

LAKESSIDE LUTHERAN NEWS

April 2025



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
The ministry of Lakeside

Community Lutheran Church is called by God to grow spiritually, welcome graciously, love unconditionally, and serve together faithfully as followers of Christ.

Upcoming Events

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 -
9:00 am Mission Quilting

April 3, 10, 17 & 24 -
Fellowship & Coffee at JoMama's
8:00 - Men,
9:00 - Women

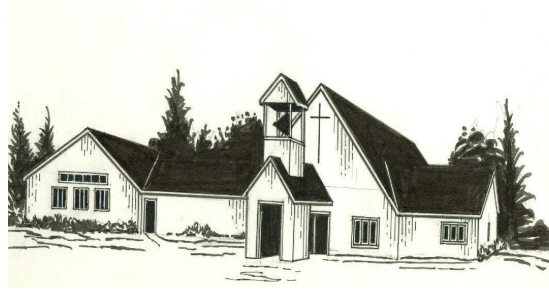
April 3 9:30 am -
Community Quilters

April 16 & 17 8:00 am
Volunteers Yellow Lake
Food Distribution

April 20 - Easter Sunday



SUNDAY SCHEDULE



*Sunday School and
Confirmation 9am*

*Service of Worship and
Holy Communion 10am*

or

*Watch Livestream on our
You Tube Channel*



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APRIL



Pondering with Pastor Peter

Romans 1:8 “⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.”

Proclamation of faith can be hard, especially when you're a 17-year-old high school student wondering if there are others who share your same desire to follow Jesus in genuine and dynamic ways. Hungry for this connection with peers of my same age, I followed in my older brother's footsteps and attended Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), a retreat for high schoolers in the Catholic church.

My first TEC weekend was amazing! I found a group of people and peers who struggled with the same things I struggled with and valued the same things I loved; struggling to fit in, searching for friendships where faith didn't have to be hidden, and loving Jesus without excuses. We enjoyed singing songs like Place in this World by Michael W. Smith, connecting with the lyrics of trying find our place in this world. What I remember most vividly was the selflessness of, 'Uncle Dick', one of the outstanding chaperones who selflessly lived their faith so authentically that even rowdy and wondering teenagers could feel free to let go and let God be who God was for us. A God of refuge. A God of mystery. A God of acceptance. Uncle Dick was my early inspiration to be courageous in living my faith out loud.

Whether through worship, music, prayer, sacraments, or service to others, it takes courage for any of us to proclaim our Christian faith. But it is in these ways that I believe that God is leading and will be equipping me to be your next pastor.

Today, I'm humbled and grateful that God has called me into your midst to guide our church into a new and exciting season of courageously proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ through dynamic worship, inspiring music, transformative prayer, life-saving sacraments, and loving service to each other and our neighbors.

Where is God calling you to be courageous? I look forward to the ways we will ask and answer that question together in the years ahead.

Thankful to God through Jesus Christ for all of you,

Pastor Peter

Beginning April 6th all our church services will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel. To access this go to <https://www.youtube.com/@lakesidecommunitylutheranc4937> at 10am each Sunday and click on the "Live" icon. Don't log in more than 5 minutes early or it may not work without refreshing your screen. Or go to our church website and follow the instructions there. All services will still be archived for later viewing.

Marshall



April Birthdays

Kayla Margl-Chastek	04/01
Karen Dietz	04/01
Ruth Peterson	04/02
Marshall Hoff	04/06
Lee Johnson	04/08
Larry Wiemken	04/11
Ron Lillegard	04/12
Kathy Young	04/16
Gordon Nelson	04/16
Deb Studley	04/18
Dorothea Vanderwerf	04/23
Wayne Lundeen	04/24
Lenny Oslund	04/25
Tony Kallas	04/25
Don Hallberg	04/27
Vicki Struve	04/29
Bo Skillman	04/29
George Godzik	04/29
Jill Schroeder	04/30

SHEPHERDING & FELLOWSHIP



Thank you to the following March Shepherds

Shepherding Facilitator: Carol Aakhus

Conveners: Mick & Ruth Peterson

Altar Guild: Jill Schroeder & Linda Speidel

Tim & Jill Schroeder, Bart & Joan Volkmann,
Dave & Linda Speidel, Pete & Marcia Brace

Everyone is encouraged to join one of Lakeside's 13 Shepherding groups. It is not only wonderful service, but also a great way to have fun and get to know other members of the congregation.

Please contact Carol Aakhus at 218-820-0374 or call the church office at 715-635-7791.



**FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE
162**



**FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE
AT JOMAMA'S
APRIL 3, 10, 17 & 24**

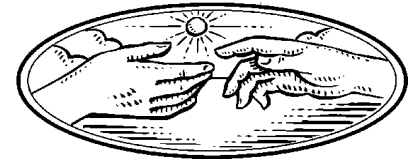
**MEN - 8:00AM
LADIES - 9:00 AM**

**COME AND ENJOY TIME WITH
YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS!!**



WELCA NEWS

April 2025



Welcome back snowbirds. We will be having a WELCA Board meeting in mid April as soon as our board members return. Watch the bulletin and come with ideas for the future. All women of Lakeside are invited and encouraged to participate.

A big thank you to Alta Bauer for filling up our “Prayer Square” for anyone to take when we need a reminder to pray. Please also give to someone in need.

We will be looking for one or two volunteers to take over our “Baby Bundles”. We collect new and gently used (clothing, diapers and books etc.) and once a year we donate to local hospitals for distribution. If interested please contact Jolyne Peterson or Sandie Fisher.

Beginning in April our Gather Bible Study will resume in the church library on the fourth Thursday at 12:30. We have been doing zoom meetings over winter. Copies of the study can be found on racks by the mail boxes.

Respectfully submitted by Jolyne Peterson and Sandie Fisher, co-presidents of WELCA

February 28, 2025 Treasurer’s Report

The Lakeside Community Lutheran Church financial activity as of Feb 28, 2025 is:

	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>February 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Receipts	\$14,725	\$21,247	\$38,296
Total Expenses	\$14,725	\$ <u>8,392</u>	\$ <u>16,465</u>
Net		\$12,855	\$ 21,831
 Benevolence		\$ 780	\$ 1,311

The 2025 adopted annual budget equates to a monthly average of \$14,725. This budget level provides for our current rotation of “guest pastors” and our Administrative Interim Pastor. The budget amendment passed along with the “call” of pastor Johnson at the special congregational meeting held in January increases the monthly average to \$18,100. The increase provides for the terms of a part time pastoral candidate starting on April 1st.



Yellow Lake Food Distribution March 2025



It was a great month, a little chilly but we will take that over the snow they had down south. We helped 576 families a total of 1710 people and handed out just about all the food we had.

We handed out 21,000 pounds of food and spent \$4297.22 on cereal, egg noodles, cornbread, peas, jelly, peaches, soup and chicken. St. Croix Valley food bank gave us the hamburger this month.

I want to thank Our Family Corporate office, for donating 11 cases of various food items.

I also want to thank Bethany Lutheran, Lakeside Lutheran and Yellow Lake Lutheran for donating the item of the month, which was peanut butter this month. If you have a church or organization that would like to join the collection of food every month, just let me know and I will get you the list.

Next month, April, is canned soup.

Thanks again to everyone that helped this month, we were busy little bees especially today.

Our next distribution is April 17th with set up on the 16th.

Happy Spring, Debbie

RECONNECT

Please save the date, Saturday, May 31st for Let's Reconnect 2025.

We had so much fun last year that we are doing it again this year. All are invited to join us....church members and friends and family. There will be more details to come concerning ticket sales and timing. We look forward to a great turnout!

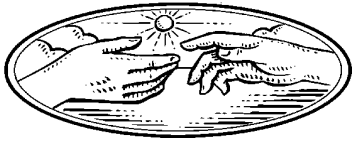


TIME TO RETIRE!!

Hello, my name is Lois Haag and I am one of the Newsletter Editors!! I have done this for many years and enjoyed it very much but am ready to retire!!! If you would be interested in helping with the Newsletter I would be glad to help you get acquainted with the process. Please just call me and we can connect!

Thanks and God bless!!!

Lois Haag, 715-577-7862



Crescent Lake Community Outreach March 2025

In March we were able to assist with the following:

\$ 180.74	Clothing
300.00	Propane
200.00	Electric
175.00	Electric
<u>150.00</u>	<u>Electric</u>
\$1005.74	Total for March

If you know someone in need, have them contact the Church office. All help is confidential. Thank you for your support of Outreach. God Bless.

Margy Rogers, Committee Member

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

What a beautiful sending ceremony we received at the end of service on March 23. First a thank you to Donna for talking with Pastor about this service. Then Pastor Mary providing an emotional gathering and Pat's "heart" music. God has been with us through this long year with many hospital stays for dangerous amounts of fluid on my heart. We are at peace with this next step of sending us to MAYO for answers.

All of your physical presence surrounding us with your love and prayers means everything to us. God is present in our church and shows through each of your caring hearts. Continue to pray as we anticipate are journey to MAYO, April 23.

With our love and Gods many blessings,
Dawn and Doug Straub

Council Corner April 2025

It is a new beginning at Lakeside! We welcome Pastor Peter Johnson as our new pastor beginning April 1st. As a member of the Call Committee, I had the opportunity to come to know Pastor Peter through multiple interviews and phone conversations. He brings to Lakeside a diverse background with experience in several ministries and a solid academic background including a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. The Call Committee found Pastor Peter to be spiritually inspirational, authentic, and personable, as well as a little unique. We look forward to his engaging preaching style, involvement with leadership and committees, and participation in small group activities which I believe includes a specific interest in quilting! We also understand that Pastor Johnson's wife Heidi and children Jakobe, Thunder, and Charlotte are eager to worship and participate at "the church on the lake."

The result of nearly four years without a seated pastor has led to a reduction in membership, attendance, and "giving". As we begin this new chapter, we have an opportunity to revitalize our church community! This will be an exciting time at Lakeside, and we should all take some responsibility and interest to invite our friends and neighbors to share in our new journey. Specifically, I would like us to encourage church members who have been on the sidelines for some time to reengage. We have missed them!

Lakeside has been resilient in managing this extended period since Pastor Bill retired in June of '22. We learned to be resourceful as we networked to find "pulpit supply" who brought their own style to Lakeside, which many members came to appreciate. We also found critical leadership and guidance through Pastor Mary as our Interim Administrative Pastor. And our dependence on committees and volunteers during this period made each stronger and more capable. We have this unique moment to leverage these acquired capabilities to join with our new Pastor to revitalize Lakeside Community Lutheran Church.

Council V.P., Dave Swan