

# LAKESIDE NEWS

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*“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10: 24-25.*

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**julieslclc@gmail.com**  
(Note change in email address.)



## For Your Attention!

*Lakeside has a new telephone number!*

**(715) 624-4664**

*Please update your contacts, favorites,  
speed dials & rolodex!*





## PONDERINGS WITH PASTOR PETER

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Dear Lakeside Beloved's,

Wow, what a year we had in 2025!



Council President Kathy LeMay's accounting of how we showed up and answered the call to provoke one another to love and serve is a testament to the fortitude that is pervasive in our congregation. Week after week we showed up in love and with generosity for mission and ministry in 2025 and worshiped the One who called us, empowered us, and provided for us, meeting the needs of our neighbors in our community.

Creative provocation will continue to be one of our greatest gifts to share with each other in 2026. Each time we gather in service for our neighbor, fellowship with each other and check in, and worship the One that loves all, forgives all, and provides all for all, we are faithfully living into our call as Jesus followers.

Following Jesus into 2026, we most certainly are assured of even more opportunities to love and offer good deeds. Without question this way of following Jesus requires tenacious fortitude, generosity, and faith. Thankfully we have all three! Therefore, we are going to walk boldly into 2026; for when there is a missional need, we fill it; when there is a financial need, we share with generous hearts; when there is a need for connection, we gather in community and encourage one another. This is who we are. This is the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

Filled with hopefulness and excitement,

Pastor Peter

### “THE CHRISTMAS STORY: JOURNEY, BIRTH & SHEPHERDS”



## Council Corner

We begin 2026 with a look behind to a year of God's faithfulness at work among us. In January we called Peter Johnson to be our Pastor and in April welcomed him, Heidi, Jakobe, Thunder Luke, and Charlotte. During May we welcomed the return of the snowbirds, recognized our new members, celebrated our second annual Reconnect dinner, and on June 1, we celebrated the formal installation of our Pastor.

Throughout the summer, with the addition of Julie Swan as interim Office Administrator and support from congregational volunteers, systems were updated, modified or changed with the goal of building a cost efficient, effective, and results-based foundation that would support the Congregational goals going forward. Our goal in 2026 is to be in a position to hire a permanent, part-time office administrator.

The goal of creating a physical environment that was welcoming and nurturing began with the beautiful update to our Library. During 2026, the focus will continue as we look at the feasibility of updating our signage to digital and ways to enhance the entry and narthex of our church.

During 2025 a new Communications Committee was created to support the goal of Outreach. Their amazing commitment culminated with a new Church logo and tag line, an expansion of our annual report to tell our story, a video for our annual meeting highlighting the mission of our church, an update to our website, and expansion of our newsletter. We were challenged to update and publish our Church Directory during 2025 and this will be an achievable goal for 2026!

The partnership with Luther Park Danbury is building our Sunday School program with a focus on supporting our youth and their families as they grow in their faith. Their involvement in Sunday worship culminated with a children's worship service in December and continues our goal of expanding our Youth Ministry outreach.

The resignation of our Music Director challenged the Worship and Music Committee who lost no time in stepping up to continue the commitment to music as an integral part of our worship service. Our congregation is grateful for the music they provided during Advent, Children's Christmas Program, and Christmas Eve Service. We will continue our goal during 2026 to enhance our worship service music and improve the sound system within our sanctuary.

During 2025 our Treasurer Daryl Sulander and Financial Secretary Pat Sulander stepped down from their respective responsibilities and our congregation is grateful for the gifts of their time and talents they have shared over the years. Dave Swan, as Council VP, stepped in on an interim basis to provide financial oversight to the Council and Finance Committee. Our goal in 2026 is to meet the congregational commitment of increasing our giving by 15% and to continue to plan for the future capital needs of a church building that is almost 40 years old.

This past year has brought both joys and challenges, and through it all we have seen God's faithfulness at work among us. Whether through worship, fellowship, outreach, or quiet acts of kindness, our congregation has shown what it means to live out our faith in love and community. Each contribution—seen and unseen—has strengthened our church and reflected Christ's presence among us.

As we look ahead to the coming year, let us do so with renewed hope and trust, seeking God's will and remaining open to where the Spirit leads. May the new year be one of deepened faith and unity and may we continue to grow together in grace, serve with joyful hearts, and be a light to those around us.

Kathy LeMay  
On behalf of the LCLC Council



# LCLC ENDOWMENT NEWS

## JUNE 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 2025

The Endowment Fund takes special collections on All Saint's Day and Mother's Day but is happy to accept donations at any time. There are blue envelopes in your envelope box for your convenience or simply write "Endowment" on your check. Thank you for your generosity!

Donations received June - December:

Danny Wheeler – Birthday match  
Brenda Wheeler – Birthday match  
Estate of Robert Ziesch  
Dave & Julie Swan in memory of Ned Moore  
Jim & Deb Studley in memory of Curtis Studley  
Brenda & Danny Wheeler in memory of Gary Haugen  
Dawn & Doug Straub in memory of our loved ones  
Diane Gobel in memory of Jerry Gobel  
Ron & Ann Peterson in memory of Roy & Lucille McCain and Art & Verda Peterson  
Kathy LeMay in memory of John LeMay  
Steve & Marilyne Gallman in memory of Devan Nelson  
Mark & Shiela Treise  
Gary & Jodee Kratz in memory of Joleen Hover and Dariel Hover  
Dave & Linda Speidel in memory of Harold, Virginia & Millie  
Lauria & Tim Smith in memory of our parents  
Bonnie Niemi in memory of Del  
Joe Conner  
Kristy Dubois in memory of Ron DuBois and Herb & Rose Gustafson  
Dave & Julie Swan in memory of Ole Hytjan and in honor of Arden Swan



During 2025 we have provided support to LCLC Outreach, seminary tuition and debt reduction, student scholarships, special music, and Yellow Lake Food Distribution.

## MISSION QUILTING

What a great year we had in Mission Quilting. Since we shipped our 342 quilts to World Relief in October we have continued on to prepare for 2026. We have almost 100 quilts already packed for next year. We also delivered a gift of a quilt to each of the 15 boys that remained at Northwest Passage for Christmas.

Remember that you can donate any sheets, mattress pads, or blankets to help keep our costs down and allows us to keep making these loving quilts to help those in crisis. Also, any of you that haven't left to warmer climates can help us make quilt tops. We have a great group tying quilts on Tuesdays that we need to keep supplied. The green tote bags in the fellowship hall have thread and fabric. Nothing elaborate, just functional.

Check out the chart in the fellowship hall that shows where the quilts were delivered this year. From the 315,818 quilts donated, World Relief shipped 114,000 around the US to help with disasters.

Thank you for all your support.  
Mission Quilting Crew

# LAKESIDE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Loving Christ through Loving Community*



### YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thank you everyone that helped this month with food. Everything went great - even with it being a little crazy. We had a lot of volunteers both days. That was awesome!

We handed out 596 boxes of food totaling 21,861 pounds, and helped 1,718 people. I don't have the exact amount of our invoice, but it was around \$6,700. I spent more this month because we received a donation to purchase meat, so I spent about \$1,600 on hamburger. The food pantry in Centuria gave us bread which was almost enough for everyone to get some sort of bread item.

The items purchased were cereal, 2 kinds of soup, applesauce, corn, salad dressing, boxed potatoes, egg noodles, rice, corn muffins and the hamburger.

Our distribution in January is on Thursday, January 15th and the set up is the day before on the 14th. It is one of those funny months again with the set up on the second Wednesday and the distribution the 3rd Thursday!

Larry and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay well.

Debbie O'Connell  
Yellow Lake Food Distribution

### CRESCEENT LAKE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As we start this New Year we are so very thankful for the support we receive. Each year brings different challenges and we have tried to help in different ways to solve the problems that are present. In the past year we have helped with rent, utilities, car repairs, clothing, and groceries to name a few. The local school districts were helped with items that were not covered in their budgets. Our Thanksgiving baskets were a big help to 100 families to make sure they had a full Thanksgiving dinner.

On Tuesday November 25, 2025 we had all the groceries for the Thanksgiving Baskets delivered to the Webster High School. We can't thank the Webster National Honor Society enough for all the work they did to fill the 100 boxes with food. They were there at 9 am to haul all the food into the school and fill the boxes. Our total expense was \$3,516.15. Surprisingly, this was over \$100 less than last year.

Once again, thank you for your support. Amazingly we were able to help with approximately \$14,922.59 to support our community.

Thank you and God Bless!  
Margy Rogers, Committee Member



### ADRC NOON MEALS

The ADRC noon meals are back up and running! Sign up in the narthex 24 hours in advance and Mick Peterson will call ADRC to make your reservation. Meals are served most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 11:30 am.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Happy New Year!

Next time you are at church make sure you stop in the Library and see the three beautiful water color paintings Carol Aakhus created for our walls. They are absolutely perfect and we thank her for sharing her talent with us.

This is a great time of year to read. Check out the books in our library and sign out a selection from our Christian authors. On the left side of the book shelves you will find some daily devotionals that you can keep for the year and enjoy one reading each day of the year.

If you have any book suggestions, just let one of us know. We will continue to add to our library selection.

May 2026 bring you endless blessings and time to slow down and read.

Library Committee,  
Bonnie, Dawn, Jill

## November Attendance

In Person	340
On-Line	47
Recording Viewers	387

## December Birthdays

Joe Fisher	1/01
Pat Sulander	1/01
Mary Margaret Montandon	1/06
Derek Framsted	1/09
Paisley Framsted	1/12
Judy Tornowske	1/13
Nathan Chastek	1/16
Kinsley Framsted	1/21
Mary Nelson	1/23
Jim Groves	1/25
Elle Treague	1/25
Lizzy Treague	1/25
Charlotte Johnson	1/31



## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH UPDATE:

### The November Ministry of the Month, “Christmas for Kids” was highly successful!



*Jolyne Peterson and Deb Jackson presented Denny Blodgett with a \$1,500 check from Lakeside for the Interfaith Caregiver’s Christmas for Kids Program. In addition, a \$250 Thrivent Grant was used to purchase clothing items at the Log Cabin Store in Danbury.*

## PLUNK OR PLAY THE PIANO!

Sunday morning service is our collective offering of worship to God, not a performance for spectators. As a church family, we share all that we have and all that we can do. When it comes to music, some of us are in tune and some of us are not. All of it will always be enough for God and each other. Always.

If you can plunk or play the piano, your church family would love for you to share that gift masterfully or imperfectly periodically throughout the year.

If this sounds like fun to you or terrifies you, please reach out to me: [pastorpeter.lclc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpeter.lclc@gmail.com) or (715) 566-1992.

Jesus loves you,  
Pastor Peter



## NOVEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



### Shepherding Group:

Conveners: Bob & Vicki Struve

Ken Dobson	Jolyne Peterson
Terri Elfstrom	Mick Peterson
Sandie Fisher	Chuck Royce
Deb & Roger Jackson	Jill Schroeder
Gary & Jodee Kratz	Dawn Straub
Ken & Norma Olson	Pat & Daryl Sulander
Sue Oslund	Sandy Swanson
Larry & Sharon Wiemken	



Counters: Deb & Roger Jackson

### Stream Team:

Marshall Hoff  
Cindy Paulson  
Margy Rogers  
Tim Smith

**THANK YOU!**



## WELCA NEWS

### GATHER BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, January 29, 12:30 PM (CST) (note date change)**

We will meet together in the Library or via Zoom. Please contact Brenda Wheeler if you wish to have the Zoom link sent to your computer or phone. Studies are available in the mailbox area of the church, or online at Women of the ELCA.

#### **Winter Bible Studies: “Embodying prayer” by the Rev. Liv Larson Andrews**

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God, and one of the ways we respond to God speaking in our lives. At the same time, we may carry all kinds of baggage or heavy questions about prayer: Am I doing it “right?” Do I pray enough? Is prayer always done with words? This two-part Bible study looks to Scripture as a guide to explore some different ways we can pray with our bodies—and with the body of the earth.

#### **(January) Session One: Praying with our bodies**

Looking to the Apostle Paul, Mary, the Psalms and more, we’ll learn about and try three embodied practices of prayer based on breathing techniques, the use of beads (such as the rosary) and praying in different postures (sitting, standing and kneeling).

#### **(February) Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth**

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only for creation but with creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.

January 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	<b>5</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	<b>6</b> Quilting - 9:00 AM Worship & Music - 10 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	<b>7</b> Yoga - 9:00 AM	<b>8</b> Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	<b>9</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	<b>12</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	<b>13</b> Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Council - 1:00 PM AA - 7 PM	<b>14</b> Yellow Lake Food Dist - 8 AM Yoga - 9:00 AM	<b>15</b> Yellow Lake Food Dist - 8 AM Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	<b>16</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	<b>19</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	<b>21</b> No Yoga	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	<b>26</b> ADRC - 11:30 AM No Yoga	<b>27</b> Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	<b>28</b> No Yoga	<b>29</b> Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Gather Bible Study - 12:30 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>