

# LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June, 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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*Joyfully inspiring more  
and stronger disciples.*



June Blessings  
May your Faith in God bring  
Peace, Hope Joy and Love to  
your heart and everlasting Joy  
to your Soul. May you find rea-  
sons to smile & rejoice every  
precious moment, And may the  
Lord shine upon you today and  
everyday of this  
New month & Always.



**JOY**  
Philemon 1:7



## Three Levels of Commitment

Have you ever heard of head-level commitment? Following Jesus means that God is our God and we are not God. This changes our thinking and how we see the world. Because we are growing in our faith, our attitudes and priorities begin to change through his will and not ours. When the Holy Spirit has us we have a threefold commitment: heart, hands and head. In this threefold commitment, a disciple aligns his or her

efforts and resources with the mission of Jesus. When Christ's mission affects how a disciple lives, change is happening. Have you noticed any changes in your heart, hands or head lately?

Please fill in the blanks with the one of the three words: hands, head or heart.

- A disciple is one who is transformed by God. (\_\_\_\_\_ -level)
  - A disciple is one who is growing in Jesus. (\_\_\_\_\_ -level)
- A disciple is one who is multiplying through the Holy Spirit. (\_\_\_\_\_ -level)

Place an "X" above the description that best describes you right now.

### Transformed by God to belief

I'm not interested I've been wondering I've been asking God has transformed in God at all about God about God lately me in faith

### Following Jesus

I am no different I then I always am take three steps forward and two steps backward I can see God grow in many ways It's a habit for me to give my agenda to Jesus

### Sharing Jesus

My time and my resources are for myself I know I should, but I haven't wanted to step up I try, but I have been confused at times as to what part I play God is working in me make more and stronger disciples

When Jesus invited his disciples to join Him, He was not inviting them to attend a class to listen to weekly lectures. He invited His disciples to be in a relationship with Him. They had table fellowship together. At times He spoke with them as a teacher, and other times He talked with them as a brother. He desires a relationship with you. In Holy Baptism you have it.

## Music Notes from Dr. John Behnke [musicminister@lakesidelutheran.net](mailto:musicminister@lakesidelutheran.net)

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The choir and bell choir (Lakeside Singers and Ringers) will continue rehearsing and singing through the summer, taking the month of August off for vacation. If you wish to sing, stop by any Saturday morning at 10 am in June and July. If you wish to ring, please contact me. The Church Council has approved the establishing of an Organ Fund. The present Allen electronic organ is approximately 30 years old and is making strange sounds when you turn it on and off. In addition an Organ Committee has been established to fundraise for a future new instrument as well as learn about the options available. Members of the Organ Committee are Sharon Ladigoski, Brenda McCowan, Wendell Wolka, Tim Matheny, and me. Talk to anyone of us if you have interest and questions about a new future instrument.

Lastly the Church Council has approved the development of a Sacred Music Concert Series. It will consist of 6 concerts; one each month, October through March. There was a marvelous turnout and response to the March 30 Organ Concert with over 125 people in attendance and where approximately \$1500 was collected for future concerts. A freewill offering will be taken at each concert to support the ones that follow. But if you would like to be a special patron, financially supporting this series, please talk to me at church or email

me. Next month the new Lakeside Sacred Music Concert Series will be announced. I hope that these concerts will be spiritually uplifting and of course, bring the joy of Jesus to you!

Until next month...



## May 21st Potluck Fun

Summertime fun - laughs and lemons! We had a fun night at the May 21st potluck dinner. Table fellowship is always the highlight, well...so is all the delicious dishes and desserts. The evening's theme was fruity Lemons on each table which was then the base of our trivia game...everything lemony....led by Pastor Dahlke. Thanks to all for making it a success.



## - JUNE CLASSES -

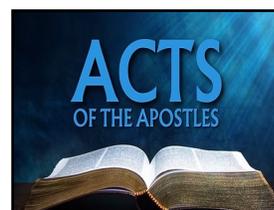
### Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke

#### The Study of the Book of Acts

6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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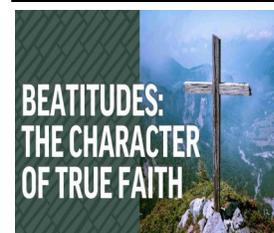
### Tuesday - Living Water In-Home Study Group

Led by Mike Lange

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

(Off Campus)

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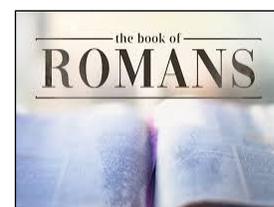
### Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke

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

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

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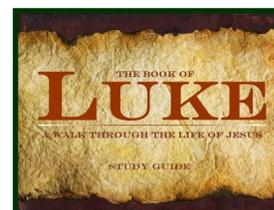
### Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke

#### 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: 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.

## Anniversaries

Bob & Sharon Brasham	Brian & Nancy Johnson
Robert & Patty Thompson	Robert & Cheryl Brown
George & Jennifer Shepard	Don & Emma Suko
Don & Stella Reschke	Peter & Carol Joseph
John & Cindy Zachau	Arnt & Heidi Nyvoll
Roland & Sherer Miller	Pastor David Dahlke and Amy Dahlke

## Birthdays

Pamela Gohil June 3	Mary Pearsall June 22
Chuck Kinter June 4	Lawrence Kunkle June 23
Roland Miller June 5	Shirley Preston June 23
Nancy Lindquist June 7	Ken Arney June 25
Nancy Johanson June 8	Maureen Dell June 25
Jeanelle Peek June 8	Deb Kamps June 25
Annie Nichols June 9	Doug Holtz June 26
Sue St.Pierre June 9	Sharon Bradham June 27
Connie Foster June 11	Michael Roggi June 27
Joseph Stanjones June 13	Jacey Tippman June 27
Sheila Otten June 15	Joyce Perkins June 28
June Sonnenberg June 16	Joan Water June 28
Jane Hillwig June 18	William Meints June 29
Karen Peterson June 20	
Margaret Fitchlee June 22	



## 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. Pastor recently mentioned that he identified 27-29 individuals and groups that did this for Lakeside. The same is happening with our nation and culture. - - We are stepping up to bring back right vs. wrong, moral vs immoral, - brings to mind the biblical passage from Esther 4:14 - spoken by Mordecai to Queen Esther - telling her she must **not** be

silent, that she was placed by God in this position to rescue and reach the people "For such a time as this!" We have all been placed where we are now with a task to reach out with our faith to reach others and tell/show them that there is hope and a path for a better life, one more filled with compassion and love, rather than so much of the anger, distrust, hate and lies we see in our culture today. Yes, we can do a lot of charitable and kind things for so many in the world – but I feel we must start with ourselves setting an example and showing it. Taking the attitude stated in Isaiah 6:8 - "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said: "Here I am! Send me!"  
The first certainly is our Shepherd, Leader and Pastor - David Dahlke. Accolades too numerous to list here but he is the one who keeps us focused and motivated in our faith, our Church (capital C) and our command to spread the Gospel and serve others. In the future articles we will **randomly** choose others who step-up and inspire us in our Christian walk of faith.



## Lakeside church mouse

Our Lord Jesus has ascended back to heaven – but He left this great feeling inside us. The humans call it the Holy Spirit. I think I see more smiles and excitement at Lakeside. The Lakeside family seems to be more outward looking and caring that others feel the same way. I heard it is about the Good News that they learned about and want to tell others – Yay! I really hope we see more children in our Lakeside home soon - - I really miss the way they express their praise for Jesus! I also see a new kitchen so there should be more yummy food for a church mouse like me – if I can avoid Arlene, Wayne and Lee! I heard we will soon have the young Mennonite people here. They are so kind, helpful and giving – Maybe they will take pity on a poor little Lakeside church mouse. \*Always watching the activity and Joy at Lakeside\* - Yours Truly, Church Mouse!

## Bread Breakers

The Bread Breakers offers an opportunity to become involved in living the Lakeside Vision: "Joyful Christians who inspire More and Stronger Disciples." People get together in small groups for friendship, church community, and fun. Through conversations we are encouraged and filled with the Joy of Jesus. Bread Breakers is designed so all who attend Lakeside will have an opportunity to create bonds with others in a close, caring, supportive environment. Groups formed are composed of long-standing members, new members, couples, singles, full time and seasonal members. Each group should plan to meet once monthly: July - November. We are preparing to shuffle groups around, so we can get to know others. Each of the groups is autonomous and agrees on a different volunteer each month to plan and coordinate the next month's activity. Members communicate their availability to attend (or they send their regrets). Participation is encouraged monthly, but is voluntary. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to kick-off of the second season for 2025. Please sign the sheet by July 6th even if you have participated previously! If you have questions, please contact Linda MacDonald [craiglindamac@gmail.com](mailto:craiglindamac@gmail.com)





It was a busy year for our **LWML** this year. Our mission is to share the love of Christ with women of all ages and diversities and to foster a recognition that the mission field exists both at home and abroad. Or as we say at Lakeside "joyfully inspiring more and stronger disciples"! Thanks Lakeside for your continuing support & dedication. Ladies, hope you will come and join us in the Fall! Here's a snapshot of some of the things we did this year!

- Collected over \$1,600 for worldwide missions through our mite collections
- Packaged 3000 seed packages for Hope Seeds
- Bought Thanksgiving dinners for 2 Missionary families through Agape Flights
- Collected Angel tree Christmas gifts for 10 families in need at Prodigal Daughters & provided much need supplies for the Venice Pregnancy Center after destruction from hurricane Milton
- Collected an enormous amount of grocery bags to be woven into sleeping mats for the homeless
- Collected towels, toiletries, etc. for care kits for the Jesus Loves You Ministry
- Made 101 valentines for the Douglas T. Jacobson Veterans Home
- Collected 149 cans of soup, 16 boxes of crackers and 24 packages of ramen noodles for the food bank
- Supported Treehouse School by making 60 Mother's Day lamb magnets with a bible verse & filling 600 eggs for an Easter Egg Hunt
- Collected numerous pairs of eyeglasses for MOST Ministries
- Held a successful LWML Zone rally and raised \$1,877.00 for World Renew and \$329.85 for our FL/GA district

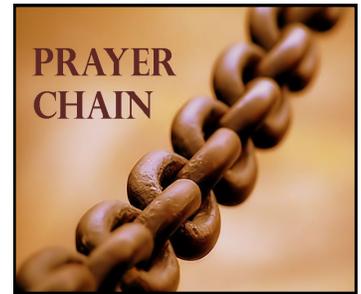
Raised over \$3000 for local missions through various projects including: Purple Auction, LWML Sunday Giving Challenge, Purse Sale, Bakeless Bake Sale and freewill offerings. This enabled us to donate \$300 each to the following worthwhile charities:

1. Venice Pregnancy Center
2. One More Child
3. Lutheran Services of Florida
4. Prodigal Daughters
5. SPARC
6. The Twig
7. Agape Flights
8. Restoring Oaks
9. Hope Seeds
10. Crossroad Hope Academy



## 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



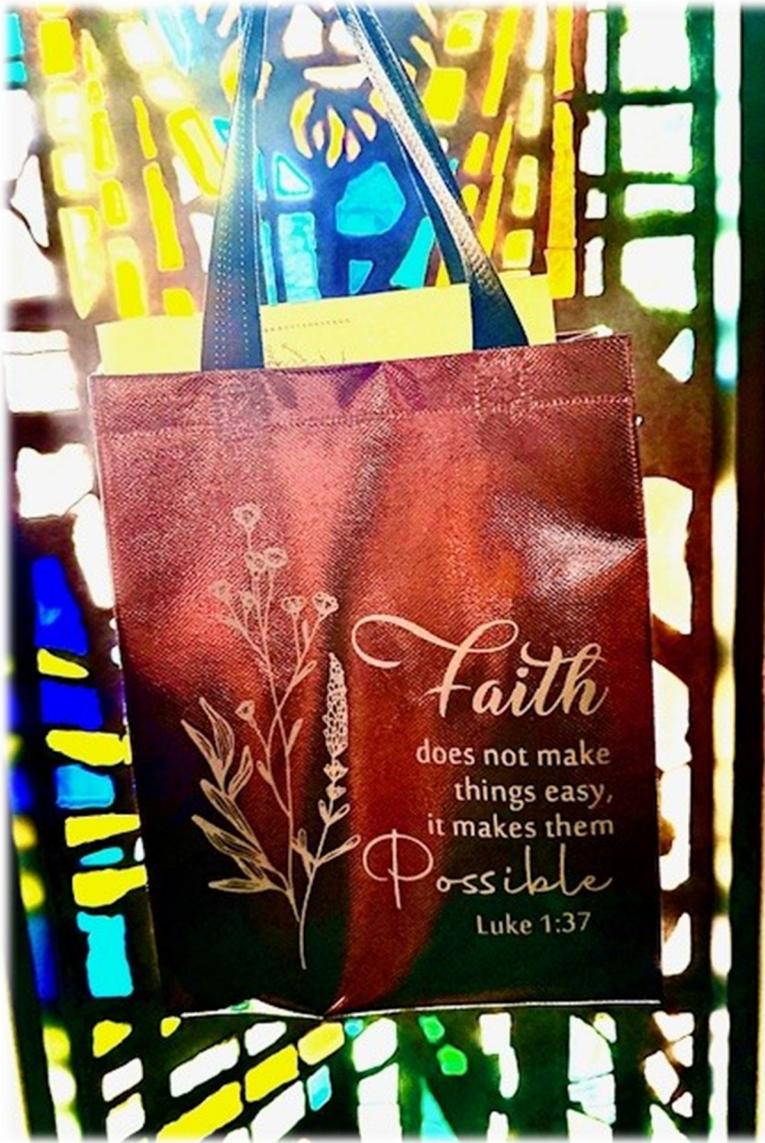
COFFEE, COOKIES, CONVERSATIONS - CONTINUE !! Yes, we'll continue to have coffee & cookies throughout the summer. Please stop by, JUNE 1st and June 15th...and say hi to a friend or better yet a new person. Nothing like coffee and cookies to get a conversation started. Many thanks for your continued support of the mission baskets, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# NEW BLESSING <sup>11</sup> BAGS

*Sharing the love of Jesus,  
One bag at a time!*

We are excited to share a new outreach initiative at Lakeside-Blessing Bags for our homeless visitors. This heartfelt project was made possible by the faithful hands of LWML, our dedicated volunteers, and generous donors who continue to reflect the love of Christ through action. The ministry was born out of ongoing conversations with the Sarasota

County Sheriffs department, homeless outreach team. Including the recent formation of our very own Security and Medical Response team here at Lakeside. Together they recognized a growing need to provide immediate, safe and compassionate support to those who come to our campus seeking help. Each blessing bag contains: personal care items, water, healthy snack, uplifting Bible verses and print out recourse guides for food, medical and housing assistance. These bags are now available in both the church office and in the Ushers room, ready to be handed out with kindness and prayer. Please continue to pray for those experiencing homelessness in our community. May these small tokens of care plant seeds of hope and Faith.



**Friendly reminder! If you have an announcement you'd like to include in the church bulletin, please submit your request by Tuesday afternoon. 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)**



### **LWML Mite Sunday**

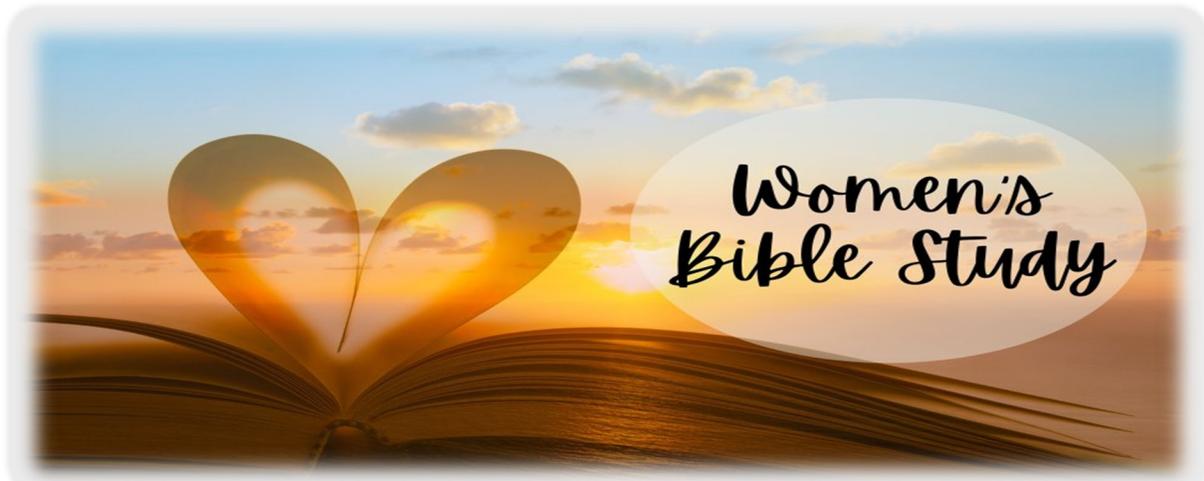
The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Lakeside LWML supports the Florida-Georgia LWML with our mites. Your mites supports Reaching College Students So They Thrive. Please bring your mite box on the 1st Sunday and put it on the purple table in the narthex - and take a new box! Also, EVERYONE is welcome to add their spare change to the Mighty Mites Bucket! Thank you for your generosity and support.

## **Women's Bible Study Update**

We want to share that our Women's Monday Morning Bible Study Group will be taking a break for the time being. The Lord's work continues through our Monday evening Bible study, which meets from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM each week. Amy Dahlke continues to lead this blessed time of fellowship and Scripture study.

If you have questions or would like to join the evening study, please reach out to Amy at [adahlike500@gmail.com](mailto:adahlike500@gmail.com).

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13



## SOUTH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

The pantry has been very busy the first four months of 2025. The great thing is that they have had a total of 34,028 pounds of food donated with a value of \$67,036 from your generous donations. These donations have helped us feed 1,692 families with a total of 3,886 since January. Great job, Lakeside!



## TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

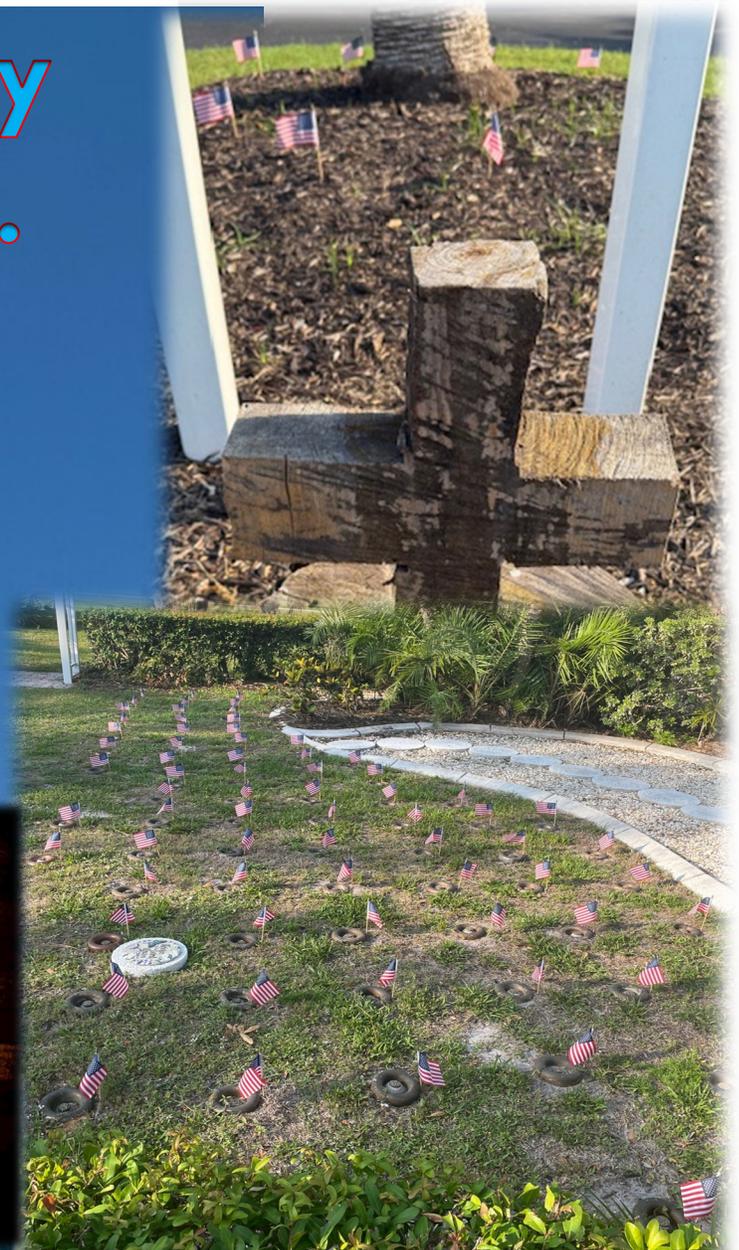
Caps and Gowns for the Preschool children - as they graduated on May 31st. This year the Venice and North Port Treehouse Preschool classes were combined, making a total of 38 graduates. We're blessed to have been able to accommodate almost 200 family members and friends as they watched their little ones walk down the aisle, graduate and sing a few songs!! Pastor Dahlke opened the ceremony with a few words to the Class of 2025 and all attendees and a prayer. A small reception was held in Meyer Hall following the ceremony.



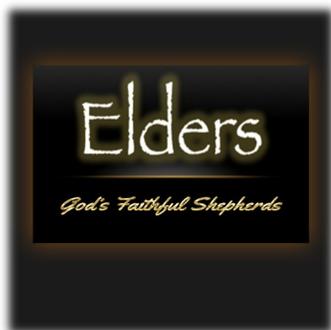
Update about Faith & Family Homeschooling. They will be taking a break for the summer. And will return in the Fall as they follow the county's school break calendar.



# Memorial Day At Lakeside...

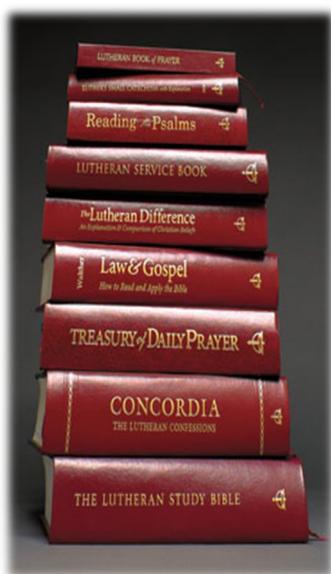


*Memorial Day  
Blessings*  
Lord, may we never  
forget those who gave their  
lives for our freedom  
God Bless America



## Have you ever Wondered the Meaning of some of the terms used In the Lutheran Worship Service?

## Here are some of the terms defined in the LCMS Liturgical Glossary.



**Absolution** - Following the confession of sins, the Absolution pronounces God's forgiveness either in a direct form ("I absolve/forgive you") or in a declarative form ("God forgives you all yours sins"). The word comes from the Latin, *absolvere*, which means "to loosen, set free, or absolve" (Jn 20:23).

**Agnus Dei** - (AH-nyoos DAY-ee) Latin for "Lamb of God," this hymn in the communion liturgy draws on the words of John the Baptist who pointed his disciples to Jesus, the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29). In the context of the communion liturgy, we are praying to Christ who is there present in his body and blood to have mercy on us and grant us peace.

**Amen** - Of Hebrew origin, "Amen" means that what has preceded is "true and certain." Thus, as the congregation's response to prayers, the Amen is an affirmation that the prayer just prayed is the prayer of the entire assembly, spoken on their behalf. In the Small Catechism, Luther explained Amen with: "Yes, yes, it shall be so."

**Antiphon** (AN-tih-fonn) A refrain-like verse from Scripture that begins and concludes a psalm or canticle. Sometimes it is also interspersed within a psalm.

**Collect** - (KOLL-ekt) A concisely written prayer that "collects" the prayers of the people. The Collect of the Day is prayed toward the beginning of the Divine Service, prior to the reading of Holy Scripture. The collect usually follows a pattern of: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and Trinitarian termination.

**Doxology** From the Greek for "words of praise." It is an expression of praise to God, usually in a trinitarian formulation. The Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father and to the Son..."), is a common doxology used to conclude psalms and many canticles. Many hymns have a concluding, doxological stanza that praises the Holy Trinity. The most familiar of these stanzas is known as the Common Doxology ("Praise God from whom all blessings flow...")

**Gradual** - A selection of psalm verses traditionally sung between the Epistle and Gospel. With the regular use of the Old Testament reading, the Gradual now appears after that reading, before the Epistle. The word Gradual is from the Latin for "step," which refers to the step of the lectern from which the Gradual was traditionally sung.

**Introit** - (in-TRO-it) From the Latin, meaning "to enter." Traditionally this was the entrance hymn to the Divine Service, consisting of antiphon, psalm, Gloria Patri, and antiphon repeated. During the Middle Ages it was shortened considerably and lost its function as an entrance hymn.

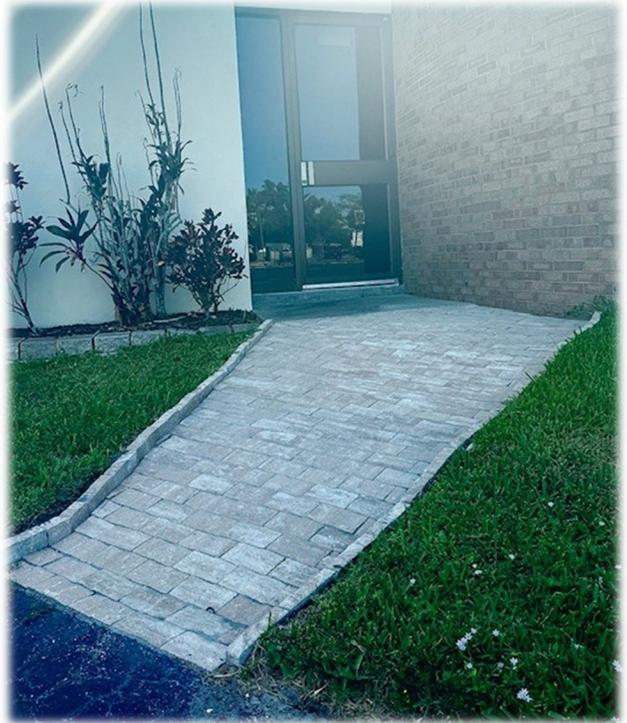
**Invocation** - From the Latin, "to call upon." Used at the beginning of many, though not all, services. It serves as a reminder of Baptism and may be accompanied by the sign of the cross.

**Kyrie eleison** - (KEE-ree-ay ay-LAY-ee-zon) From the Greek, it is a direct address to God, meaning "Lord, have mercy." The ten lepers, blind man Bartimaeus, and others addressed Jesus with these words. The Kyrie appears early in the Divine Service. It is not part of the confession of sins but a cry to God to have mercy on us and all humanity.

**Litany** - In general, a responsory prayer with repeated congregational responses. In the Divine Service, the Kyrie is sometimes cast in the form of a litany, with the congregation responding to each petition with the words, "Lord, have mercy." An expanded form of this litany is found in Evening Prayer. The most comprehensive form of the litany is the medieval version that was revised by Luther and still appears in hymnals today.

## **NEW WHEELCHAR -ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY INSTALLED**

Lakeside is happy to announce the completion of a new wheelchair accessible walkway at the side exit of the church. This new pathway also will be serving as another Emergency exit. The improvement enhances safety and accessibility for all members of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible!



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## **MENNONITE DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICE**

We're excited to welcome back the Mennonite Disaster Response Service Teams for their second "Summer Camp" at Lakeside! Starting around June 15th through the end of July, MDS will host weekly teams- including some younger volunteers who will continue the rebuilding work done by World Renew. Under the direction of John Livingston (United Way and LTRG), MDS will be serving our community with skill, heart and faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they lend a helping hand to our community.



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## A Salute to Fathers

Today, Almighty God, as we observe Father's Day, I lift all the fathers of this world up to You with adoration and love. Fathers play an integral role in the lives of our children, as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more and also provide a firm foundation on which our children stand. Thank You, Jehovah Jireh, for Your provision and for showering them with Your divine blessings. I pray that You would consecrate fathers and set them apart for Your purpose.

*Joyfully inspiring more and stronger disciples.*