

# LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**MAY, 2024**

**SERVICES ARE  
ONSITE AND ONLINE**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary

**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:30 a.m. Traditional

**Ascension Thursday**  
**May 9th - 5:00 p.m.**

## 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.*



## Questions to Identify Your God-Given Talents:

The best way to identify your God-given talents is to spend time thinking about what you do well. Here are some great questions to ask yourself that will lead you in the right direction:

- What's a task or role that comes easily to me?
- What am I good at?
- Where did I excel in school?
- What's something I don't have to work to be good at?
- What do my coworkers compliment me on most often?
- If someone asked my friends, what would they say?
- What do I bring to a team?
- What are my biggest character strengths?

St. Peter states that we are gifted as we are so we can serve one another (1 Peter 4:10). Using our gifts for the benefit of others is the right and Godly thing to do!

The words of 2 Corinthians 8:13-14 speak of people sharing in such a way that the needs of all people are met.



## YOUR GIFTS ARE UNIQUE *(Continued)*

The eight principles (below) fit nicely under two umbrellas. The first is the following definition of Christian stewardship that has been used in our church body for a few decades: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." The second umbrella is "Maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!" May God bless you and your Biblical Stewardship Principles to form God-pleasing attitudes toward Christian Stewardship.



- I. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE GOD'S STEWARDS.** This means that God's stewards are stewards by virtue of creation and recreation in Holy Baptism; therefore, they belong to the Lord.
- II. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE MANAGERS, NOT OWNERS.** This means that God's stewards have been entrusted with life and life's resources and given the privilege of responsibly and joyfully managing them for Him.
- III. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE SAINTS AND SINNERS.** This means that God's stewards rejoice in and live out what the Lord has declared them to be through the cross. At the same time His stewards recognize they are sinners who fight sin and its consequences each day.
- IV. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE UNIQUELY SINGULAR, YET PROFOUNDLY PLURAL.** This means that God's stewards recognize that their lives are not solo performances but are personal responses to God, lived out within the community of faith to benefit the whole world.
- V. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD.** This means that God's stewards recognize that the Lord sets them apart from the world and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends them into the world to live out the Gospel.
- VI. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE LOVED AND LOVING.** This means that God's stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God's act of love for them in Christ which empowers them, in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love.
- VII. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE SERVED AND SERVING.** This means that God's stewards recognize that their stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life which is demonstrated in servanthood within all the arenas of life.
- VIII. **GOD'S STEWARDS LIVE WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF TIME AND ETERNITY.** This means that God's stewards live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal purpose while being firmly committed to His rule in the here and now.

*( - Taken from the LCMS Biblical Stewardship Principles - )*

These Bible verses *(about talent)* point to one conclusion:

**The world needs YOU and what YOU have to offer.**

*James 1:17* - Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father

*Psalms 139:14* - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful

*1 Corinthians 12:14* - The body is not made up of one part but of many



## From the Pastor


Are you joyfully living in Christian fellowship in Christ Jesus? We have been looking at the values of Christian living over the past few months. We have covered truth, outreach and faith. Let's tackle fellowship today. These values take commitment that go with them. Commitment is the difference between worship attenders and congregation members. Commitment leads to deeper and richer transformation by the Holy Spirit.

One of the marks of a healthy congregation are loving relationships wrapped in commitment. In your church home, who would miss your Christian fellowship if you left the congregation today? Many church goers look to see how they can be served and the quality of that service they can receive. The spiritually mature seek to serve others in loving relationships that build, encourage and joyfully inspire others. Worship spots are easy to find - committed loving relationships that are living out the love of Jesus is a whole different thing.

What would happen if you were committed to continually practice committed love for one another in the congregation through table fellowship? The Bible says "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1). The love that a congregation has in Christ is deeper, richer, faster, and more authentic than anywhere else in the world. (John 13:34)

What relationships can you invest in to build the bond of others in faith up to God, in to other Christians, and out to those outside of faith?

## Love One Another




*A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have loved you,  
so you must love one another.*

*John 13:34-35*

Christian fellowship works to help us fulfill our intense need for love. Who needs this love from you? (John 13:34-35) The world is full of hurts. God's people are the one who offer an atmosphere of refuge and healing (Col. 3:12-14). God intends His church to be a closely-knit family where people genuinely care for each other despite their different backgrounds. When each person intentionally makes a commitment to these relationships in love, growth occurs through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Dahlke



They first  
gave themselves  
to the Lord  
and to us  
by the will of God.  
2 Corinthians 8:5

## Anniversaries

Don and Sandra Tallman	May 4	Joe and June Sonnenberg	May 14
Dan and Sally Meyer	May 5	Wendell and Linda Wolka	May 19
Mel and Charlotte Van Dyke	May 8	Bob and Deb Caldwell	May 20
Ronald and Marleen Ellis	May 10	Henry and Joan Hajdas	May 21
Frank and Jane Friberg	May 11	Robert and Diane Emo	May 26
Bob and Vicky Mulvihill	May 12	Kenny and Brenda Gustafson	May 26
Dave and Pamela Gohil	May 13	Duke and Joy Coval	May 29
		Timothy and Kay Matheny	May 30



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

## Birthdays

Aidan Adkirson	May 1	Paul VantHof	May 15
Janet Haessler	May 3	Sandy Boos	May 16
Anna Purse	May 3	Janet Miller	May 17
Paul Adams	May 4	Joy Coval	May 19
Carol Joseph	May 4	Maria Krieger	May 19
Joseph Wilson	May 4	Marleen Ellis	May 20
Cindy Zachau	May 4	D'Arcy Gonzales	May 21
Kay Matheny	May 5	Dolly Hoffer	May 24
Edrise Sievers	May 7	Isabelle Russell	May 25
Lois Hammond	May 8	Judith Hines	May 26
Karla Henke	May 10	Emma Suko	May 26
Carol Bolger	May 13	James Schulz	May 28
Charlotte Freeman	May 14	Don Tallman	May 29



Photos from the 2024

# Easter BREAKFAST





**BREAD BREAKERS** (above) We had a fun time in April - with food, fellowship and a smile for the camera. Please contact Linda MacDonald for more information about the Lakeside's Bread Breakers groups (573) 693-8446.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Have you ever thought about praying on a regular basis with someone? It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know someone and enjoy special prayer time. Lakeside is in the process of forming this awesome experience! You and your partner can meet in person, email, call or a simple text each other. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex on May 5, 12 and 19. We plan to take all who have signed up and match them up (randomly). If you are more comfortable with a male or female prayer partner please specify that on the sign-up sheet. You will be notified of who your partner is and how to get in touch with each other. Don't forget to sign-up! Email Colleen Umphrey for more information at [umphrey.colleen@gmail.com](mailto:umphrey.colleen@gmail.com) !

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OTHER AND PRAY FOR  
EACH OTHER SO THAT  
YOU MAY BE HEALED.  
THE PRAYER OF A  
RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS  
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- JAMES 5:16**

**LAKESIDE BAND-OF-BROTHERS**

The Band-of-Brothers meets each Saturday morning, at 8:30-10:00 a.m., in Meyer Hall (except the first Saturday of the month they meet at Skillets Restaurant at 8:00). All men are welcome – bring a friend! We began 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 to raise funds for support of seminary students. Our faith desperately needs trained leaders that shepherd more of us to the truth of Jesus. The Seminarian 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.

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

*Welcome to the*  
**BAND of BROTHERS** **IRON SHARPENS IRON**

## - MAY CLASSES -

**\*\*\*NEW STUDY\*\*\* on Tuesday's - 5 Week Basic Doctrine**  
Led by Pastor Dahlke

**This study will focus on learning LC-MS Basic Doctrine**  
Start date: May 14th, Tuesday's, at 9:30 (Office Conference Room)

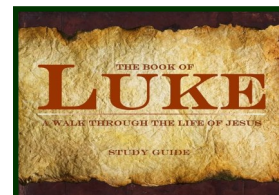
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### Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke  
**The Study of Luke**  
6:00 p.m. (Meyer Hall)

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### Tuesday Evening - In-Home Study

(Off Site - from home to home on Tuesday's)  
Held between the home of Tim and Kay Matheny and Mike Lange.

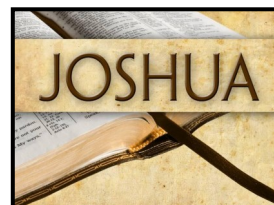
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### Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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

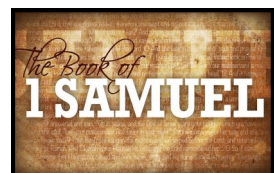
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### Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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

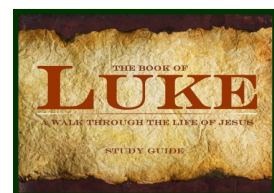
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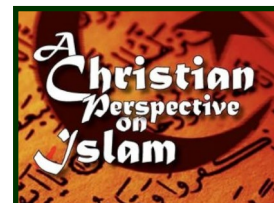
Join Pastor Dahlke  
**The Study of Luke**  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday's (Online - Zoom).

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### 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 Skillets Restaurant)

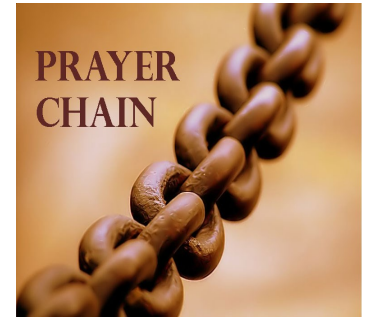


Contact Pastor (PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.Net) or the church office  
(LLC@LakesideLutheran.Net) to sign up for a class.

## 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.



## Hospitality Committee

Thanks to all for your continued support of our bi-monthly mission baskets at coffee hour. Look for "Coffee and Cookies" on May 5 and May 19. Let us know if you would be willing to help setup the coffee and cookie tables, or donate cookies, water, cake plates or napkins. Please contact Sharon Ladigoski for more info: (941) 460-6959.

## Backpacks and School Items

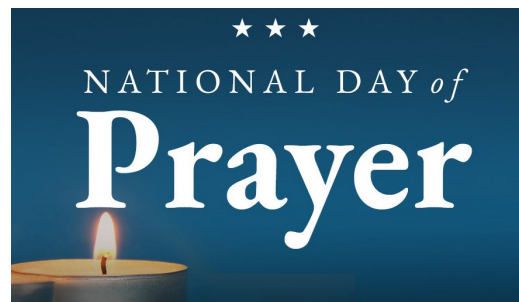
Lakeside will be collecting backpacks to be filled with school supplies for the Sarasota County Schools - through the Venice Angel program. Watch for a upcoming information and school supply lists. Lakeside members will be asked to purchase a backpack and/or school supplies off this list. More information will be coming soon. We want to pack and bless the backpacks no later than Sunday, June 2nd. Speak to Colleen Umphrey for more information: [umphrey.colleen@gmail.com](mailto:umphrey.colleen@gmail.com)





## LWML May Meeting

Ladies - Please join us for the May LWML Meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 11:30 in Meyer Hall. We will be celebrating National Day of Prayer with Pastor Dahlke speaking. Come enjoy a Pita Pizza lunch with us. Please sign-up in the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing you!



## LWML Leaders

At our April LWML meeting, Janet Gardner was re-elected as President, Judy Meske was re-elected as Treasurer. We are in great hands with these two ladies at the helm!

## LWML Fall Rally

Save the date for the Fall LWML Rally: Saturday, November 16th, at Faith Lutheran in Punta Gorda.



Annually, Lakeside's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) makes donations to various charities. This year our major focus was on charities that support women and children. We are happy to announce that due to your generosity - we were able to donate a total of \$3,600 to ten different charities. Thanks Lakeside!

The charities this year include:

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Prodigal Daughters Journey Home | 6. SPARC                   |
| 2. Restoring Oaks                  | 7. Crossroads Hope Academy |
| 3. One More Child                  | 8. The Twig                |
| 4. Lutheran Services of Florida    | 9. Hope Seeds              |
| 5. Kids Needs                      | 10. Agape Flights          |

## 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 support the Blessings in a Backpack initiative which provides God's Word and encouragement each week-end of the school year for students in need and their families around Davie, FL. 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.





# L.W.M.L. APRIL MEETING



The Treehouse Preschool children love Wednesday mornings at Children's Chapel! The Lakeside volunteers pray and sing with about 40 little ones each week. In addition they teach the children Bible stories and watch videos. Mr. Dan was creative with a "flame" above his head, as he told the story of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the apostles.

Come watch...Wednesday mornings at 9:45 am. What JOY to see the little ones learning about Jesus!



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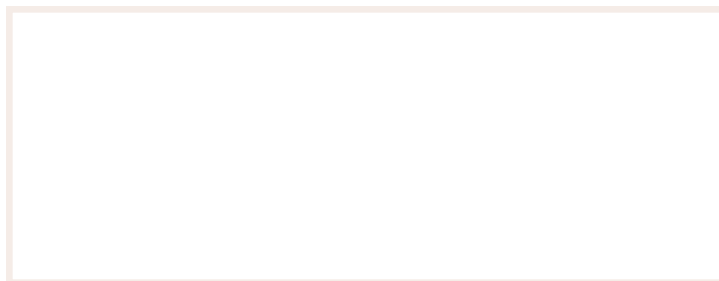
God, I ask that You'd help my mother by providing her with strength, encourage her and guide her as she finds balance in her life. God, I truly value her and I pray that You would help her be the mother and woman You'd like her to be.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



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