



*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



Fourth of July Blessing

*If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
to forgive us
our sins, and to
cleans us from
all unrighteousness.*

*1 John 1:9
(KJV)*



Have a Blessed 4th. of July

**LAKESIDE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

July, 2025

**SERVICES ARE
ONSITE AND ONLINE**

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Contemporary

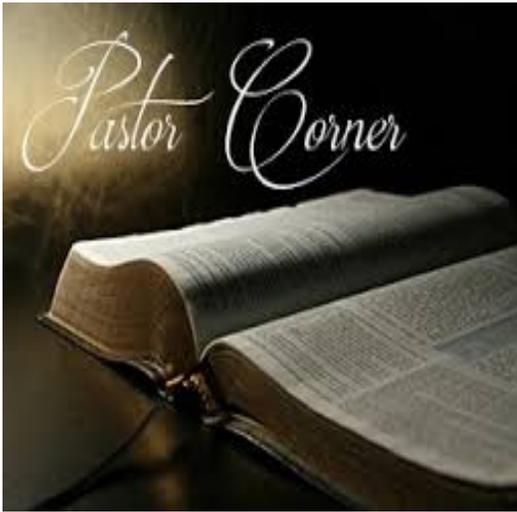
Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.





Dear Lakeside,

Recently I was challenged about Lakeside being a less than active congregation. I took a breath and pulled out a few facts. Lakeside has many people leading others to Jesus in our community with the Gospel in their personal calling as Shepherds, Apostles, Teachers, Evangelists, and even some Prophets. Let's put a little more meat on this?

- We have 27 trained volunteers that intentionally lead people through the Word of God by facilitating and teaching individuals, small groups and large groups.
- We have over 350 volunteer positions with an average of 48 volunteer hours of work each day of the year. We have many more volunteer positions than we have church members.
- We have 49 ministry teams supporting the mission of Christ by a joyful love for the lost, disciple to disciple ministry, multiplication, and personal spiritual growth.
- Our LWML donates 150 hours a month to support missions, our community and our congregation.
- Our Board of Elders gives 196 hours each month in doing the in-reach of the congregation.
- 53% of our volunteer hours are dedicated to service events through Lakeside. Yet many of our members are care givers to their spouse, volunteer in hospitals, rescue centers, nursing homes, and much more.
- Our giving potential focuses on stewardship over the Gospel, time, best opportunities, relationships, health, material possessions, spiritual gifts, knowledge, financial gifts, fruits of the Spirit, your personal calling, and certainly prayer. All this because Jesus is risen to deliver eternity.
- We have hosted 56 weeks of disaster teams with over 500 volunteers over the last two years.
- Since last October we supported 17,711 hours of work with a value of \$560,160.18 by the Disaster response Services (World Renew) alone for the community.
- Lakeside has been awarded the "Breakout Partner of the Year" by the community for our work, compassion, and leadership in the community for over 100 homes being completed and taken out of the construction queue for the Long-Range Recovery Group of Sarasota County.
We hosted a state of Florida Long Term Recovery Group training event for Jacksonville to Manatee County.

There are many more things to add but for now we get a flavor. We can certainly see we are not a retired congregation from the ministry. WE are alive in Christ and live for His glory and mission. Alleluia!

Music Notes from Dr. John Behnke musicminister@lakesidelutheran.net

The Organ Committee, Sharon Ladigoski, Brenda McCowan, Wendell Wolka, Tim Matheny, and I had our first meeting on May 27th where we talked about our Allen organ. Each time you turn it on, you can hear a thump or sometimes a loud screech. When the Allen Organ technician was here in February, he heard those sounds and said, that is unrepairable. And then he reminded me that this instrument is 30 years old.

Two questions emerged from our discussion: 1. should we be practical or should we build on the vision and foundation of those who built our beautiful sanctuary? The storage room behind the choir has a poured concrete ceiling that was originally built to support the weight of a pipe organ. And 2. Would a new organ simply be for us or is it something that will help us reach out musically to our community? We will be meeting again soon attempting to put together a fact sheet outlining the options we have, for all of us to discuss; discussions that will lead us to fundraising for a new instrument.

The Sacred Music Concert Series talked about last month will consist of 6 concerts: one each month – October through March. The concerts will be funded through freewill offerings at each concert plus seeking supporter patrons. We hope in the future to bring some of the finest church music from around the US and world to Lakeside Lutheran.

Our first concert at Lakeside will **be on Tuesday, October 28th at 7 pm for a Reformation Concert** with the combined vocal choirs of Good Shepherd Lutheran (Sarasota) and our own Lakeside Singers. Choral music, congregational singing, and instrumental music from the time of the reformer, Martin Luther will allow us to experience the music of the Reformation. Martin Luther said.. “Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.” I hope you will mark your calendars for this, our first Sacred Music Concert. This is a great and easy way to invite your friends and neighbors to our beautiful church.



Until next month...

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Anniversaries

- Bob & Sharon Bradham July 2
John & Carrie Brooks July 3
Mark & Kathleen Witte July 13
George & Alice Johnson July 16
Ralph & Betty D'Elosua July 21
Michael & Susan Ehrat July 22
Lois & Joan Hammond July 24

Birthdays

- Leonard Fitchlee July 1
Trevor Dauler July 2
Mike Thieroff July 3
Gary Whitlow July 3
Duke Coval July 7
Lyle Evans July 7
Kenny Gustafson July 9
Leon Kirchof July 9
Cheryl Langenek July 11
Jeff Reaume Sr. July 12
Sally Meyer July 13
Allison Baker July 14
Joan Hajdas July 14
Jill Kalish July 16
Howard Wellhosen July 16
Vic Englehardt July 19
JoAnn Dickman July 20
Terry Jacobs July 20
Lizzy Kalish July 20
Marion Stanjones July 22
Marlene Mullen July 23
Albert Trautner July 26
Diane Bokelman July 28
Pattie Hays July 28
Vicky Mulvihill July 28
Rev. David J. Dahlke July 29
Dan Meyer July 29
Robert Holmes July 31
Albert Lemieux July 31
Don Reschke July 31
Kim Tyrrell July 31

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



Bull By The Horns Recognition

Time to re-instate a list of the people who have stepped up and taken the bull by the horns and inspired others to do so also. This intentional giving is inspired first and foremost by a good and caring heart with a God-inspired desire to do the right thing. The God-light is focused this month on two of our finest: Bill Meints and Wayne Schuchart. Bill joined our church ten years ago

and has served the Church (capital “C”) through his time, skills and spiritual gifts in so many ways: From Church council, financial advisor, vice-president, Financial trustee manager, Usher, Elder – and so many other ways. We are blessed to have him with us and to call him a Brother-in-Christ. Wayne Schuchart has been our “maintenance guy” on staff for many years and never fails to show up for any emergency or to help out. He always goes beyond the call of duty and often makes on-the-spot decisions that keep our church campus running and beautiful. He is always the “go-to” guy when our church trustee, Lee, is unavailable or away. Sadly, Wayne will shortly be relinquishing his duties for personal family reasons and his constant presence and cheerful smile will be sorely missed.

Lakeside church mouse

As I scampered around our campus – I wonder where all the people have gone? So many seem to have gone North to stay and visit with family where it is cooler – Hmmm?! I think they are called “Snowbirds” which is strange because they don’t have wings or feathers! I notice the mid-sized people “home-schoolers” seem to be missing also – I heard that they were moving to a different church campus South of us. Oh Well, at least we still have the cutest and smallest humans, “preschoolers”, and they make me really happy because they make the most noise – but it is mostly happy noise. I guess that is why the Master, Jesus, said “let all the little children come unto me and I will receive them with Joy! We also have a whole lot of “almost big people” – the Mennonites staying with us now and they are with us to help and serve others - kind of like our own people Wayne and Bill have been doing. I am looking forward to getting to know them and see if they love church mice like Lakeside does. Also, they will be spending a lot of time in the kitchen - - and kitchen stuff always makes me happy, Yum! Always watching the activity and Joy at Lakeside - Your church mouse, me!



Lakeside Ladies...

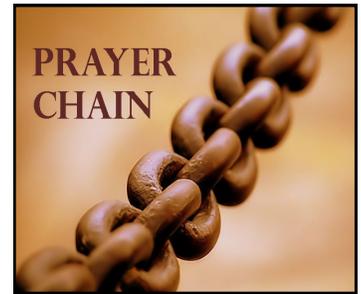
Please save the date - August 7th - for a ladies lunch out at Skillets. As the time gets closer more details will follow! It will be a fun time for all of us ladies to get together and share in some table fellowship!
- Diane Kremkow



The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Lakeside LWML supports the Florida-Georgia LWML with our mites. Your mites supports Wheels of Plenty who serve families with their food pantry in Spring Hill Florida for their physical and spiritual needs. 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.

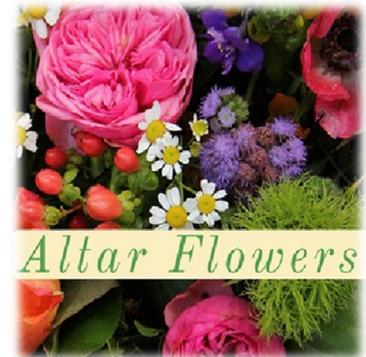


Helping Hands

We have a group of people who are ready and willing help with small tasks! If you need help please contact Ali the church office and we will try to find someone who can assist you.

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 Ali in the office to place your order for flowers. Flowers that are not picked up will be used to brighten someone else's day.



Hospitality Committee

We look forward to seeing you on July 6th and July 20th for coffee, cookies and of course conversation. It's a great time to meet & greet visitors and friends too! If you would like to donate cookies for the table, please bring them to the church office anytime or on Sunday morning. See Sharon Ladigoski for more information. Many thanks for your continued support of the monthly mission baskets located on the tables.





**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO HAVE: EMERGENCY 911, NON EMERGENCY 941-486-244,
FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY STATE HURRICANE INFORMATION LINE
1-800-342-3557**

Hurricane Knowledge

First, know your hurricane facts and understand common terms used during hurricane forecasts. Storm conditions can vary on the intensity, size and even the angle which the tropical cyclone approaches your area, so it is vital you understand what the forecasters and news reporters are telling you.

Tropical Depressions are cyclones with winds of 38 mph. **Tropical Storms** vary in wind speeds from 39-73 mph while **Hurricanes** have winds 74 mph and greater. Typically the upper right quadrant of the storm (the center wrapping around the eye) is the most intense portion of the storm. The greatest threats are damaging winds, storm surge and flooding. This is in part why Hurricane Katrina was so catastrophic when bringing up to 28 foot storm surges onto the Louisiana and Mississippi coastlines.

Here are some important terms you may hear:

- **Tropical Storm Watch:** Tropical storm conditions are possible in the area.
- **Hurricane Watch:** Hurricane conditions are possible in the area. Watches are issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.
- **Tropical Storm Warning:** Tropical storm conditions are expected in the area.
- **Hurricane Warning:** Hurricane conditions are expected in the area. Warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of tropical storm force winds.
- **Eye:** Clear, sometimes well-defined center of the storm with calmer conditions.
- **Eye Wall:** Surrounding the eye, contains some of the most severe weather of the storm with the highest wind speed and largest precipitation.
- **Rain Bands:** Bands coming off the cyclone that produce severe weather conditions such as heavy rain, wind and tornadoes.
- **Storm Surge:** An often underestimated and deadly result of ocean water swelling as a result of a landfalling storm, and quickly flooding coastal and sometimes areas further inland.

During a watch, prepare your home and evacuation plan in case a warning is issued. During a warning, carefully follow the directions of officials, and immediately leave the area if they advise it. In the event of an **Extreme Wind Warning/Advisory**, which means that extreme sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected to begin within an hour, immediately take shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure

TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

Graduation is still on our minds - so here's a picture of the actual 2025 preschool graduation class. The Treehouse North Port campus along with the Venice campus had a combined class of 36 students. It was a fun day especially to hear the children singing together "Jesus Loves Me" and all the proud parents. We're blessed to be able to accommodate the large group for the graduation and celebration in Meyer Hall after the ceremony. For the last school year, the home-school children attended classes in the preschool building and attended chapel on Mondays & Wednesdays - however with the increase of enrollment, they needed a larger space. Prayers answered, another church building in North Port is available and the home school students will start the next school year in that facility. Don't forget, the preschoolers attend children's chapel every Wednesday @945AM -

please stop by and fill your heart with JOY to see the little ones sing, dance and enjoy a Bible story. We are looking for a few more volunteers, please prayerfully consider joining us.



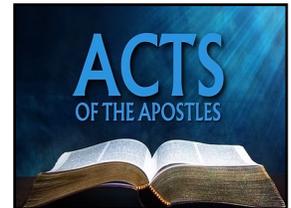
- JULY CLASSES -

Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke

The Study of the Book of Acts

6:00 p.m. (Church Office)

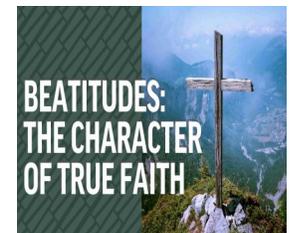


Tuesday - Living Water In-Home Study Group

Led by Mike Lange

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

(Off Campus)

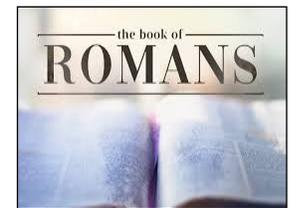


Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke

The Book of Romans (along with some Catechism)

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

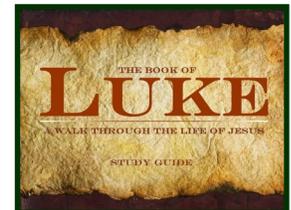


Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

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

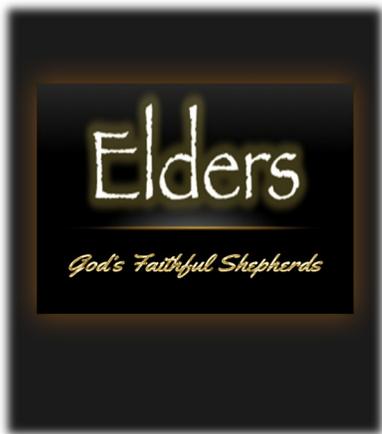
Study: God's Word for Today: Isaiah

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 Ali in the church office (LLC@LakesideLutheran.Net) to sign-up for a class.

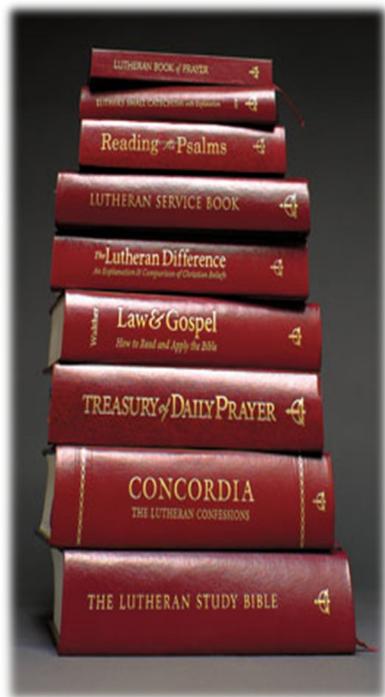


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-Continued from Junes Newsletter...

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Pax Domini - (POX DOE-mee-nee) Latin for "peace of the Lord." Prior to the distribution of the Lord's body and blood, the pastor blesses the people with the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you always."

Preface - The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the liturgy of Holy Communion. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Divine Service.

Salutation - From the Latin salutation, meaning "a greeting." A liturgical greeting by which the pastor blesses the people: "The Lord be with you." The traditional response, "and with your spirit," acknowledges that this blessing is spoken by the Lord's servant. The Salutation occurs before the Collect of the Day and at the beginning of the communion liturgy.

Sanctus - (SAHNK-tus) A Latin word meaning "holy." The Sanctus is the liturgical song sung at the beginning of the communion liturgy. It is drawn from the song of the angels in Is. 6:3. The concluding text, "blessed is He who comes..." is from Ps. 118:26 and Mk. 11:9—10.

Versicle - From the Latin versiculus, meaning "little verse." One or more verses, usually from a psalm, read responsively. Versicles often appear at the beginning of a service (e.g., Matins and Vespers, special rites of dedication, etc.)



4-Session Journey to Sharing Jesus

Purpose: To awaken Christians to the mission that is all around us by deepening the habits of our responsibility, permission and the access we can give others who desperately need Jesus.

Friday, August 1st 5pm – 7pm

Session 1: Discover the Essentials *each Session is 75 minutes

Begin your journey with an overview of the 3 Essentials for Sharing Jesus in a relational way. You'll receive a practical tool and an assignment to help you take your first step.

Join us after the session for table fellowship at a local pub.

Saturday, August 2nd 8:30am – 1pm

Session 2: Embrace Your Responsibility

Dive deeper into the importance of your role in sharing the Gospel. Learn how to identify and overcome the barriers that may hold you back.

Session 3: Step into Permission

Recognize the Permission you already have to boldly step out in faith. Explore ways to take action with confidence and authenticity.

Session 4: Create Access

Discover how to open your life to provide Access for others to encounter Jesus. Learn practical ways to make your faith visible and inviting.

By the End of Your Awaken Journey, You Will:

- Gain Practical Tools inspired by Jesus's life to effectively share Him with others.
- Develop New Habits through intentional exercises to engage with non-Christians.
- Build Confidence and Creativity to share Jesus in ways that align with your unique personality and gifts.

Learn more at multipli.org/awaken/