

**LAKESIDE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER, 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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**HE
MESSENGER**

*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



Fun Facts About the Bible

The Bible is the Most Stolen Book

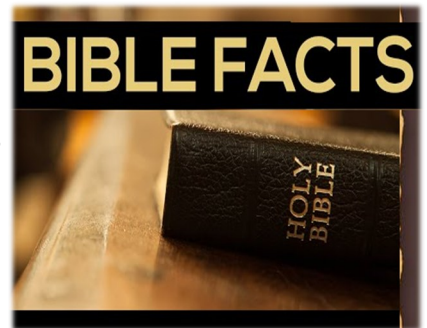
Ironically, although one of the Ten Commandments is “thou shalt not steal,” the Bible is the most stolen book in the world. Bibles are regularly taken from hotels, hospitals, bookstores, and other locations.

The Bible is the Bestselling Book in the World

The Bible is the most-read book in the world. This best-selling book sees up to 100 million copies sold or donated annually. Approximately 20 million copies are sold each year in the U.S. alone.

Jesus Is Never Described in Detail in the Bible

While there are depicted images of Jesus, the Bible never truly describes what He looked like. There are hints to His features found in some books of the Bible, but a full description is lacking. The only Bible verse that gives any indication of Jesus’s appearance is Isaiah 53:2 “He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.”



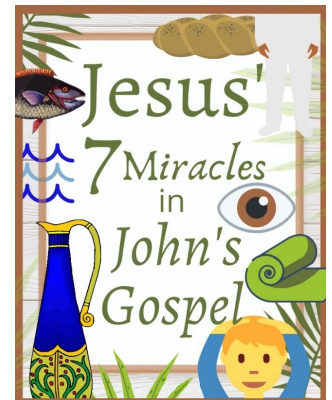
The Shortest Verse Is Two Words

Most Bible verses are known for being pretty long; however, John 11:35 is only two words: “Jesus wept.” This verse is where Jesus grieved for Lazarus, whom He then famously resurrected from the dead.

Fun Bible Fact: The Book of John contains 7 miracles of Jesus, and 5 of the miracles are only recorded in this book. Do you know which ones?

- Turns water to wine (John 2:1-11)
- Heals a Royal official’s son (John 4:43-54)
- Heals a disabled man at Bethesda pool (John 5:1-47)
- Feeds ~20,000 people (John 6:1-15)
- Walks on Water (John 6:16-24)
- Heals a blind man (John 9 & 10)
- Resurrects Lazarus (John 11:1-57)

(NOTE: After Jesus' death, there were three more “faith confirming” miracles: Jesus' own resurrection; Jesus' appearance to disciples; catching of fish)



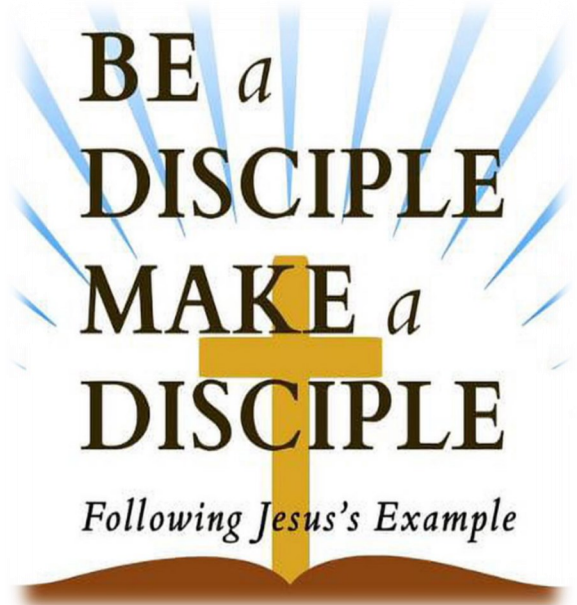


The church is called to reach the world for Jesus one person at a time. In other words, every Christian is called to participate in the mission to make disciples through relationships. Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”** (Matthew 28:18-20)

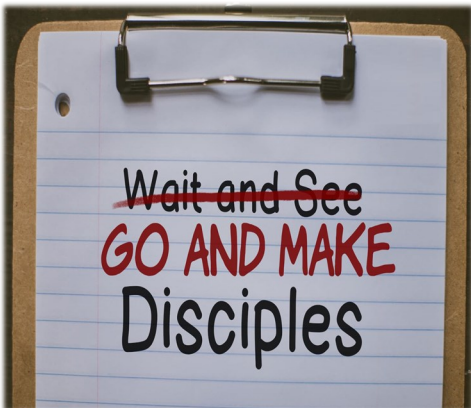
In this text Jesus is telling us to do something? You know transformation is happening in your life when your language, values and actions reflect that Jesus, in you, is growing and multiplying disciples. When you miss the great commission you commit the great omission. What is your personal role in helping the church make disciples - which makes more and stronger disciples?

Let's take a closer look at the importance of making disciples in our homes, workplaces, community and churches.

During the Last Supper, before Jesus was arrested and taken to the cross, He prayed with His disciples. In His prayer Jesus says, **“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do”** (John 17:4). *I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.* (John 17:4-9) Do you see the work Jesus had completed when He prayed this prayer?



Jesus made the disciples ready to go and make disciples themselves. All they needed was the Holy Spirit. This is the model of multiplying disciples. It is so simple it scares us into apathy.



Look again at Matthew 28:18-20. A few weeks after His resurrection, Jesus commanded the twelve to do the same work His Father had given Him to do. The disciples did not look at Jesus and say, **“How do we do that?”** Jesus had already shown them how. He had given them a living model to follow. Jesus made disciples who made more and stronger disciples. Do you see the growth and multiplication happening as Jesus did? What a joy to joyfully make more and stronger disciples.

Pastor David Dahlke

**3 WEEK
FOOD DRIVE**
(concluded August 4)

SUMMER Food Drive



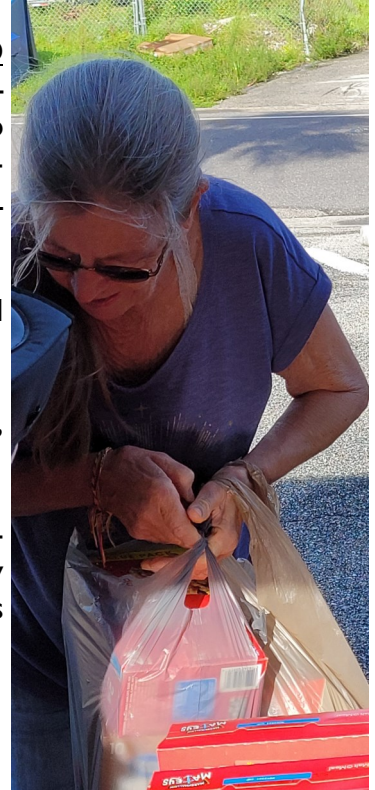
Lakeside had a three week **FOOD DRIVE** during the summer. All donations gathered were given to South County Food Pantry for distribution (121 Warfield Ave, Venice, FL 34285 - (941) 408-2911).

Lakeside collected over 4 tables full of food! Our members are amazing!

The Food Pantry is open weekdays, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.

Lakeside continues to collect donations throughout the year. Simply place the items in the white cabinets in the Narthex.

Thank you **SO MUCH**, Lakeside, for your generosity!





Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

- John and Carol Bolger Sept. 3
Leon and Mary Kirchhoff Sept. 4
David and Linda Hess Sept. 5
Bill and Sandy Boos Sept. 9
Tim and Kathryn Gerken Sept. 20
Mike and Laura Mona Sept. 22

Birthdays

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| Mark Selby Sept. 1 | Don Stone Sept. 10 | Ronald Ellis Sept. 19 |
| Jeff Payne Sept. 2 | Bill Boos Sept. 11 | Mel VanDyke Sept. 19 |
| Mark Hoffer Sept. 4 | David Hess Sept. 12 | Charles Miller Sept. 20 |
| Sharon Ladigoski Sept. 4 | Michael Lange Sept. 12 | Barbara Peterson Sept. 20 |
| Sandra Munro Sept. 4 | Jason Bosley Sept. 13 | Janet Galloway Sept. 21 |
| Bob Haessler Sept. 6 | Chris Allmand Sept. 14 | Jean Schlueter Sept. 23 |
| Marilyn Herman Sept. 7 | Henry Hajdas Sept. 17 | Roberta Kamerlander Sept. 24 |
| Sherer Miller Sept. 7 | Gene Miller Sept. 17 | Norma Connelly Sept. 25 |
| Linda Hess Sept. 8 | Wally Swenson Sept. 17 | Greta Poglitsch Sept. 25 |
| Suzanne Dehardt Sept. 9 | Cynthia McCarthy Sept. 18 | Brad Hays Sept. 26 |
| Bernice Soderberg Sept. 10 | Kay Settles Sept. 18 | Judy Meske Sept. 28 |

AMENDMENT 4: VOTE “NO”

Your understanding to Florida’s Amendment 4 is import. The wording on the ballot is twisted. Governor DeSantis’ office is addressing the Right to Abortion Initiative (on the Nov 5, 2024 ballot as an initiated constitutional amendment.) The Christian answer is “NO”.



4 REASONS TO VOTE “NO” ON AMENDMENT 4

- * The amendment allows abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy
- * The initiative removes the requirement for parental consent, which would permit underage, vulnerable girls to undergo this life-altering procedure without parental guidance
- * With this amendment, any "health care provider," not just physicians, could approve abortions, including late-term procedures, without ensuring medical necessity
- * There are no protections for the unborn with this proposed amendment, allowing for abortion right up to the moment of birth

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” Jeremiah 1:5

- ?** Buying a gift card to pay someone?
- !** **STOP. It’s a scam!**
- !** Gift cards are for gifts.

Do NOT use a gift card to pay: the IRS or Social Security, tech support, a family member in trouble, ransom or to avoid arrest or deportation, a member of the military, or to keep your utilities on.



Report gift card scams at: **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**



Our Potluck and Pictures (held on August 13th) was a fun night of Table Fellowship and Food. It included a trip down memory lane as we were looking and guessing "who's that?" on the wall of photos. Thanks to all who submitted their "old" pictures, it made for great conversation and smiles! Pastor led the group in a game of Bible trivia after all the delicious foods and desserts. It was nice to see so many in attendance (about 60 people - as many are up north or traveling).



Mark your calendars for THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH. We will have a POTLUCK DINNER held in Meyer Hall. Doors will open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Contact Sharon Ladigoski for information (941) 460-6959.

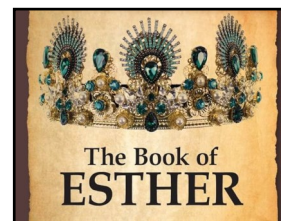
- SEPTEMBER CLASSES -

Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke

The Study of Esther

6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary) *(Cancelled 9/2/24)*



Tuesday Morning - New Member Orientation

Join Pastor Dahlke

New Member Orientation

September 10th, 10:00 a.m. (Tuesday, 9/10/24 Only)

Suggested instruction class for new members, but open to all members!

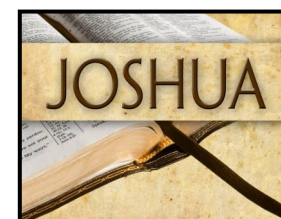


Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke

The Study of Joshua

9:00 a.m. Wednesday's (Online - Zoom)

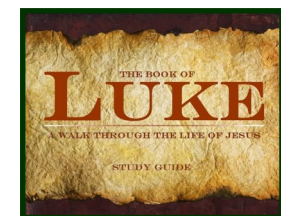


Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke

The Study of Luke

10:30 a.m. Wednesday's (Meyer Hall)

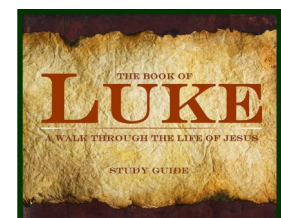


Wednesday Evening - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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: I Corinthians, One in Christ

8:30 a.m. Saturday (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 has formed 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

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- JAMES 5:16**

Lakeside members are invited to join the "**Just Jesus**" event on Saturday, September 28, at the Venice Performing Arts Center, from 3:00-5:00 PM (doors open at 2 PM). Valet parking is available.

This event, hosted by One Christ - Won City, celebrates 15 years of honoring Jesus through Unity, Word, and Deed. Enjoy performances by the Voices for Jesus Praise Team. Nik Wallenda will be a guest speaker, sharing his testimony. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at OneChristWonCity.com. All proceeds benefiting Agape Flights.

For more details call Jim Foubister at 941-223-1771.



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 studying 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

Wonderful Wednesdays - The Treehouse Preschool children's chapel makes Wednesday mornings wonderful. The children pray, sing and hear a Bible story. On this particular day Dan Ladigoski and Terry Warner were telling the story of Zacchaeus, who went up in the tree in order to see Jesus. Please join us any Wednesday morning, 9:45am. Fill your heart with JOY. Helpers are always needed at children's chapel and in the preschool...see Sharon Ladigoski for information.



LWML Fall Rally: Jesus Loves You Ministry Collections

As part of the Fall Rally, LWML will be collecting items for the Jesus Loves You Ministry - a mobile outreach program to the homeless in Charlotte and South Sarasota Counties.

Collected Items Include:

Plastic grocery bags (like Publix or Walmart bags - to make sleeping mats)

One Gallon size Zip-Loc bags Washcloths Hand towels Disposable razors

Toothbrushes Small toothpastes Combs Small shampoos

Please place the items in the Narthex in the purple collection box. Thank you for your generosity - and for being Jesus' hands and feet!

Ladies - Save the Dates for LWML Activities!

- Lakeside's LWML monthly meetings will begin on Thursday, October 3rd. We'll be having a tropical lunch and we will be holding a Purple Silent Auction!
- LWML Sunday will be celebrated at Lakeside on Sunday, October 20th.
- The LWML Sarasota Zone Rally will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Punta Gorda on Saturday, November 16th.
- More details to follow...!



LWML Mite Sunday

The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday to support the FL-GA LWML. The mites support Rebecca's Garden of Hope which provides Christ-centered hope for college bound students in educational advising ministries. 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 !



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

CAFFE - KAFFEE - COFFEA - KAHVIA - COFFI....however you say it or spell it - it's mmm good...and available between services and after late service in the Narthex. Please join us for coffee, cookies and conversation on September 1st and September 15th...it's always nice to chat with friends and meet new ones. Our mission baskets are on the coffee table, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Cookie donations are appreciated too!

New Member Orientation

Pastor Dahlke is offering a **New Member Class** to be held on Tuesday, September 10th, at 10:00 a.m., in the office conference room. You will learn the beliefs of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. You will also learn of many opportunities here at Lakeside. This class is encouraged for all new members; however, it is open to all members. Please sign-up in the Narthex, or contact the church office, or speak to Pastor Dahlke (so he can plan for the appropriate number of attendees).





Joy Walkers for Jesus (Previously known as the Research Group)

Stay tuned for more information on a new whole congregation mission that will begin on October 1st! By praying for our neighbors we'll be making an impact and sending the love of Jesus. We'll provide information to aid you. You'll have the capability to customize the approach based on your lifestyle. Lakeside - let's make a difference in our communities through our prayers! Stay tuned!

Who is your Elder?

The members at Lakeside are assigned Elders based on the first letter of their last name.

Below are our 9 Lakeside Elders with their contact information.

A-Bo	Leon Kirchhoff	(317) 439-4395	leonmaryl@yahoo.com
Br-D	Keith Kremkow	(312)340-9753	kckremk@gmail.com
E-Ga	Bob Mulvihill	(941) 599-0108	rjmulv1984@gmail.com
Ge-Ha	Mike Mona	(716) 534-4475	02RoadKingMM@gmail.com
He-K	Dan Ladigoski	(631) 484-4954	dladd1027@gmail.com
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S	Craig MacDonald	(573) 693-8900	craigindamac@gmail.com
T-Z	Pete Garner	(908) 265-6473	pbg1458@aol.com



What does an Elder do? Below is a description of the Elder team per the Lakeside Constitution.

The Elder Team is comprised of a group of men only, recommended by the Pastor and approved by the Church Council. The group will elect a Head Elder to serve on the Church Council and preside at all Elder Meetings.

The Elder Team shall:

- † Assist in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.
- † Provide for the needs and support of the Pastor and his family.
- † Assist the Pastor by making shut-in visits and distribution of Holy Communion to the shut-ins.
- † Consider complaints and grievances of members which have not been settled with Christian love and charity and report to Council those which cannot be otherwise adjusted in accordance with Matthew 18:17-18.
- † Make every effort to induce members who have been negligent in their attendance at services and in the use of the Sacraments, to mend their ways and to fully recognize and enjoy the rights and privileges of their membership.
- † Take initial steps toward necessary correction should the Pastor, DCE (or Teacher) give offense in doctrine or in life.
- † Perform all other duties as are to be laid out in the operations manual.

In general, the Elders assist Pastor in attending to the spiritual welfare and discipleship growth of the Lakeside Members. Pastor can not do it all alone, just as Jethro told Moses the burden of overseeing the Israelites was too much of a burden for one person. Elders also assist Pastor with hospital visits, and regularly pray for the members in their group. Please feel free to contact your Elder with any spiritual support.

- From Keith Kremkow, Head Elder -

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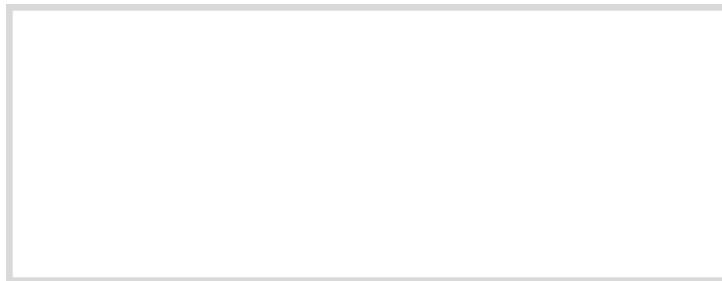
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