

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September, 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*



Just Enough Time... to Do God's Will

*"Everyone should eat & drink & take pleasure
in all his toil - this is God's gift to man."
(Ecclesiastes 3:13).*

In a 21st century world where we're over-worked, overstressed, and over-scheduled, this may be one of the most significant and freeing sentences you'll ever read: *You have just enough time to do God's will.*

That means if you don't feel you have enough time in your day, one of two things is true.

Either:

- 1) You're doing things God doesn't intend for you to do.
- 2) You're doing the things God intended the wrong way.

God wouldn't give you a list of things to do and not give you the time to do them. Either you're trying to do too much or you're wasting time.

Either way, you need to learn to enjoy the moment. The Bible says, *"Everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil - this is God's gift to man."* (Ecc. 3:13).

Too many of us fall victim to a terrible trap. I call it "when and then" thinking. We believe "when" we achieve a particular goal, we'll be happy. Maybe that goal is graduation, marriage, or a financial goal. But you won't be happy then. You'll enjoy reaching that goal for three seconds, and then you'll start asking yourself, "What's next?" The cycle simply repeats.

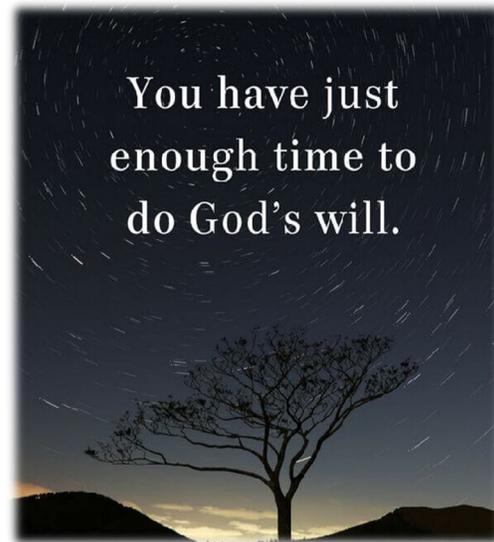
Are you worn out, burnt out, or stressed out? God wants more for you. If you're carrying an overwhelming load, it isn't from Jesus. He says in Matthew 11, *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28, 30).



Every moment of your life is a gift from God.
He doesn't want you to miss a single one.

Look at what you are doing. How can you change your priorities and your schedule so that you have enough time to do what God wants you to do?

BY RICK WARREN
Daily Hope and Devotions - JUNE 24, 2018





I love it when Oktoberfest is celebrated in September. The very name does not align with the application? I wonder how many books have been written on the Reformation? It must be thousands! So many books loaded with information but little application.



A few years ago, our family made a little visit to the Seminary Library in St. Louis. Row after row of books seeking to explain everything and everyone from Aaron to Zuzim (Gen 14:5), from Prolegomena to xerophagy. It can be fun digging into all these words but then along the way we need to hear the voice of reason. I can imagine First Lady Abigail Adams tell her rather verbose husband, President (and lawyer) John Adams, "We have too many high-sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them." Among all the information, application must pour out of us for the sake of the others. The church finds itself guilty of this as well. We have all the information, and opinions and we bloviate heavily. Perhaps a gentle turn, a repentant turn, is needed for the sake of the mission.



One of my favorite authors, Greg Finke, reminds us that there is a time when you have to put down the book and actually do. We can spend so much time in study, meetings, planning, reporting, and keeping busy with activities that being Jesus in the lives of others is simply lost. Oh, what loss and sadness comes upon the angels as such times this. How this slows down the church to a virtual standstill of missional work. Those angels want every reason to rejoice (Luke 15:6, 9, 32), but they hear yet another report on finances. Can you imagine the deep disappointment of the angels. How those angels love to see the shepherds running to share.

Can changes be made in your life that will impact the faith walk of others, enhance your own faith walk or be the light of the Gospel to a dark heart. Perhaps we can plan to do it in November, but actually live it out in October. It works for Oktoberfest! Joy!

Pastor Dahlke

Pictures:

1. Concordia Seminary Library
2. Abigail Adams
3. Greg Finke and myself



The Council is reviewing and addressing the following issues:

We are exploring a better way to collect donations for our Christian causes, for example: Missionary support or Seminarian support. Rather than collect funds in donation baskets in the narthex, it will be more appropriate to provide a separate donation envelope that will designate for where you wish your donation to be applied. An alternative donation can be to give to the Pastor's discretionary fund.

Our Band of Brothers is continuing to inspire enthusiasm from our men to bring our faith to others: We've been studying The Apathy of America – followed by The Remedy of Revival by David Jeremiah. We will present this to our congregation and Christians at-large later 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 welcome all men to join us on Saturday mornings at 8:30. Help us to Inspire-the-Fire!

There is a growing and enthusiastic interest in the Women's Bible Study on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. This study is hosted and led by our own Amy Dahlke. Ladies, come and join for a "deep-dive" into the heart of our Active Faith.

We certainly applaud the recent events on Spiritual Conversation Workshops. We all know the *why* of the reason to have spiritual conversations constantly - - this presentation helped us to understand the *how* to do this effectively as we fulfill our Lord's direction to spread the Gospel and the faith. The presentation will be repeated in the near future to accommodate our arriving "snow-birds"! Yay!



We will be hosting World Renew workers in teams of 15-20 people at a time. This will be similar to the LERT teams after Hurricane Ian and our CREW team. We have the opportunity to outreach and serve our larger community (currently 100 homes are identified in our area that need assistance from skilled workers to restore their homes to livable conditions).

The Current Schedule for World Renew:

Sept 12 – Sept 22 World Renew teams will be sent to make Renovations to the Youth Room

World Renew Construction teams will show up as follows:

- Team #1 October 7– October 28
- Team #2 October 28– November 18
- Team #3 November 18-December 9

We will be clearing out areas in rooms for World Renew. This areas includes the Youth Room, the Christian Ed Room, Meyer Hall and possibly the Music Room. Current groups using these areas will be asked change or alter their schedules.

We will be looking for people to help World Renew by equipping them to serve, showing hospitality, welcoming them into our homes and community, helping with meals (breakfast and dinners), giving to the families that they are serving, as well as looking for members who have Thrivent Action Grants available to use.

Pastor Dahlke will develop teams that will help connect us to World Renew so we all stay on the same page. For now everything will be run through Pastor Dahlke to avoid duplication.

Your Actively Involved Lakeside Council



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Maui Relief Effort

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us with concerns about our church family and Maui in general!

The building was not harmed as Kahului was not physically impacted. We do, however, have several members who live in the Lahaina/Kaanapali area. The road to Lahaina has recently opened and we are eager to see to their needs.

The school has organized a “drive” for the First Responders and will continue to get supplies and gift cards to those in need. The church is taking donations and working with relief services

If you would like to make a donation to this effort, please click on the “Donate” tab on their website: elc-maui.org

Stores in Maui

(IN CASE YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAIL GIFT CARDS)

Costco	Good Will	Home Depot	Lowe's	Ross-Dress for Less
Safeway	Target	Walmart	VISA Gift Card	Mastercard

Emmanuel Lutheran School
PreK through 8th Grade

ELS K-8 Office: (808) 873-6334

ELS.office@elcs-maui.org



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Last August, Lakeside offered a two-part workshop on spiritual conversations. Research is showing that the American church is not that great at having spiritual conversations. They are not meaning the quality of the spiritual conversations - but rather people are not having them at all. Over the next few months, I will try to review and augment some of the content of the workshops.

Lutheran Hour Ministries shared five points that will help with your intentionality and eagerness of having spiritual conversations. If we engage in these five points our eagerness and intentionality will jump greatly. We can all list the excuses - from apathy, not my responsibility, fear, laziness, or even hubris - but let's look at the good stuff.



2 Corinthians.5:17

Below are the five areas I will cover:

- God's love Transforms us - **Embrace the Gospel**
- God's love Grows us - Apply Spiritual Disciplines
- God's love Empowers us - Grasp the Calling
- God's loves Engages others through us - Expect Spiritual Conversations
- God's love Abides - Respond Confidently

Let's look at the first area by reviewing 2 Cor. 5:17,

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

What other verse makes this clear for you?

Embrace the Gospel, then we have a clear and certain understanding that salvation comes from belief in Jesus Christ alone and forgiveness of sins comes only through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The next five points flow from this grand teaching of scripture:

- I believe everyone needs their sins forgiven.
- I believe forgiveness only comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- I trust in Jesus for eternal life.
- When I think about who I am, I see my primary identity as a child of God.
- I am quick to forgive others.

When we are transformed by the love of Christ, we are compelled by the Gospel (2 Cor. 5:14). We desire all to be saved as God does (1 Tim. 2:4). So spiritual conversations are not optional in faith, but a flowing of love into others wrapped in kindness and grace. Table fellowship is a perfect time for sharing the love of Jesus. Give others the opportunity to share their story as well. As you break bread and sip on the water of life (John 4:14) - Jesus is with you.



Birthdays

Mark Selby	Sept 01	Don Stone	Sept 10	Ronald Ellis	Sept 19
Jeff Payne	Sept 02	Bill Boos	Sept 11	Mel Van Dyke	Sept 19
Mark Hoffer	Sept 04	David Hess	Sept 12	Charles Miller	Sept 20
Sharon Ladigoski	Sept 04	Michael Lange	Sept 12	Janet Galloway	Sept 21
Sandra Munro	Sept 04	Christopher Forrest	Sept 13	Jean Schlueter	Sept 23
Bob Haessler	Sept 06	Christopher Allmand	Sept 14	Pauline Hamann	Sept 24
Marilyn Herman	Sept 07	Henry Hajdas	Sept 17	Roberta Kamerlander	Sept 24
Sherer Miller	Sept 07	Gene Miller	Sept 17	Norma Connelly	Sept 25
Linda Hess	Sept 08	Richard Colwell	Sept 18	Greta Poglitsch	Sept 25
Suzanne Dehardt	Sept 09	Cynthia McCarthy	Sept 18	Brad Hays	Sept 26
Bernice Soderberg	Sept 10	Kay Settles	Sept 18	Judy Meske	Sept 28

Happy Birthday and Anniversary



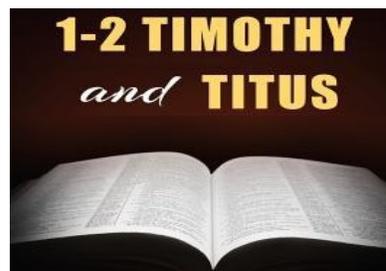
Anniversaries

John and Carol Bolger	Sept 3	Ellen and Michael Sedlak	Sept 12
Leon and Mary Kirchoff	Sept 4	John and Pauline Hamann	Sept 16
David and Linda Hess	Sept 5	Tim and Kathryn Gerken	Sept 20
Bill and Sandy Boos	Sept 9	Mike and Laura Mona	Sept 22

- SEPTEMBER CLASSES -

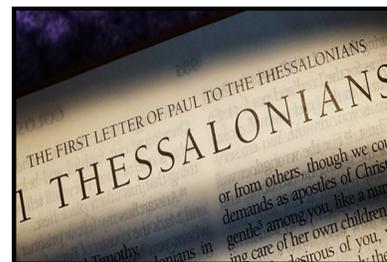
Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

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



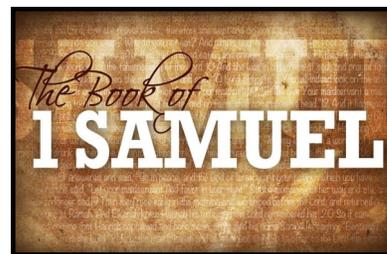
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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



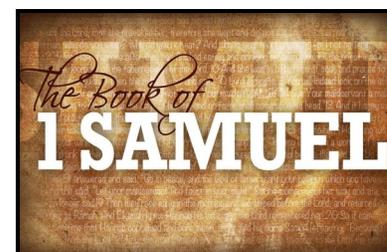
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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)

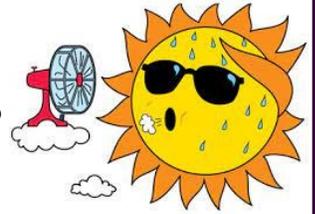
Join the men
Apathy of America followed by **Remedy of Revival**
 Saturday at 8:30 AM - Youth Room.
 (Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skilllets)



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. Come Grow With Us! Contact Brenda Gustafson - church office (941) 493-5102 if you would like to muddying your shoes...



OUR GARDENING ADVENTURE

Some like it hot, some don't. The Florida sun and white flies did-it-in for our plants. If you've been watching the garden progress, the tomatoes are now gone, as are the pumpkins. The tomatoes have been replaced with green beans. We still have onions, potatoes and cherry tomatoes growing. We also have some herb seedlings and flowers.

You will notice that Edgar Alan Crow (*our scarecrow*) is taking a break in the tool shed for a while to avoid being caught up in hurricane Idalia's mischief.



SET APART TO SERVE
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT



**Register now: SAS (Set Apart to Serve)
Town Hall on Sept. 27**

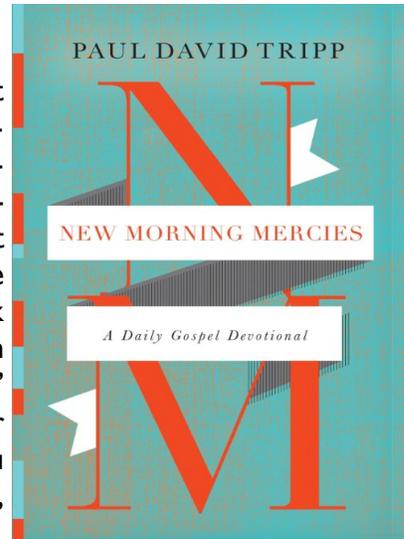
On Wed., Sept. 27, from 1 to 2 p.m. Central time, *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS) will host a virtual town hall to launch church work recruitment resources. We invite you to join us in this important work of the church.

“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matt 9:38)

Visit the **Set Apart to Serve** website (www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve) to learn more or for more information, email setapart2serve@lcms.org or call [888-843-5267](tel:888-843-5267).

Joyfully Inspiring

Mirror, mirror, on the wall... please don't reflect my flaws at all. Is that how the "Snow White" quote goes? In David Tripp's September 22 devotional, he talks about how people's opinions of us can have unwarranted power over how we see ourselves. "Without knowing it, we put our identity and inner peace in the hands of people around us. We look to them for what no flawed human being will ever be able to deliver." Jesus frees us from seeking our identity horizontally. "God gives you the ultimate tool of self-assessment, the mirror of His Word."



Pastor's September sermons are an interesting mix of God's Word applied in real-life situations, from "Prozac Jesus," to abandoning all other objects of praise, to being paralyzed by opinions, and the restoring glories of God's character, presence, and promises. They show us the path to seeking our identity vertically.

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

Preview of September sermon themes:

Sept. 3: Prozac Jesus

(Based on New Morning Mercies Sept. 6)

"What kind of Jesus do you want? Do you want the Prozac Jesus who will make you feel better? He will be only your sovereign Savior King."

Sept. 10: Prayer Part 2

(Based on New Morning Mercies Sept. 13)

"Prayer is abandoning all other objects of worship and giving myself to the daily worship of God alone."

Sept. 17: Paralyzed by Opinion

(Based on New Morning Mercies Sept. 22)

"There is no need to be paralyzed by the opinions of another. God gives you the ultimate tool of self-assessment, the mirror of His Word."

Sept. 24: What Are You Thinking About?

(Based on New Morning Mercies Sept. 25)

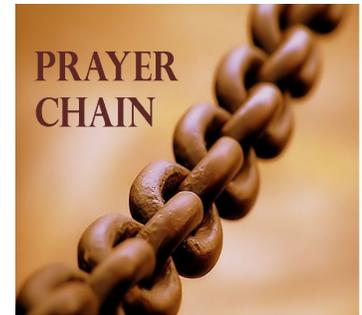
"Discouragement focuses more on the broken glories of creation than on the restoring glories of God's character, presence, and promises."



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.



L.W.M.L.



If you are the type of person who likes to make purchase while items are on sale, please know the LWML will be collecting school supplies in support of the African Leadership Initiative at the next LWML Sarasota Fall Rally. **NOTE:** We are not collecting the items at church at this time however, it might be a good time to purchase the items while they are on sale to be given later this Fall.

The first L.W.M.L. meeting will be **October 5th, at 11:30 a.m.**

Don't forget to bring your mighty mite box.



LWML continues to collect Prescription glasses or sunglasses



BREAD BREAKERS ACTIVITY



A FUNNY THINGS HAPPEN AT THE CIRCUS

We had a great turnout, 25 Lakeside members attended the Circus Summer Spectacular in Sarasota on Aug 1. Some members came home trying different tricks: blowing bubbles or juggling etc. Luckily no one has tried to climb the ropes! Most of the group posed for a picture with the performers afterwards and then headed back to Venice for dinner at Leone's.



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



NEW SCHOOL YEAR-NEW STUDENTS

As the new school year begins, the preschool has welcomed about 15 new children and a few new teachers. They're always looking for more teachers and volunteers, please contact Sharon Ladigoski for details. The Wednesday morning Children's Chapel continues to be a highlight for the children, praying, singing and hearing a Bible story - the adults love it just as much!! Many

thanks to the folks who have been helping: push the audio buttons in the booth, lead the prayer and tell the Bible story. If you'd like to feel a "JOYFUL" heart watching the little ones, join us any Wednesday morning, 945AM...you're welcome to observe and maybe sing-a-long!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Thank you for supporting our missionaries and mission projects through your donations at coffee and cookie hour. Our donations are much appreciated as noted in a thank you letter from Missionary Pastor Lance Becker and wife Linda serving in Africa.



This month's project will be **Worship Structure Tin Roofs in Africa**. Coffee and Cookies will be offered September 3rd and 17th. If you would like to donate cookies contact Sharon Ladigoski.

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.




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 [Ready.gov/prepare](https://ready.gov/prepare)

WHAT TO DO FOR A HURRICANE...

1. **Stay Informed.**

The National Hurricane Center provides constantly updated information without the distractions of advertising and hype.

2. **Make a list of the emergency numbers for your utility providers.**

Make sure you know who your utility provider is. Know where your fuse box and gas meter are, and clear out anything that might block access.

3. **Create a family emergency plan.**

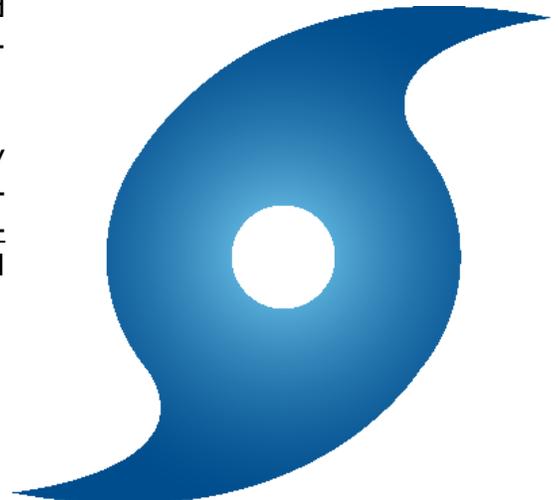
Include ways to meet up, your evacuation checklists and destinations, critical phone numbers, and how you'll communicate if power and cell phone services fail.

4. **Assemble a hurricane emergency kit.**

Prepare for the specific needs of your family, which may differ if you have pets, people with special needs or no-where to go. Also consider making a hurricane preparedness checklist so you don't forget anything during a stressful time.

If you are not sure what to add to your checklist go to

www.Ready.Gov/Kit



AUGUST POTLUCK



Last month's potluck, August 15, will be a memorable one! Not only for the abundance of great food, (a turkey dinner with all the trimmings), a wonderful array of desserts, a fun game of baseball Bible trivia and a room temperature of 83 degrees! What timing to have the air conditioning fail, with 50 people in Meyer Hall. There was lots of kitchen help, where the in-wall AC was working just fine. Thanks to everyone for your participation and patience during the "heated" baseball game. Everyone walked away with a belly full of food and laughs, new friends and knowledge from Bible trivia. It's always a fun time. We are blessed to have a great group of Lakeside people to make potluck nights a success!



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