

LAKE SIDE NEWS

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Worship with
Holy Communion every
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Live Stream on our
YouTube Channel

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- **God Is On The Move!** Read about new leadership in the Council Corner, and appreciation for those who have served.
- **Outreach:** See how Lakeside supports our community.
- Read about the November **Mission of the Month** in the WELCA article on page 4.

Pastor Peter and his family will be on vacation November 9 - 15. While he's away, Pr. Doug Olson will be on call for pastoral care. If a need arises while Pastor Peter is away, please contact Council President Kathy LeMay at (651) 895-3182 or the church office at (715) 635-7791.

"CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY"

*LCLC's video created by Marshall Hoff
is available on our YouTube channel*

God is on the move at
Lakeside!





PONDERINGS WITH PASTOR PETER

Luke 6:27;31:

27 "But I say to you who are listening:... 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Dear Lakeside Beloved's,

It may not come as a surprise that I was quite the squirrely kid. I was always craving movement and the ability to express creativity. In my early years, I lived to build refrigerator box forts. (My mother not so graciously but always quietly allowed me to ruin her serrated steak knives to cut the cardboard.) As those early years wore on, those fridge box forts evolved into elaborate mini-living quarters with the addition of different rooms built from other sized boxes. As I grew older, these child-sized living quarters inspired me to build detailed housing complexes in our barn for my menagerie of farm animals.

Looking back at my childhood, there were a couple of constants that accompanied all of my creative endeavors. One constant would be the continued affirmation from my folks on the fine craftsmanship and attention to detail that I gave to the design, build, and ultimately the loving care I took of all my animals; the other – my inability to sit still and focus in school which at times was perceived as bad behavior. However, for some reason, when my incessant need for movement and creative expression was labeled bad behavior, my dad would just say, "yep, he hears well, he just don't listen worth a darn." (For the record, if my behavior at school wasn't because of my incessant need for movement and creative expression, I was assured to receive 2X at home of whatever was dished out at school.) Reflecting on those parts of my childhood, I can see that Mom & Dad were hearing the concerns of the school and listening intently to their son; granting me the room to express creativity and the space to love.

When I hear Jesus commanding attention from his hearers, I envision Jesus teaching in hope;

teaching the importance of listening and hoping for all to see a better way. His way. There are no simple answers to the questions of our world or the mystery of the kin-dom to come. Neither is there an easy response to the teachings of Jesus, especially when facing division, judgment through perception, discrepancy in just distribution of resources, and inflamed socio-political ties. How then, might we as listeners of the gospel, seek unity, assess rather than judge, share each other's resources for the betterment of all in the community, and extinguish the flaming pursuit of rightness for the righteous quest of solidarity? One tangible way is acknowledging that each of us are in need of each other and our neighbor, each other's and our neighbors gifts, and God's grace.

Therefore, standing on the shoulders of the saints that have gone before us and by the generosity of the endowment fund made possible through contributions both past and present, we as Lakeside Community Lutheran Church, partner with the Yellow Lake Food Distribution to do to others as we would have them do to us; seek unity, assess rather than judge, share each other's resources for the betterment of all in the community, and extinguish the flaming pursuit of rightness for the righteous quest of solidarity.

How might we listen and respond to the teachings of Jesus and the call of the Holy Spirit in other tangible ways?

Jesus loves you.

In loving pursuit,
Pastor Peter





COUNCIL CORNER

God Is On The Move - Alleluia!

This was the theme of our annual meeting in October. The meeting opened with our new video created by Marshall Hoff with the support of Pastor Peter and our Communications Committee. This video and our newly designed annual report share stories of our amazing congregational commitment to the mission of our Church. Soon you will find a link to the video on our website.

The Church Photo Directory is in the final stage of formatting. We had a few delays and challenges, but hope that it will be printed and available to our Congregation in early 2026.

At the October Council meeting, newly elected members Sandie Fisher, Karen Pate and Ron Peterson were welcomed. Retiring Council Members Carol Aakus, Bob Proehl, and Danny Wheeler, and Recording Secretary Cris Kallas, were recognized for their contribution to the Council.

Our Congregation owes much gratitude to Daryl and Pat Sulander for their commitment to LCLC. Daryl has stepped down as Treasurer having served 5 years and Pat has stepped down as Financial Secretary having served for the past year. They not only gave

so much to these positions but the time and energy they gave to administrative functions during a time we were without a called pastor and office manager is appreciated beyond measure.

Dave Swan has agreed to serve as interim Treasurer in addition to his role as Council Vice President. He will be supporting the Council and Finance Committee in the analysis and reporting of financial information and strategic planning. Jen Hammond has stepped down as bookkeeper with her move to another community and Julie Swan, as administrative assistant, will assume responsibility for the accounting functions. Julie will be supported by congregational members who have offered to assist with some of the office functions.

I am honored and humbled that our Lakeside Congregation elected me to continue to serve as your Council President. Please know that I welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we keep God on the move within LCLC.

Blessings,

Kathy LeMay, Council President



Lakeside's Annual Meeting
October 12, 2025
"A Celebration of Ministry"

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



WELCA News – November 2025

A huge thank you to the 39 women who attended our Annual Fall Retreat at Luther Park on October 6th. In a thank you note from our speaker, Pati Kachel, she summed it up well: “May our dear Lord Jesus continue to bless your faith-hearty women of Lakeside. Your women are making a huge impact in your community and the world. God is surely smiling down on you all.”

Thankoffering Sunday will be November 9th. Thankofferings are given to support the life changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. All monies collected will be sent to churchwide in praise to God for all he has done and continues to do in our lives. Thank you to all who gave to Mission of the Month for Thankofferings in October.

Mission of the Month for November will be “Christmas for Kids”. Interfaith Caregivers of Burnett County is sponsoring this program for Burnett County families. Last year over 300 children received new clothes and toys. They need our help! Your financial support will allow the Christmas for Kids program to continue. Your donations are tax deductible. If writing out a check, please make it to Lakeside Community Lutheran Church and put “Christmas for Kids” in the memo part of your check. If you know of a child who could benefit, please have the family call Rita at (715)566-2326 to receive a wish list application. Toys will be accepted and can be placed under the Christmas tree in the narthex. Also, hats, mittens and socks are needed and appreciated!

Upcoming Events:

- Gather Bible Study, November 20th at 12:30 pm in the library. Study can be found across from the mailboxes in the narthex.
- WELCA board meeting, Monday, Dec. 12th at 10 am.
- Watch for details of an Advent Potluck in December to wrap up “Christmas for Kids”.

Respectfully submitted by,
Co-Presidents Jolyne Peterson & Sandie Fisher.



Thankofferings can be received anytime throughout the year, but traditionally, most are received in the fall of the year.

The Thankoffering tradition goes back to the 1800's or even earlier. Then, when it seemed there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action by setting aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. The women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds. When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1988, a commitment was made to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings.

Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA (printed materials, website, grants, scholarships, leadership training, support of congregations and synodical women's organizations, justice, and advocacy work). The Thankofferings received are sent entirely to Women of the ELCA.



LAKESIDE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Loving Christ through Loving Community

YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



On October 16th we served a total of 604 families, a total of 1,737 people. 19,454 pounds of food was distributed.

\$5,321.03 was spent on cereal, soup, mac & cheese, diced tomatoes, egg noodles, beans, muffins, pancake mix, syrup and hamburger.

We were totally out of food, cleaned up, and gone by 10 am. That is amazing!

What a wonderful month with lots of volunteers, new and old. I always say, "the more the better!"

The next distribution is on November 19 & 20.

Thanks again, everyone! You are an awesome bunch of people!

Debbie O'Connell
Yellow Lake Food Distribution



Marilyn Gallman, 2026 Endowment Fund Chair, presented a check to Debbie & Larry O'Connell to cover one month's food cost in support of Yellow Lake Food Distribution.

CRESCENT LAKE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

October 2025

During the month of October we were able to help with the following:

\$300.00	Rent
<u>300.00</u>	Water bill
\$600.00	Total

In November we are planning to give 100 Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in our community. These baskets will contain everything needed to prepare a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Once again, we are only asking for monetary gifts. As we age, we have found it more difficult to transport all the generous donations of food we have received. So, the last couple years we have ordered all the food from Wayne's in Webster. They load all the food into our vehicles, we drive to the Webster High School, and the National Honor Society members unload everything from our vehicles. This has truly been a blessing!

You can use the green envelopes in your offering box or you can make a check out and make a notation on it for Crescent Lake.

Thank you for your support of Outreach!
God Bless!

Margy Rogers, Committee Member



LIBRARY NEWS

We have a sign out binder in our new library now. Please enjoy taking a book and just record the date, book/author, and your name. When you return the book in the basket at the bottom of the bookcase just enter the return date in the sign out binder. This will help us if someone is looking for a specific book, especially if it is in a series.

Books on the right side of the bookcase are fiction/nonfiction and sorted by author. On the left side are Bibles, Bible studies, and devotionals. Please take and enjoy those for as long as you need. The same goes for the Children's books at the bottom left. These books are small and you might want to take several at a time!

If you have any suggestions for books, please let us know. We are still purchasing more publications to fill our shelves. Also, we will take donations of Christian books that are in good condition and newer than 2000.

Thank you,
Dawn Straub, Jill Schroeder, and Bonnie Niemi



Birthday Years
and
Donation Matched

Dick Haag



Everyone is encouraged to join one of **Lakeside's Shepherding** groups. Participants support basic functions of ministry, particularly during worship services and fellowship. There are many ways to serve (usher, greeter, lector, etc.) and each member may choose the areas in which they would like to help. Contact Carol Aakhus at (218) 820-0374, sign up in the narthex, or call the church office (715) 635-7791.



MANY THANKS FOR ALL WHO MADE TRUNK OR TREAT A HUGE SUCCESS!

Joining together with Scott Twp Fire & Rescue and others from the community, we hosted a safe and enjoyable Trunk or Treat experience for all ages! Following the example of Jesus of filling hearts, wine jugs, and baskets, we filled hearts with Jesus love, bags with candy, and tummies with warm food and authentic hospitality. A genuine success!

Blessed to be a blessing in building a stronger community through serving and by being community together.



November Birthdays

Heidi Johnson	11/01
Doug Elfstrom	11/03
Carol Reynolds	11/03
Alta Bauer	11/07
Tim Smith	11/08
Kari Hurley	11/08
Marilyne Gallman	11/08
Dave Foote	11/08
Dave Swan	11/10
Joan Volkmann	11/12
Barbara Behan	11/14
Dawn Straub	11/16
Lydia DuBois	11/17
Bart Volkmann	11/17
Vi Ingalls	11/18
Anna Treague	11/24
Angel Nelson	11/24
Bryan Dugstad	11/27
Dotty Busby	11/30
Margy Rogers	11/30



October Acknowledgements

Shepherding Group:

Conveners Sandie Fisher & Sue Oslund

Joyce Bailey

Joe Connor

Ken & Linda Dobson

Joe Fisher

Bonnie Niemi

Lenny Oslund

Jolyne & Charley Peterson

Mick Peterson

Marcia & Bob Proehl

Jill Schroeder

Linda Speidel

Dawn & Doug Straub

Anna Treague

Counters Bob & Vicki Struve

Stream Team:

Marshall Hoff

Cindy Paulson

Margy Rogers

Tim Smith

THANK YOU!

September Attendance

In Person	323
On-Line	36
Recording Viewers	260

Do you have announcements for the
bulletin or this newsletter?

Please forward to
julie@lakesidewebster.org.

MISSION OF THE MONTH UPDATE:

Mission Quilting

What an amazing year! We shipped 342 quilts and 44 dress kits on October 11th. Our total shipping cost was \$1,036.80. Some churches ship their quilts, but are not able to pay the shipping costs. We have always covered our expenses and this year no exception. The September Mission of the Month collected \$886 and JoAnn Warner got a \$250 Thrivent grant which totals \$1,136! Thank you once again for your generosity.

We can't thank you enough for all the help received to move the boxes up from the basement; the Friday crew loading the trailer that VanPykeren's let us use; and then Marsha and Pete hauling the trailer to Rice Lake. We pray God blesses all of you each day.

Well....here we go into another year.....how many this year??

Thank you

Dawn Straub and the Dedicated Mission Quilters



November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	3 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	4 Election Day Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	5 Yoga - 9:00 AM	6 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM Property Committee - 9:00 Community Quilters - 9:30 ADRC - 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM	7 ADRC - 11:30 AM	8
9 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	10 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	11 Veterans Day Quilting - 9:00 AM Worship & Music - 10 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Council Meeting - 1 PM AA - 7 PM	12 Yoga - 9:00 AM	13 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	14 ADRC - 11:30 AM	15
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