

**LAKESIDE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

May, 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.

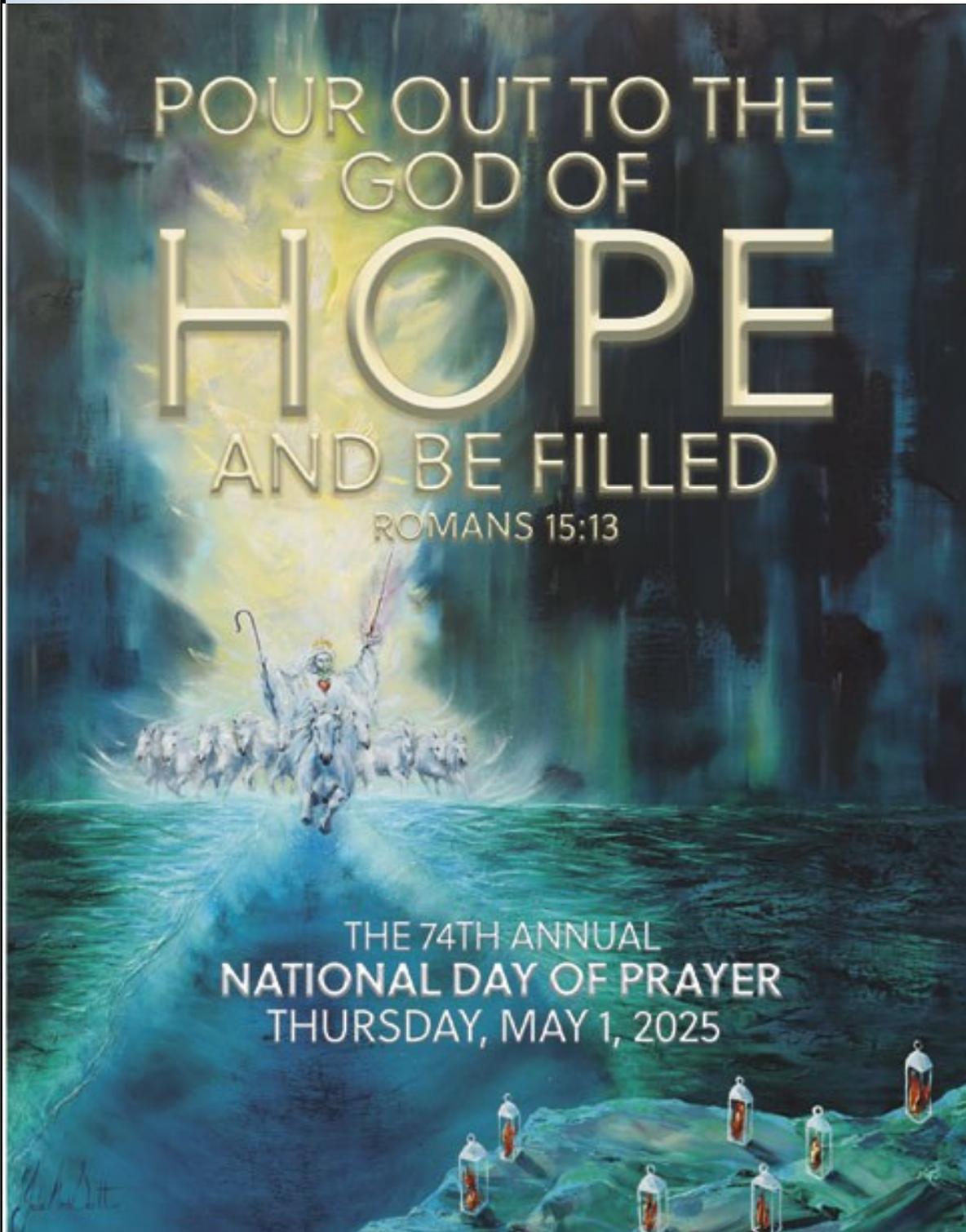
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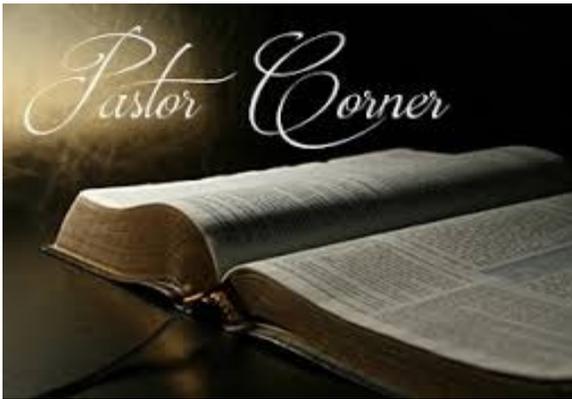
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MESSENGER

*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*





A disciple makes a commitment to follow Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. However, when we are called to multiply disciples we can be overwhelmed. Remember that you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength (Philippians 4:13).

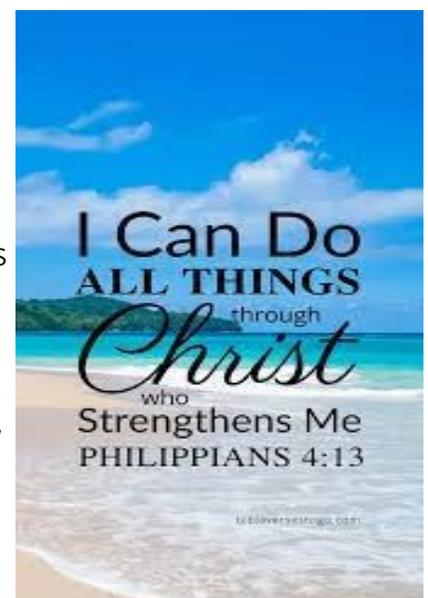
Finding time for the multiplication mission of Christ is always an obstacle in our thinking. But the reality is that we are on the mission with Christ as we go through our daily, weekly, and monthly rhythms of life. We disciple others as we go. We build relationships with existing disciples to build them in their faith. In Luke 19:2-10 we see that Jesus' mission was to seek and to save the lost. The same mission he gives us by the Holy Spirit.

Over table fellowship, Zacchaeus, who was lost, was transformed by Jesus. Jesus proclaimed publicly that Zacchaeus was saved; that day the kingdom of God had come to his home. In the middle of dinner, Jesus stated his mission.

Disciples join Jesus on His mission to non-disciples as well as to existing disciples. We can see this as the ministry of multiplication, duplication, bearing fruit, or evangelism. There are many Bible verses that call us to multiply disciples. This is not a new, or rare, concept for the church. Here are a few verses that you may want to ponder and place on your heart. (Romans 10:14-15, Mark 16:15, Luke 10:1-3, 2 Timothy 2:2, Acts 1:8, Matthew 24:14, John 17:18, 2 Corinthians 5:20)

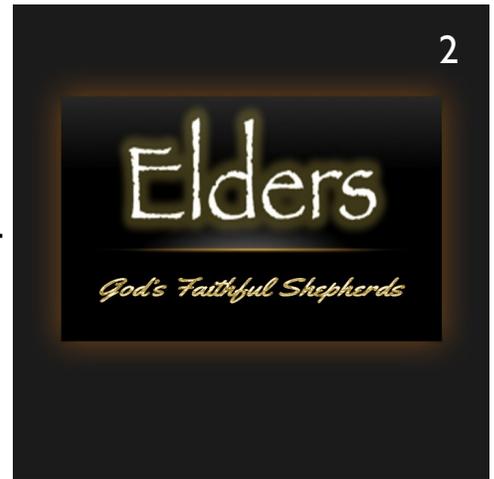
We seek to join Jesus in the mission field to transform non-disciples by the Holy Spirit. But, we keep in mind that we also take care of existing sheep with joyful inspiration. We are not only called to make disciples, but to disciple them in their faith. What does this look like for you? How are you being disciples in your faith?

When you become transformed by the Gospel your heart is changed. A changed heart also leads to how your hands operate. As Christ as our Savior and Lord, we live out the Gospel motivation to serve God wherever He places us. This means that our abilities, gifts, and learned skills are all empowered and on call for the Lord's mission of making disciples of all nations. This is so different to how the rest of the world thinks, and lives.



Take it to the Lord in Prayer

Praying is speaking with God through our words and thoughts. Prayers can include confession in which we acknowledge our sins to God, requests in which we seek God's help, intercession in which we pray for others, thanksgiving in which we express our gratitude to God for His gifts, lamentation or complaint in which we express our sorrows to God, and praise or adoration in which we extol God's wonderful deeds and qualities. Prayers can sometimes end up sounding like a Christmas list of wants and wishes, which we mindlessly check off one at a time. The Lord's Prayer helps us organize our thoughts and priorities. It gives us a model to frame the needs and requests that lay heavy on our hearts and minds. Prayer is important for us. When we bring our deepest, darkest secrets before God, we are not telling Him anything He does not already know. Prayer does not teach God anything new about us; it teaches us about God's love. He gave us prayer to bring us into a closer relationship with Him. He promises to answer all our prayers according to His will, and in confidence He will accept all our prayers for Jesus' sake. When we sang 'What a friend we have in Jesus' at a recent church service, I knew this song summarized everything I needed to cover. We need to remember we can always take anything to Him in Prayer. What Joy we can always trust in Him to hear us.



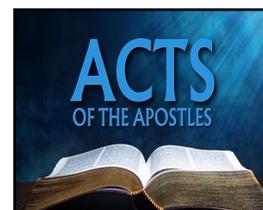
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!***
- 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.***
- 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.***
- 4. Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear; May we ever, Lord, be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer. Soon in glory bright, unclouded, There will be no need for prayer— Rapture, praise, and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there***

- MAY CLASSES -

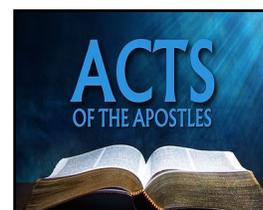
Monday Morning - Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Diane Kremkow
The Study of the Book of Acts
 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)



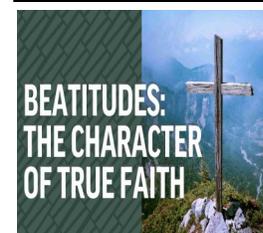
Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

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



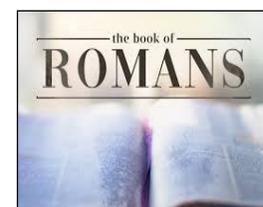
Tuesday - Living Water In-Home Study Group

Led by Mike Lange
The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
 (Off Campus)



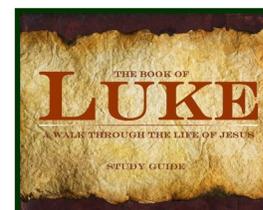
Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke
The Book of Romans (along with some Catechism)
 9:00 a.m. Wednesday's (Online - Zoom)



Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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



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

Join the men
Study: God's Word for Today: Isaiah
 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.



Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

Aiden Adkirson	May 1st	Janet Miller	May 17th
Paul Adams	May 4th	Joy Coval	May 19th
Carol Joseph	May 4th	Marleen Ellis	May 20th
Cindy Zachau	May 4th	D'Arcy Gonzales	May 21st
Kay Matheny	May 5th	Dolly Hoffer	May 24th
Edrise Sievers	May 7th	Isabelle Russell	May 25th
Lois Hammond	May 8th	Emma Suko	May 26th
Karla Henke	May 10th	James Schulz	May 28th
Joyce Truthan	May 10th	Don Tallman	May 29th
Carol Bolger	May 13th		
CharlotteFreeman	May 14th		
Paul VantHof	May 15th		
Sandy Boos	May 16th		

LAKESIDE BAND-OF-BROTHERS

Striving to know the Joy of Christ better through the study of His word, loving and serving our Lord as he first loved and served us. The Band of Brothers is committed to becoming the men that God has called us to be.



AS WE BAND TOGETHER
AS BROTHERS -IN-CHRIST
WE BECOME **UNSTOPPABLE**
FOR OUR FAITH AND HIS GLORY

Truly amazing how much of the Old Testament sound like events today 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 Skillet's Restaurant. **All men welcome – bring a friend!** Men, please come join us - coffee & donuts included !

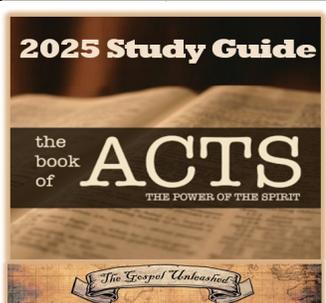
Questions: Dan Ladigoski 631-484-4954 dladd1027@gmail.com

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.



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.



llc@lakesidelutheran.net

Congratulations to all the people of Lakeside Lutheran Church for receiving the United Way of South Sarasota County's "Breakthrough Partner of the Year" award. You were honored on March 26 at the United Way of South Sarasota County Community Engagement Luncheon for your role in being "... all in for community recovery and resilience." Beginning with hurricane Ian in the fall of 2022, and continuing through our most recent string of damaging storms, you have been providing housing for hundreds of volunteers from three different relief agencies. You provided the encouragement, support, and prayers to help convert an underutilized building on our campus to a ten bedroom "bunkhouse." You have been providing Christian hospitality and a home away from home for hundreds of volunteers who have come from all corners of the U.S. and Canada to work with marginalized homeowners to restore what disaster had taken away from them. Your physical and spiritual support, and your deep commitment and concern for our community has allowed our guest volunteers to achieve so much. And for that your award is well deserved.

Further congratulations go to our beloved Pastor Dahlke who has been named the organization's "Volunteer of the Year" for his tireless work with the county's Long-Term Recovery Group and for heading the group's Spiritual Care Committee. Pastor is known as someone who, without fanfare and loud declarations, quietly and faithfully shows up for the community in impactful and meaningful ways. His calm and loving presence brings peace in the midst of chaos, and he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and be part of the solution. Chris Johnson, Vice Chair of the Long-Term Recovery Group shared that, "...through every challenge and transition, Rev. Dahlke has shown remarkable dedication to the recovery journey - supporting survivors, listening without judgement, and always being willing to try something new if it meant better serving the people in need. Time and again, he has replied "yes" to new initiatives, thoughtfully considering how each one might offer healing,

dignity and hope to those who have lost so much." Mr. Johnson further noted, in Pastor's role as the Spiritual Care Leader he provided comfort, compassion, and unwavering faith. The Vice Chair continued that, "... for so many survivors, the Reverend's presence has been a source of light in the darkest moments – a gentle reminder that they are not alone, that they are seen, and that there is still hope. He inspires us all to lead with grace, humility and generosity of spirit no matter what the world throws at us."





Rattle those POTS & PANS...and get ready for our next POTLUCK dinner - WEDNESDAY, MAY 21. The doors will open at 530PM and dinner served at 6PM. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex - which gives us a good idea of head count. There's plenty of room, feel free to bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy table fellowship with us.

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.



Lakeside Church Mouse

Well, the biggest event of our Church year – Easter and the resurrection – is recently past us. Now I see our guest-friends from World Renew gone for the summer - but they promise to return in the autumn and keep the Christian fire burning for the people that need help. I know it says in the Book that we will always have our leader Jesus but we will always have the poor also. What a great way for the Church to be a Christian beacon of light than to help the poor (sometimes as poor as a mouse)– and World Renew is a real good example of fellowship with our neighbors.

A lot of people are heading back up North now (WHY? It's so nice here.) but there are a lot more people moving into Florida from all over. Let's keep meeting and encouraging them to find the peace and truth that makes being a Christian so great, especially when we look around at this crazy-temporary world around us. This is the greatest feeling-blessing that our creator has given us. As a church-mouse I don't have a lot of "stuff" I can do! But what I can do fills me with joy and happiness. I think you should find your spiritual happy place and live in it because other people see that and they want it too.

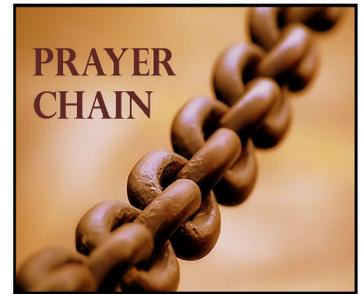


-Your Joyful mouse.

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE & COOKIES - It's always a great way to meet & greet visitors or say hello to friends in the Narthex. Plan to come early or stay after service on May 4th & May 18th. Cookie donations are always appreciated, just leave them on the table or see Sharon Ladigoski. Your generosity to our mission baskets has been very much appreciated. The recent missionary project recipient was MOST Ministries - they send teams where needed to provide: Agricultural Education, Clean Water Outreach, Construction, Dental & Eyeglass Clinics to name a few. Thank You for your support.

NEW MINISTRY ALERT

A ministry team has formed to work on the security and medical response procedures at Lakeside. We held our organizational meeting in April to go over opportunities for training and discuss ways to facilitate ministry on the campus. The first step will be training for ushers and responders over the summer with a follow up session in the fall after our snowbirds return. This training will include AED/CPR training and overall best practices on how to respond to incidents during worship. If you have any questions or would like to participate in this ministry as we move forward, Please see Pete Gardner if you have any questions 908-265-6473 or pbgl458@aol.com



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 lld@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.



TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

The Treehouse Preschool children and five LWML ladies had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt, which took place on April 14. You can imagine - 45 little ones running around looking for the colorful eggs. Again, many thanks to LWML for filling 600 eggs - 300 for the preschool and 300 for the home school. Please re-



member you're all invited to attend children's chapel on Wednesday mornings - starting at 9:45AM with a prayer,

singing, Bible story, more singing and closing prayer. It'll warm your heart and fill it with JOY!! LWML helpers pictured -

Sharon Ladigski, Kris Knudsvig, Colleen Lange, Judy Ganshaw, Susan Johnson.



Note: The Treehouse is now sharing space with a home-schooling 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.

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Mother's Day Prayer

THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—
THAT GOD,
WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.
THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—
WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
AND *peace* OF
HEART AND MIND.

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