

LAKE SIDE NEWS

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LAKE SIDE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Loving Christ through Loving Community

**Whispering Waters
Outdoor Worship**
May 27th • 7 pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Whispering Waters	5/27
Let's Reconnect Dinner	5/30
Vacation Bible School	7/6 - 7/10
Chuck Craine Concert	8/26
Quilt, Bake & Craft Sale	9/5





PONDERINGS WITH PASTOR PETER

Dear Lakeside Community Lutheran Church,
God is on the move creating new beginnings!

Over a year ago, our church began the journey of learning what it would take to update our sound system that was over 40 years old and failing, and the technology to enhance the worship and music experience for the folks worshipping in-person and online.

First, we knew that we needed to pray. Thus, your church council, committees, stream team, and other small groups, prayed for guidance to follow in the ways of Jesus, wisdom to hear and interpret gentle nudges during great need of audio and video needs, and the resources to support God's plan forward for us.

Second, we knew that we needed to learn. Blessed with an abundance of gifts that dwell within the people of Lakeside, the ones with the gift of tech savvy-ness sought out experts in the AV (audio/video) field; e.g. technicians, sales reps, consultants. These inquiries produced a tremendous amount of data and the opportunity to identify the AV technology that would best meet our church's needs into the future of a digital age. Once the specifics of the technology were identified, members from the council, property, and worship & music committees, along with the stream team went to work to put together a plan that not only solved the problem of an antiquated audio system and non-existent video system, but a way forward that would enhance the worship and music experience for the folks in-person and online.

Hundreds of hours have been spent in prayer, consultation, and faithful discernment, leading us to this place where the audio system has been updated and installed. In the coming weeks, we will also introduce technology to broadcast our entire worship on two large flat screen TVs located on the front wall of the sanctuary. This will allow everyone, whether attending in person or online, to fully participate and view the service from anywhere in the sanctuary.

Augmenting the traditions that serve well those whom we serve, validates our identity and affirms our commitment to nurturing the lives of all who gather for communal worship; proclaiming the love of God and grace found in Jesus Christ through word and sacrament and our mission of loving Christ through loving community.

Grateful for the designated estate gifts of the saints who have come before us and remember us now, these gifts make this update and addition a ministry of community, inclusion, and reaching beyond geography and demographics. For we know that wherever two or three are gathered (in person and online), there Christ is in our midst.

In beloved community, we lift up our voices in praise by singing "Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day." (Gather Us In. ELW 532.) In worship of the One who speaks to us through the holy scriptures, giving us the gift of song and lyric, we bring our vulnerability and surrender to God and sing, "Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." (Here I am, Lord. ELW 574.) Commissioned by our Messiah Jesus Christ and with the promise of the Holy Spirit, we send each other into the mission field of everyday life blessed by singing, "May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you, may the Lord lift up His face to shine on you." (Benediction song)

Let us pray,

*Thank you God for moving within our midst.
Guiding our steps, opening our hearts and ears,
and providing the means through thoughtful
giving of the saints; creating a new beginning for
gathering in spiritual, meaningful, and dynamic
ways of worship to You and for life together in
beloved community! Amen!*

Pastor Peter

Council Corner



The Council did not meet in April, and I look forward to everyone returning so we can meet in person on May 12th. Thank you to Linda and Ken Dobson who will, again, reconnect all of us on Saturday, May 30 with dinner and fellowship. This is also a way for us to connect with friends in the community, so please invite others to join you.

Thank you to The Stream Team; Dave Speidel and the Winter Choir; Judi and Nikki; and Pastor Peter who made it possible for those of us who worshipped remotely, to continue to be part of the Sunday service.

The 40th anniversary will be retitled the “40th Birthday Party” with the thought that it could be a festive series of events culminating with a birthday party at year end. The Planning Committee - comprised of Linda Dobson, Brenda Wheeler, Cindy Paulson, Julie & Dave Swan, and Pastor Peter - will meet May 11th to put a plan together. We would welcome anyone who would like to share in the planning.

The Council appreciates Pastor Peter’s willingness to resume the Whispering Waters Wednesday night outdoor worship services which will begin May 27th. Thank you to the team of Cindy & Fred Paulson and Rich & LeAnn Borseth who will coordinate the services.

Focus continues on achieving our goal of promoting Lakeside as a welcoming church. Thank you to the “Church” Ambassadors led by Mick Peterson – Laurie Lundeen, Marilynne Gallman, Cindy Paulson and Jolyne Peterson who will welcome visitors on Sunday morning and will be a role model to all of us to assure visitors feel welcome and invited to fellowship. Some people have wondered why the cabinet in the narthex was removed. It is the start to updating the narthex. The table is temporary until the plan is completed. Supplies have been relocated to the office workroom. Vicki Struve, Karen Pate, Dawn Straub, and Fred Paulson will be helping to develop recommendations and costs. This will be a work in process until funds are available. With the new library and new sound system and AV screens for the sanctuary, we are on our way to achieving our goal of confirming that Lakeside is known and seen as a welcoming church.

As always, the Council welcomes your questions and suggestions.

Blessings,

Kathy LeMay
Council President



LIBRARY NEWS

Spring is coming! That means all you snowbirds will be back. It will be good to see all of you and feel like our church family is whole again.

Just a reminder to all of you that our library is a great resource for Christian books, including both fiction and non-fiction, arranged by author. Additionally, there is a dedicated shelf for devotional books, which may be borrowed for daily use throughout the month or year. We also provide a variety of Bible studies suitable for individuals on your own or as a family. Make it a great Spring....because you know.... JLY!

Library Committee,
Bonnie, Dawn, and Jill



WELCA NEWS!

Now that spring has sprung again, we are in the midst of making plans for future events. Here are just a few:

- May 6th 1:00. Feeling creative? Come and join others in the church fellowship hall to create home crafted cards. We'll focus on graduation cards, with projects suitable for all skill levels. Please note, a portion of proceeds from card sales, along with funds from Fellowship, will support missionary work.
- May 9th. A day set aside for Sacred Grove Beautification Day from 9-3. Sacred Grove is a peaceful place with many walking trails and a labyrinth. Need time to get away to meditate? This is the place!
- May 28th - 12:30. Gather Bible Study in the church library.
- June 29th & 30th. Chetek WELCA Retreat featuring speaker Pat Kachel. Can't make it for both days? That's OK! It is worth your while, even if just for one day.
- July 16th -19th. 2026 Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact Brenda Wheeler if you have any questions.



We're seeking additional crafters for our annual Quilt, Bake & Craft Sale held at the church on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Sandie Fisher at (715) 566-2883.

On April 18 Burnett County Family Resource Center had a baby shower for all expecting mothers in our county. We were able to supply them with four large bags of baby items to be given away at the shower. They were very appreciative and we are sure that the mothers-to-be loved getting the baby items, some purchased and some handmade.

Thank you to Jill Schroeder for making our new quilted blue and white Christmas tree skirt! She is way ahead of Advent and all ready to coordinate with our blue and white Advent colors. Thank you for seeing the need and using your talent, Jill!

Have a wonderful & productive summer!
Jolyne Peterson & Sandie Fisher, Co-presidents



MISSION QUILTING Mission Quilting "Piecing Day"

It might have been Friday the 13th and crazy March weather, but nine ladies showed up and worked from 9-2 and completed 15 quilt tops. It was great fun and many laughs.

What a nice variety of food to keep us going too. Thank you to each of them for their dedication.

We still have the green bags in the fellowship hall with thread and fabric to make quilt tops at home. Joan White took our small fabric pieces with her to Texas this winter and has 33 quilt tops to bring back with her. Thank you, Joan!!

Spring is coming which means our snow birds will be back soon. We look forward to having our gals back around the tables on Tuesday mornings.

God bless,

Dawn Straub, Mission Quilting



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Performance Indicators March 2026

Income Statement				
	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Donations)	\$18,678	\$24,705	\$54,033	\$64,233
Expenses	\$16,766	\$22,265	\$47,603	\$58,609
Attendance				
	March Actual	March Last Yr.	YTD Actual	YTD Last Yr.
Attendance (In-Person)	213	198	552	565
	<u>Live Viewers</u>		<u>Viewers of Recording</u>	
Attendance (On-line)	38		366	
March 15 service was cancelled due to weather. On-line attendance assumes 1.5 persons/view.				
Community Sharing				
	March Actual	YTD Actual		
Crescent Lake Outreach	\$ 605	\$ 1,375		
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 250	\$ 250		

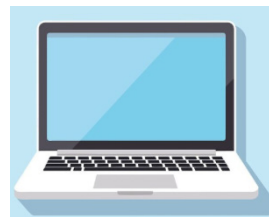
4 WAYS TO GIVE



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

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to everyone who helped out in April! We assisted 607 families, reaching a total of 1,952 individuals. In total, we distributed 17,227 pounds of food and spent \$4,787.69 on cereal, soup, green beans, pears, ramen noodles, hamburger, and chicken nuggets.

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

Thank you again for everything you do. We hope to see you next month on May 20 and 21.

Enjoy the nice weather.

Debbie



MAY FOOD OF THE MONTH



Canned Vegetables
Let's fill the box!

CRESCENT LAKE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

Rent	\$300.00
Rent	150.00
Electricity	189.33
Gas Card	<u>75.00</u>
Total	<u>\$714.33</u>



When we receive a request for help, our goal is to provide short-term assistance. This month, one person needed rent support after their landlord raised the rent by \$300, forcing them to look for new housing. Another individual asked for help with an electric bill. Due to illness preventing them from working, they contacted us early to avoid a \$50 reconnect fee. We also provided a gas card so someone could get to work. If a situation is beyond our ability to assist, we partner with groups like the Salvation Army and Interfaith Caregivers to provide broader support. Together, we can create brighter days for those in need.

Thank you for your support of Outreach.

God Bless!

Margy Rogers, Committee Member.

Do you have announcements for the bulletin or this newsletter?
Please forward to
julieslclc@gmail.com
(Note change in email address.)

APRIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Shepherding Group:

Conveners: Linda & Ken Dobson

Carol Aakhus	Donna Devic
Sandie & Joe Fisher	Marilyne Gallman
Deb & Roger Jackson	Tony Kallas
Cynthia Kerr	Laurie Lundeen
Bonnie Niemi	Sue Oslund
Fred Paulson	Jolyne & Charley Peterson
Mick Peterson	Jill Schroeder
Dawn & Doug Straub	Deb Studley
Sheila & Mark Treise	Lisa & Greg Voegel
Don Ward	

Counters: Ron & Ann Peterson

Stream Team:

Marshall Hoff
Cindy Paulson
Margy Rogers
Tim Smith

Song Leaders:

Mick Peterson
Laura Smith
Dave Speidel
Linda Speidel
Vern Umholtz

Altar Guild:

Bonnie Niemi & Linda Speidel

THANK YOU!

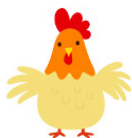
April Attendance

In Person	337
Online Viewers	398

*Includes Good Friday:
In Person - 45; Online - 96*

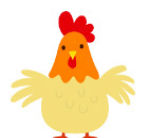
May Birthdays

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 Weir	05/21
Doug Straub	05/25
Gretchen Treise	05/26
Danny Wheeler	05/29



3RD ANNUAL LET'S RECONNECT CHICKEN DINNER

Let's Reconnect 2026!



You are all invited to the Lakeside Annual "Let's Reconnect" chicken dinner.

It is a time for all of us to come together again to enjoy the company of your old friends and new friends. The dinner will include crispy fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, 2 salads, dinner rolls, dessert and beverages. The dinner is open to all LCLC members, their friends and relatives and anyone who would like to experience the warmth and hospitality of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church.

Saturday, May 30, 2026. 5:00 PM

Adult Tickets: \$16.00 Children under 10: \$8.00

Deadline for purchasing tickets is May 24th.

No refunds will be given after May 24th. Tickets will be sold at Lakeside after the 10 am service on Sundays in May through Sunday, May 24th or you can contact Linda Dobson. Checks should be payable to Lakeside Community Lutheran Church with a note that indicates "For Church Dinner" including 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 maildrop 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 30th. If you have questions, please contact Linda Dobson at 612-209-8697 or linda@lindadobson-events.com We will be looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up.

HONORING LCLC'S 2026 GRADUATES

It's hard to believe that Lizzie and Elle will graduate from Webster High School on Sunday, May 24th! Laurie Lundeen, who was a key mentor during their time in Sunday School and Kids For Christ ("KFC"), recently interviewed them about their high school experience and future plans.



Elizabeth Treague

"I love to take pictures and capture all kinds of moments with a camera."

Lizzie was baptized and confirmed at LCLC. She recalls Wednesday youth group fondly, where she made close friends and memorable experiences through games, singing, Bible lessons, and shared meals.

When asked about interests outside of studies, Lizzie said that her favorite extracurricular activity is track. She enjoys being part of a team with great chemistry, especially when competing at state. Besides sports, she enjoys lifting and working out, reading, spending time outdoors, and most of all, photography. "I love to take pictures and capture all kinds of moments with a camera." The accomplishment she values most from her four years in high school is qualifying for the state track meet during both her sophomore and junior years. Running on that track while seeing the stands packed with spectators remains one of her proudest moments.

This fall, she will be attending UW River Falls to study business and photography. Her passion for photography inspired her to choose this path, and she aims to make it her career. Ultimately, she hopes to become a professional sports photographer and travel the globe. In five years, she envisions herself beginning her journey as a photographer, building both her reputation and portfolio. She'll be in her early twenties, striving for success in her career and embracing opportunities to explore the world.



Eleanore Treague

"Sitting in the helicopter inspired me to consider a career in aviation."

Elle was baptized and confirmed at LCLC. She said that Luther Park Camp &

Retreat Center has had a lasting impact on her life, teaching her many skills and helping her become independent, kind, and outgoing. She has fond memories from "KFC"

especially when they went to Pastor Bill's house for an Easter egg hunt. She said it was a fun day, and her team found the winning golden egg!

Basketball has been Elle's favorite extracurricular activity since she first played in third grade. One of her most significant accomplishments was supporting her teammates in winning both Conference and Regionals—marking a historic first for Webster Girls Basketball—and advancing to the Sectional Finals! Some of Elle's other interests include drawing, hunting, spending time outdoors, and hiking. She also enjoys playing the guitar.

This fall, Elle will start studying Aerospace Engineering at the U of M Twin Cities. Inspired by her brother Adin, a National Guard Blackhawk mechanic, she became interested in aviation after visiting his workplace and exploring helicopter mechanics. In five years, Elle aims to begin her career as an entry-level Aerospace Engineer at a company in the Twin Cities.



Lakeside proudly recognizes Lizzie Treague and Elle Treague for their accomplishments in high school academics and extracurricular activities. We are excited to see what they do next!



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ADRC - 11:30 AM	2
3 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	4 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	5 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	6 Yoga - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM WELCA Card Making - 1 PM	7 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM Property Committee - 9:00 AM Community Quilters - 9:30 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	8 ADRC - 11:30 AM	9 Sacred Grove Beautification
10 Mother's Day Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	11 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	12 Quilting - 9:00 AM Worship & Music - 10 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM Council Meeting - 1 PM AA - 7 PM	13 Yoga Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM Finance Meeting - 10 AM	14 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8:00 AM Women's Coffee - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM	15 ADRC - 11:30 AM	16
17 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	18 ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	19 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	20 Newsletter Articles Due Yellow Lake Food Dist - 8 AM No Yoga Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM	21 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	22 ADRC - 11:30 AM	23
24 & 31 No Sunday School Choir Rehearsal - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:00 AM	25 Memorial Day ADRC - 11:30 AM Yoga - 6:00 PM	26 Quilting - 9:00 AM ADRC - 11:30 AM AA - 7 PM	27 Yoga - 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM Whispering Waters - 7 PM	28 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	29 ADRC - 11:30 AM	30 Let's Reconnect Dinner