

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN NEWS

May 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

ADRC Every Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 11:00 am

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8:00 am Men

9:00 am Women

Fellowship & Coffee at JoMama's

May 1, 15 - 9:30 am

Community Quilters

May 6, 13, 20, 27 -

9:00 am Mission Quilting

May 7, 14, 21, 28 -

9:30 am Bible Study

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 14 & 15 - 8:00 am

Volunteers Yellow Lake Food Distribution

May 21 - 11:00 am

Church Kitchen Cleaning Day

May 22 - 12:30 pm Gather

Bible Study in the Library

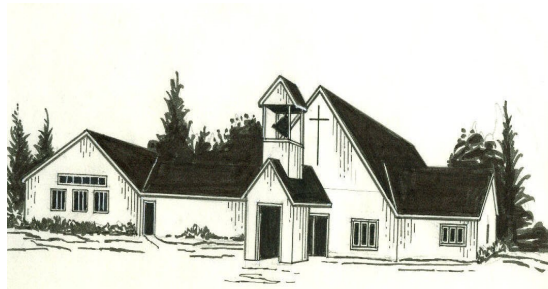
May 26 - Memorial Day



May 31 - 5:00 pm

Let's Reconnect Dinner

SUNDAY SCHEDULE



Sunday School and Confirmation 9am

Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10am

Watch Live Stream on our You Tube Channel



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MAY



Pondering with Pastor Peter

1 John 3:1-2

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are...Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.”

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

It is true! Christ is risen! But now what? All the Easter candy has been eaten. The ham is gone, and the bone is in the dutch oven for split pea soup. Is it back to life as usual?

The author of 1 John writes to a community of Jesus followers wrestling with many questions regarding life after the resurrection. Was Jesus of Nazareth really fully human and fully divine, or was Jesus fully divine and only appeared as human? These are only a couple of the questions that this group of Jesus followers wrestled with.

Thankfully, our Christian faith leaves room for questions. Commonly, we ask questions about life and death, baptism and hell. But what if we asked questions about God that weren't directly related to life and death? What if we asked questions about God that were about everyday life?

I think a valid question we could ask is, “If you’re a God that has conquered death, then how do you expect us to live in a world that doesn’t have the power to fill all the hungry, house all the homeless, or cure all the sick?” Listening and learning from you, I can see that you are a congregation who have asked this question; and have answered it and keep answering it.

That is, you keep showing up month after month to feed the hungry at the Yellow Lake Food Distribution; every Sunday morning, you keep welcoming each and every one of us who are new, who have been gone for a while, or have different needs; you keep showing up in God’s ear through prayer seeking answers and healing for all of those we know and don’t know.

If our church has answered the question and responded, what then is yet to be revealed when it says in 1 John, “Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed?”

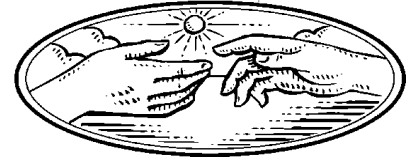
I truly believe that what God has yet to reveal to us is our capacity for even greater depths of love and grace through even more radical welcome, full inclusion, and limitless generosity. This is when we will be even more like him, and when we will see him as he is.

**Easter Blessings,
Pastor Pete**



WELCA NEWS

May 2025



Upcoming events for Lakeside Ladies.

Watch for dates for card making and fellowship coming in May.

Kitchen cleaning day will be May 21st at 11am. Please come help with our annual cleaning and reorganizing of the church kitchen. All helpful hands appreciated. No sign up required!!

Gather Bible study in church library at 12:30 on May 22nd. Study located in rack across from mailboxes.

June opportunities...

Christian Women's Retreat. Wed. June 4 & Thurs. June 5. Held at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. More info and sign up for registration available on board in Narthex. Please consider this fun event!!

We are still looking for someone to take over our baby bundle project if interested please contact anyone on the WELCA board.

Respectfully submitted co-presidents Jolyne Peterson and Sandy Fisher.

Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible Study will meet Thursday, May 22, 12:30 PM in the church library.
All women are welcome!

The theme is "Receiving the Spirit's Flame: Spiritual gifts in the life of the church."

Studies are available in the mailbox area tract rack. Included with this month's study is a "Spiritual gifts assessment tool" which you should complete at home prior to the study.

If you cannot attend the study, feel free to take a copy of the "Spiritual gifts assessment tool" to complete on your own.

You might be surprised to see where your gifts land!





May Birthdays

Ed Schmidt	05/09
Laura Smith	05/09
Ken Busby, Sr.	05/10
Karen Pate	05/12
Chuck Royce	05/14
Ken Busby, Jr.	05/20
Vicki Wier	05/21
Finnegan Phernetton	05/21
Doug Straub	05/25
Gretchen Treise	05/26
Danny Wheeler	05/29

SHEPHERDING & FELLOWSHIP



Thank you to the following April Shepherds

Shepherding Facilitator: Carol Aakhus

Conveners: Ken & Linda Dobson

Altar Guild: Linda Dobson and
Bonnie Niemi

Emme Montandon, Don & Billie Ward,
Bonnie Niemi, Cindy Kerr.

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.**

**MARCH ATTENDANCE
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**FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE
AT JOMAMA'S**

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

MEN - 8:00AM

LADIES - 9:00 AM

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

**The ADRC Meals Program started up again on Monday, April 21st.
Signup will be the same as before.**



Yellow Lake Food Distribution April 2025



Recap of Food Distribution for April

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We had a total of 596 families.

Children - 563

Adults - 651

Seniors - 509

Grand total of 1723 people

23080 pounds of food handed out.

Spent \$5109.33 on fish, cheese, canned carrots, soup, sloppy Joe mix, corn, rice, mashed potatoes, canned fruit, and apple juice.

Endowment Committee

Perhaps you have noticed the “Tree of Giving” in the narthex and the entrance to the church. The Tree of Eternal Gifts recognize donors of the Endowment Fund for their generosity. The Endowment Fund is a permanent, separate fund of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church that was established by the congregation in 1996. The Endowment Fund Committee consists of seven members of Lakeside elected by the congregation to oversee the management and distribution of the invested funds according to the Fund’s By-Laws and Policies. Current members are Lisa Busby, Kristy DuBois, Marilyn Gallman, Cris Kallas, Gary Kratz, Julie Swan & Danny Wheeler.

This past year contributions were made to support Yellow Lake Food Distribution, Ruby’s Food Shelf, Luther Seminary, scholarships, special music, and a Ministry of the Month match to help a Lakeside family get a new well. If you know of organizations or individuals that we can support, please contact a member of our committee.

Special offerings are taken in May to recognize Mother’s Day, and in November in recognition of All Saints Day; however, gifts of any amount are welcome, any time of the year. If you didn’t receive offering envelopes, you can note “Endowment” on a plain envelope or on your check, and it will get credited to the Fund. Please check out our brochure in the pew hymnal rack or learn “More About Us” on Lakeside’s website.

Blessings,
The Endowment Committee

Church Photo Directory Update!

We're excited to announce that our church will be creating an updated Photo Directory to help us stay connected and get to know one another better!

Photo sessions will be:

June 8 following the worship service

June 11 9 AM - 4 PM

June 15 following the worship service

Sign-up sheets located in the Narthex – be sure to reserve your 15 minute session

Each session is quick and easy, and you'll have the option to purchase digital files of your photos for just \$20.

This is a great way to put faces to names and celebrate the beautiful community we share.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at aandhlcl@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see all your smiling faces!



Save the date!

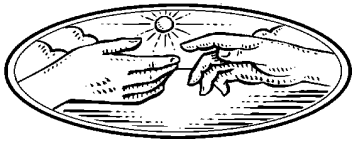
Lakeside Community Lutheran Church will be holding a blood drive on
Wednesday July 2nd.

The Installation of Pastor Peter will be held June 1
during the Sunday Worship Service.

★ Rev Diane House, Director of Evangelical Missions for the Synod will attend, lead the rite of
★ installation, and preach.

★ The Worship Service and Installation will be followed by a light lunch and celebration in the
★ Fellowship Hall.

★ We hope all our Congregation members will join Pastor Peter and his family to celebrate this
★ important day for Lakeside Community Lutheran Church.



Crescent Lake Community Outreach April 2025

In April Outreach helped with the following:

\$ 300.00 Electric
250.00 Electric
\$ 550.00 Total

If you know of someone struggling, please encourage them to reach out to the Church office.
All information is confidential and we have resources to help.
Thank you for your support of Outreach.

God Bless! Margy Rogers, Committee Member

Council Corner May 2025

During the coming months council will engage with Pastor Peter in working on our five identified strategic objectives. Our focus will be on our stewardship and outreach goals to grow membership; increase financial sustainability; and become more visible, engaged, and proactive in our community.

Council will also be looking at opportunities to coordinate and improve our church communication. This begins with identifying the many ways communications happen at Lakeside including the bulletin, newsletter, video, signage, website, Facebook, photography/church directory, etc. We want to improve coordination between the many volunteers involved in these areas and explore ways to enhance the look and consistency in our communication.

Work in the near term will include the photography of church membership and publishing an updated church directory. This will be led by Kayla Margl-Chastek, chairperson of Youth Ministry.

We also plan to take a fresh look at improving the content and style of the annual report, newsletter and social media (website/Facebook). Pastor Mary, while no longer in the role of Interim Administrative Pastor, will be a resource for the council as we reimagine and update the many areas of communication.

Council V.P., Dave Swan

Memorial Day (originally known as **Decoration Day**^[1]) is a [federal holiday in the United States](#) for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the [United States Armed Forces](#).^[2] From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30.^[3] Since 1971, it is observed on [the last Monday](#) of May.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place [American flags](#) on the graves of military personnel in [national cemeteries](#). Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of [summer](#).^[4]

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868.^[5] Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief [John A. Logan](#) of the [Grand Army of the Republic](#) to honor the [Union](#) soldiers who had died in the [Civil War](#).^[6] This national observance was preceded by many local ones between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, the [National Cemetery Administration](#), a division of the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#), credits [Mary Ann Williams](#) with originating the "idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers—Union and Confederate" with flowers.^[7]

Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873.^[7] By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The [world wars](#) turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military: [Armed Forces Day](#) (which is earlier in May), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, and [Veterans Day](#) (on November 11), which honors all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.^[8]

March 31, 2025 Treasurer's Report

The Lakeside Community Lutheran Church financial activity as of Mar 31, 2025 is:

	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Receipts	\$14,725	\$15,628	\$53,924
Total Expenses	\$14,725	\$15,347	\$31,812
Net		\$ 281	\$22,112
 Benevolence		 \$ 3,819	 \$ 5,130

The 2025 adopted annual budget equates to a monthly average of \$14,725. This budget level provided for our 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. Welcome Pastor Peter!

In Christ,
Daryl Sulander
Treasurer

Let's Reconnect 2025!

Once again, it's time to connect with old friends and new friends.
Please join us for a Fried Chicken Dinner complete with sides and beverages.

Saturday, May 31, 2025. 5:00PM
Lakeside Lutheran Church 28626 County Road H, Webster
Adult Tickets: \$15.00 Children under 10: \$8.00

Invite your friends and family.
Tickets will be sold at Lakeside Lutheran Church after the 10am service on Sundays in May through Sunday, May 25th. Deadline for purchasing tickets is May 25th. No refunds will be given after May 25th.

Checks should be payable to Lakeside Lutheran Church with a note that indicates "For Church Dinner" and the names of the attendees and whether they are adults or children. If checks are not received in person, the payment can be left at the Lakeside Church office or in the mail drop located under the bell tower (not the US Post mailbox).

Any tickets purchased by dropping off payment will be available at "Will Call" on May 31st.
If you have questions, please contact Linda Dobson at 612-209-8697 or linda@lindadobsonevents.com
We will be looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up.

For those that want to linger after dinner, we are offering a game night. Either bring a favorite game or partake in games provided by others.

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Dear Lakeside Community,
We're excited to announce that this year's **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will take place **July 7 - 11**, and we can't wait to welcome our students for a fun-filled week of faith, learning, and adventure!

Student registration is now open! If you have children or grandchildren who would like to attend, please sign them up as soon as possible to secure their spot.

Forms are available in the Narthex or online here: <https://forms.gle/2evSPWemsAPNJRyj6>

We're also looking for **volunteers** to help make this week a success. Whether you love teaching, crafting, leading games, or just lending a helping hand, there's a place for you on the team.

Please email lakesidelutheranyouthministry@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering this year.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant community and for helping us make VBS an unforgettable experience!

Peace and joy,
Lakeside Youth Ministry Team

