith of a child does not doubt, question, or seek explanations. It just believes!” Discipleship is not a big scary thing! It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3: Believe in Jesus. Follow Jesus. And share Jesus.

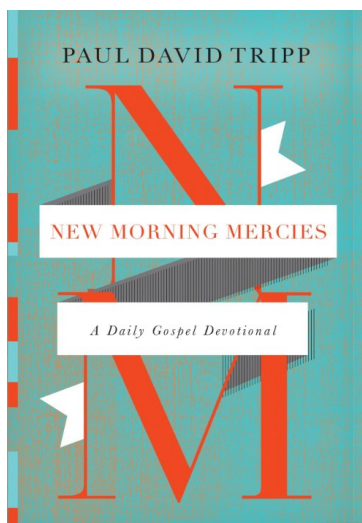
Preview of July sermon themes:

July 2: What’s the Problem Here? *(Based on New Morning Mercies July 2)*

“Corporate worship is designed to turn your heart from the shadow glories of creation to the one glory that will satisfy it.”

July 9: Worship Part 2 *(Based on New Morning Mercies July 12)*

“Life in this fallen world is hard. That’s why you need a community of love.”



July 16: Why Hard Moments? *(Based on New Morning Mercies July 19)*

“God puts you in hard moments when you cry out for his comfort so that your heart becomes tender to those near you who need the same comfort.”

July 23: A War Zone *(Based on New Morning Mercies July 25)*

“Today you’ll wonder if you’ll have enough, or you’ll tell yourself, ‘The Lord will provide,’ and in faith you’ll move forward.”

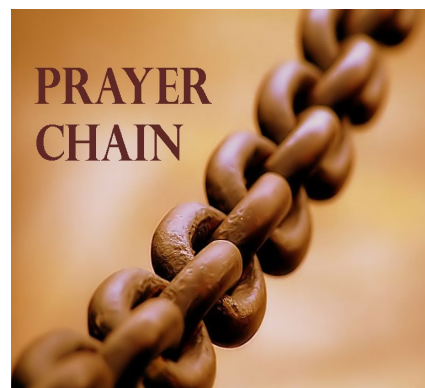
July 30: Hobby Life *(Based on New Morning Mercies July 30)*

“What could be a greater, higher honor than to be a chosen instrument for the most important renewal project in the universe – redemption?”

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.



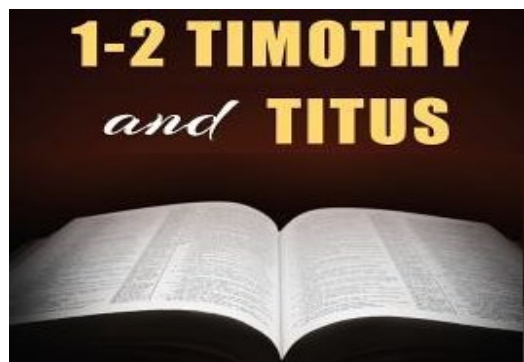
Helping Hands

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.



Women's Bible Study

All women at Lakeside are invited to join the Women's Bible Study on Monday nights. There is a new study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. We meet from 6:00-7:15 in the youth room. The new study has just begun. Join us whenever you can! We look forward to growing in faith together.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

POT“LUCK”: LUCK OF THE IRISH... go green! It's your lucky day! The next potluck dinner will be held July 11th in Meyer Hall. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed by a game lead by Pastor. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for head count purposes! See you July 11th.

The Hospitality Committee will continue coffee and cookies throughout the summer months on July 2 & 16 and August 6 & 20. Thank you to the Gardeners and the Kremkows, who have been filling in and setting up when needed. If anyone would like to help or donate cookies, please let me know or bring items in during the week. Our mission basket this month will be donated to their **MEDICAL OUTREACH IN AFRICA**, where LCMS is training the locals in many basic areas of health. Thank you for your continued support of our missions.

BREAD BREAKERS:

The Bread Breakers of Lakeside enjoyed an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at Snook Haven. The group attended the last performance of the "BANJOS" on May 25.

Picture right >

Back row: Leon, Mary, Peter, Carol.
Front row: Diane, Mike, Keith,
Richard, Kim, Jane



Pictured Below:

Back row: Mary, Jameson, Pastor,
Amy, Faith.

Middle row: Diane, Carol. standing: Leon.

Front row: Keith, Laura, Mike, Sharon



Entertainment Pictured Below



Table Fellowship:

Are you being Jesus at meal time or being something else?

Why is table fellowship of great importance both to the early Christian church and to us today? Can you think of a few reasons? Table fellowship is a theme throughout the Bible, and is used to teach the stories of God to God's people and beyond. The stories of God's prophets often involve eating and sharing the things of God that were needed to be shared and to connect with eternity. It seems like Jesus was always eating with someone for the same salvation. The Last Supper points to Christ's own sacrifice for our life, and to the Great Banquet that will be held for all of us in heaven. The early Church continued the table fellowship both in daily meals and in holy communion, and so do we.



Christ is present in all of our table fellowship because we are the temple of Christ. (1 Cor 6:19) Christ's presence at the table means that we recognize that God is the giver of all good things. We see that Jesus is the "true bread of life." (John 6:33-48) When we eat together, we welcome the Lord's presence. When in the presence of the Lord, we joyfully celebrate the gift of food, the gift of Christ's sacrifice, and the promise of His presence both now and in the future when we partake in the eternal banquet.

God's desire for His people is wonderful table fellowship. It leads us right into the Lord's Table. These relationships are made to be marked with love, and eating is a time of celebration of God's goodness.

What does table fellowship look like when you invite some people that need the presence of Jesus through you? Here are six ingredients that go into table fellowship:

Inviting non-Christians
Building community & unity
Expressing present and future hope

Teaching the Word
Sharing
Telling the Christian story



THE TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL - CLASS OF 2023



Graduation Day was May 27 at Lakeside Lutheran. It was a fun and busy day for all. Many thanks to the Lakeside volunteers who helped: in the sound booth - Ryan, in the kitchen - Judy and Colleen, in the church - Pastor, and all-around - Jameson and Wayne. After the graduation ceremony a small reception was held in Meyer Hall for graduates and their families.



Children's chapel continues throughout the summer. Chapel takes place on Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:45am. Join us. Watch and sing with the little children. It will put **JOY** in your heart.

Please call or see Sharon Ladigoski for more information about the preschool (941) 460-6959



GRADUATING TREEHOUSE CHILDREN, 2023



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PRAYER FOR OUR NATION: Great God, our King, pour out the riches of your grace upon our nation, not because we are deserving, but because we cannot afford to live without Your grace and mercy. For Christ's sake bless our nation so that we may proclaim the Gospel with our lips and lives and so offer You the praise, honor, and glory you deserve. In Jesus' name. Amen



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