

# LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August, 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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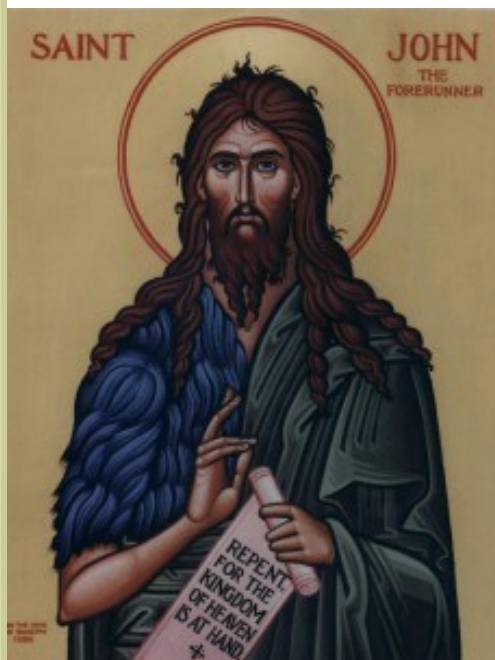
# THE MESSENGER

*Joyful Christians who Inspire  
Spiritual Growth and Discipleship*



## The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Celebrated Aug. 29th During LCMS Feasts and Festivals of the Church Year (Mark 6:14-29)



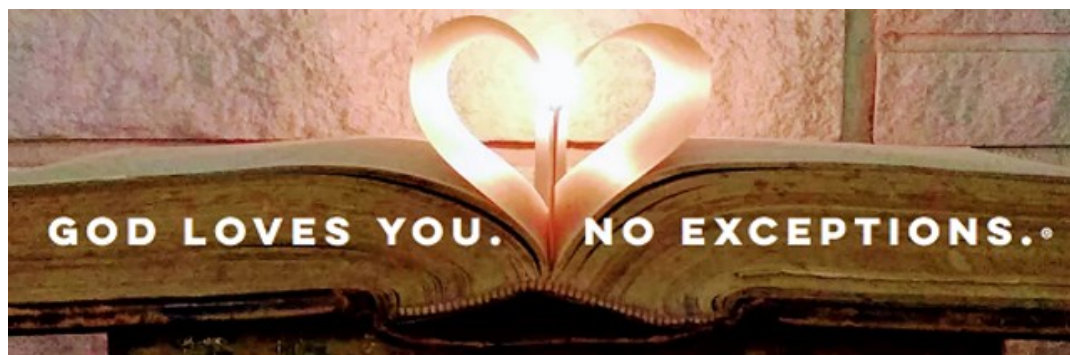
The world holds a grudge for calling them to repentance. They want you to be silenced, not ceasing until your mouth stops confessing if you tell them Christ is the only way to forgiveness. They are merely doing the work of the evil one, who wants nothing more than to drive you from the faith and into silence the Word. But the devil wants more than your head, he wants your heart, body, and soul: he wants it all... he wants nothing short of eternal death for you.

The evil one thinks he has cut the head from the body of Christ when Jesus breathes His last. But on the third day the stone is rolled away. Do you know what that means?! Not even death could separate us from the love of God. So brothers and sisters in Christ, what is there to fear, of whom shall I be afraid?! I am baptized in Christ! Whether it is in the midst of riots or Christian persecution, we must be strong and courageous.

We have the water that alone can cleanse. We have the bread and wine for the only banquet that will satisfy. And so we will not stop! We will not waver! We will not surrender! Because you, my friend, are a prophet from the days of old. A voice crying from the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. You have the very Word of God placed upon your lips. Nothing will stop us from preaching hell and salvation for the redemption of the lost... and not even the gates of hell will prevail.

Read Revelation 7:14. When the darkness of the evil one overshadows, we will be there to bring the Light of Christ. Come what may, so help us God, we will bring the Light!

Taken from <https://resources.lcms.org/author/steveschavel/>

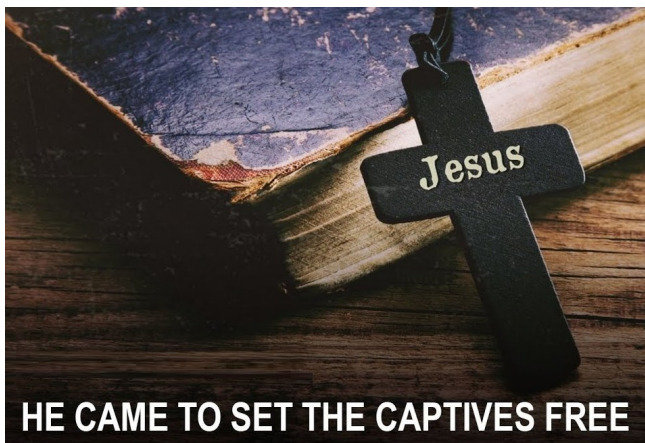




Francis Scott Key was born August 1<sup>st</sup> 1779. We all know him as the man who wrote our national anthem “The Star-Spangled Banner”. Many of us know that he was aboard a ship, the *Tonnant*, as he watched the assault of the English rockets on Fort McHenry in Baltimore throughout the night in 1814. But did you know that he was on an enemy ship? He was tasked by President Madison to go to this English ship and negotiate the release of an American prisoner named Dr. William Beanes. He accomplished this task but they were both detained on the ship because of the eminent attack on Baltimore. There he witnessed and shared an event that inspires a nation.



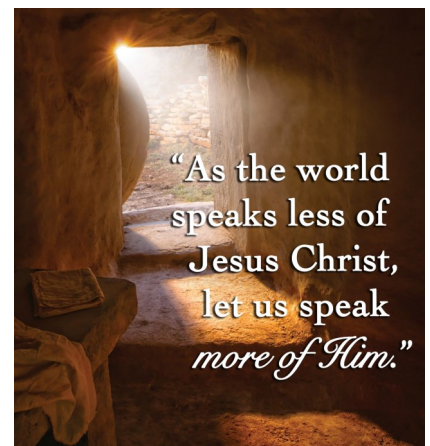
We tend to be impressed by his talent of poetry as a historical battle goes on before Key’s eyes. Rightly so! But what caught me was something different. He was sent into enemy territory to secure the release of a captive.



His mission reminds me of Jesus’ mission. Jesus was to go into the danger zone and set the captives free. He is the inspiration of the entire church on earth. The same mission belonged to Moses, David, Jonah, Peter, Paul and countless others from the Bible and throughout history. The mission is the same as ours today. We are sent into enemy territory to secure the release of the captives of sin. Our number one tool for this mission is the Gospel of Jesus wrapped in the Holy Spirit coming through us in Word and deed emanating and motivated by God’s righteous love. It’s a mission that touches eternity.

What could be more important in our lives than being a chosen instrument of God, having the great honor and privilege of the calling to be His spokesperson to set the captives free from enemy territory? Try, if you wish, but there is none. Welcome to the sending. It’s good to be saved!

Pastor David J. Dahlke





## The Council meeting was held July 12, 2023

We are exploring stronger potential outreach with The Treehouse Preschool. At a recent meeting we were presented with the possibility of splitting the Treehouse into two sections: Regular non-profit preschool and a profit oriented Home-School section. The Council has requested a more detailed and written description of the plan. Elizabeth is working on that plan. Our concern is protecting our tax-exempt status. The Treehouse has agreed to fund any changes needed. The Home-School aspect may portend getting more older children involved on our campus if we have congregant participation and encouragement.



Our Band of Brothers is continuing to inspire an enthusiasm from our men to bring our faith to others: The Apathy of America – followed with The Remedy of Revival by David Jeremiah will be presented to our congregation and Christians-at-large in October. ***“In light of the declining cultural values and it’s effect on our faith and worship, something needs to be done and not just talked about.”*** We are presently reviewing the Apologetics (Christians arguments and writings in justification of our faith doctrine). We have an open invitation to all men to join us on Saturday mornings for some deep-faith exploration.

Our Finances under Treasurer Larry Sheldrake – continue to be managed accurately and with a positive direction. Our net asset value at Lakeside is over \$4 million and our only debt at this point is our mortgage balance \$30,000 and that should be paid off and retired later this year. Thank you Lord for supporting Your House of Ministry and worship through the generosity of your congregants and the fire Your Holy Spirit ignites in our hearts.



The recent power-surge and circuit-board damage was handled swiftly by Ken Gustafson and Ryan Kraus. There are still some unfinished repairs in process – but the cost to the church is being handled efficiently.

In light of the recent disruption of our 10:30 service by a person not taking our Sacraments properly and seriously, the Elders are instituting some new protocols for worship services - namely having someone in the Narthex during each service and keeping the outer Narthex doors locked during services. Congregants that arrive late will be admitted individually.

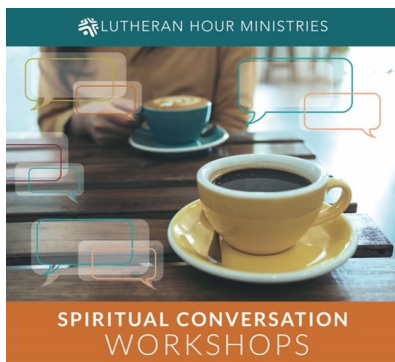
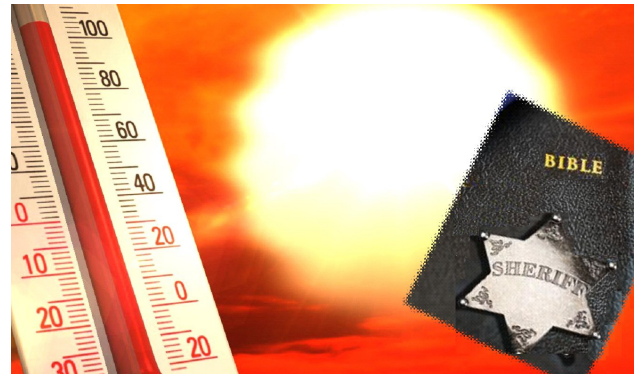
Your Actively Involved Lakeside Council

## IT'S GETTING TO BE A HOT SUMMER

*"Addressing Safety, Security and Outreach to the Homeless"*

The Church Leadership has been addressing the increase in homeless activity on our campus. We are continuing to work with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office **HOT Team** (Homeless Outreach Team). We will be looking at ways to interact and share the Gospel with those homeless in our community while working to make our campus safer for members and visitors. Stay tuned for more updates.

Pete Gardner - Head Elder

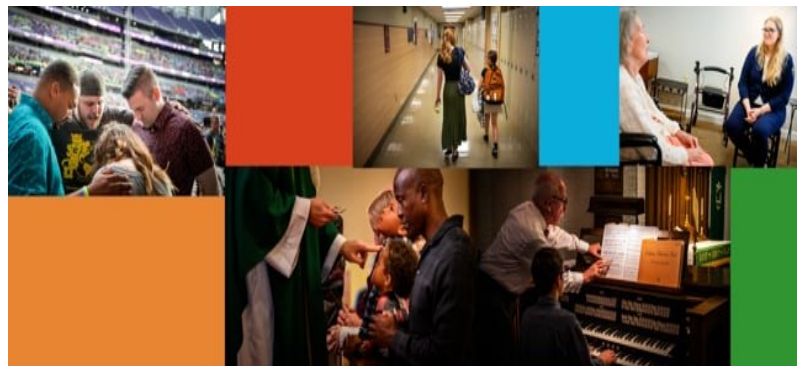


### SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP

Join us for lively workshops that present timely, practical tools that can equip you to become an effective witness for Jesus. Both workshops are based on original research from Barna and Lutheran Hour Ministries. The workshops will be Saturdays, August 5 and 19, from 9:00-11:00AM in Meyer Hall. We pray that you will join us!

### SERVING CHRIST'S CHURCH IN A SECOND CAREER

Did you ever consider serving in the church or at an LCMS school? Are you thinking about a second career in full-time church work? Many LCMS pastors, teachers, deaconesses and commissioned church workers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same! Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker. Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit [lcms.org/sas](http://lcms.org/sas) for more information.



**SET APART TO SERVE**  
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT

## Birthdays

Billie Meyers August 1	Stella Reschke August 12	Adam Adkirson August 24
Elaine Viafora August 1	Sue Gambill August 13	George Oberg August 24
Jim Williams August 1	Ashtan Adkirson August 15	Charles Solomon August 24
Mackenzie Freeman August 2	Avaryana Adkirson August 15	Dorothy Doner August 25
Carl Reiche August 3	Vicki Muckinhaupt August 15	Nathanael Ehrat August 26
Laura Mona August 4	Willard Holman August 17	Rebekah Ehrat August 26
Ron Kammer August 5	Robert Marshall August 17	Larry Sheldrake August 26
Cindy Ehrat August 7	James McCarthy August 17	Jay Ohlsen August 27
Robert McManaman August 7	Charlotte Van Dyke August 17	Brian Johanson August 28
Alice Kienitz August 9	Robert Emo August 20	Karen Colwell August 30
Corinne Kiefer August 10	Brenda McCowan August 22	Joseph St. Pierre August 30
Lee Knudsvig August 12	Ryan Krause August 23	

## Happy Birthday and Anniversary



## Anniversaries

William and Martha Schipul August 5	Robert and Greta Poglitsch August 22
Ted and Sandy Gossert August 8	Paul and Helen VantHof August 24
Stan and Linda Gabriel August 10	Keith and Diane Kremkow August 26
Lyle and Alice Kienitz August 16	Larry and Donna Sheldrake August 28
Barry and Fran Panozzo August 19	Peter and Janet Gardner August 30
Bill and Nancy Lindquist August 22	Paul and Cheri Adams August
Gene and Zoe Miller August 22	





## PILL BOTTLE - MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Thank you Lakeside for the hundreds of pill bottles you helped the LWML collect over the last year. We have met our goal for our collection and will NO LONGER BE COLLECTING PILL BOTTLES. The pill bottles are being shipped to Matthew 25: Ministries to improve the quality of life in hospitals & health clinics in developing countries. We appreciate your support.

**LWML continues to collect  
Prescription glasses or sunglasses**



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



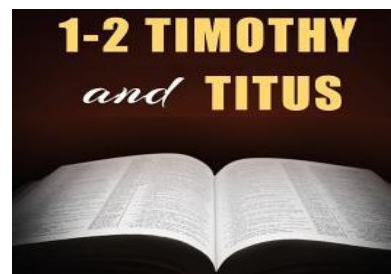
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## - AUGUST CLASSES -

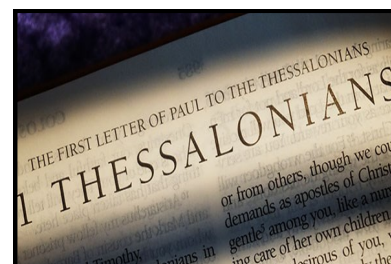
### Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

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



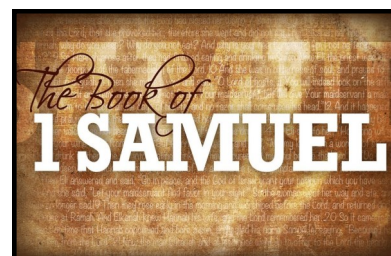
### Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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



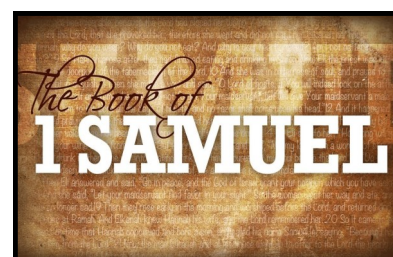
### Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke  
**The Study of 1st Samuel**  
 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  
**Reviewing the Apologetics**  
 Saturday at 8:30 AM - Youth Room.  
 (Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skillsets)

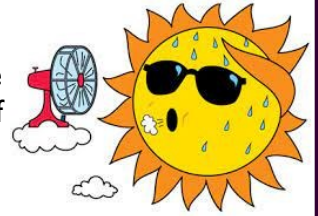


Contact Pastor (PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.Net) or the church office  
 (LLC@LakesideLutheran.Net) to sign up for an online class.



## SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Our church garden is designated as a sharing gardening. Can you dig it? Come Grow With Us! Contact Brenda Gustafson - church office (941) 493-5102 if you would like to muddying your shoes...



## OUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Some like it hot, some don't. The Florida sun and white flies did-it-in for our bean plants. Now we are trying 'Potato Buckets' (thank you for the containers). Each bucket contains 2 russet potato plants. We will see if they like the Florida sunshine. We are also getting ready to prepare a Herb Garden. Stop by. Take a look! Bring your lawn chair and some lemonade and enjoy the tranquility.

### POTATOES



## SOWING SEEDS OF PEACE

Want to see a miracle? Try this. Take a seed the size of a freckle. Put it in dirt. Give it enough water, light, and fertilizer. And get ready. A mountain will be moved. It doesn't matter that the ground is a zillion times the weight of the seed. The seed will push it back. Every spring, dreamers around the world plant tiny hopes in overturned soil. And every spring, their hopes press against impossible odds and blossom. Never underestimate the power of a seed.

### *Sowing in Peace*



As far as I know, James, the letter writer, wasn't a farmer, but he knew the power of a seed sown in fertile soil. "Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness" (Jas 3:18). The principle for peace is

the same as the principle for crops: Never underestimate the power of a seed. How good are you at sowing seeds of peace? Pause for a moment and think about the people who make up your world. Take a stroll through the gallery of faces that are significant to you. Want to see a miracle? Plant a Word of love in a person's life. Nurture it with a smile and a prayer, and watch what happens. Never underestimate the power of a seed.

**We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive.**



**But we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.**

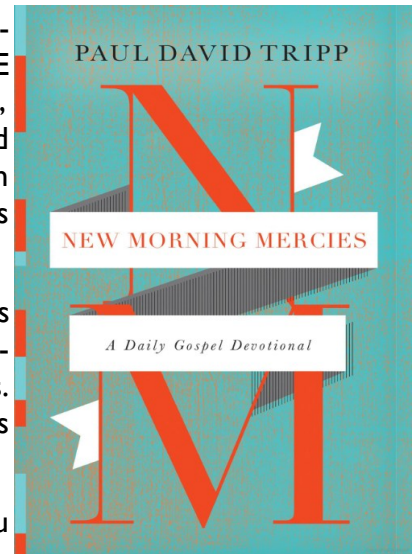


## Joyfully Inspiring

What is an ambassador? It's a big job. Ambassadors represent a sovereign's character and mission, and convey the sovereign's messages. WE are Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20). As His ambassadors, our job, in every relationship, is to represent Him in people's lives and make His grace visible. As David Tripp writes, "You are the look on Christ's face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His grace."

Pastor's August sermons describe God's care for us, and how He puts people in our lives to encourage, rebuke, and comfort us. God transforms us through His grace, and equips us to be His ambassadors. "Don't be satisfied with anything less than all God's powerful grace is able to produce in you and through you."

Thank you to those who shared their joyful inspirations in July. You inspire us all.



## Preview of August sermon themes:

**August 6: A Secret Blame** (Based on New Morning Mercies August 11)

"You disobey not because you lack the God-given grace to obey, but because you love something more than the God who's given you that grace."

**August 13: Need, Identity, Calling** (Based on New Morning Mercies August 19)

"God's care comes in many forms. Fellowship is God caring enough to put people in your life to encourage, rebuke, and comfort you."

**August 20: Missional Motivation** (Based on New Morning Mercies August 22)

"Don't be satisfied with anything less than all God's powerful grace is able to produce in you and through you."

**August 27: Are You a Hero?** (Based on New Morning Mercies August 29)

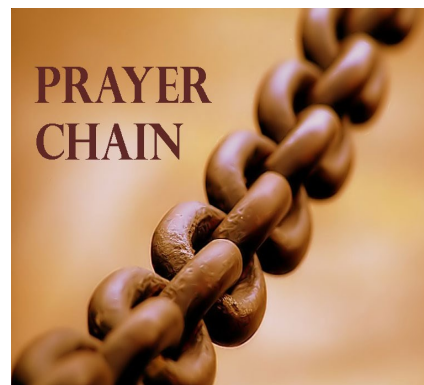
"The transformative power of grace will be one of the divine wonders that we will celebrate forever when eternity is our final home."



## 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.



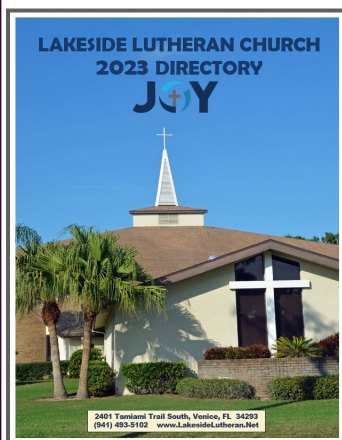
## Helping Hands

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.



## The 2023 Church Directory

The new directories will be available in the narthex before and after service on July 30th. After that you will need to stop by the church office to pick up a copy for your household. We will offer directories again in the FALL and January for when our snowbirds return. Please just take one copy per household (unless more are needed).

Thank you to all members who took time to send in photos and update their information! The participation was phenomenal! Thanks again to all of the people involved with photography, data, proofread and distribution. Your help is very much appreciated!



## **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:**

Mark your calendars - the next potluck dinner will be August 15, 2023. Meyer Hall will open at 5:30 PM and dinner served at 6:00 PM. You'll find a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please join us for fun and fellowship and to "give thanks" for all our blessings. Last month we enjoyed an "Irish Green" themed potluck dinner/dessert followed by a game of Bible trivia led by Pastor.

The dates for "Coffee and Cookies" this month will be Aug. 6th & 20th. The mission basket in August will be for Herman & Sheila Strozier, serving in Eurasia and living in the Czech Republic. Thank you for your generous donations to our missionaries, and thanks to the cookie angel for bringing cookies!



## **BREAD BREAKERS:**

**FUN DAY! WE ARE GOING TO THE CIRCUS TUES., AUGUST 1, AT 2:00 PM.**

The Summer Circus Spectacular is at the Historic Asolo Theater in Sarasota for just a few weeks. (Tickets needed to be purchased by July 15). You can google further info at Historic Asolo Theater. The address is: 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, located in the John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art (941) 360-7399. It should be a fun day.



## 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

We're so blessed to have the little ones on our church campus - and how sweet to see them at Children's Chapel on Wednesday mornings. If you'd like to see them in action and smile from ear to ear - stop by the church at 9:45am, Wednesdays. We could use a few more volunteers to help with the audio and storytelling. There are other areas where the preschool is looking for volunteers (and paid employees as well). Please contact Sharon Ladigowski or call the preschool (941) 497-5858 for more information.



Ms. Terry tells the story about Noah

The children dancing in the aisles to a song



The preschool makes a stop on the way to Children's Chapel to see the garden.



The Children watch the plants grow...

*Veggies and the preschool children!*



## Introducing...The Lakeside CREW!

In the past few months we've talked about the "LERT follow-up team," a group of people who started meeting after Hurricane Ian with a desire to help others. This group has evolved into a new ministry called the Lakeside CREW (Christians Ready Equipped and Willing). This externally focused ministry seeks to serve the needs of our congregation, campus and community in preparation and response to adverse situations, such as a storm, tragedy or unexpected event.

## Hurricane Planning: KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE

- ☐ Decide where you will go if you must evacuate.
- ☐ Evacuate when necessary – don't wait until it's too late.
- ☐ Let someone know where you are.



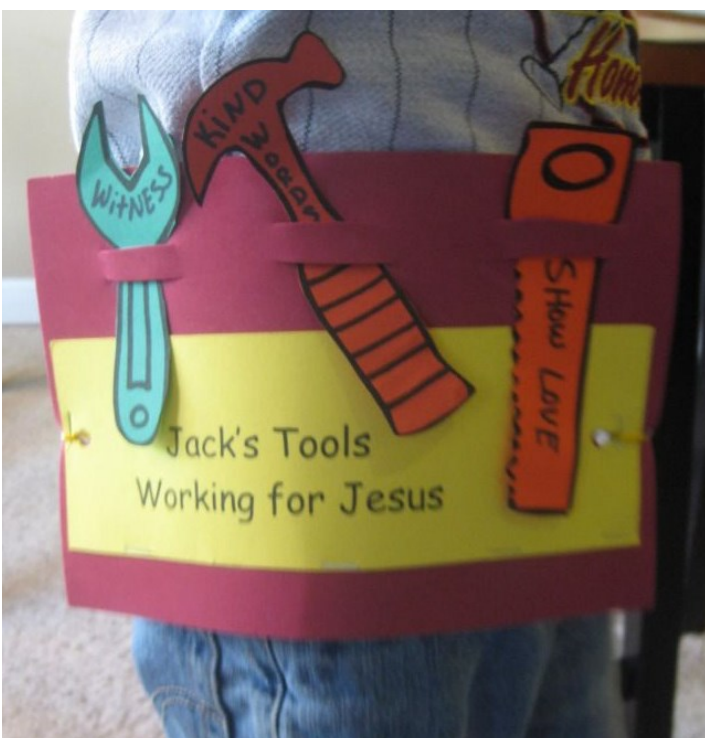
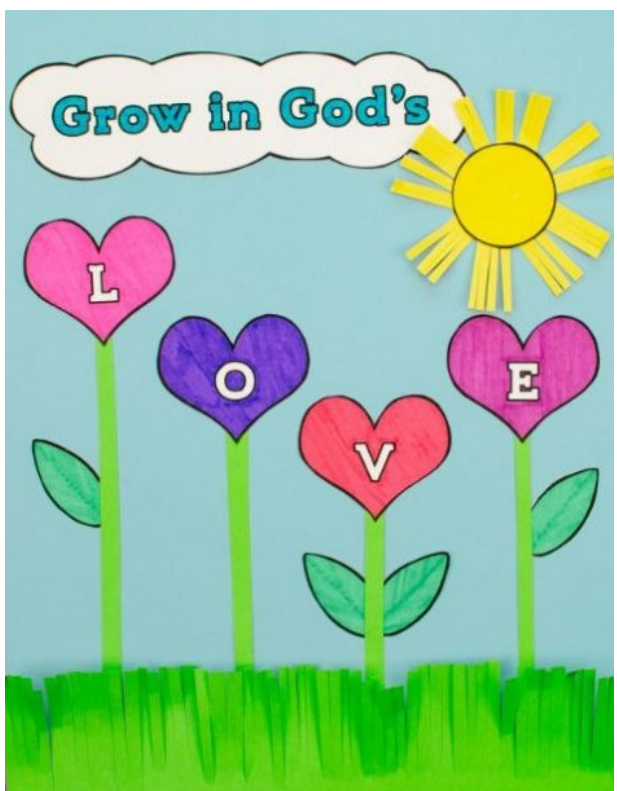
## NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Once a month Peter Gardner and Dan Ladigoski visit the Harbor Health Nursing home in Port Charlotte to share the good news of Jesus and brighten the day of about 18 residents by providing a worship service with singing and offering holy communion. The ministry has grown since it started about 8 years ago. Several Lakeside members have also been going to assist with the service and the residents. Many thanks to: Linda Gabriel, Maureen Dell, Vicki Muckinhaupt and Brenda McCowan. If you're interested in this ministry please see Peter Gardner or Dan Ladigoski. This is just another way to add JOY in your heart.





# SUMMER KID'S CRAFT IDEAS



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## Pray for the Kid's and Grandkid's School Year



Lord give our children a thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year, at home, in school, and at church. Open their ears, may they crave knowledge and seek it out. For in Proverbs 18:15 we learn that *'An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge'*.



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