

# LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April, 2025

**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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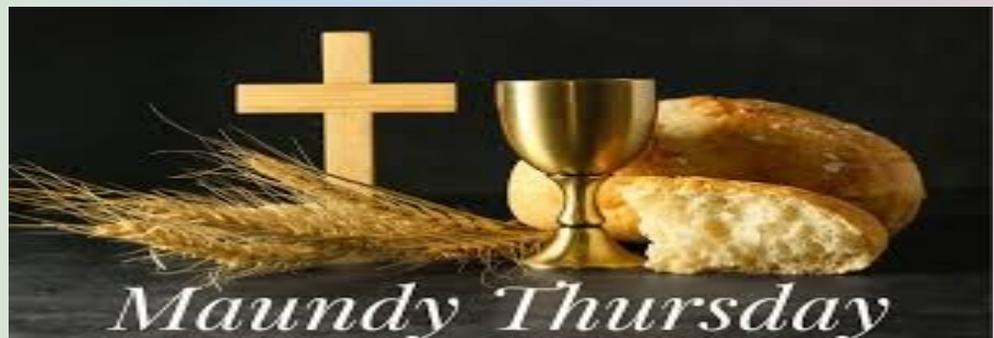
## MESSENGER

*Joyfully inspiring more  
and stronger disciples.*

**Good Friday:** At first glance, Good Friday seems like the ultimate misnomer. If Jesus suffered and died on this day, then why is it called Good? Good Friday is always tied to Easter Sunday, which

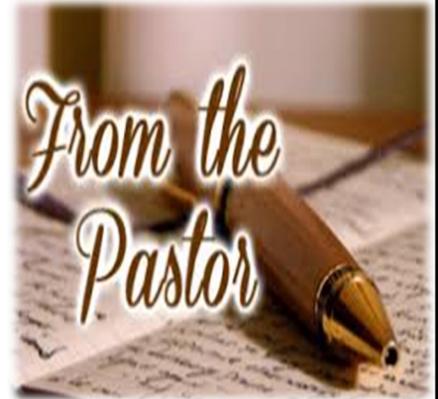
is a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. He could not have been resurrected if he had not died first. With nail prints in His hands we remember the suffering of the crucifixion. We remember what Jesus did on the cross, which is the fulfillment of God's eternal plan for the whole world. Christians worldwide observe the somber holy day of Good Friday, which commemorates the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus' example can provide strength through suffering. God really does understand what it's like to suffer, to be abandoned, to be alone. The events include the trial of Jesus, the shouts of the crowd to "Crucify him!", followed by Jesus carrying the cross and being hung on it to die. Good Friday is powerfully significant partially because it gives us a glimpse into the depths of human evil. It's a time to reflect on the dark tendencies that are in all of us. It's a day to be silent, it's a day to remember, to focus on who Jesus is and what He meant for humanity.

**Maundy Thursday:** Maundy refers to Jesus' commanding to "Love one another as I have loved you." The day commemorates the Last Supper, with His disciples, Jesus breaks bread, saying, "This is my body," and with wine, says, "This is my blood." He asks the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me." The Last Supper is derived from Jesus' Jewish heritage and His observance of the Passover Seder (the feast of unleavened bread). It observes the exodus of the Jews from Egypt (when they left so quickly there was no time for the bread to rise). The day is also associated with the foot-washing; Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, teaching them "servant leadership." Jesus instructs followers to love and to serve. Jesus also foretells His death, saying He will eat no more until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled. Finally, this day marks an act of betrayal of Judas Iscariot, pointed out by Jesus as the one who betrays Him



## Growing With Jesus

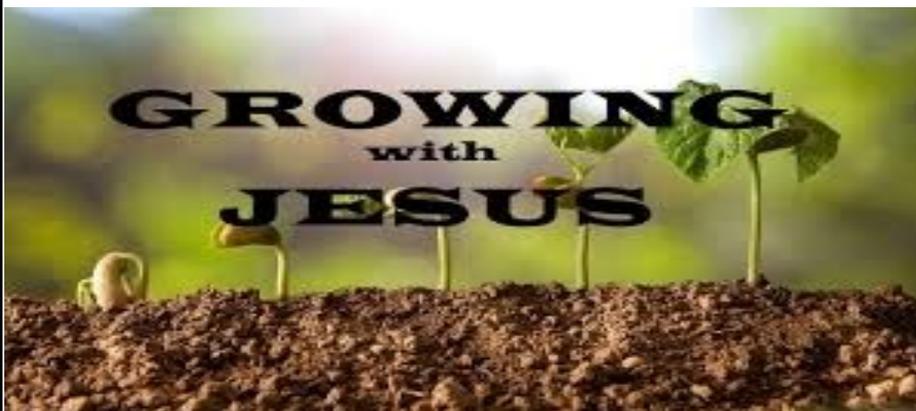
Because God has transformed us he also moves us to grow in our faith and actions. He is also seeking to grow our character to be more like His. As we grow our heartfelt thoughts, attitudes, and priorities reflect God and not our old selves. God intends to use these relationships to lead a broken person into the transforming power of God. The power of the Trinity in us makes these relationships with others possible. Discipleship involves a heart level change. You are constantly growing in Christ, changed by Christ and watered by Christ. You are pruned, trimmed, and molded by the Holy Spirit. We are fed, cultivated and tilled by the Father. Review Romans 12:1-2 for more impact.



When Jesus called the disciples to follow Him, He saw potential that neither they nor anyone else saw. As they followed Him, they spent time with Him and He grew them deeply in their faith. They were not changed instantly into the courageous disciple makers. That encourages all of us. Jesus changes and grows with us through relationships and over time. He uses many different venues and vehicles to mature us in our growth, but the key ingredient is always Him. As we grow in Jesus we grow to be more and more like Him in our inner persons, our hearts, and our character. Review 2 Corinthians 3:18 for more impact.

What are some ways you can spend time connecting with Jesus? Include things such as praying, reading the Bible, memorizing scripture, and spending time with other Christians. You can also include consciously spending more time personally with Christ by writing in a prayer journal, reading books by Christian authors, and listening to Bible teachings. Read John 15 for more impact.

As we grow in Jesus we get to know Him more and receive His direction and guidance about how to live. As we grow in our faith we grow towards discipling others and reaching out to non-disciple in relationships. Read Ephesians 3:16-19 from your Bible. Jot down the words that show where we grow in our lives. Note the phrase that refers to Jesus being with us. Now write down the words and phrases that describe the results of being with Jesus from the same text.



You can see how God grows us with great strength and endurance to handle the heat of the day and the storms of life. As a result of Christ transforming us into His character, our hearts become filled with love for Him and for others. He leads us to joyfully inspire more and

# The Season of Lent



**Ash Wednesday - March 5th - 5:00 PM**

**Mid Week 2 - March 12th - 5:00 PM**

**Mid Week 3 - March 19th - 5:00 PM**

**Mid Week 4 - March 26th - 5:00 PM**

**Mid Week 5 - April 2nd - 5:00 PM**

**Mid Week 6 - April 9th - 5:00 PM**

**Palm Sunday - April 13 - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Maundy Thursday - April 17th - 5:00 PM**

**Good Friday Services - April 18th - 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM**

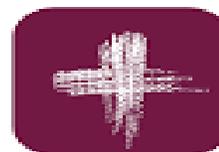
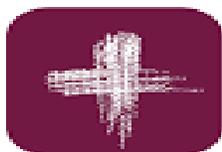
**Easter Sunrise Service - April 20th - 6:30 AM**

**Easter Sunday Services - April 20th - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

*Dinner to follow after Lenten Services*

*Continental breakfast after Easter Service*

# Lent



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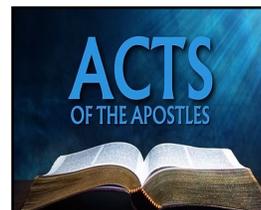
### **Monday Morning - Women's Study (On Site)**

Led by Diane Kremkow

#### **The Study of the Book of Acts**

10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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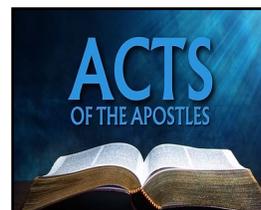
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Led by Amy Dahlke

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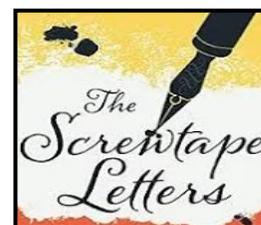
### **Tuesday - Living Water In-Home Study Group**

Led by Mike Lange

#### **The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis**

(Off Campus)

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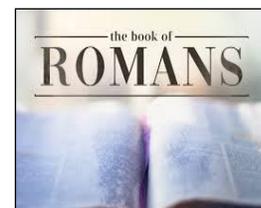
### **Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)**

Join Pastor Dahlke

#### **The Book of Romans (along with some Catechism)**

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

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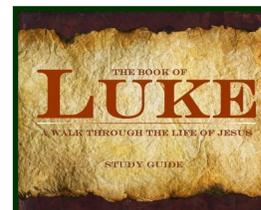
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#### **The Study of Luke**

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

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

Join the men

#### **Study: God's Word for Today: 2 Corinthians**

8:30 a.m. Saturday (Meyer Hall)

(Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skillet's Restaurant)





You can now follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest news and Events

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Are you looking for more ways to be in God's Word? Would you like to have the Bible available in your pocket? You may want to try "YouVersion's" Bible app. On the app, you can study God's Word, read and watch daily devotionals, listen to the Bible being read, and more! Get it here: [www.bible.com/app](http://www.bible.com/app). There are many devotions available on the app, but one to check out is this one on Acts: [www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/50310](http://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/50310). If you have questions, please contact Amy Dahlke or Diane Kremkow. This is what the app icon looks like:





## Anniversaries

Rev. Lee & Joyce Berndt	April 4th.
John & Terry Warner	April 22nd.
Dan & Sheron Ladigoski	April 16th.

## Birthdays

Marlys Roslansky April 2nd.

Pat Argoudelis April 3rd.

Linda Wolka April 3rd.

Wendell Wolka April 6th.

Janet Wilson April 7th.

Cheri Adams April 8th.

James Brown April 8th.

Peter Joseph April 8th.

Mae Reichert April 9th.

Bill Hausler April 11th.

Kris Knudsvig April 11th.

David Marasus April 11th.

Mary Kirchhoff April 13th.

Anita Kunkle April 15th.

Nancy Lavdis April 17th.

Elaine Burr April 22nd.

Nancy Koelper April 22nd.

Abby Wilks April 22nd.

Mike Kamps April 24th.

Timothy Matheny April 24th.

Terry Williamson April 24th.

Kathryn Gerken April 26th.

Lydia Holzerland April 28th.

Clair Korman April 28th.

Douglas MacDonald April 30th.

Mark McGrath April 30th.

## LAKESIDE BAND-OF-BROTHERS



AS WE BAND TOGETHER  
 AS BROTHERS -IN-CHRIST  
 WE BECOME **UNSTOPPABLE**  
 FOR OUR FAITH AND HIS GLORY Presently diving into the  
Book of Isaiah and his guidance and prophesy  
 of the coming Messiah (730 years BC) and his famous words:  
“Here am I Lord – Send me!”

The Band-of-Brothers meets each **Saturday** morning at **8:30-10:00 am** in **Meyer Hall** except the first **Saturday** of the month at **Skillets Restaurant**. **All men are welcome – bring a friend!**  
**Men, please come join us - coffee and donuts included !**

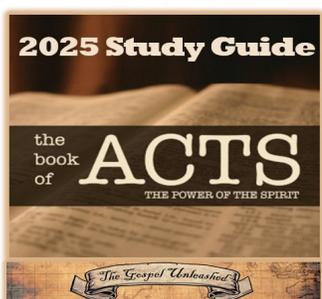
Questions: Dan Ladigoski 631-484-4954      dladd1027@gmail.com

Each month - on the fourth Sunday - a small group of Lakeside Christians, led by Elder Pete Gardner, go out to Harbor Health Nursing facility in Port Charlotte and provide a full service, singing and communion for the wheelchair-bound shut-ins that truly want to hear words of hope and Joy in our faith and savior Jesus Christ. It is truly a blessing that comes back to us many times over. On March 23rd a small Easter gift and Easter Lilly - shared with much love and tears.



### THE BOOK OF ACTS - STUDY GUIDE

The 2025 readings at Lakeside Lutheran Church will be focusing on the Book of Acts. There are Study Guides available for the 2025 Acts series. The guides are in the Narthex. Pick up a copy and take it home for self-study of the readings that are being used each week. Email the church office if you would like an copy to be sent to you.



Joy is in the Bible (ESV translation) 177 times, whereas Happy/Happiness is only used ten times. There is a lot of shouting and singing for Joy in the Old Testament for everything God has done. Many people, including Christians, believe that God wants us to be happy. But happiness is often confused with the joy we read of in Scripture. Being happy is a feeling of bliss or a mood that is dependent on other people and circumstances. Joy is a gift from the Holy Spirit — not a moment or a mood.

*“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”* (Galatians 5:22-23).

Moments of happiness are a delight, but we can rejoice in the always-present joy that is the foundation of our life in Christ! *“But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves”* (John 17:13). Joy is God’s intentional gift of His presence. Jesus came to live among us, speak the truth of God’s unconditional love for us, and take away our sin through His death and resurrection. No matter what circumstances surround us, we can live in the joy that we are His precious children. We are made whole in the promise of Jesus. *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope”* (Romans 15:13).

## The Elder's Corner

**JOY**  
**VS**  
**HAPPINESS**

*and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope”* (Romans 15:13).

Remember with Joy that God is always with us, and we are His redeemed child!

## March L.W.M.L. Meeting

Ladies, the April LWML meeting will be held in Meyer Hall on Thursday, April 3rd at 11:30 am. The theme will be A Tisket, A Tasket - Your Blessings Basket. We will be filling Easter eggs for the Tree House @ Lakeside. If you would like, please bring wrapped candy (NO chocolate please) to go in the eggs. A chicken salad on croissant or lettuce luncheon will be served. Please sign-up in the narthex. All ladies are welcome to come and make new friends! Looking forward to seeing you there!



## LWML Sarasota Zone Spring Rally



All ladies are invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally on Saturday, April 5th from 9 AM to 2 PM which is being held here at Lakeside! It would be great to have a large turnout of ladies from our congregation! The day will include a continental breakfast, devotion, Bible study, guest speaker, lunch and meeting. Our Theme is Fill My Cup with Joy. The Bible verse is "these things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full" John 15:11

**Cost is \$10.** Looking forward to seeing you on April 5<sup>th</sup>!

During the Rally we will be receiving Gifts from the Heart donations for the World Renew

## Gifts from the Heart Collection

The LWML Zone is collecting donations for **World Renew** as part of the LWML Rally's "Gifts from the Heart" Collection. Your donation will support their Disaster Response Services that provide services in the days, months & years after a disaster - including right here in Sarasota County. Please place your donation box located in the narthex. On behalf of World Renew, we thank you for your generosity!

## L.W.M.L. 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 Bible Books for Haitian Families ministry that supplies Bible story books in Haitian, Creole and French.

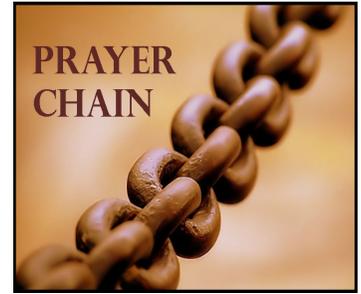
Please bring your mite box on the 1st Sunday and put it on the purple table in the narthex - and take a new box! Also, EVERYONE is welcome to add their spare change to the Mighty Mites Bucket! Thank you for your generosity and support.



## 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 ....they all go together! We look forward to seeing you in the Narthex on Sunday April 6th and April 13th (date change due to Easter Breakfast on the 20th). Coffee & cookies are available between the services and after the late service. It's a great way to meet new members and greet friends. Cookie donations are always welcomed, they can be brought in anytime and left in the Narthex (will make sure the church mouse doesn't get them). Many thanks and blessings for supporting our mission baskets which are located on the coffee and cookie tables.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Assimilation Committee and helpers did a great job preparing the New Member reception on March 19. The new members were greeted with a yellow ribbon to wear on their lapel prior to the 10:30 AM service. A reception was held following the service in Meyer Hall. Be sure to greet our new members with smiling faces. Pastor Dahlke concluded the reception with closing remarks. If you are considering membership at Lakeside Lutheran Church, please call the church office or speak with Pastor.



Dr. John Behnke Presents:  
**Easter Hymn  
Festival**

Includes the performance of  
A newly-commissioned choral work.  
Organ, Choir and Brass!

**Where:**

St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church  
40 N. Adams Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236

**When:** April 27th at 5:00pm



Friendly reminder! If you have an announcement you'd like to include in the church bulletin, please submit your request by **Wednesday morning**. This helps ensure we have enough time to prepare and include all the updates. For submissions please contact **Ali Dauler** at [llc@lakesidelutheran.net](mailto:llc@lakesidelutheran.net)

## Women's Bible Study

There are two amazing Bible study Groups to choose from to better suit your schedule. Monday, from 10:00-11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary/chapel area. The class will be led by Diane Kremkow. And the evening class will continue from 6:00-7:15 p.m., being led by Amy Dahlke. Both the morning and evening classes will use the same study and follow the same schedule. A new study of the book of Acts was just started, so it's a great time to join us at either meeting time (or you can transfer from one class to the other as your time permits). If you have questions, please contact Amy Dahlke at (515) 979-6766 or [adahlke500@gmail.com](mailto:adahlke500@gmail.com).

## TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

Don't forget, you're invited to see the children any Wednesday, 945AM for Children's Chapel. They start with prayer, song (which always includes dancing or jumping), Bible story followed by a short video of the same story, 2 more songs and a closing prayer. All this in about 20 minutes - which will put JOY in your heart to last for days!! We're blessed to have volunteers to assist, but a few more would be great.



On April 14, 930AM the children will have an **Easter Egg Hunt**, thanks to the **LWML** ladies for supplying, filling and hiding the eggs. All are welcome to see about 40 little ones looking for eggs on our campus. If you'd like more info, please contact Sharon Ladigoski 941 460 6959.



**NOTE:** The Treehouse Preschool is now sharing space with a homeschooling co-op called "Faith and Family Hybrid Christian Academy of Venice". The co-op is currently for grades K-8, and hoping to expand through grade 12 next year. They meet **Monday and Wednesday**, from 9:00-3:00. If you would like further information about Faith and Family Hybrid, please contact Elizabeth Randol at (941) 497-5858.

### **Lakeside church mouse**

This church mouse has lived at Lakeside for a lot of years – but it is not the same place that it was so many years ago. Then, we were very happy to be a close church family and do traditional things to show joy in our faith together.

- Now I see so many changes, in our church campus and even better in the outgoing happy joy of the people to others both in our Church (“big C”) and outside of our church (small “c”). I think I heard our Pastor say there is only one Christian Church – and how we help that Church to grow and please our leader **Jesus** is through our relationships and love of others. Telling them and showing them the **Joy** we are finding in the good news of His word.

I see so many people that are getting involved in God’s mission for us. Some in large ways that can be seen and participated in by all of us – and some that help things work by taking care of the many, many small things that keep all the pieces working. There are also a lot of people who are waiting and wondering what they can do and don’t feel able to do much. ***Jump in!*** it is not about the things that other people see – but about the Joy you feel because you know Jesus is smiling at you. In this crazy world there is nothing better than knowing He is walking with each of us.



-Christian Church Mouse

Our **Lakeside Ringers** participated in the Area 4 Handbell Festival in Bradenton, FL on March 21st and 22nd. There were approximately 175 ringers, 6 of which were from Lakeside. Participants came from FL, GA and even Puerto Rico!



**BREAD BREAKERS** - A great way to get to know other Lakeside members and enjoy a meal, activity or both. The groups meet year round, the summer sign-up sheets will be out in June. Please consider joining - for more info, please contact Linda MacDonald at [craiglin-damac@gmail.com](mailto:craiglin-damac@gmail.com) A recent group picture, (Mary, Leon, Nancy, Brenda, Bob, Judy & Sharon) enjoying table fellowship & a great meal! PS The missing casserole dish has been found.



**MONDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - The ladies are in the middle of the book of Acts. and took a night off to enjoy a St. Patrick's Day with a potluck dinner off campus. Lots of food, fun and table fellowship. Although they are in the middle of the book, feel free to join in anytime...Monday night Bible Study at 6pm OR Monday morning study at 10am, both held in the church sanctuary



## **NEW MINISTRY ALERT**

A new ministry team is being formed that is focusing on security and medical response during worship services. A organizational meeting is planned for Saturday, April 12 at 12:30 in the Conference Room. We will be working to identify people that can serve in preventing and responding to unplanned events in the sanctuary. Specifically looking for people with or without security or medical background that can be called upon during an event if needed. There will be a light lunch served starting at noon in the Conference Room courtesy of Thrivent. Please see Pete Gardner if you have any questions 908-265-6473 or [pbg1458@aol.com](mailto:pbg1458@aol.com)



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