

**LAKESIDE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

JUNE, 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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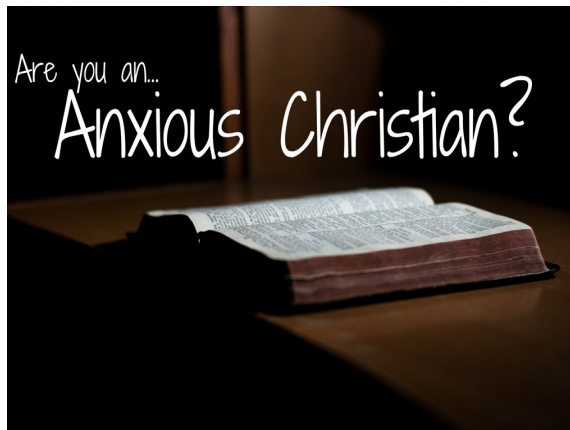
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*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



PEACE IN ANXIOUS TIMES



We are living in a time of anxiety, conflict, and concern. People are anxious about stability, inflation, armed conflicts, and the leadership of our country. There are conflicts in the United States over issues such as immigration, abortion, government tactics, and even our religious beliefs. We see conflict within political parties, in some congregations, and even in our families.

“People are concerned and worried.”

It's easy at times like this to lose focus. Our focus can become centered on ourselves rather than on God and why He created us and has blessed us so richly.

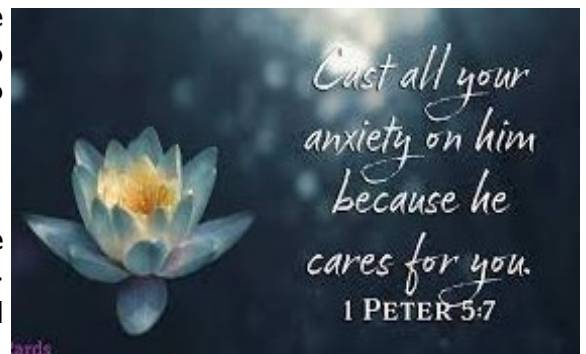
The apostle Paul wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:4–7).

St. Paul counselled the Philippians to focus on the Lord rather than on themselves. Today, some may think that this is easy for Paul to say because he didn't face the same issues that we face today. The truth is that Paul knew trouble. He wrote to the Corinthians while imprisoned, beaten severely, and exposed to death repeatedly. Paul was no stranger to conflict and danger. Still, he says to rejoice! The Lord is near! In a spirit of thanksgiving, he counsels, go to Him in prayer with your requests.

This is the God who knows everything. Not even a little bird falls to the ground without His knowledge. He knows what worries us, what troubles we face, and what concerns are on our minds. He cares so much that He sent His Son to the cross to forgive us our sins and to assure us of life in all its fullness.

“He cares for you!”

Leave with this thought: “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”



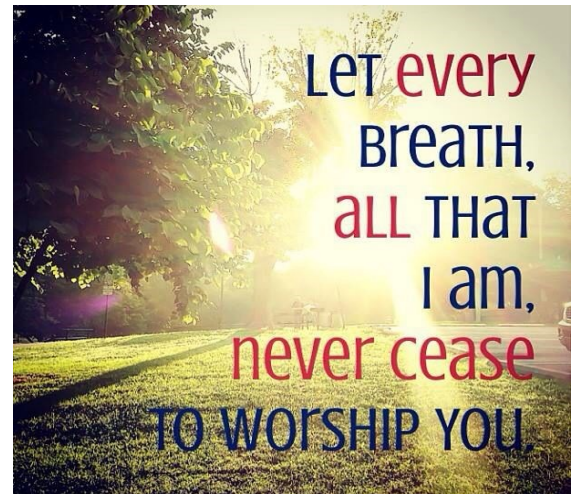
(Paraphrased from The Lutheran Witness, June 2008 - by Rev. Jerry Kieschnick)



Are you joyfully worshiping God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? This month we look at the biblical value of worship. Our Christian values call for commitment. Are you committed to worship or is your option based on the feelings of the day? Commitment is always the difference between nominal Christianity and “all in” Jesus following. Committed disciples seek “how” to live out their faith because of the Holy Spirit in them.

How is your worship commitment? At Lakeside we are committed to worshiping God in spirit and truth (*John 4:23*). To go outside of this is a call for repentance. We seek to hold each other accountable for this as well (*Acts 17:11*).

One big misunderstanding of worship is that we only do it for one hour a week (and some extra time during Advent, Lent, and Holy Week). I fall into this thinking often. When in fact worship is a lifestyle we offer to God as a response to God and His love (*Romans 12:1*). This all gets better when He overwhelms us with His grace that we worship with awe and joy (*Acts 2:46-47*). This grace transforms us from people concerned about ourselves only, to placing Jesus first and foremost in our life with commitment. We become people who value a life of worship. That is what the Gospel of Jesus does in us.



This worship includes edification and fellowship from one disciple to another (*Hebrews 10:24-25*). You are needed by someone in every worship service. Why is this? It is because you have Jesus in you and you can touch the lives of others greatly in many ways. Popping in and out the doors in a worship service is not what God has in mind.

One last reason why we value joyful worship – it inspires us to serve God (*Isaiah 6:8*). The same God that sent Jesus for you.



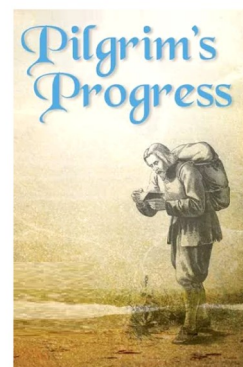
Blessings,
Pastor Dahlke

Bonus: The definition of Liturgy: In the Lutheran Confessions, liturgy is defined as "public service" in the sense that the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments is God's service done on behalf of His people. Sometimes the word is used to denote an order of service.

PILGRIMS PROMISE IN-HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The final study of Pilgrim's Progress (a Lakeside in-home Bible study group) was held at Service Beach on May 14th. Everyone brought their own food and beverage and enjoyed fellowship before the study started. We followed with a walk to the beach to catch the sunset (but the clouds didn't cooperate). One brave soul even took a dip!

Please consider joining in a study. All studies are posted in the bulletin and newsletter. Contact the church office if you need additional information.



AMENDMENT 4: THE RIGHT TO ABORTION INITIATIVE

Dear Florida Faith and Community Leaders,

I am reaching out with urgent information about this year's proposed ballot Amendment 4. Rarely do we have the opportunity to make an impact and protect the life of the unborn as we can this year. Your understanding of this amendment and ability to share it with your faith community is of great importance. Governor DeSantis' office address Florida Amendment 4, the Right to Abortion Initiative, which is on the November 5, 2024 ballot as an initiated constitutional amendment. Your understanding in this conversation is crucial.

(read the full text using the web address below)

https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/InitiativeForms/Fulltext/Fulltext_2307_EN.pdf

For 120 years, One More Child has been committed to rising up on behalf of vulnerable children and families. We believe that everyone, from the unborn to the elderly, is created in God's image with value and dignity. Please do not hesitate to share this within your networks and communities.



ONE MORE CHILD® 

Anniversaries

Joe and Diane Szkola June 7
 Robert and Cynthia Holmes June 9
 Peter and Carol Joseph June 9
 Don and Emma Suko June 10
 Rudy and Meredith Dornemann June 16
 Dana and Jeannette Eaves June 16
 Jim and Cheryl Brown June 21
 Terry and Carol Williamson June 22

Brian and Nancy Johanson June 24
 Arnt and Heidi Nyvoll June 25
 Rev. David and Amy Dahlke June 26
 Roland and Sherer Miller June 26
 John and Cindy Zachau Jr. June 28
 Don and Stella Reschke June 29
 George and Jennifer Shepard June 29
 Bob and Patty Thompson June 29



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays

Pamela Gohil June 3
 Chuck Kinter June 4
 Helen VantHof June 4
 Roland Miller June 5
 Richard Purse June 5
 Nancy Lindquist June 7
 Nancy Blemaster June 8
 Nancy Johanson June 8
 Jeanell Peek June 8
 Annie Nichols June 9
 Sue St. Pierre June 9
 Connie Foster June 11
 Joseph Stanjones June 13
 Deb Caldwell June 15

Sheila Otten June 15
 June Sonnenberg June 16
 Jane Hillwig June 18
 Leah Bookwalter June 19
 Margaret Fitchlee June 22
 Lawrence Kunkle June 23
 Shirley Preston June 23
 Ken Arney June 25
 Maureen Dell June 25
 Sharon Bradham June 27
 Michael Roggi June 27
 Joyce Perkins June 28
 Joan Waters June 28
 William Meints June 29

I hear the grass is greener on the other side...

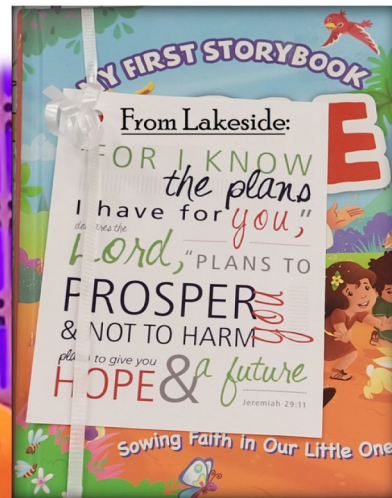


Nope, it's still brown. It never rains in Venice.



GRADUATION DAY

All members of the class of 2024 graduated with honors and happy faces. The Treehouse Preschool proudly handed out 19 diplomas on Saturday, May 25th, at Lakeside. The morning ceremony opened with remarks from Pastor Dahlke. A small reception followed in Meyer Hall attended by about 90 guests. Lakeside presented each preschool graduate a Children's Bible. Thanks to so many Lakeside folks for making this happen!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Have you ever thought about praying on a regular basis with someone? It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others 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 simply text each other. There are forms in the Narthex if you would like to join. Everyone who signs up will be matched up (randomly). You will be notified who your partner is and how to get in touch with each other. Don't forget to sign-up!

Email Colleen Umphrey for more info:
umphrey.colleen@gmail.com

THEREFORE CONFESS YOUR SINS TO EACH OTHER AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER SO THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. - JAMES 5:16



LAKESIDE BAND-OF-BROTHERS

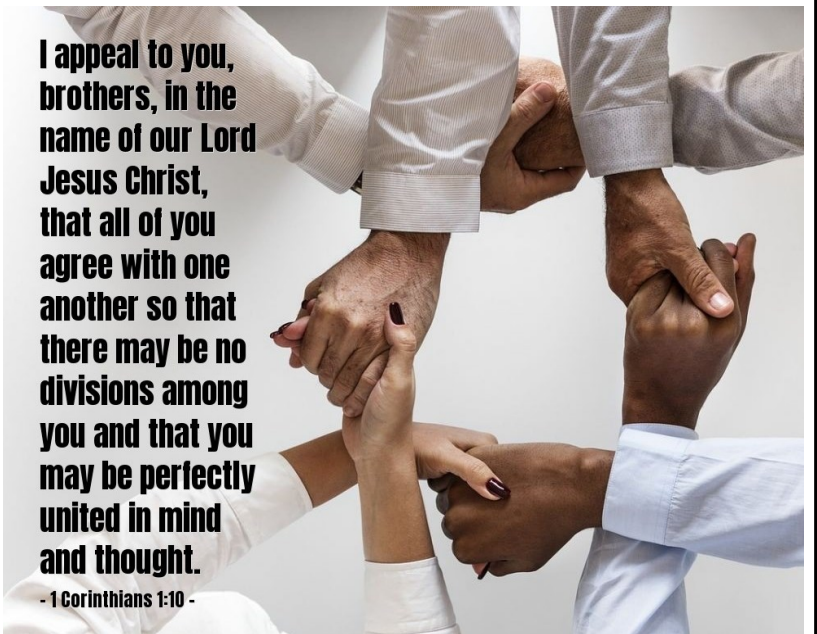
The Band-of-Brothers meets Saturday mornings, at 8:30-10:00 a.m., in Meyer Hall (except on the first Saturday of the month, they meet at Skillet's Restaurant at 8:00). All men are welcome – bring a friend!

We are beginning a new study: *1 Cor., One in Christ*. 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 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.

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

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

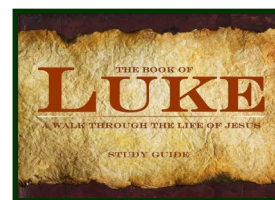
- 1 Corinthians 1:10 -



- JUNE CLASSES -

Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

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



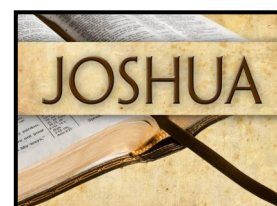
Tuesday Evening - In-Home Study

(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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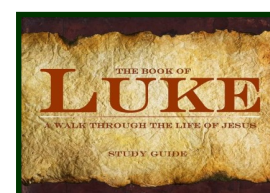
Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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



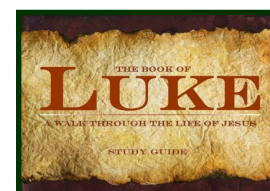
Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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



Wednesday Evening - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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
Study: 1 Corinthians, One in Christ
 Saturday at 8:30 AM - (Meyer Hall)
 (Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skillet's Restaurant)

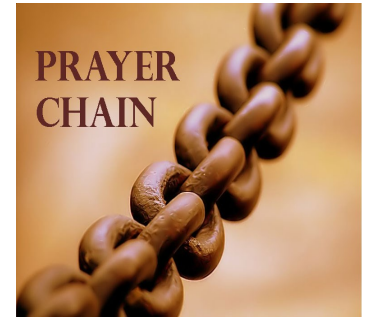


Contact Pastor (PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.Net) or the church office
 (LLC@LakesideLutheran.Net) to sign up for a class.

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 with small tasks! 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. The Hospitality committee will continue to serve Coffee and Cookies throughout the summer. Look for them on June 2 and June 16 (between services). Also continued thanks for supporting our mission basket on the coffee table! If you would like to donate cookies...bring them in anytime or speak with Sharon.

Contact Sharon Ladigoski for more information: (941) 460-6959.



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

Lakeside Snowbirds are asked to take a moment and send us a photo of where you are or what you are doing to keep busy up North. We're missing you! Text your picture to Susan Tenteromano (347) 922-1207 (or email your photo to the church office).

We look forward to your safe return.



Pictured above: Gifts made so by LWML for the kids to give their moms on Mother's Day.



LWML Fall Rally

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

LWML Mite Sunday

The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Lakeside LWML supports the Florida-Georgia LWML with our mites. 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. MAY MEETING



Joyful Partnership in Disaster Recovery

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...” Philippians 1:5-6

When World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) enters a disaster-impacted community, volunteers are there to be the hands and feet of Jesus while repairing homes. Ultimately, DRS joins with compassionate, local community members in working to bring healing and restore hope after disasters.

As a Category-4 hurricane, Ian brought 81 mph winds and 15 inches of rainfall to Sarasota County, Florida on September 28th, 2022. Due to record-breaking crests of multiple rivers, the area also experienced considerable flooding. Altogether, these factors created challenges for the southwest Florida community. Many business owners lost their livelihoods. Homeowners had the roofs torn off their homes or had water damage to their belongings. Some even lost family members or friends.

Despite disheartening circumstances, homeowners affected by Ian experienced the care of their neighbors. Not long after the storm, the Sarasota County Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) was formed. The organization works to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination through preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation. Many community members quickly joined the group to help people devastated by Ian, including mental health professionals, pastors, local government staff, human services groups, and others.

The LTRG members began learning about disaster response and exploring the best avenues for recovery. A previous group member shared, “After individuals had exhausted all areas of help, we knew homeowners still had unmet needs, especially entire homes needing to be rebuilt.”

You can read this story in it’s entirety on the World Renew website at:
<https://worldrenew.net/disasters/drs/joyful-partnership>



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**Happy Father's Day
- A Salute to
Fathers**

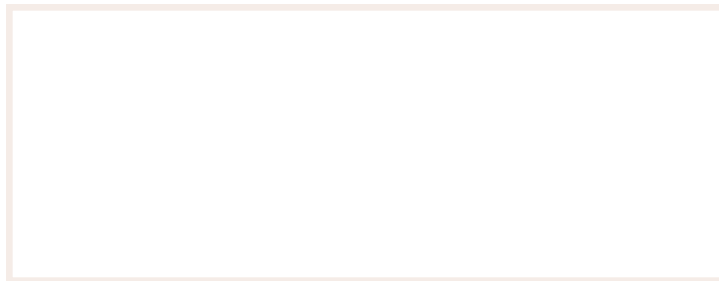
Almighty God, as we observe Father's Day we lift up all the fathers to You with adoration and love. Fathers play an integral role in the lives of children; as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more and also provide a firm foundation on which children stand.

Thank You for showering them with Your divine blessings. I pray that You would set them apart for Your purpose. Grant them peace and unity, health and strength, joy and happiness throughout their lives.



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