



*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



**LAKESIDE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

September, 2025

**SERVICES ARE
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Contemporary

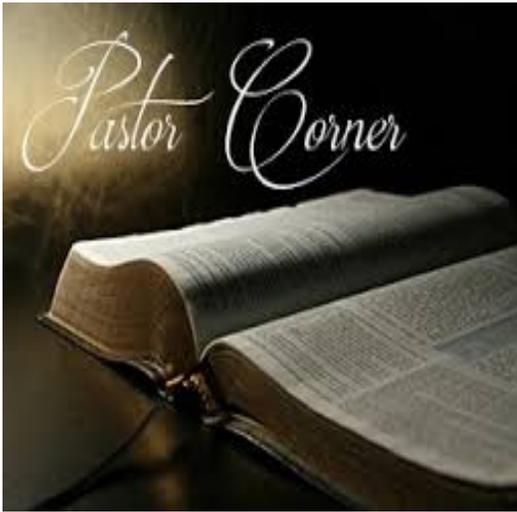
Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional

OFFICE HOURS

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

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





John 10:10b "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Martin Luther, wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully. That is a big difference. One moti-

vates us with the law that leads to burn out and frustration, the other motives us through the Gospel which leads to planting the Gospel and multiplication.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others with joyful inspiration. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience. It leads to making more and stronger disciples.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we engage the Word of God which defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: "... *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how He lived His earthly life and what He has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those He has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood as he did for on the cross and out of the grave enveloping us into his own righteousness.

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

Would you like to sing with the Lakeside Singers? Now's the time to jump in and join the Lakeside Singers. No audition is needed. Just come on Saturday September 6th at 10 am to have a great time praising God together.

This year we will have a joint Reformation Concert with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sarasota. The combined choirs of Good Shepherd and Lakeside will present a concert on Tuesday night, October 28th at 7 pm here are Lakeside. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow Lutherans and sing in a larger ensemble.

Would you like to ring in the Lakeside Ringers? If yes, please email me at musicminister@lakesidelutheran.net. I can teach you how to ring, but some music experience is helpful. And all ages are welcome, kids as well as adults.

The Singers sing at the 10:30 am second service and the Ringers ring when ready at both, the end of the first service and the beginning of the second.

And do you play an instrument? I'd love to have more instruments playing on Sunday morning. Let me know... musicminister@lakesidelutheran.net. I'm happy to work with you and accompany you when you are ready to play for church.

And our Sacred Music Series begins in October with one concert each month through March. I hope you will put these dates on your calendar, and enjoy some great music. All concerts will have a freewill offering to support future concerts.

1. Tuesday night, Oct. 28, 7 pm - Reformation Concert - combined choirs of Good Shepherd (Sarasota) and Lakeside Lutheran.
2. Friday night, Nov. 21, 7 pm - Organ Concert of Thankfulness - Dr. John Behnke
3. Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, 4 pm - Advent/Christmas Carol Concert
4. Friday night, Jan. 16, 7 pm - Organ Concert - Dr. James Guyer
5. Friday night, Feb. 13, 7 pm - Tenor Soloist, Michael Bodnyk
6. Wednesday night, March 4, 4:20-4:50 pm Lenten Organ Concert - Dr. Richard Benedum before our Midweek Lenten service, followed by dinner.
7. Wednesday night, March 18, 4:20-4:50 pm Lenten Organ Concert - Nancy Siebecker, before our Midweek Lenten service, followed by dinner.

-Dr. John Behnke , Minister of Traditional Music

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Prayer for
September

May You Have:

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each
day better than yesterday.

And God to Keep You going..
Bless You & Your Loved Ones.

inspire *Positive*
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Leon & Mary Kirkchoff	Sep4
Bill & Sandy Boos	Sep9
Robert & Nancy Kroning	Sep13
Tim & Kathy Gerkin	Sep20
Mika & Laura Mona	Sep22
Michael & Georgia Williams	Sep27



Mike Selby	Sep 1
Jeff Payne	Sep 2
Mark Hoffer	Sep4
Sharon Ladigoski	Sep 4
Sandra Munro	Sep 4
Ron Meijer	Sep 5
Marilyn Herman	Sep 6
Sherer Miller	Sep 7
Suzanne Dehardt	Sep 9
Bernice Soderberg	Sep 10
Don Stone	Sep 10
Bill Boos	Sep 11
Michael Lange	Sep 12
Cathy Waldo	Sep 12
Christopher Allmand	Sep 14
Louise Coe	Sep 15
Henry Hajdas	Sep17
Gene Miller	Sep17
Wally Swenson	Sep17

Cynthia McCarthy	Sep18
Kay Settles	Sep18
Ronald Ellis	Sep19
Mel Van Dyke	Sep19
Charles Miller	Sep20
Barbara Peterson	Sep20
Janet Galloway	Sep21
Jean Schlueter	Sep23
Norma Connolly	Sep25
Greta Poglitsch	Sep25
Brad Hays	Sep26
Judy Meske	Sep28



Your Adventures with Little Jesus!

Adventures with Little Jesus has been a huge success!

What an incredible journey its been so far. Our congregation has truly embraced this special little companion, taking Him to some amazing places and sharing His love and joy along the way! From your backyard, to restaurants, hospitals, workplaces and even traveling the world, little Jesus has been a light in every photo and a reminder of His presence in our daily lives. Your support, creativity, and joyful spirit have made this such a heartwarming and faith-filled experience! The pictures you've all been submitting are absolutely wonderful, and reviewing your emails brings me so much joy. It's clear the little Jesus is not just a figure - He's a friend on a journey, a spark of faith, and

a reminder that *He is with us always*. Because this has been such a positive and uplifting activity, we're going to keep it going! So keep spreading joy, keep sharing light, and keep sending those photos.

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Happenings at Lakeside

Miracle Grow Awaken Conference

The Awaken Conference was held on August 1st and 2nd with 25 attendees. It was a Friday evening with a fellowship time after the event and then we reconvened on Saturday morning.

The Awaken program is a long-term discipleship initiative aimed at empowering individuals to confidently share the message of Jesus. It emphasizes building relationships, spiritual intentionality, and personal growth.

This event helped the participants to view outreach and sharing the word and miracles of God with anyone in our lives. It used the Acts of the Apostles to illustrate what they did and how we can follow them.

Safety and Security Team Updates

Earlier this year, a team was formed to address security and safety issues on our campus. We met with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office a number of times and they have recommended we train our people emergency procedures.

Lakeside now has 14+ staff and members trained in First Aid/CPR/AED! This will enable us to be better prepared for emergencies on site and when we go!

A First Aid AED/CPR training session was held August 7. Security issues were also discussed. A second session will be held once our seasonal members are in town in January. Additional security training sessions will also be planned as security enhancements are made to the campus.

Food was provided by Thrivent. New first aid kits are also be purchased courtesy of Thrivent. These first aid kits are located in the Usher's Room, Office restroom and Meyer Hall kitchen.



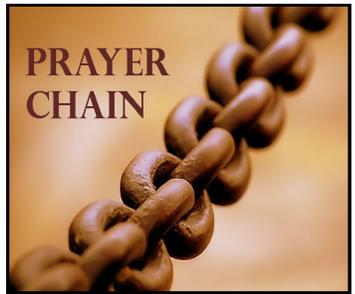
Thank you to Donna Sheldrake for identifying the trainer and Brad Gripenrog for helping with the training equipment selection.

If you would like to participate in the second round of First Aid AED/CPR training, please let Pete Gardner of Ali know.



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

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER...at coffee hour! It's always a good time to say hi to visitors and new members. Coffee & cookies will be available on September 7th and September 21st, between services. If you'd like to donate cookies, please bring them in at any time or see Sharon Ladigoski. Our mission baskets are on the table and your generous donations are much appreciated. - thank you!

We will be hosting World Renew workers in teams of 15-20 people at a time. This will be similar to the LERT teams after Hurricane Ian and our CREW team. We have the opportunity to outreach and serve our larger community (currently 100 homes are identified in our area that need assistance from skilled workers to restore their homes to livable conditions). The first team is set to arrive October 11th. We look forward to having them again!



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LWML Updates...

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 help support the Lutheran Braille Workers for proclaiming Jesus to the visually impaired by buying supplies for leadership training resources, devotionals and Bibles. 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



Upcoming dates for LWML Meetings Etc.

Oct. 2nd 11:30a

“Greet with T.R.E.A.T”

Oct. 19th 11:30a

“Ready To Serve”

Nov. 6th 10:00a

“Bloom and Grow”, package seeds for Hope Seeds

Nov. 29th 10:00a

Angel Tree Set-Up in Narthex

Dec. 4th 11:30a

Potluck Christmas party

Jan. 8th

“Bee Busy for Jesus”, human trafficking prevention month

Jan. 18th

Annual Fundraiser, Bakeless Cake Sale

Feb. 5th 11:30a

“The perfect heart”, Create Valentines for Veterans

Feb. 8th

“Souper Bowl Sunday”, collection of canned goods for FoodBank

March 5th. 11:30a

“Scents of The Bible”, fill Easter baskets for preschool and make a fizzy foot soak

March 21st -Spring Zone Rally

April 9th.

“Anchor in Joy”, make blessings bags

May 7th -National Day of Prayer



TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL



We're always so happy to see the children on Wednesday mornings at Children's Chapel. Each week they start and end chapel with prayer...recently the children had the opportunity to go to the altar to pray (some too little to kneel). It's such a JOY to see the little ones praying, along with singing and dancing. You are welcome to come and watch or help any Wednesday morning,

Children's Chapel starts at 9:45 AM. If you'd like more information, please contact Sharon Ladigoski 941 460-6959

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RE-OPENED!

We are so excited to announce that Sunday School has re opened for all elementary aged children!

Classes will be held during both services located Meyer Hall, Led by Carole Schroeder. Children will enjoy a time of Bible study, fun activities, and fellowship designed just for them.



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

We Transition From Isaiah, 730 years before Christ, and his prophesy of a coming savior – to fulfilling Christ's direction to make and encourage stronger disciples of all believers in the book of Acts-to-Action.

The Band-of-Brothers meets each Saturday morning at 8:30-10:00 am in Meyer

- SEPTEMBER CLASSES -

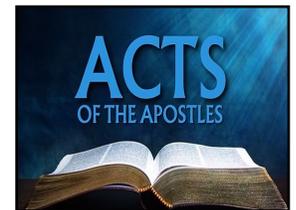
Monday Evening - Man In The Mirror (Offsite)

Led by Dan Ladigoski
Currently being held Monday at 6p in Island Walk community
Dan's email dladd1027@gmail.com



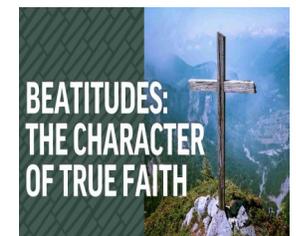
Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

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



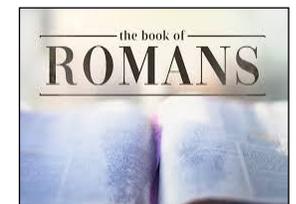
Tuesday - Living Water In-Home Study Group

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



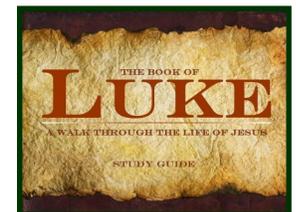
Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

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.

"We Are His"

Elders

God's Faithful Shepherds

Psalm 100:3-5 "Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

God made us. We are His. That is not a popular idea in our culture today. No one wants to fall under the control of anyone else or be held accountable to someone. People would rather be regarded as self-made and independent. Many imagine that the world simply evolved on its

own and that human beings evolved along with the earth they inhabit. They may reject any suggestion that there is a Creator and instead worship the god of self. This kind of thinking reflects the apostle Paul's description of fallen, sinful human beings: "They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen" (Romans 1:25).

We who believe in Christ Jesus readily confess that God made us. We are His and we depend on Him. Not only are we His people, we are His sheep. That is not a very popular idea either. Sheep are not usually described as noble and independent creatures. They are generally regarded as mild-mannered, easily led, and easily lost. Yet we happily confess that we are sheep and, what is more, we love our Shepherd Jesus. He is the Good Shepherd who gave His life to save us. We are entirely dependent on Him for life, forgiveness, peace, and salvation. When we listen to the tempting ideas of the world around us and wander from our Shepherd's righteous path, He calls us to repentance and forgives our sins.

We are happy to be sheep, and we are even happier to be in the presence of our Shepherd. He is certainly present with us at all times, but we gather with fellow sheep on the first day of each week to worship our Lord. That is the day our Shepherd Jesus rose from the dead, so each Sunday we "enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise." There, listening to the Word of God, we hear our Shepherd's voice, a voice we recognize and love. We learn that our Shepherd is also the Lamb of God who was sacrificed to atone for the sins of the world. We rejoice in the glad news of His resurrection. The Good Shepherd feeds us with His own body and blood in His holy Supper, for the nourishment of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus purchased us with His precious, innocent blood. He claims us as His own, and we are happy to belong to Him.

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