

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November, 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*



“Rejoice always.” St. Paul wrote these words to the Thessalonians, who had “received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:6).

In the face of a world that moves from one tragedy to the next, and in a church body full of saints who happen every one to be sinners too, being “Joy:fully Lutheran” might seem a pipe dream. Not so.

The Gospel is a joyful message that takes sin away and produces joyful saints. This blessed Gospel of Christ’s free forgiveness enlivens every teaching, every aspect of being Lutheran. “Joy:fully Lutheran” is not a program but a divinely wrought attitude, born of the Word of God, which brings repentance.

If we don’t know the facts - that is, why we face what we face - our response will not only miss the target, but we may also be led into unhealthy, unbiblical and negative attitudes that will only exacerbate the challenges, weaken our biblical Lutheran convictions and rob us of joy in Christ and each other.

Even as our world changes, the Word of God remains the same. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod proclaims this truth here and throughout the world in mission work, disaster response, universities, seminaries and especially in our congregations. True joy is found in the Good News that God is for you. We rejoice in this. We vigorously make known the love of Christ.

*Excerpt from preface by Pastor Matthew C. Harrison,
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*





God's love Engages others through you - Expect Spiritual Conversations

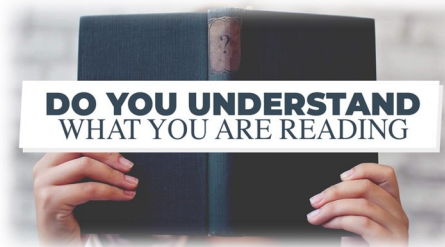
This month we explore part four of our spiritual conversations discussion.

Rewind: God's Love Transforms us - Embrace the Gospel
God's love Grows us - Apply Spiritual Disciplines
God's love Empowers us - Grasp the Calling

Spiritual conversations happen because we are transformed not just informed. Spiritual conversations happen because of God's love in us and our love to others. If we have not love we are a high maintenance clanging noise. Spiritual conversations have the power of God in them. When you grasp that they are loving endeavors, full of God's power, we trust in Him and not ourselves. That is beautiful.



God's plan is to do it through you so we can expect spiritual conversations handed to us by God Himself. When you engage others as transformed, loved and powered-filled disciples, He does miracles in and through you in the lives of others. Usually we are so busy critiquing church stuff that we ignore our true Biblical mission.



Let's consider Acts - chapter eight.

Acts 8:30-32 - So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

While some actively seek opportunities to share, many say spiritual conversations happen unexpectedly. We can do both. Which of the following are in your scope?

- ✝ I notice spiritual conversations happening in everyday life.
- ✝ I look for opportunities to share my faith.
- ✝ I invest time and energy in talking about faith.
- ✝ I look for the unexpected conversation in everyday life.
- ✝ I try to share my faith by the way I live.



What would happen if the members of Lakeside directed their time, energy and strategy to these five bullet points. You may have to talk less about the pastor and more about yourself impacting the lives of others by the power of the Holy Spirit. I'm o.k. with that and I hope you are too. God is blessing your spiritual conversations.

Pastor Dahlke



LAKESIDE ADVENT FOOD DRIVE



ADVENT GIVING at LAKESIDE



"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

JOY

There is an story of a man who cheerfully gave a dollar to any child he saw. He did not choose the child, but he merely gave. One day, he came across a little girl. He asked her if she wanted a dollar and the girl said yes. He gave the little girl a dollar and then she ran without saying any word. The man laughed to himself thinking that he must have frightened the girl. However, to his surprise, he saw the girl running towards him with several candies in her hands. She gave some to him with a smile on her face. The man, being delighted, accepted it and give her another dollar. He then watched the little girl get more candies. She gave the candy this time to some kids she saw.

The primary reason for our giving is the realization that we have received a lot from God. He has showered His blessings and sustained us. There is nothing that we have right now that was not first given to us. We can only give because we are given. It takes courage and humility to accept the reality that we do not own anything in this world. All our possessions are entrusted to us. We are but a steward of God. Every single asset that we have is from above.

The child in the story must have been overflowed with joy with the candies she was giving. It is thanksgiving that abounds in our heart that should be the core reason why we give; not because we are expected to but because we want to. We also want to bless others, help someone, and give through the gratitude of our hearts.

Lakeside will have 4 weeks of Advent donations, each week we will collect different themed items.

Week 1 - **Breakfast Items** Week 2 - **Lunch Items** Week 3 - **Dinner Items** Week 4 - **Dessert Items**



Nov. 24 - Dec. 2



Dec. 3 - Dec. 9



Dec. 10 - Dec. 16



Dec. 17 - Dec. 21

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Heb. 13:16

JOY COLUMN

We will be adding a new column in our Newsletter. We would like for members to submit a short description of a Christian experience they had. Include the results, great or limited. Also include the Joy you experienced from reaching out and spreading the Good News of the love and truth of Jesus. Your column can even be seeing someone else reaching out...



Try to limit your column to approximately 100 words or less. Do not include names... the article should remain anonymous. This will help us focus on our faith and learn to inspire others.

Any written (paper) descriptions or emails should be sent to the church office for use in the "Joy Column" (llc@lakesidelutheran.net).

We look forward to hearing from you.



These things
I have spoken
to you so that
My Joy may
be in you, and
your joy may
be made full

John 15:11

Knowing-Jesus.com

JOY An ordinary stop at Walmart, Venice turned into an extraordinary experience...thanks to 4 Venice High School students. As I approached my car, about 7:20pm, there was an elderly man standing near my car with a few bags of groceries in his cart. He seemed to be looking around for his car. I asked if his car had moved to make light of his confusion. After putting my purchases in my car, I went back to the man to offer assistance finding his car. Within 2 minutes of asking questions...4 angels arrived. 3 young men (members of the VHS lacrosse team) and a lovely, blonde gal, also from VHS. They asked if I would like their assistance...SURE, I WOULD. They walked up and down...and finally 5 aisles away found the car....they came back to escort the man and slowly we made it to the car. The angels put his packages in the car...and it ended with handshakes and hugs. I was so impressed by them ...instead of ignoring the situation and going about their business. they did the right thing. They're in my prayers tonight.

JOY Many years ago, my brother – two years younger than me – was going through a very rough time in his life. Living near Philadelphia, he was a very strong, tough, self-confident man – a real Grizzley Adams guy. Loved to hunt, be outdoors, worked on the railroad (Amtrack). His (then) wife decided to divorce and he was in the deepest despair. He and I spent many hours together in person and on the phone. I mostly listened and he mostly talked. Eventually found out he was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Conversation finally turned to where he could find peace and hope – in Gods embrace. He joined some Christian study group and some outreach from people who cared. My brother died several months later with hope and God's peace in his heart. I have always been forever grateful that I was able to point him in the direction of Christ before he died. I love you brother and I miss you.

Help package Hope Seeds & November LWML Meeting

LWML will be hosting "Hope Seeds" on Thursday, November 2nd, at 10:00 AM. Hope Seeds is a Christian, charitable ministry that seeks to bring the love of Christ and improve the nutrition of the poorest in the world by providing quality garden seed, agricultural education and the Message of Hope through Christian missionaries and organizations. All church members (male & female) and friends are invited to help with building the seed packets and stay for a salad lunch. We will have our LWML meeting after lunch. Please let us know if you can join us by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Photos below are from the first LWML October meeting 'PURPLE AND PEARLS'



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Happy Birthday

Susan Holzman	November 2	Alice Johnson	November 13
Dorothy Gray	November 2	Kathy Englehardt	November 13
Frank Friberg	November 2	Colleen Umphrey	November 15
Cindy Melcher	November 3	Nicholas Kalish	November 15
Carrie Brooks	November 3	Fran Panozzo	November 16
James Freeman	November 4	Robert Thompson	November 17
Gale Bakalik	November 7	John Brooks	November 17
Barbara Castleberry	November 8	Pat Williams	November 18
Barbara Reiche	November 9	Judith Perrier	November 19
John Zachau	November 11	Amy Dahlke	November 21
Gail McGrath	November 11	Joseph Szkola	November 25
Sherry Klopfer	November 11	Mackenzie Settles	November 25
Lillian Ursel	November 12	Craig MacDonald	November 27
Jerry Mulvaney	November 12	Tim Gerken	November 28
		John Hammond	November 29

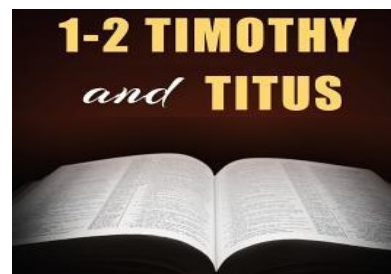
Anniversary

Brian and Michelle Tippman	November 6
Andy and Terry Jacobs	November 10
Jay and Joyce Ohlsen	November 26

- NOVEMBER CLASSES -

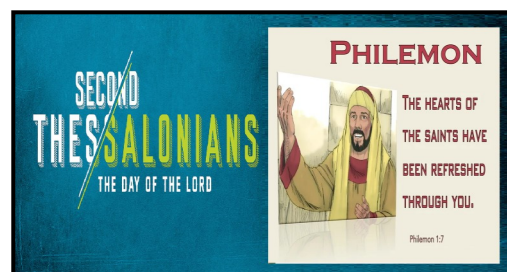
Monday Women's Study (in the Youth Room)

Led by Amy Dahlke
1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus
6:00 p.m. in Meyer Hall



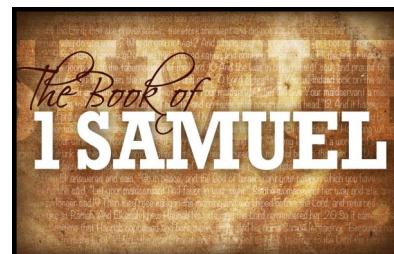
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke
* **NEW** * **The Study of 2 Thes. and Philemon**
9:00 a.m. Wednesday's online (Zoom).



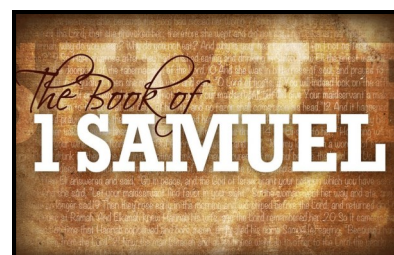
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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
New Morning Mercies
Saturday at 8:30 AM - (Meyer Hall)
(Note: the 1st Saturday of the month meeting is at 8:00 a.m. at Skillets)

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

Church Council Article - November 2023

Your Lakeside Lutheran Council are guiding and facilitating the following items:

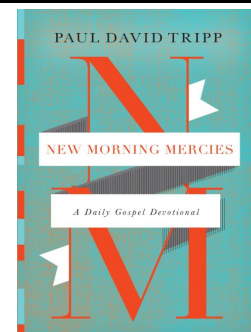
- We will be renewing our contract and lease with The Treehouse for another year in 2024. They have plans to convert part of their building space to a “Home-School” environment and project. There are still a lot of details and regulations to iron out.
- We have built a slate of candidate nominations for Congregational vote and approval in November at our annual Congregational Meeting. This year nominations are for President, Lead Trustee and Secretary. Candidates will be voted for at the November 8th congregational meeting. Voting is at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary, and will be followed by dinner in Meyer Hall at 6:00.
- World Renew volunteers have joined us to spread the Christian help to all Gods children in the area that are still needing help restoring their homes from Hurricane IAN (last year!). There will be crews (men and women) rotating in and out each 3 weeks for several months – through the end of April. They will be headquartered and stay at our church. The Holy Spirit has truly blessed us with this opportunity to serve others. Having the World Renew teams on site has required some large adjustments and sacrifices for our congregation and campus. Keep in mind that God did not say it would be easy but as He said in John 16:33 “Fear not, for I have overcome the world”. He always provides.
- The Seminarian support will become a line-item in our regular budget going forward. This line item is being funded by collections from our Band-of-Brothers and other interested congregants. For clarification, Lakeside also sends general support to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and they in turn help support the Synod seminaries with grants.
- Financially, we are doing well thanks to God’s provision and the support of all the congregants that are helping to support the Light of Christ going out to our congregants and also outward to the world around us. Also – Hallelujah ! We are mortgage debt FREE as of the end of October. We will present a new church budget for congregational approval at the November 8th Voters’ meeting.
- We are exploring the possibility of an inexpensive “spaghetti dinner” once a month for the parents and children from Treehouse Preschool as an opportunity to share our faith and joy. We will move forward on this when things settle down a bit with the present adjustments.

To all the souls that help keep our Christian Family alive, vibrant and inspired – *Thank You!*

***With your hearts, willingness, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit WE CAN DO IT!
We can do all this through Christ who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13)***

Joyfully Inspiring

Do you remember the 1980 song, "Lookin' for Love," by Johnny Lee? He sings, "I was lookin' for love in all the wrong places." Johnny (unfortunately) wasn't referring to finding God, but the song makes me think how tough it can be to stop desperately looking for things in creation to give us meaning and purpose. "The creation can never, ever give you what the Creator alone can." There is no need to look anywhere else than to God. Jesus said it this way: "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).



As we move from All Saints Day on November 1 to Advent, Pastor's sermons share the grand story of redemption – the loving, forgiving, rescuing grace that transforms lives. "Corporate worship is designed to remind you of your identity in Christ so that you won't waste your timing looking for identity elsewhere," (New Morning Mercies October 21).

Thank you to those who shared their joyful inspirations with us in October. God is working in our lives. All thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Preview of November sermon themes:

November 5: Life in Christ (Based on New Morning Mercies November 5)

"You will never turn any created thing into your personal messiah. There is one true Messiah, and life can be found only in him."

November 12: Grace to the Rescue (Based on New Morning Mercies November 17)

"You will never find fulfillment of heart on the far side of rebellion. True rest of heart is always found in submission to the Savior."

November 19: Holy in Jesus (Based on New Morning Mercies November 18)

"You must never let your enthusiasm for the gift replace worship of and service for the Giver."

November 26: How Things are Meant to Be! (Based on New Morning Mercies Nov. 26)

"Can you tell the story of redemption in one sentence? Sin has driven us out of the garden, but grace drives us right into the Father's arms."



Choir rehearsals has resumed. We practice on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in Meyer Hall. We will be singing many new anthems this season after recycling old ones (since we were impacted by Covid). This means that new choir members will be on a level playing ground with past singers. Anyone who has sung in a choir before, or would like to now, is welcome to join us. We are a very friendly group (except for the director) and would love for you to join us for singing at the 10:30 traditional service (we warm up at 10:00 AM on Sunday's). Our action packed choir rehearsals will not exceed one hour.

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.



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. NOTE: The flowers in 2024 will cost \$35 per vase.



Altar Flowers



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 5, 2023

Please submit name(s) of those who have passed away during this past year who you would like included in **All Saints Day Worship Service**.
(the deadline is November 1)

(Deceased Name)

(Deceased Name)

Quickly Email
The Church
Office

LWML Fall Rally Recap

Seven Lakeside LWML ladies enjoyed the LWML Fall Rally that was held at Beautiful Savior in Sarasota on October 21st. We heard from the leaders of Throne of Grace, a men's shelter in Bradenton, and the African Leadership Initiative. We also attended a communion service and a Bible study about being a servant. A tasty lunch wrapped up the day. Thanks Lakeside for all of your donations - we brought 15 large bags for the shelter and for the leadership group.



Lakeside Band-of-Brothers

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 at 8:30-10:00 am in the Meyer Hall (except for the first Saturday of the month is at Skillet's Restaurant). We have concluded our study of Romans 9-12 and are starting weekly studies on the scheduled sermon for Sundays based on the indicated reading from New Morning Mercies by David Tripp. We will dig deep into what Pastor will be relaying to us.

We have continued our fund-raising for support of a seminary student. The Seminarian support will become a line-item in our Lakeside regular budget going forward. This line item is being funded by collections from our Band-of-Brothers and other interested congregants.

We continue to collect and distribute non-perishable food items, toiletries and even pet foods to give to the South County Food Pantry (alongside the Lakeside collection efforts).

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

*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.*

Welcome to the

BAND of BROTHERS

IRON SHARPENS IRON



HAPPY
thanksgiving

Everyone is Welcome
**THANKSGIVING DAY
LUNCHEON**



12:00 NOON

Giving Thanks for
God in Our Lives...

THE TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

FIRE, FIRE... The preschool had the local fire department make a special visit to teach the children stop, drop and roll. They got to see a fireman in full gear, hear about all the special equipment on the truck, and even go in the ambulance.

The day was complete when the children received a hat and badge!

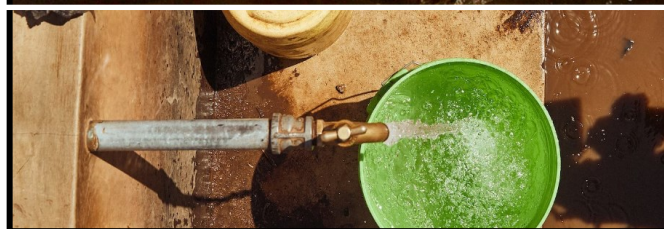


HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The hospitality committee would like to say "many thanks" to our Lakeside members for their generous donations to our monthly missions and for supplying the cookies. The mission project for November will be for Water Projects in Africa.

Coffee and cookies will be in the Narthex Nov. 5th and 19th. If you would like to donate cookies, bring them in anytime. Mark them for coffee hour.

Thank you.



PHOTOS FROM POTLUCK



We had over 50 in attendance at the October 17 Aloha Potluck Dinner. Thanks to all for making it a festive evening, wearing Hawaiian shirts and flower leis... and as always the food and desserts were plentiful and delicious!

Our guests from World Renew enjoyed meeting our members, the good food and Pastor's fun Hawaiian trivia game.





**LAKE
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THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
**THROUGH
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OF A
PUMPKINS**
*Thank You
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