

APRIL 2026 LAKESIDE NEWS

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He is risen indeed!
Allelulia!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NW Synod Assembly	4/25
Whispering Waters	5/27
Reconnection Dinner	5/30
Vacation Bible School	7/6 - 7/10
Chuck Craine Concert	8/26





PONDERINGS WITH PASTOR PETER

Colossians 3:1-4

³So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your[a] life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Dear Easter People of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church,

Wow, what a Holy Week we had together! First we kicked-off Holy Week on Palm Sunday by watching Jesus roll in on the squeaky donkey, while the Kids Zone kids shared with us the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Following that we combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday together, gathering on Good Friday for a deeply moving service where feet were washed, communion was celebrated and shared, and we were drawn into the mystery of God's grace by hanging what bound us on the cross; concluding Holy Week on Easter Sunday with shouts of praise and alleluias for a Christ that conquered death for our sake.

Now it is after Easter, the tomb is empty, and everything has changed. Or has it?

The people of the church in Colossae make a pretty bold statement in Chapter 3. They are claiming that as a people of faith, since Christ has died and rose again, we too through faith have died to our old self and thus rising in its place we are a new life emerging. This is pretty radical stuff then and now. They knew however, that in Christ's rising, they were changed; not different, changed. Possibly like our Wednesday night worship services? I think so.

One of the many conversations that I had with Cindy and Fred was recognizing the rich tradi-

tion of gathering mid-week over summer on our lakefront for worship, fellowship, and communion. Interestingly, the conversation was not about resuscitating something that had died. It was about believing that God is breathing new life into this ministry of connection in creation. Thus not a different ministry, but changed. This I believe, is how God reveals His resurrection hope on this side of heaven. That is, sometimes when things don't look different, they are still changed. What has changed are the faces of the ones gathering. We give thanks for the generations who gathered on the shores before us, setting the example for intentional invitation, forging an ethos of grace, and a message of hope and love that transcends generations.

What isn't different is the mission; to love Christ through loving community. There is always a place for everyone here at Lakeside Community Lutheran Church and our summer long Whispering Waters worship services. Therefore we praise God for transformed hearts, breathing new life in Whispering Waters worship services, and making all things and people new.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In resurrection promise,
Pastor Peter



Council Corner



Congratulations Pastor Peter!

This month we celebrate the one year anniversary of Pastor Peter leading our congregation. So much has happened during the past twelve months and we are looking forward to his continuing leadership in growing a strong vibrant church. We also congratulate him on his invitation to be a speaker at the Philadelphia area Synod's Love Revolution Conference to be held this April.

Stewardship

At the March council meeting, the financial status for the first two months was addressed with the guidance of our treasurer Dave Swan. Income/offerings continued for the third month to be below budget but was offset by expenses below budget yielding a small favorable position for the first 3 months. We are still hopeful that our congregation will increase giving to meet the commitment of the 2026 budget.

The Council voted to reintroduce the on-line giving option through Vanco which was implemented in

2009 but never promoted. It will allow our congregation members to make one time or reoccurring financial gifts through the Vanco link using either a bank account or credit card. In addition, a giving category will be created on the website with a direct link to Vanco with options for general giving, Endowment, Memorials, Kids Zone and any other categories we wish to create. For visitors, there will be information in the bulletin and pew cards with the QR code so "loose offerings" can be gifted during the offertory portion of the worship service. This was implemented on Easter Sunday.

Outreach

The Council continues to pursue the opportunity to create merchandise (shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, etc) using the new church logo. This is within our goal for outreach as we continue our goal to be visible within our community. It is our hope to have ordering information available in the spring.

Kathy LeMay, Council President



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church is a welcoming church. In finding new and meaningful ways to lift up who we are at our core, a "Church Ambassadors" group has been formed. Mick Peterson has offered to lead this effort and is supported by Ambassadors Marilyn Gallman, Laurie Lundeen, Cindy Paulson, and Jolyne Peterson. Heidi Johnson will contribute by preparing a welcome gift for visitors.

With their leadership, we hope everyone can participate in greeting visitors both during Sunday morning worship and afterwards in Fellowship.



Bishop's Easter Message

2026

To the beloved of the NWSWI,

Happy Easter to you as we celebrate the most sacred day of the year when Jesus squarely looked death in the face and overcame the grave! When I think about what that says about our God, I am continually overwhelmed by feelings of gratitude because of the sheer depth of God's love. To think about what Jesus went through in those final days, it is simply the best illustration of what God's grace looks like – a gift to us as individuals and as a family of faith – all without merit.

While on a Civil Rights pilgrimage last month, I found myself quite perplexed when listening to the central message of many civil rights leaders, including many that I met in person. While visiting Birmingham, I worshiped at the 16th St. Baptist Church, which was bombed on a Sunday morning just before worship on Sept. 15, 1963. Four young women (all teens) died in the blast as they were preparing to serve in the youth led service. As our group heard about the story in the tour the day before our worship, this central message was proclaimed – love. Later that day we spent time with another black leader in the city whose ancestors were also victims of white supremacy. She too acknowledged the central message that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught over and over in his messages – a message of love, even for your enemies.

That struck me. When victims of oppression look at their oppressors and can maintain a posture of love in hopes that the hatred they've experienced would someday be extinguished, I could only think about the depths of God's love. While most of us would at minimum defend ourselves from the oppressive actions taken against them, if not fight back and seek retribution, they instead turned to love and forgiveness. It is their faith in God that could give them the strength to practice love.

We still live in a world where hatred and prejudice exist. But the story of Easter is rooted in love. Jesus went to the cross after praying in the garden of Gethsemane, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42) Your will be done. This is true sacrifice rooted in love for humankind. This is love revealed to broken and sinful people. This is a love for us all – no exception.

As we celebrate the day Christ rose from the dead, offering forgiveness to all humankind, let us rejoice in acts of love. Let us respond to God's gift of grace through acts of love!



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is entrusted with two primary responsibilities:

- During monthly meetings, the committee reviews and evaluates our financial status in relation to the established budget.
- With contributions from other committees and council members, we develop and propose the annual budget.

The Finance Committee aims to enhance transparency by sharing monthly financial updates with the congregation. These reports will typically include year-to-date income and expenses, along with comparisons to budgeted figures. We encourage feedback from members of the congregation regarding any additional information that would be beneficial. Financial updates will be provided regularly through the monthly newsletter.

Committee members are available for direct contact should you have questions or require further clarification.

The current members of the Finance Committee are:

- Ken Dobson – dobsonk560@gmail.com
- Dick Haag – rhaag8914@yahoo.com
- Deb Studley – dstudley48@gmail.com
- Dave Swan – daveslclc@gmail.com



We are seeking new members to join the Finance Committee.

This is an excellent opportunity to contribute and serve the congregation!

Dick Haag, Chair

Financial Performance Indicators				
February 2026				
Income Statement				
	February	February	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income (Donations)	¹ \$24,192	\$19,764	\$35,355	\$39,528
Expenses	\$13,474	\$18,172	\$30,837	\$36,344
	¹ Includes some Jan. income carryover due to church service cancellation the last week in Jan.			
Attendance				
	February	February	YTD	YTD Last
	Actual	Last Yr.	Actual	Yr.
Attendance (In-Person)	182	162	339	367
Attendance (Ash Wednesday)	35			
Attendance (On-line)	Live Viewers	Viewers of Recording		
	45	314		
Ash Wednesday and on-line views are not included in the monthly or YTD attendance. On-line attendance assumes 1.5 persons/view.				
Community Sharing				
	February	February	YTD	YTD Last
	Actual	Last Yr.	Actual	Yr.
Mission of the Month	1,375	760	1,375	1,291

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Loving Christ through Loving Community

YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted in March. Both days were busy, but together we accomplished our goals. We distributed 603 boxes of food to 1,764 people, totaling 14,835 pounds of food, plus additional supplies left in the trailer. The expenses included \$4,895.84 spent on two soups, peas, canned potatoes, mixed fruit, peanut butter, jelly, noodles, and ground beef.

We also appreciate those collecting the food of the month at your churches. Your help makes a significant difference.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter and hoping for warm weather!

Debbie O'Connell
Yellow Lake Food Distribution

CRESCENT LAKE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Crescent Lake Outreach was able to assist with the following in March:

Electricity	\$284.00
Rent	180.87
Rent	<u>100.00</u>
Total	<u>\$564.87</u>

Thank you for your support of Crescent Lake!

Margy Rogers, Committee Member.

APRIL FOOD OF THE MONTH

Cans of Soup

Let's fill the box!



Do you have announcements for the bulletin or this newsletter?

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

Foot Clinic April 7th.

Call Teresa Anderson for information or to sign up. (605) 376-6980

MARCH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Shepherding Group:

Conveners: Ruth & Mick Peterson

Carol Aakhus	Joyce Bailey
Barb Behan	Ken Busby, Jr.
Donna Devic	Sandie Fisher
Marilyne & Steve Gallman	The Hanson Family
Laurie Lundeen	Jolyne & Charley Peterson
Bob & Marcia Proehl	Margy Rogers
Jill Schroeder	Dave & Linda Speidel
Dawn Straub	Deb Studley
Anna Treague	Sheila & Mark Treise
Vern Umholtz	Lisa & Greg Voegel

Counters: Cris & Tony Kallas

Stream Team:

Marshall Hoff
Cindy Paulson
Margy Rogers
Tim Smith

Song Leaders:

Mick Peterson
Laura Smith
Dave Speidel
Linda Speidel
Vern Umholtz

Altar Guild:

Jill Schroeder

THANK YOU!

March Attendance

In Person 213
Online Viewers 336
(Cancellation due to weather 3/15)

April Birthdays

Ruth Peterson	04/02
Marshall Hoff	04/06
Lee Johnson	04/08
Larry Wiemken	04/11
Thunder Johnson	04/12
Ron Lilligard	04/12
Gordy Nelson	04/16
Kathy Young	04/16
Deb Studley	04/18
Dorothea Vanderwerf	04/23
Wayne Lundeen	04/24
Tony Kallas	04/25
Lenny Oslund	04/25
Don Hallberg	04/27
George Godzik	04/29
Bo Skillman	04/29
Vicki Struve	04/29

4 WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON
Drop your gift into
the offering plate on
Sunday Morning



BY MAIL
Mail your gift to:
LCLC
28626 County Rd H
Webster, WI 54893



ONLINE
Click on the link
below:
lakesidelutheranwi.com/give



SCAN
Scan the QR code
to access our online
giving portal



WHISPERING WATERS WORSHIP SERVICE

Dear Beloved's,

We are excited to announce that after prayerful conversations with Pastor Peter and Council President Kathy Lemay, and faithful listening to the stirring of the Holy Spirit, we see God breathing new life into our church's Wednesday night outdoor worship services. For several years and for many reasons our summer time Wednesday night services held in our back yard on the shores of Crescent Lake were postponed. But we never gave up hope! This Lenten season, we not only held onto the hope of new life in Jesus, we also trusted that in the Easter promise of Christ's resurrection when all things are made new, we would be freed to dream, gather, and worship in creation once again. Therefore, with God at our center and the breath of the Spirit whispering over the waters of life, we invite you every Wednesday night at 7pm from Memorial Day - Labor Day (May 27th - Sept. 2nd) to Lakeside Community Lutheran Church's Whispering Waters Worship Service.

Together with all whom you invite and the broader community, we will enjoy the beautiful lake scenery, reconnect, recharge, and engage in God's Word through prayer, preaching, song, and communion. (If inclement weather, we will have worship service inside the church.) See you there!

In Christ's promise and with excitement,
Cindy & Fred Paulson, Lee Ann & Rich Borseth,
Pastor Peter Johnson, and Kathy Lemay



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yoga - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM	2 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	3 NO ADRC Good Friday Service - 6 PM	4
5 Easter Sunday No Sunday School Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	6 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	7 Foot Clinic Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	8 Yoga - 9:00 AM Finance Meeting - 10 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM	9 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	10 ADRC - 11:30 AM	11
12 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	13 WELCA Board Mtg - 10 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	14 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Worship & Music - 10 AM Council Meeting - 1 PM AA - 7 PM	15 Yellow Lake Food Dist - 8 AM Yoga - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM	16 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 Endowment Mtg - 1 PM	17 ADRC - 11:30 AM	18
19 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	20 Newsletter Deadline ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	21 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	22 Yoga - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM	23 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	24 ADRC - 11:30 AM	25 Synod Assembly
26 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	27 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	28 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	29 Yoga - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM	30 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM		