

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February, 2024

SERVICES ARE
ONSITE AND ONLINE

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 a.m. Contemporary

10:30 a.m. Traditional

Mid-Week Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Lenten Services

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

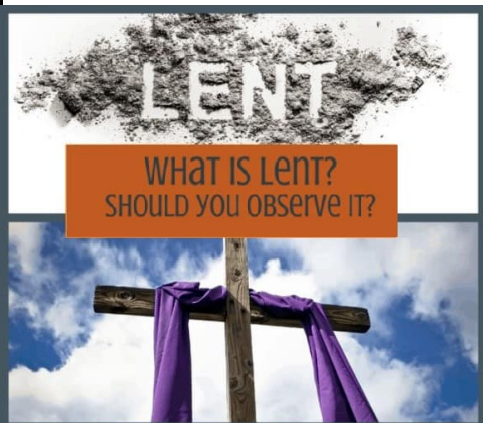
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MESSENGER

*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



What is Lent?

Do the Scriptures mention it?

Why do we observe it?

The Scriptures do not specifically mention Lent, however it has a longstanding tradition in the Church closely derived from the contents of Scripture. As Christ prepared for Good Friday and the Resurrection, so too the Church follows her Lord into sin's death and resurrection life.

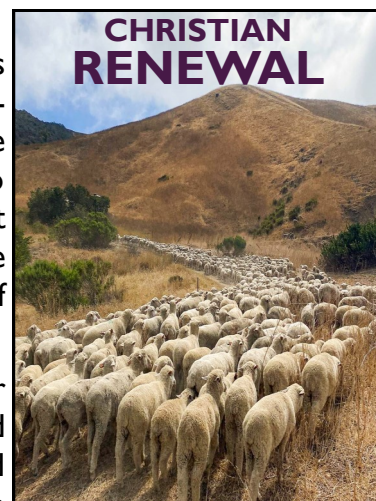
Lent engages the Church (and each Christian) in the rhythm and patterns of sanctification: Death to sin and the pursuit of holiness. Lent fosters an intensive time for the baptized to live as the baptized (see Romans 6:1-7).

Lent began very simply as a time of preparation for Easter. From the earliest times it was customary for Christians to fast before Easter ("the Paschal Feast"). It was a fasting before the feasting; a celibacy before the celebration. At first this was a two-day fast (Friday and Saturday). As time passed, this fast was extended.

Lent has two major emphases. First, it is a time of repentance and denial of self. All Christians are to examine their lives according to the Ten Commandments and Jesus' summation of the Law (see Mark 12:30-31) and repent accordingly, but also to strive to "walk in the Spirit" (see Galatians 5:16). Second, it was a time of instruction. During Lent one learns the Christian faith by studying. Upon examination, we are baptized and receive the Lord's Supper in the Joy of the service on Easter.

At Reformation time, some of the Christian radicals wanted to eliminate Lent since Scripture did not explicitly command it. Luther, however, urged it be kept, not out of any necessity (one does not need to observe Lent to be either saved or sanctified) but because Luther saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith and distinctive proclamation of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Lent gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. During this season, the baptized grow in faith and love toward Jesus crucified, and exercise a penitent heart while always keeping an eye on the victory of God on Easter.




From the Pastor

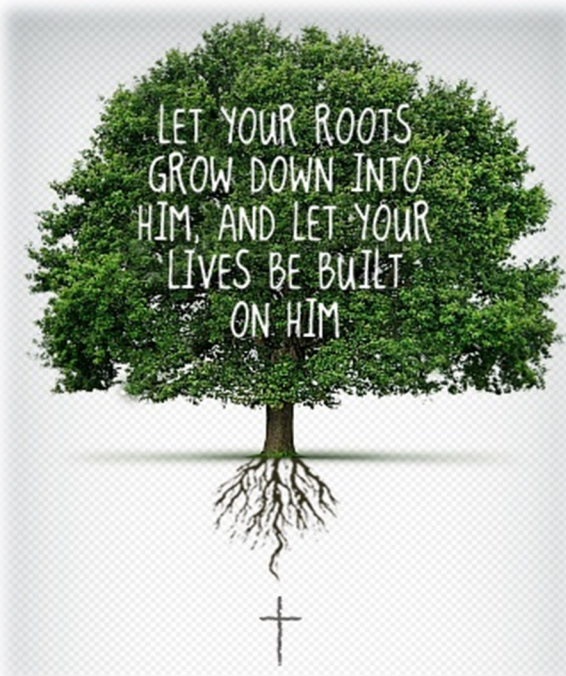


Are you joyfully living the truth of God's Word? The Word of God is our inspiration. At Lakeside we are committed to the truth? We are committed to upholding the absolute truth of God's Word. As the world says that the Word of God has become irrelevant, the truth is that it has not changed and will endure forever. "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever" (Ps 119:160).

How imperative is it that every leader, and non-leader, in the church be committed to the Bible as God's Word - the source of absolute truth? Apart from truth we are compromised and foolishness exits from us. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).



THE JOY OF THE
LORD IS MY
STRENGTH



God wants each of us to be grounded in the truth so that this Biblical foundation does not change. When our foundation moves from the Bible into opinion, division becomes manifested. "So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (Eph. 4:14-15). Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head...

God wants to use each of us to spread the Truth of God's Word with desire. "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose" (Luke 4:43). Jesus has passed that purpose down to us whether we want to do it or not. The Good News is that He gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to do it. Good-bye excuses, hello planting Jesus.

We are committed to applying the truth of God's Word to our daily lives. "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

We call this life style discipleship.

Pastor Dahlke

DISCIPLESHIP 101





LENTEN SERVICES
 February 14 - **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 February 21 - **Mid Week II**
 February 28 - **Mid Week III**
 March 7 - **Mid Week IV**
 March 14 - **Mid Week V**
 March 21 - **Mid Week VI**
 March 28 - **Maundy Thursday**
 March 29 - **Good Friday**

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Traditional

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024



MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Lakeside Handbell Choir has been practicing for Lenten services. You are invited to join the handbell choir; it is a lot of fun! They meet on Wednesday's at 4:00 in the Sanctuary.



The Lakeside Vocal Choir meets on Wednesday's at 5:00 in the Sanctuary. You are very welcome to join!





SOUPER BOWL

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION!

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 11th) - the LWML
will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Collection.



We will be collecting cans of soup (with pop tops, if possible) and crackers. Items collected will be given to the South County Food Pantry.

Please bring your items
on Sunday, **February 11th**
and place them in the Narthex.
(You are welcome drop off items at the church office)



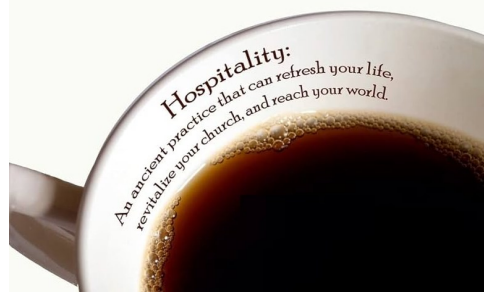
LWML thanks you for your generosity and for being Christ's hands and feet.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Christian Hospitality

It's great to see so many seasonal friends back in town, and meeting many new friends - while enjoying a coffee and cookies. Please be sure to stop by and say hi!

Coffee,
Cookies, &
Connection



Coffee and cookies will be available in the Narthex between services and after late service on February 4th and 18th. Thank you for the donations of cookies and for the dollars given in the mission basket....and the hands to help clean up afterwards.

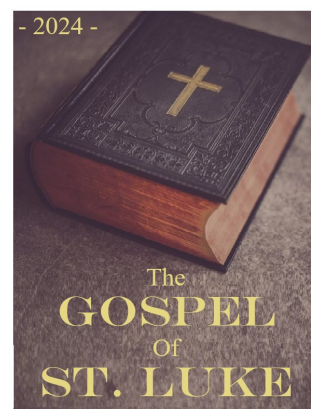
If you would like to donate cake plates, small napkins or cookies, please contact Sharon Ladigoski - sladd52@gmail.com

LUKE SERMON SERIES STUDY GUIDES

Next year's focus for readings will be take from the Book of Luke. There are Study Guides for the 2024 reading series available in the Narthex (or electronically upon request).

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY - LUKE

Women of Lakeside, join us for a new Bible study on the Book of Luke starting Monday, February 5, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. It is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and friendships. For questions, please contact Amy Dahlke at adahlke500@gmail.com or (515) 979-6766.



THE TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL

We feel so much JOY watching 40 preschoolers pray, sing, dance and hear a Bible story.

The picture (to the left) shows Ms. Diane (Emo) dressed as Jesus, as a young carpenter, being interviewed by Mr. Dan (Ladigoski). The leaders offer a live skit each week, followed by a corresponding child's video.

If you would like to take part in Children's Chapel please contact Sharon Ladigoski - sladd52@gmail.com . Chapel happens on Wednesday's at 9:45 a.m. and lasts for about 30 minutes.

Please consider helping with this ministry once or twice a month.





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Happy Anniversary

Brian Tippman Feb 1	Dana Eaves Feb 17
George Wakulat Feb 1	William Lindquist Feb 17
Tawnya Edwards Feb 3	Sandra Tallman Feb 18
Robert Poglitsch Feb 3	Diane Emo Feb 19
Grant Totushek Feb 4	John Hamann Feb 19
Peter Gardner Feb 6	Donna Sheldrake Feb 19
Michele Tippman Feb 8	Betty D'Elosua Feb 21
Bonnie Surma Feb 11	Lyle Kienitz Feb 22
Dianne Murdock Feb 12	Susan Johnson Feb 24
William Schipul Feb 12	Russell Hurliman Feb 25
Kelsey Surma Feb 16	Cynthia Holmes Feb 27
Lorraine Brock Feb 17	Tommy Murdock Feb 27

James and Cynthia Melcher Feb 14

Herm and Diane Bokelman Feb 24

PASTOR'S VACATION

Please know that Pastor, Amy, and the family will be leaving for vacation. Feel free to call your Elder if needed during Pastor's absence.

Every family at Lakeside has an Elder assigned to them, per their last name.

The Elders are assigned as follows:

Leon Kirchhoff (A-Bo)	Mike Mona (Ge-Ha)	Bob Thompson (N-R)
* Keith Kremkow (Br-D)	Bill Boos (He-K)	Craig MacDonald (S)
Bob Mulvihill (E-Ga)	George Shepard (L-M)	Pete Gardner (T-Z)

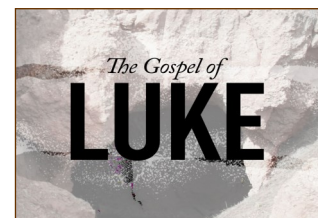
(*) Head Elder



- FEBRUARY CLASSES -

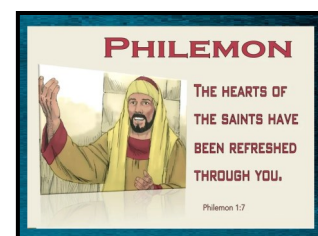
Monday Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke
The Study of Luke
 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



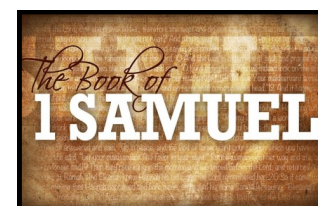
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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



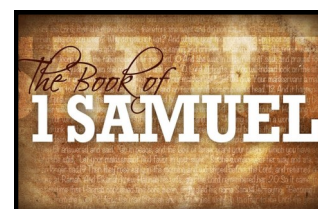
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke
The Study of 1st Samuel
 Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. (Meyer Hall)



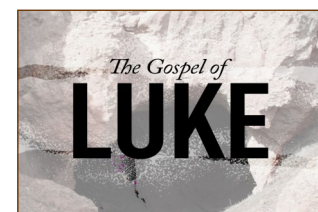
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke
The Study of 1st Samuel
 Cancelled during Lent (7:00 p.m. Wednesday's online Zoom).



Saturday Morning - Men's Group Study (Varies)

Join the men
The Luke Study Guide
 Saturday at 8:30 AM - (Meyer Hall)
 (Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skilletts)



In-Home Study - Mike Lange and Tim Matheny

Join the Group
 (Off Site - from home to home)
 Held between the home of Tim and Kay Mathey and Mike Lange.



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

JOY COLUMN

We are offering a new Joy Column in our Newsletter. We would like for members to submit a short description of a Christian experience they have had. 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 someone else experience that you witnessed...



Try to limit your column to approximately 100 words or less. Do not include your name (the article will remain anonymous). Any emails or written articles (paper) should be sent to the church office. Write in the description "for use in the Joy Column" (llc@lakesidelutheran.net).

- We look forward to hearing from you -



At Christmas we were given "The Hygge Game for cozy conversations." The younger adults in the family decided to play, which entailed one person reading a question and the others answering if they chose to. The questions were fun and thought-provoking. Then it was my turn to read: "Should parents introduce their children to a religion, or let them figure it out themselves?" I listened as the family talked about how they were raised in the church and their current beliefs. Several mentioned they were now "spiritual," but not "religious." Others chose not to answer. The next day, after most had left, a nephew and his wife (new parents) stayed behind and said, "Auntie, people were saying they were spiritual, but that's not our answer. We thank God for the miracle of our son and for what God is doing in our lives." They had become LCMS members and were learning Jesus' love and grace. Their growing faith was the best Christmas gift ever.



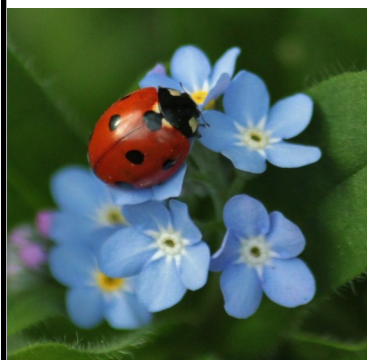
Lakeside Lutheran Church was highlighted on the back cover of the Lutheran Life FLGA magazine, February Edition. Take a moment and look at the article regarding our partnering with World Renew. To access this really cool Lutheran Life article for Lakeside use this internet address:

<https://flgadistrict.org/lutheranlife/>

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2023 Contribution statements were emailed to all members who gave donations to Lakeside Lutheran Church. (Paper statements were mailed to those members who do not have an email address.) If you have a question about your statement, please contact Wendell Wolka (finance: purduenut@aol.com). You are welcome to contact the church office if you would like to receive a hard copy of your 2023 Contributions (llc@lakesidelutheran.net).

**February LWML Meeting
will be held
in Meyer Hall
on Thursday, February 1st
at 11:30 am.**



The theme will be Spot On Lady Bug! We will be making Valentine cards for Veterans. A soup and charcuterie luncheon will be served. Please sign-up in the narthex. All ladies are welcome to come and make some new friends! We look forward to seeing you there!



LWML Mite Sunday

The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Lakeside LWML supports the Florida-Georgia LWML with our mites. Your mites will support the Food and Clothing Cooperative at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne and help reduce the financial burden on the students and their families. Please bring your mite box on the 1st Sunday and put it on the purple table in the narthex - and take a new box! Also, EVERYONE is welcome to add their spare change to the Mighty Mites Bucket! Thank you for your generosity and support.



(Photo) Each year God calls men

to be pastors and women to be deaconesses to care for His flock. These men, women, and their families often sacrifice salaries to become workers in the harvest fields. To lighten the burden, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne provides food and clothing free of charge to families that attend the seminary. The co-op supplies between 80-90% of all families' food and household needs. Mite monies go towards purchasing perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op.



**Food & Clothing
Co-op**

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 \$35 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.



Hand Tied Quilts



Quilting Group

The quilting group started up once again. They meet on Monday's, at 9:30, in Meyer Hall. Come join them every Monday morning! There is no sewing skills necessary to be a part of the Quilting Group. They make tied quilts to give to Lutheran World Relief for distribution all over the world.

Stitch and Chatter

Stitch and Chatter group meets on Tuesday's at 9:30 a.m. The ladies meet weekly in Meyer Hall. This group makes a variety of knitted, crocheted and other sewn items. They also partake in charitable projects from time-to-time. Please feel free to join them!



Welcome to the

BAND of BROTHERS

**IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**

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.

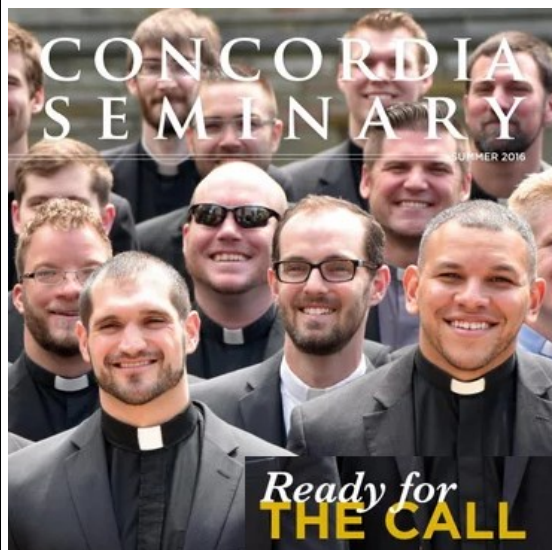
The Band-of-Brothers meets each Saturday morning at 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Meyer Hall (except the first Saturday of the month - then we meet at Skillet's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.).

We are starting a deeper dive and examination into The Gospel of Luke each week (in advance of the sermon focus by Pastor Dahlke).

Some off-topic presentations happen, based on our ongoing conversation emphasis, designed to grow a strong men-bonding process.



We meet each week to discuss and join together to find ways that we – as Christian Men – can better serve our Lord and our faith in our efforts and outreach. In this crazy world we cannot hope to change the culture back to Christ (that is for the Holy Spirit) but we can reach out and offer a hand to those falling into despondency so they can truly be known by the heart of God.



We continue our fund-raising to support seminary students. Our faith desperately needs trained leaders that shepherd us to the truth of Jesus instead of the false truth the world often presents. The Seminarian support is a line-item in our regular church budget going forward. This line item is being funded by collections from our Band-of-Brothers and special donations from extraordinary individuals helping to spearhead a rebirth of our faith.

Along with the amazing generosity of our congregants – our estimated food contributions to the South County Food Pantry exceeded \$7,600 - YAY Lakeside!

*Men, please come and join us!
Coffee and donuts are included!*

As we band together as brothers-in-Christ we become unstoppable for our faith and His glory.

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SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOPS FEB 3 & 17

Back by popular demand!!!

Spiritual Conversation Workshops
will be held February 3rd & 17th
From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
in Meyer Hall.

You'll learn during these two-part
workshops how to talk about your
faith without fear of offending or
being rejected. Sign-up sheets will
be in the narthex.



Stamp

Joyfully inspiring more and stronger disciples.