

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY, 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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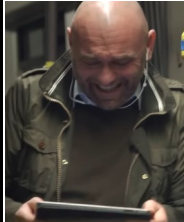


THE MESSENGER

*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



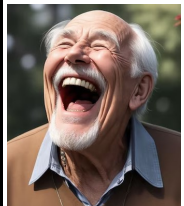
Contagious Joy? Why?



The phrase, "do not be afraid" is listed 365 times in the Bible. It is a reminder for our everyday life. The world changes quickly and it can be scary. When fear is stripped away, it is replaced with faith, confidence, and excitement. Excitement is a joyful result of having trust in God. It's also contagious.



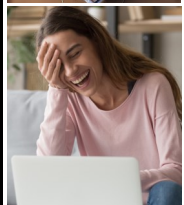
In a Coca-Cola advertisement, people were sitting in a train and a man was watching a video to pass the time. He couldn't contain his laughter (even though he had headphones on). His laugh got louder. People around him were hearing his laughter and slowly the train began to fill with joy as the passengers laughed with him. They had no idea what the man was laughing about, but his reaction was contagious. This is a beautiful example of how our excitement for God can cause others to light up, too. The best part is when people ask us the "why question".



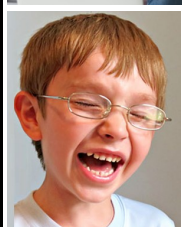
"Why" are you so happy?

"Why" are you so excited?

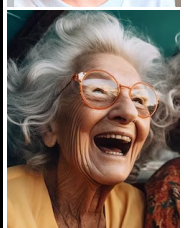
"Why" are you...not afraid?



It's easy to answer, "Because God is good and Jesus is coming back". So why not choose Joy since God has good plans for you? For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11). Our attitude is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. It's a light that draws people in. Not everyone will ask "why" and that's okay. (You need to have faith in God to work on them.)



"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)



Don't be afraid! Get excited and shine! God has great things in store... so why not choose joy while you're waiting? It'll infect those around you in the best possible way.

Laughter is good medicine!



Humor can become an oasis of God's perfect peace and joy in the midst of life's storms.

Enjoy International Joke

Day - July 1, 2024

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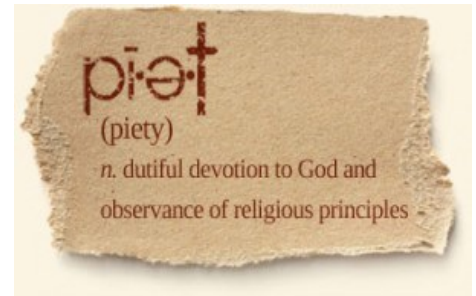
Coca-Cola Advertisement - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IveWbLpGa78>
The article was paraphrased from The House of Praise, August 9, 2023 issue - by Logan Gasset



On July 7th we will look at Luke 11:37-54. It records Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees highlighting their hypocrisy and neglect of justice and mercy. Jesus is engaging with the Pharisees challenging their outward piety while criticizing their inward corruption. He is point to the importance of genuine faith and love motivated living. Let's look at three quick points.

1. Outward Piety vs. Inward Transformation:

Jesus begins by highlighting the Pharisees' emphasis on external rituals such as ceremonial hand-washing before meals. While these practices were meant to demonstrate their devotion to God's law, Jesus critiques them for neglecting matters of the heart—love, justice, and mercy. This rings of the great teachings of sola fide (Faith alone) and sola scriptura (Scripture alone), emphasizing that true righteousness stems from a transformed heart rather than mere adherence to external rituals.



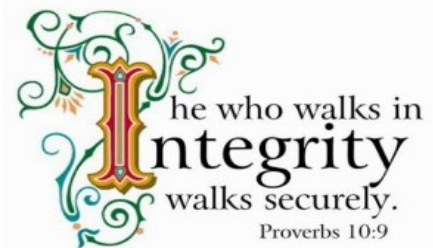
2. Pronouncement of Woes:

Jesus next pronounces a series of woes upon the Pharisees and legal experts, condemning their hypocrisy and exploitation of others. He rebukes them for their greed, pride, and hypocrisy, highlighting their failure to live up to God's standards despite their outward show of righteousness. This serves as a powerful reminder to all believers of the dangers of spiritual pride and the importance of humility and repentance. God is showing us our sin and we need to take it seriously.



3. Call to Authenticity:

Throughout this passage, Jesus calls his followers to authenticity and integrity in their faith. God teaches us the importance of repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation as central to the Christian life. Jesus' words challenge us to examine our own hearts and lives, ensuring that our faith is not just an outward display but a sincere commitment to loving God and loving others from the inside out.



We can see a poignant reminder of the dangers of hypocrisy and the importance of faith and Christian living. We are called to examine our own hearts ensuring that our actions align with God's will and reflect His love and mercy to others. It is a transformed heart through faith that Jesus seeks in us and does in us.

Pastor David Dahlke



It's no surprise that the holiday's bring warm hearts and well wishes. Food drives occur most often during the Fall/Winter time of year. It is nice that people want to give, but the summertime brings forth a "dead-period" for food banks. While many are enjoying summer vacation, hunger does not stop. Those in need are still trying to make ends meet on a limited budget. Hunger is a year-long issue.

With this in mind, Lakeside will be having a **FOOD DRIVE** to collect Non-Perishable Foods, Toiletries and Cleaning Supplies this summer. All donations gathered will be given to South County Food Pantry for distribution (121 Warfield Ave, Venice, FL 34285 - (941) 408-2911).

The goal of the South County Food Pantry is to provide food for families who are in need in the Venice, Nokomis, Laurel, and Osprey area. They are a nonprofit organization and they do not receive any government funding. They average 400 visits per month, which feeds about 1200 people. People visit them once per month and receive about 10 days worth of food.

Their main goal is to provide support for families who need help for a short time only. 35% of the families are dependent on the services for less than one year. Senior citizens on a limited budget make up 10% of clients (people 70 years and older). Homeless individuals make up 8%. Others who receive food include the disabled.

They are open every weekday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. They give out approximately \$18,000 worth of food per month (\$216,000 per year).

Please bring your donations and place them in the baskets (please check the sell-by-date on your donations). Consider purchasing summertime foods as well as non-perishable Emergency Foods (needed during hurricane season). Thank you for your generosity!

3 Week-FOOD DRIVE

JULY 15 - JULY 20

JULY 21 - JULY 28

JULY 29 - AUG 4





Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

Bob and Sharon Bradham	July 2
John and Carrie Brooks	July 3
Mark and Kathleen Witte	July 13
George and Alice Johnson	July 16
Michael and Cindy Ehrat	July 22
Joseph and Janet Wilson	July 22
John and Lois Hammond	July 24
Lawrence and Joan Waters	July 24
Robert and Roberta Kamerlander	July 28

Birthdays

Leonard Fitchlee	July 1	Jeff Reaume	July 12	Albert Trautner	July 26
Margaret Murphy	July 3	Sally Meyer	July 13	Diane Bokelman	July 27
Mike Thieroff	July 3	Joan Hajdas	July 14	Pattie Hays	July 28
Gary Whitlow	July 3	Jill Kalish	July 16	Vicky Mulvihill	July 28
Duke Coval	July 7	Vic Englehardt	July 19	David Dahlke	July 29
Lyle Evans	July 7	JoAnn Dickman	July 20	Dan Meyer	July 29
Barbra Bartz	July 8	Terry Jacobs	July 20	Joan Aslinger	July 30
Don Jawor	July 8	Lizzy Kalish	July 21	Robert Holmes	July 31
Kenny Gustafson	July 9	Symphony O'Keefe	July 22	Albert Lemieux	July 31
Leon Kirchhoff	July 9	Marion Stanjones	July 22	Don Reschke	July 31
Cheryl Langenek	July 11	Marlene Mullen	July 23	Kim Tyrrell	July 31
Annette MacDonald	July 12				

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 addresses 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® 



The Tuesday Night (*Pilgrims Progress*) and Thursday Night (*Active Faith*) in-home study groups got together for a BBQ. (Thanks, Colleen Umphrey, for hosting the gathering.) Although many were traveling they still had a good turnout and lots of fun, including a cornhole game. The in-home studies will resume in August, please contact the church office or check the bulletin for more information.

HURRICANE SEASON

Preparation Tips from some of our Lakeside Members

The Question Asked: *What are some things you do to prepare?*



Robert and Diane Emo: *Know Your Cellphone.* We Make sure we can get our emails on our cellphone.



Download the email app and practice using it. Print your passwords. Print important phone numbers. We also get hotel apps on our phone. There are medication apps. Learn how to text - even when WIFI is sketchy, texts messages often transmit. Learn to take screenshots on your phone. We take screenshots of airline boarding passes, hotel reservations, etc. (in case we don't have WIFI when we need it). We also keep a Bible. app on our phone. You can download portions for use when there is no WIFI.

Dan and Sharon Ladigoski: Have cash on hand.



There may not be electricity for days and you will be unable to use ATM machines.



Kenny and Brenda Gustafson:

(left) Bring your solar outdoor landscaping lights in each night. They make great decorations outdoors, but even better interior lights through long dark evenings. Also, if you add a mirror nearby it doubles the light.



(Right) Days in advance of a storm, fill Freezer Bags with water. It provides extended time to keep your refrigerator or freezer cold, as ice blocks take a long time to melt.

John and Terry Warner:



Make sure you fill your propane tank in advance of a storm.



OTHER IDEAS

(left) Be prepared to fill trash bags with water to be used as sandbags should water get too high. We can not confirm that this works, but in a pinch it might be worth a try.

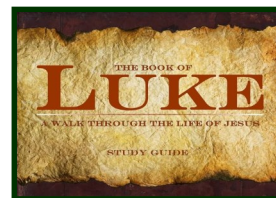
(Right) Use a candle to warm your food.
NOTE: Make sure your cans are higher than the candles so that the candles stay lit.



- JULY CLASSES -

Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

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



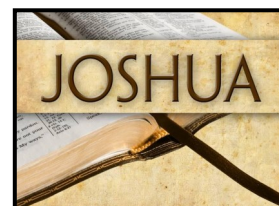
Tuesday and Thursday Evening, In-Home Studies

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

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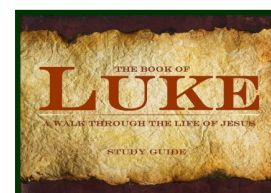
Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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



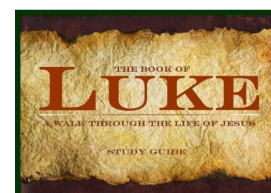
Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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 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**



BREAD BREAKERS

The BREAD BREAKER GROUPS will be shuffling now. Join us (by July 7th) to be included in a group. You'll enjoy friendship, church community, and encouragement from others in your Lakeside community. Sign-up on the Bread Breakers sheet (located in the narthex). Please include your name and contact preference. Also list any months that you might not be available. Feel free to contact Linda MacDonald if you have any questions (573) 693-8446 - or - craiglindamac@gmail.com

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: *1st Corinthians, 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 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!*





TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

Summertime fun continues at the Treehouse Preschool, as does the Children's Chapel every Wednesday morning at 9:45 a.m. Please stop by to see the little ones singing, praying and learning a Bible story. We are Urgently in need of Volunteers to assist with chapel. Please email Sharon Ladigoski for more info...sladd52@gmail.com



LADIES Luncheon

Ladies - Let's have lunch together on Thursday, July 11th at 11:30 at Skilletts - 4115 S Tamiami Trail (in the Pioneer Room). Dutch treat! The event is hosted by LWML - there will be no meeting, no agenda - just joyful fellowship. All ladies are welcome and please feel free to bring a friend. It will be nice to hear how God has been working in your life this summer! Please sign-up in the Narthex by July 7th or contact Diane Kremkow at 312-420-2716 or dvkremk@gmail.com.



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!

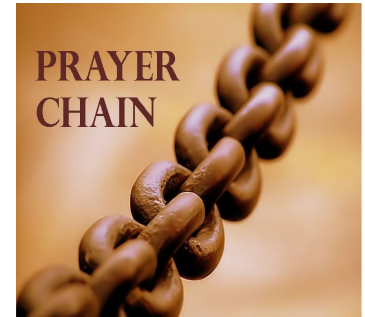
- Thank you for your generosity and support. -



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



Coffee, Cookies, Conversation - Please stop by and enjoy meeting and greeting others in the narthex. We're blessed to have so many visitors, even in the summer! Saying hello over a cup of coffee is a great introduction!

Coffee will be available July 7th and July 21st between services and after the 10:30 service. Please stop by... and many thanks for supporting our mission basket on the table.

INTERNATIONAL JOKE DAY - JULY 1, 2024

Jokes are good for our bodies

We've all heard laughter is the best medicine, but did you know there's scientific evidence to back that up? Studies show laughing has positive effects for the mind and body. It boosts the immune system by decreasing stress, it improves heart health by increasing blood flow, and it even burns calories.

Jokes bring us all together

Every country has its own unique humor. July 1st is the perfect time to share that piece of culture. No matter what differences we have, we still all love having a great belly laugh in good company.

Jokes are totally human

Humans have been telling jokes for nearly as long as we've had civilization. Some scholars believe it was the ancient Greeks who told the first jokes.

Jokes: Take a break from the news

In today's 24-hour news cycle, it's sometimes overwhelming to try to keep up. For one day, try avoiding the news and instead try to find something humorous.

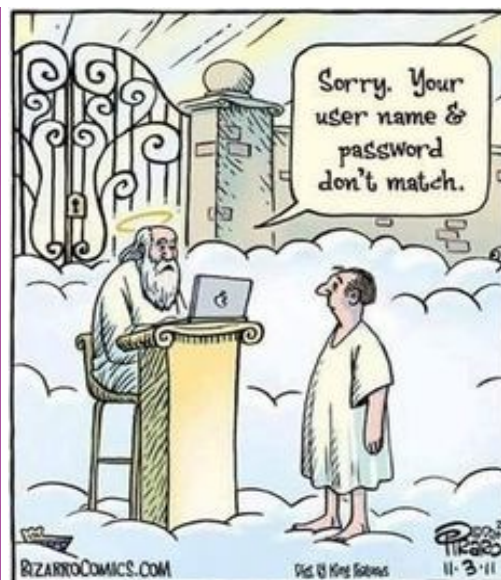
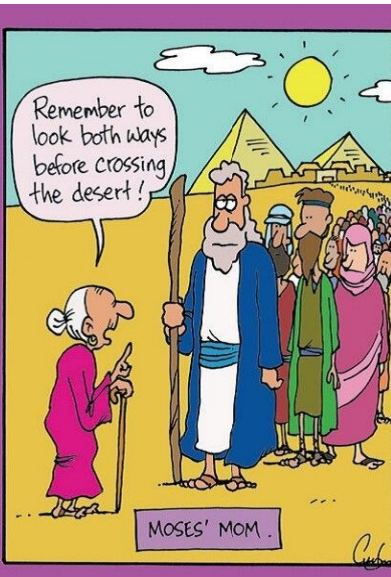
Learn a joke

Telling a good joke is a lot harder than memorizing a few words. It takes timing, reading your audience, delivery, articulation and experience. Take this opportunity to learn - and practice - a joke. Practice the delivery, and test it with your friends. If it floats, you've got a joke in your back pocket.

KIDS SAY FUNNY THINGS:

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons. The boys began to argue over who got the first pancake. The mother saw an opportunity for a lesson. "If Jesus were here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake.'" The older brother said to the younger, "You can be Jesus!"

A child in Sunday school was drawing a picture. When asked what she was drawing, she replied, "God." The teacher said, "Nobody can draw a picture of God. Nobody knows what God looks like." The child replied, "They will when I get done!"



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