

LAKE SIDE NEWS

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Worship with
Holy Communion every
Sunday at 10 am

Live Stream on our
YouTube Channel



Coming Soon!

Lakeside's "Kids Zone"

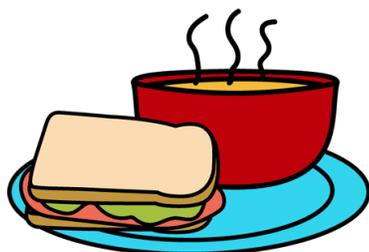
Please join us on Sunday, February 8th for the "Blessing of Lakeside's Kids Zone." This area in the front of the sanctuary will be a welcoming space for families and their children - especially those that have the wiggles! Read more about it in the Council Corner.

Do you have announcements for the
bulletin or this newsletter?

Please forward to
julieslclc@gmail.com
(Note change in email address.)



ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER



Come for food and fellowship!

February 18, 2026

5 pm Supper

6 pm Worship Service





PONDERINGS WITH PASTOR PETER

Matthew 14:16-21

16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Dear Lakeside Beloved's,

This past week Thunder needed his semi-annual blood draw to measure the seizure medication levels. This is one way that in partnership with his neurologist, we can proactively attempt to reduce the chances for seizures. Thankfully, having these labs done twice a year as part of his care plan, is helping tremendously. However, Thunder Luke after years of surgeries and pokes, is quite fearful of lab draws and is triggered by different parts that are used. Thus we need a plan.

Working together with doctors, nurses, lab techs, and our care coordinator, we have created and adjusted plans to assure successful lab draws. When we were planning for this last blood draw, we knew that our previous plan needed to be adjusted. Thus through prayer between Heidi and I and several conversations with many on his team, we formulated a new plan. I am pleased to share that this most recent blood draw was successful. It was the most seamless and least traumatic that he's ever experienced. Let's just say that he doesn't remember a thing!

When I called our care coordinator to share the good news, she shared in our joy but couldn't stop chuckling. Finally I asked what part of this she was finding humorous? She began to share that all she could picture was Colonel "Hannibal" Smith from the A-Team leaning against the door frame, smoking a cigar and saying, "I love it when a plan comes together." I burst out laughing and couldn't agree more. I love it when a plan comes together too. Although, Mr. T was

my favorite member of the A-Team. So much so that I was Mr. T one year for Halloween!

You will read Council President Kathy LeMay's article to you on behalf of the council and see that our church is buzzing with excitement in all the ways our church is moving forward and ready to celebrate 40 years of being Lakeside Community Lutheran Church!

The vitality of our church over the last 40 years and the blessing of continuing to love Christ through loving community, has and is being accomplished through mindful planning, faithful discernment, and courageously trusting in God's provision through generosity.

At the culmination of 2026, I'm confident we will see lives that were touched by missions, and children whose faith was deepened through Sunday School, VBS, and our congregation full of loving grandparents. I believe that our congregation will respond with generous hearts, meeting a budget that positions us for sustainability. I trust that through our mindful planning, faith discernment, and the hope and provision found in Jesus Christ, that we are the disciples who will follow Jesus into the next 40 years of our Lakeside Community Lutheran Church's call to love Christ through loving community. I love it when a plan comes together!

Jesus loves you!

Pastor Peter



Council Corner

Financial

According to the Lakeside Community Lutheran Church Congregational Constitution:

“The Congregational Council shall be the board of trustees of this congregation and, as such, shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and managing its business and fiscal affairs”.

The Council carried out their responsibilities in this area at the January council meeting with the following actions:

- Elected Dave Swan as Treasurer with authority to sign on behalf of the church. (Dave will remain in the position of VP until a successor is appointed or elected by the congregation.)
- Elected Deb Studley to serve as a member of the LCLC Finance Committee.
- Reviewed and accepted the 2025 year-end financial statements recognizing that the annual income from offerings was below budget and actual expenses were below budget yielding a favorable variance.
- Recognized the goal of the Finance Committee, Property Committee, and Council to increase the Building Reserve Fund for 2025 by making a year-end adjustment of \$27,299 to increase the Fund
- Accepted Pastor Peter’s request that 10% of the favorable year-end variance be accrued for benevolence in the form of a tithe to broaden the scope of LCLC mission work.

Stewardship

We can achieve our approved 2026 budget by increasing our average giving of \$50 per month, per household. It is the hope of the council that our congregation will continue the commitment to be a Spirit-filled church.

KidsZone

The Council received a written proposal from parents of children enrolled in Sunday School and Anna Treague, Sunday School Liaison, to create a family “Kids Zone” in the front part of the sanctuary. This space will be designed to welcome present and future children worshipping with their families. The proposal was approved and forwarded to the Property Committee for implementation and to the Endowment Fund Committee for funding of items needed for the space.

Communications

The revision of the LCLC website is nearing completion with the support of an outside consultant and members Cindy Paulson and Julie Swan. The Communications Committee will be meeting to review the work to date and the plan to manage the site going forward. As this project nears the end, the finalizing of the church directory will take place.

LCLC 40th Anniversary

The first worship service in our church building was held on Christmas Eve 1984. By marking 40 years, this will be an exciting year for our church! The council will be appointing a committee to oversee the planning of events throughout the year in celebration of our history and our future. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the planning – it should be lots of fun!!!

Kathy LeMay
On behalf of the LCLC Council





LAKESIDE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Loving Christ through Loving Community

January 21, 2026

Dear Lakeside Congregation,

As we welcome 2026, we can be proud of our accomplishments this past year as *God is on the Move, Alleluia!*

Last year, our congregation came forward financially, committing our generosity to call Pastor Peter. This past October, our congregation approved a budget increase for 2026 to compensate our pastor and staff for twelve months, believing that God will guide us to meet this commitment.

Responding to God's guidance and provision, each one of us can make the difference by committing to increase our giving during the coming year. Giving is not only a financial decision – it's a spiritual act of trust and discipleship anchoring us together in Christ. Together as individuals and as a collective faith community, we will continue building a welcoming and thriving church, where all people worship and belong.

We can achieve our approved 2026 budget by increasing our average giving of \$50 per month, per household. With God's guidance and provision, and through your generosity, our Lakeside Community Lutheran Church will continue to be a Spirit-filled congregation that lives out its mission of *Loving Christ through Loving Community*.

With deep gratitude,

Pastor Peter Johnson
Kathleen LeMay, President on behalf of the LCLC Council
David Swan, Vice President and Treasurer



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PASTORAL RESPONSE TO THE ICY CONFLICT IN MINNEAPOLIS

Galatians 6:1-2

¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.



Dear Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I write to you in the midst of families in fear and mourning, a city under siege, and a country grossly divided. I come to you in blissful hope of a love so pure and a gospel so compelling that we can only find one way, and that way is together.

My friends, it is not difficult to detect transgressions amongst each other. Social media makes those visible and clear. Arguments are made, opinions are spewed, and judgments are cast. Right or wrong, valid or invalid, legal or illegal, the verdict is declared. Every transgression to be justified by one side or the other.

The Apostle Paul challenges the one who has received the Spirit to restore the transgressor, most notably, in a spirit of gentleness. In this time of social, civil, and emotional unrest, most assuredly if one was asked who the transgressor is, their finger would point to the other. After all, in this public display of power and resistance, are not both sides victims? If for no other reason than proximity, circumstance, or choice? It's easy to criminalize a victim, justify dominance, or validate disruption of the enforcers for the perceived betterment of the whole. Hence the passionate convictions from both sides.

Unable to identify the transgressor with certainty, at least from the perspective of consensus with the whole of both sides, should we then ask who among us are the ones who have received the Spirit? Would they be the identifying marker of where restoration begins? Which side would the Spirit choose to indwell to stir one of God's beloved into action of gentleness? This is where the gospel gets tricky.

When there are two sides, there is not only one side that God loves and not only one side that the Spirit dwells. The Apostle Paul, when addressing the church in Galatia, was not addressing transgressors as those outside the community and the Spirit filled as the righteous within. Paul was writing to a faith community where the Spirit dwells within the transgressor; the transgressors were the same people the Spirit chose to indwell and thus called to the work of restoration in the spirit of gentleness. Therefore inviting us into the holy work of carrying each other's burdens, even when that looks like firm resistance and mustering compassion for the other side.

Peaceful community does not come with the absence of transgressors, transgressions, opinions, or even sides. It begins with a God that loves "us so much that we also ought to love one another...[for] if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit." (1 John 4:11-13)

Where there is hurt and mourning, how might you carry another's burden to a place of comfort and healing? Where there are timbers of brokenness, how might you shoulder them to the shore of hope and build a bridge to unity? How might our prayers be a call of gentle activism for peace, unity, and love?

Finally, brothers and sisters, bound together by the Cross of Christ and in the spirit of gentleness for the hope of peaceful community, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Peter



LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day!

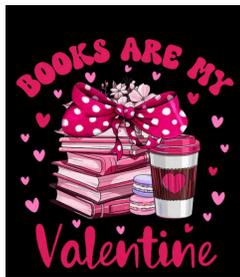
February is the month we all think about love and Valentine's Day.

In the center section of our bookcase there are some Christian historical romance series. Tamera Alexander has the Belmont Mansion series consisting of three books staged in Nashville at the Belmont mansion.

There are many other books for our men too. Take some time and check out a book for those cold winter days.

Happy reading!

Library Committee,
Bonnie, Dawn, Jill



December

Attendance

(5 Sundays + Christmas Eve)

In Person	329
Live Viewers	54
Recording Viewers	437

February Birthdays

Tanya Nelson	2/01
Don Christensen	2/08
Judy Dugstad	2/09
Ashton Hagen	2/09
Nathan Swan	2/09
Scott Treague	2/11
David Boldon	2/14
Christopher Snyder	2/17
Cynthia Kerr	2/21
Charley Peterson	2/21
Ronald Peterson	2/22
Kristy DuBois	2/24
Jodi Campbell	2/28
Ken Dobson	2/28



MISSION OF THE MONTH UPDATE

The December MoM: Yellow Lake Food Distribution



The congregation of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church once again gave with generous hearts to support this important ministry in our community. Contributions of \$4,404 were received plus a \$3,000 match from the LCLC Endowment Fund provided Yellow Lake Food Distribution with \$7,404.

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 or (715) 566-1992.

Jesus loves you,
Pastor Peter





YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thank you everyone that volunteered this month. The snow held off, but it was still really cold. Our numbers were down this month possibly due to weather, or maybe because the distribution was so early this month. However, we served 549 families, a total of 1,565 people served. We handed out 20,258 pounds of food and spent \$5,031.89 on cereal, 2 kinds of soup, pears, sloppy joe mix, pancake mix, syrup and hamburger.

Thank you again to all who helped this month. You are the best!

Our next distribution is on February 19th. The February food of the month is **boxed potatoes**.

Stay warm,
Debbie O'Connell
Yellow Lake Food Distribution



Flowers beautify the altar area of our church and are a meaningful way to honor someone special or remember a loved one. If interested, please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex to reserve a date. You are welcome to bring your own arrangements or order from Austin Lake Greenhouse in Webster. They'll even deliver!



GATHER BIBLE STUDY

WINTER BIBLE STUDY - PART II

“Embodied 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.

(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.

We will meet together in the Library or via Zoom on **Thursday, February 26th at 12:30 pm** 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.



DECEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Shepherding Group:

Conveners: Pat & Daryl Sulander

Carol Aakhus	Wayne & Laurie Lundeen
Joyce Bailey	Ken Olson
Ken & Dotty Busby	Sue Oslund
Donna Devic	Mick Peterson
Terri Elfstrom	Bob & Marcia Proehl
Sandie Fisher	Dave Speidel
Steve & Marilyne Gallman	Doug & Dawn Straub
Mary Heenan	Bob & Vicki Struve

Counters: Pat & Daryl Sulander

Stream Team:

Marshall Hoff
Cindy Paulson
Margy Rogers
Tim Smith

Altar Guild:

Bonnie Neimi
Linda Speidel



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January Attendance (3 Sundays)

In Person	157
Recording Viewers	232



Guidelines for Worship Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather

Guidelines have been established to determine if church services will be cancelled. If the wind chill factor is -25 degrees, or if we have 6" of snow, or travel advisories have been issued, church may be canceled. An announcement will be sent via email and posted on FaceBook by 6pm the Saturday prior.

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	2 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	3 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	4 Yoga - 9:00 AM Bible Study - 9:30 AM	5 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM Community Quilters - 9:30 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	6 ADRC - 11:30 AM Renew & Refrsh Retreat at Luther Park Danbury	7
8 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM Blessing of the "Kids Zone"	9 WELCA Board Mtg - 10 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	10 Quilting - 9:00 AM Worship & Music - 10 AM Council Meeting - 1 PM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	11 Yoga - 9:00 AM Bible Study - 9:30 AM Council - 1:00 PM	12 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	13 ADRC - 11:30 AM	14
15 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	16 Presidents' Day NO ADRC Yoga - 6:00 PM	17 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	18 Yoga - 9:00 AM Bible Study - 9:30 AM Soup & Sandwiches - 5 PM Ash Wednesday Svc - 6 PM	19 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	20 Newsletter Deadline ADRC - 11:30 AM Renew & Refrsh Retreat at Luther Park Danbury	21
22 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	23 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	24 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	25 Yoga - 9:00 AM Bible Study - 9:30 AM	26 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Gather Bible Study - 12:30 PM	27 ADRC - 11:30 AM Oak Forest Renew Retreat in Frederic	28