

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April, 2024

**SERVICES ARE
ONSITE AND ONLINE**

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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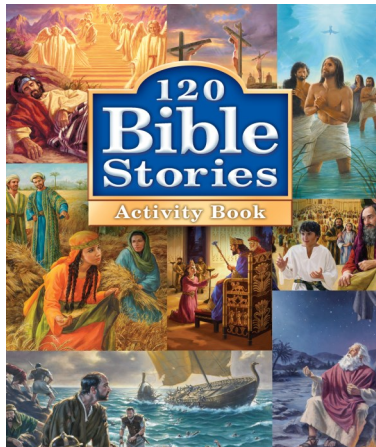


THE MESSENGER

*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



THE IMPORTANCE of BIBLE STUDY



The basic task of a Bible Study can be summarized as:

- A — Hearing and Reading the Bible
- B — Learning and Teaching the Bible
- C — Prayer

A — Hearing and Reading the Bible:

People who are not familiar with the basic Bible stories should start off by studying the popular stories (Suggested book: *120 Bible Stories from CPH*). Read one story a day, discuss it briefly, and then say the Lord's Prayer. Anyone can be blessed by doing this. Once the stories are well known, move to a ESV Study Bible.

B — Learning and Teaching the Bible:

God not only wants His Word read, but also learned and talked about in the home (Deut. 6:7). Sometimes this takes two minutes, while other times the discussion will take off and continue for some time. As understanding allows, move on to the catechism and how it applies? Check cross-references in a study Bible. Luther suggests we complete statements like: "From this Scripture God wants me to..." In this way, important conversations will arise naturally from the Bible. Also, on Sunday's, talk about what was learned from the pastor's sermon.

C — Prayer:

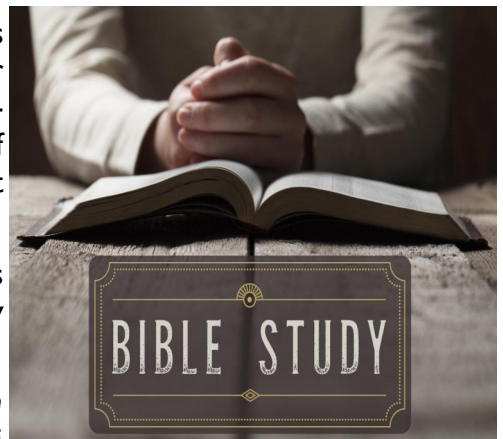
Hymns (ideally sung) fit under prayer. Use the same hymn(s) for a week or more. This enables you to build up a set of memorized hymns. Use Psalms, particular requests, thanksgiving prayers, as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Between the Bible, the catechism, and the hymnal you will have a lifetime of material. The order in which you have a study will change, but it is important to have these three ingredients: (a) Hear and Read the Bible, (b) Discuss and Teach it, (c) Pray.

God's Word is our great heritage and makes for the happiest life (Psalm 119:111). Whether you are single, busy with children, empty nesters, or widowed, it is the blessed hope of heaven and being forever with Christ that brings happiness and joy into our life.

The daily study of God's Word impresses this heavenly hope upon our hearts and brings joy to our daily lives.

Paraphrased from the March 2023 issue of The Lutheran Witness. By Joshua Hayes





Are you joyfully living in faith? When we live in joyful faith God works in great ways in and through us. We need to continually ask ourselves am I committed to walk by faith or by the flavor of the day. At Lakeside we are happy to say that we strive to walk and live joyfully by faith. Alleluia!

Walking by faith generates enthusiasm among the congregation. In Matthew 19:26, Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." We have this passage memorized. It transforms our heart to trust that God has all the "goings on" in the world in His power and control. It leads us to go forward with power, zeal and strength because He has the whole world in His hands. Alleluia!



Walking by faith activates a loving prayer life. Our faith leads us to be a congregation of prayer. Matthew 21:12 transforms our hearts when it says "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Faith in God leads us to wonderful relational prayer with God Himself. Alleluia!

Walking by faith motivates sacrifice. Romans 12:1 transforms us when it says "therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Faith in God leads us to sacrifice without having to invite anyone to a pity party. Alleluia!

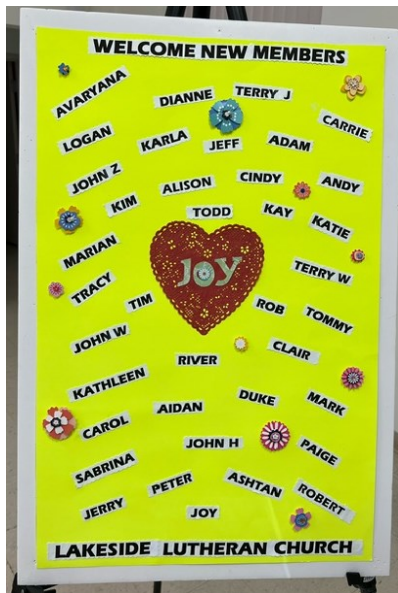


Walking by faith produces harmony. Romans 12:16 is designed to transform our hearts and behavior when it says "Live in harmony with one another." Faith produces harmony. Unbelief attacks and divides. You can see it easily in our lives if you look. Often unbelief is so ugly you do not want to look. But by faith we build and edify. It's a Jesus gift. So we joyfully live in faith. Alleluia!

Pastor Dahlke



Lakeside welcomed 40 new members who joined over the past 12 months. We had a small reception in Meyer Hall on March 10th (not all were able to attend). Above is a photo of those present. Please speak to an usher or call the church office if you would like to join Lakeside.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Marlys Roslansky	April 2	Kristin Knudsvig	April 11	Nancy Koelper	April 22
Linda Wolka	April 3	David Marasus	April 11	Timothy Matheny	April 24
Wendell Wolka	April 6	Robert Kamerlander	April 12	Terry Williamson	April 24
Janet Wilson	April 7	Mary Kirchhoff	April 13	Kathryn Gerken	April 26
Cheri Adams	April 8	Anita Kunkle	April 15	Lydia Holzerland	April 28
James Brown	April 8	Sandy Bienkowski	April 16	Clair Korman	April 28
Peter Joseph	April 8	Nancy Lavdis	April 17	Douglas MacDonald	April 30
Janet Reichert	April 9	Jeanine Bilhardt	April 18	Mark McGrath	April 30
Bill Hausler	April 11	Elaine Burr	April 22		



Mark and Dolly Hoffer	April 1
Rev. Lee and Joyce Berndt	April 4
Dan and Sharon Ladigoski	April 16
John and Terry Warner	April 22

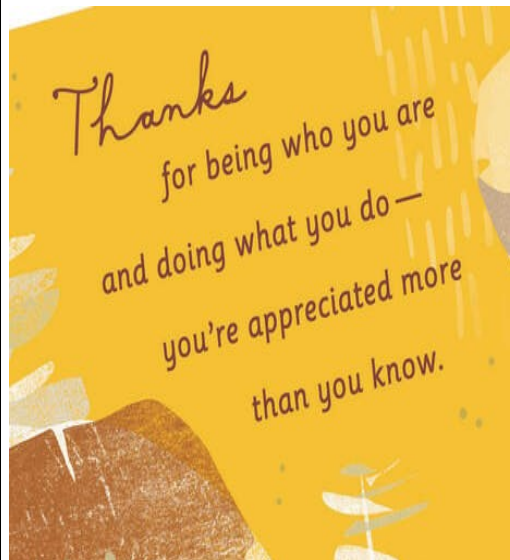
President's Corner

HE HAS RISEN, ALLELUIA! And Praise the Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed on Lakeside Lutheran Church.



I am pleased to report that we are on financially sound footing thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, and the volunteers who manage the flow of our funds. Additionally, our facilities and grounds are being well cared for by the efforts of our Trustee and his crew. Their skills and experience are clearly reflected in their work and results.

I am sure you have noticed the activity level at Lakeside has been extremely robust. There is great participation in our various ministries, engagement with our guests from World Renew, and fun time with the Treehouse Preschool children. If you are not presently involved, please know your participation is most welcomed.



I would like to extend a special thanks to all those who attended and those who supported our Lenten and Easter Services with music, ushering, greeting, altar and sanctuary preparation, readers, presiders, communion assistants, and meal preparation, setup, and cleanup. You created a meaningful and spiritual atmosphere to worship, praise, and fellowship for us all.

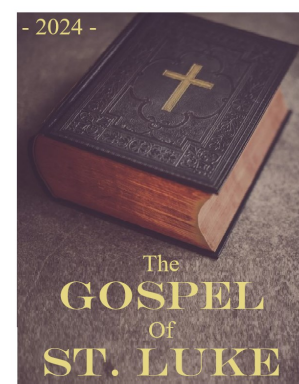
Lastly, and most importantly, we give thanks to our God for all these gifts and the people who are Lakeside Lutheran Church.

God bless!

Tim Dell

2024 SERMON SERIES STUDY GUIDES

This year's focus for the readings during the services will be taken from the Book of Luke. Pastor has offered a Study Guides for the 2024 reading series. The Study Guide is available in the Narthex (or you can get an electronic copy upon request - llc@lakesidelutheran.net).



Welcome to the

BAND of BROTHERS

IRON SHARPENS IRON

Each week we become stronger and closer Christian Men – the newsletter may seem the same but the spark being ignited in our group and our faith is awesome to behold and new each time we meet.

Our Mission Statement: Striving to know the Joy of Christ better through the study of His Word, loving and serving our Lord as He first loved and served us, the Band of Brothers is committed to becoming the men that GOD has called us to be.

The Band-of-Brothers meets each Saturday morning at 8:30-10:00 am in Meyer Hall (except the first Saturday of the month they meet at Skillet's Restaurant at 8:00). All men welcome – bring a friend!

Our weekly dive into the Luke Gospel has been awakening and inspiring - it is a good “all-in” conversation to take us into the real foundation of the scripture.

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 as men have a unique gift and opportunity to show our true Christian spirit and ways to help so many others find the truth of our faith. We reach out and offer a hand to those falling into despondency so they can truly be known by the heart of God and their fellow men.

Often we have topic videos and/or short outside presentations that relate to our “fit” in this secular world. We will begin a series of video/discussions on A Christian Perspective on Islam, a topical discussion about two of the largest mono-Theistic religions and the world.

We continue our fund-raising for support of a seminary student. Our faith desperately needs trained leaders that shepherd more of us to the truth of Jesus instead of the false truth the world often presents. The Seminar support is being funded by collections from our Band-of-Brothers and special donations from extraordinary individuals helping to spearhead a rebirth of our faith.



LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

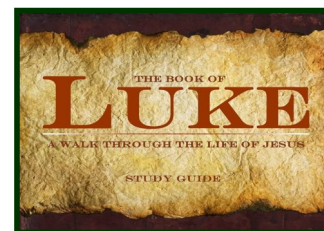
Men, please come join us - coffee and donuts are included!

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

- APRIL CLASSES -

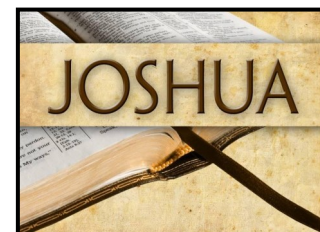
Monday Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke
The Study of Luke
 6:00 p.m. on Monday's (in the Sanctuary)



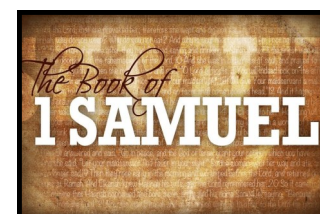
Wednesday Adult Bible Study

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



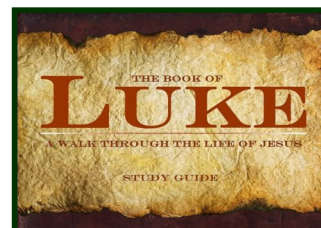
Wednesday Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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



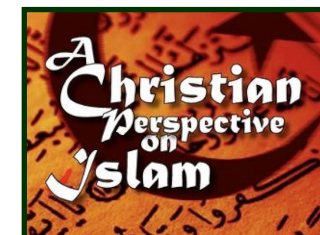
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Dahlke
The Study of Luke
 7:00 p.m. Wednesday's (online - Zoom).



Saturday Morning - Men's Group Study (On Site)

Join the men
Video: A Christian Perspective on Islam
 Saturday at 8:30 AM - (Meyer Hall)
 (Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skillet's Restaurant)



In-Home Study - Mike Lange and Tim Matheny

Join the Group
 (Off Site - from home to home)
 Held between the homes 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.

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.



Coffee Hour - Hospitality

The April coffee hours will take place April 7 and April 21. Cookies and volunteers are always welcome. Speak to Sharon Ladigoski if you can assist. See you there!

Bread Breakers

This photo is one of our many Bread Breakers groups posing for a picture. The Bread Breaker get-togethers are casual, fun, and usually involve food and always Spiritual conversation!

Ask anyone pictured for more information, or contact Linda MacDonald (573) 693- 8446.





PHOTOS (above) are from the March LWML Meeting. The women filled Easter eggs for Treehouse Academy Preschool and for Prodigal Daughters of Sarasota.

LWML COLLECTS GLASSES

and Non-prescription Sunglasses to be donated to MOST Ministry. They distribute the glasses to poor countries around the world. Collection boxes are in the Narthex. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile ministry!



APRIL LWML MEETING

Ladies, the April LWML meeting will be held in Meyer Hall on Thursday, April 4th, at 11:30 am. The theme will be *Handling Life's Lemons*. In keeping with the theme, we will have various lemon themed food - including tea sandwiches and salad. We'll also be working on a "make and take lemon craft". All ladies are welcome - come enjoy the fun. Please sign-up in the narthex. Looking forward to seeing you there!



LWML MITE SUNDAY

The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Your mites will support the Lutheran Special Education Ministries for special education and learning loss services for children in Lutheran schools. 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.

Dear Friends of Haiti,

As you all know from news reports Haiti is in great turmoil. **Please pray for Haiti and for all the people we love so dearly.** All the reports you hear are true and actually worse in many cases. The good news is that Jeremie is not as bad as Port au Prince and our schools have remained open.

When people ask me why Haiti is in the condition it is in I cannot give them a simple answer. What is happening in Haiti is evil. The gangs and outlaws have no respect for their fellow countrymen. They are desperate people living in desperate times and feel they have nothing to lose if they take what is not theirs. God is not part of their lives and His laws mean nothing to them. Our Pastors and Christian Teachers are trying desperately to change this. Let us all be aware of what happens when a country turns its back on its Creator.

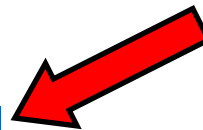
Several people have said they would like to help by sending funds but fear their donation would never reach the people in need. They've heard of the corruption and hesitate to trust them. I can tell you that every donation you make to the Jeremie Teachers Fund through MISSION HAITI based out of Orlando, FL (*formerly the Haitian Lutheran Mission Project*) goes directly to the teachers. We send each of our 49 Lutheran School Teachers \$150.00 quarterly. Our Field Director delivers these funds personally to the principals of each of our 7 schools. The \$50 dollars a month our teachers receive is not enough for them to live on, but it helps. If the teachers do not get paid they must seek employment elsewhere and schools will close. Please remember also that as long as we keep our schools open each of our students receives a daily meal of beans and rice (supplied by our friends from Trinity Hope). This is so important..

Please remember that as expensive as things have become in the US, they are many times more expensive in Haiti and these people are literally, LITERALLY starving. Mission Haiti does not go through other agencies. We guarantee that your donations go directly to the people in need.

Please pray for Haiti (pray for the U.S. as well). Though Haiti's condition seems hopeless, it can turn around. God can do marvelous things.

Susan Gross

Susan has been involved with the Lutheran Church in Haiti for the past 23 years, working with Trinity Hope Feeding Program in TN. She loves the Haitian people. When the board of directors decided to dissolve the Haitian Lutheran Mission Project she joined **MISSION HAITI**. Susan prays that the unrest in Haiti ends and a younger group of people steps up and grows the Church in Haiti.



MISSION HAITI - 7360 Curry Ford Road, Unit 721612, Orlando, FL 32872-7576



THE TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL

The Treehouse Preschoolers enjoyed a beautiful day for an Easter Egg hunt! The LWML ladies filled and hid over 400 eggs. What a JOY it was to see the church grounds filled with about 50 little ones looking for eggs! Many thanks to our helpers on March 25 for hiding the eggs: Brenda McCowan, Diane Maute, Kim Tyrrell, Sharon Ladigoski., Judy Ganshaw, Linda Gabriel and Kris Knudsvig.

If you would like to assist at the Treehouse in any capacity (or at *Children's Chapel*) please contact Sharon Ladigoski at (941) 460-6959.



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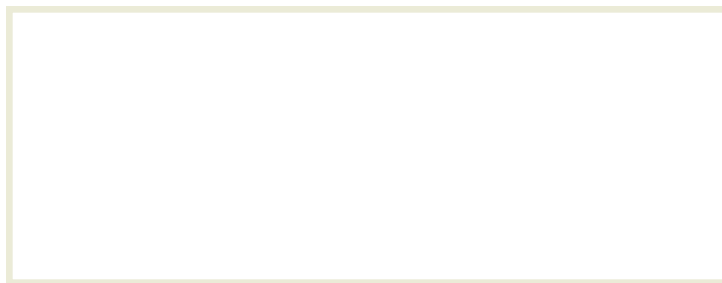
May the promise of the
Easter season bring you
great joy and abundant
peace in the love and
promise of the Lord.

*Happy
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