

**"Let your
light so shine
before others
that they may
see your good
works and
glorify your
Father in
heaven."
Matthew 5:16**

The Lakeside

Light

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From the Pastor...

Dear Congregation and
friends of Lakeside Lutheran,

It is with sadness in my heart
that I must let you know that
on Friday June 18th, I

extended my resignation as Pastor to the Council.
Council accepted my resignation and currently is
working on a severance package. My last Sunday
as Pastor of Lakeside Lutheran will be on July
18th.

I give thanks to God for all the ways that
Lakeside Lutheran welcomed Scott and I to the
lake community.

I also give thanks for the way you reached out to
my son and daughter-in-law upon the death of
their daughter. I will continue to hold Lakeside
Lutheran Church and the Lake Gaston
Community in prayer as God guides you in a new
direction. I ask for your prayers in return for
Scott and I.

This journey at Lakeside began with high hopes
and excitement to see how God would work in
our lives together. We have survived a pandemic,
video worship and explored new ways of being a
presence of Christ in this community and beyond.
I pray that you will continue to live stream
worship and that you will continue to welcome
all who enter your doors.

May the Grace of our lord Jesus Christ be with
you all. May the Lord bless you, may the Lord
keep you in the his Grace and May he give you
peace.

Pastor Sherrie

Pastor Sherrie Hofmann

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Report from the Virginia Synod

On Saturday, June 12, Pastor Sherrie and John and Diane Colin spent from 9AM-4PM on the Zoom Annual Synod Assembly. There were 140 ministers and 213 lay members for a total of 353 in attendance. The day was led by Bishop Robert Humphrey, Assistant to the Bishop, The Reverend Kelly Bayer-Derrick and Synod Secretary, Blythe Ann Scott. They did an exceptional job balancing the tasks for the day and working the agenda of the Zoom conference. Our morning began and the afternoon concluded with worship.

In 2019, Bishop Humphrey's theme was "Faithful" and the image was Jesus as the bridge to God. All people are welcome on the bridge. This year, the theme was "Bold" and the image was a table. Who has a place at the table? All people – no exceptions. The theme verse was Ephesians 4:1-3: ***Be completely humble and gentle. Be patient, bearing with one another in love. Live a life worthy of your calling you received, making every effort to maintain a unity of spirit through the bond of peace.***

Bishop Humphrey spoke of the need to recognize all people as worthy of being at the Lord's Table. He shared that the Holy Spirit is doing something NEW. We should be alert, learning, listening and trying new things, creating communities of love, collaborating with others of diversity and being "church together" for the work of the Lord. As God is faithful to all, we should be bolder in our lives and in our ministries.

Several reports were given including AMMPARO which stands for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. Due to the work of the ELCA in under-developed countries, 88-90% of the people decide NOT to migrate to the US. Reports of Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center and Carolina Furnace Camps were given. The budget was passed. We voted to change the 2022 Compensation Guidelines for Called Pastors, with a 1.3% increase. There is now a formula for housing based on Comps in an area. Recognitions of First Called Pastors and those celebrating an anniversary or who had passed away were held. Pastor Sherrie was recognized for 15 years of ministry. Lakeside Lutheran was recognized for our 27th anniversary and Reverend Olson was recognized for his many years of service and his passing.

Diane Colin,

Lakeside Lutheran Lay Representative to the VA Synod

Teller's Schedule

July 4th - Ken Hinrichs (HT), Peggy and George Kimble

July 11th - Bob Roegner (HT), Nancy Roegner, Betsy Freeman

July 18th - Betsy Freeman (HT), John Colin, Bob Hutchins

July 25th - Jim Noland (HT), Ed and Lee Ann Sever



Joseph & Sonja Walton

Ted & Sara Chylack

Joel & Kathy Everhart

Tom & Doris Durocher

Ridley & Sharon Bain

Scott & Jane Miller



Joseph Walton	July 01
Bill Wessner	July 03
Chip Young	July 03
Leanne Evans	July 04
Kathy Casey	July 06
Hugh Tillett	July 06
Suellen Amsler	July 11
Mike Holman	July 13
Janyce Olson	July 13
Keith Carlson	July 16
Jim Layton	July 18
Art Schindehette	July 19
Nancy Carrico	July 22
Bill Walker	July 26
Sybil Pipho	July 30
Bruce Bredland	July 31

Worship Matters

July 4th: We are on the **6th** Sunday of Pentecost. Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons; however, it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent out, we are to be dependent on the reception of others as well. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent. Our music includes songs of faith such as “Knowing You” and “How Firm a Foundation.” The Traditional Service at 9:30 will return to **Setting 4**. The paraments continue to be **green**, signifying anticipation and hope in the resurrection, each new day. We receive Holy Communion at both services. As is our tradition, we will sing “God Bless America” after the blessing, also at both services.

July 11th: On this **7th** Sunday of Pentecost, we hear that speaking out in truth comes at a risk of being killed, such as happened to John the Baptist, Jesus, the prophets and the Disciples. Psalm 85 says, **“I will listen to what the Lord is saying.”** Our music this day includes **“Just a Closer Walk with Thee,”** and **“Faith of Our Fathers.”**

July 18th: On this **8th** Sunday of Pentecost, Mark’s gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today’s gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn’t think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers’ need. As we receive Holy Communion today, we are sent from Christ’s table to care for others and for ourselves. Music for the day includes “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone,” “When Morning Gilds the Skies” and “Blest Are They.”

July 25th: On this **9th** Sunday of Pentecost, we begin the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied. Paraments are green. Music of the day may include “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken,” “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty,” and “Jesus Calls Us.” A reminder that Holy Communion is normally on the first and third Sundays of the month and on Festival Sundays.

There is no Hymn of the Month for July.

Diane Colin





PRAYERS

Please remember these dear friends when you lift your prayers to the Lord:

Lou Bryant, Carol Burt, Pete Campbell, Derrick Carey, Barbara Cuddihy, Joan DeGrant, Joyce Eearing, Judy Ellis, Gertrude Elbertson, Lorraine Ehlers, Mark Freeze, Paula Freeze, Pat Hanke, Mercy Blanco Huggler, Gail Jackson, Abigail Rose Kerns, Valorie McArthur, Bud Parsons, Laura Raybon, Peggy Reid, Andrew Noland, Alice Peterson, Rev Ken Rupp, John Rutan, Jim Stuart, Debbie Spence, Ethan Spence, Denise Williams

Military Prayers Needed for:

Andy, Captain Amanda, Mollie, KC,
Remington, Austin, Parker, Heather,
Major Mark,
Nicholas



Emergency Notification Information

Part of being a member of the church congregation is the wonderful fact that you are not alone. You have a family of people who love and are here to care for you if the need arises.

That being said, it has come to the attention of the staff and Council that some of our members and associates do not have next of kin or a contact person listed in the Servant Keeper database, which stores information on our members for vital records and contacts.

Please check your profile in Servant Keeper to see if your information is up to date. Please let the church office know if you need to make a change or an addition to your information if you are unable to make the change or addition yourself.

We would hate for a medical emergency to arise and not know who to notify.

If you are living alone and the church has not been able to talk with you in a while, it would also be helpful to know of a close family member or friend that may know your situation. Thanks for your help!

-Betsy Freeman



WHAT IF...our church became more blessed?

This is the final article from *Becoming a Blessed Church*, by author, N. Graham Standish. The book concludes with part three, dedicated to helping those in leadership positions in the church. In our Lutheran Church, this is not only our dedicated Church Council Members (which includes the pastor) who oversee every committee having to do with the operation of the ministries of our church, but also all sub-committees and smaller ministries that include ALL people. Therefore, ALL people take on some portion of leadership within the church.

Standish points out that leadership begins with leaders-pastoral and laity-who are willing to help their churches move toward new horizons where God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are leading. Becoming a blessed church requires leaders who genuinely want their congregations to bear love, grace, mercy, forgiveness and life of Christ in their midst. Two sides of the coin make it difficult to lead without God-led leadership. One side is that of adapting to a new era in healthy church ministries as new people arrive with different needs, gifts and talents to offer. The church must be ready and able to embrace new approaches, new members and often embrace changes in community, culture and/or a healthy fiscal life. This is evident in the past year and a half as much changed in our worship and community fellowship due to Covid-19 restrictions. The other side of the coin he points out, is the yearning for what he terms as “the golden era” when being a church was much easier. People just came to church. Pastors just preached “normal” sermons and didn’t need to think about technology or preaching styles. Standish points out that leading a church to blessedness means living and leading in such a way that God’s purpose, presence and power flow through *everything*. This is done by relying less on the gifts and skills of pastors and laity, and **more on God’s grace**.

Listening to and for God’s will, direction and timing are all important. As leaders, we are called upon to listen and to listen so we can hear. That begins with prayer. He reminds us that Jesus constantly prayed to the Father before deciding anything. He points us to the book of Acts that is filled with examples of early Christians and apostles seeking God’s guidance in community as well as in solitude. The biblical example is that God speaks to us when we seek God’s guidance. Scripture is vital. Being rooted in scripture teaches us how to listen to God, but we must actively seek God in prayer if we are to hear God. With regards to education programs within the church, Standish pays attention to the four kinds of people who are attracted to the life in *any* church denomination: *onlookers*, *followers*, *disciples* and *apostles*. These are loosely based on the kinds of people who gathered around Jesus’ feet to learn from him on the Sermon on the Mount. *Onlookers* attend church and may like most of what they hear and see there, including the people, but they only attend and are reluctant to become involved. *Followers* are committed to serving God in the church. They pray and attend church regularly, love others and want to grow their faith. They believe they can be God’s hands and feet in the world. A *disciple* is one who has committed his or her whole life to deep learning about God and a life in Christ by taking the extra step that says, “*I will put Christ first in everything.*” They change everything about the way they live in order to be like Christ. All of us have been called to be disciples, but Standish replies that not all respond **yes** to the call. Finally, those who grow into *apostles* often go on to become seminary students to go into some facet of ministry. While not all are called to be apostles in seminary, the ultimate goal is for us to become something *like* an apostle.

His point here is that the Christian Education (CE) programs in the church should be offering an assortment of studies for the above four groups to continue in their growth. *Onlookers* shy away from even the Small Group programs that are available, so it is difficult to engage them in CE programs. Small Groups, Bible Studies, Sunday School and monthly, weekly and bi-weekly offerings should be available in order to meet the needs of the congregation.

In the final portion of the book, Standish shares insights for leaders in forming task forces and small teams to work with the pastor in effective leadership that will lead the church into blessedness. **It all begins and ends with God.**

Be blessed, Lakeside Lutheran Church,
Diane Colin



What is Stewardship?



By Tom Tillett

Stewardship is our topic today, presenting the question: what is the appropriate relationship between each of us and the things of this world? For centuries, the major religions and philosophies have answered this question, generally with the principle that it's best not to get too attached to the things of the world. Both Buddhism and the Stoics of ancient Rome counseled this, and the New Testament echoes the sentiment when Jesus tells us that we should not put our faith in the things that moths and rust will corrupt (Matthew 6:19).

This is wise counsel. But I believe the definitive teaching of the Bible on this subject is actually quite different. It is found at the very start of the Scriptures, in Genesis, and is captured in the word “stewardship.”

Let's recap. God creates the heavens and the earth and all that's in it. He then plants a perfect garden, the garden of Eden. And then? He makes man from the dust of the earth, and in due course he makes woman, and he puts them in His garden “to work and keep it.” In short, Adam and Eve were created by God to be stewards of His garden, and by extension, His world and all that He has created.

And so too for us. We are not to distance ourselves from the world like the Stoics, for after all, God created this world and declared it all to be good. But by the same token, we are not to claim ownership of the things in our lives. For all this has been given us by God, our Father, to be held in trust for His benefit. We are, like Adam and Eve before us, stewards, working the gifts God has given us.

Traditionally, Church Stewardship focuses on Time and Talents. These are actually three gifts from God. Biblical Talents were a form of money. Thus, as good stewards, we are to yield a portion of our money back to God in the form of tithing to His church and the church's missions. Talents also refers to those special abilities each of us have, given us to improve lives in our church and communities. And Time, this is the most precious of God's gifts to us. We are to set aside a portion of the time we have on this earth to further God's purposes for us and for His world.

Your Stewardship Committee will be helping to coordinate and publish opportunities in all these areas for each of you to prayerfully discover what God has in mind for your own Time and Talents. So, stay tuned, thou good and faithful stewards!



CPR/AED Training

Lakeside Lutheran Church will be hosting an accredited CPR/AED training session on Saturday July 31 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the church. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the list posted on the church bulletin board or contact the church office. The cost is anticipated to be between \$30-\$35 per person, payable to Lakeside Lutheran.

July Lectors



Care to Share Ministry

8 a.m.

July 4	Ted Chylack
July 11	Scott Diuguid
July 18	Ed Sever
July 25	Delores Gleason

An important ministry of Lakeside Lutheran Church, the second Sunday of each month is designated "Care to Share Sunday." The idea is for each of you to bring in to the Sunday service canned goods and other non-perishable food items.

9:30 a.m.

July 4	Bev Noland
July 11	Hank Norfleet
July 18	Bev Noland
July 25	Jim Noland

We will then make sure that the food items get to the community food banks for distribution. Additionally, each Care to Share Sunday we try to promote one of the many local charities this Church supports, to give you an opportunity to contribute to these worthy causes. For instance, we promoted Hannah's Place in June, which is a shelter for abused women to enable them to get back on their feet.

Which particular charity we are promoting will generally be published in the Church Bulletin the week before Care to Share Sunday. So mark your calendars for Care to Share Sunday, and we thank you for your support of this ministry!

-Tom Tillett, Stewardship Chair

July House Cleaning Schedule

July 2	Walker/Best
July 16	Miller/Varney
July 30	Hutchins/Norfleet

Thank You!



Dear members of Lakeside Lutheran,
Thank you for your prayers. Pete is doing well, still knows me and the children. Very pleasant visits, just not much conversation. We are able to watch Rusty and Sylvie each Sunday for services on my I-Pad. So good to see the congregation worshipping in house. I can now visit Pete in his room after a year!

Peace & love to all,
Judy Campbell

Pastor Sherrie,
I love that you are doing so well.
Love,
Wanda, Derek, & Mike

Dear friends,
Thank you for your prayers during Bob's journey. I'm grateful that Beth asked for them. We look forward to seeing Beth when she comes to Oregon for Bob's service.

God's peace and blessing
Arlene Ullman

Getting the word out—Let's talk Evangelism!

Getting the word out about Lakeside Lutheran Church and all it has to offer is a pretty big undertaking. Fortunately there's a committee for that.

The Evangelism Committee, chaired by Betsy Freeman, uses things like Facebook, and printed media to inform people inside and outside the church of all the fun and helpful activities going on in the church. Other members include Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, Joyce Walker, Bev Noland, Ken Hinrichs, and Scott Hofmann.

While Covid made it difficult to have activities during 2020, the group has been busy making plans for activities for the rest of the year.

"Now that the church is opening back up, we are doing all we can to inform new people to our area about our church and activities we are offering," Betsy said.

Beside word of mouth, the group posts regular notices on many Facebook pages about church activities and the YouTube Services each Sunday. The group also participates in helping with the John 3:16 Center.

"Our first **"God's Work Our Hands"** activity for the year will be to help feed the John 3:16 campers during their summer session," Betsy shared. "We have selected four Wednesdays of camp to provide a meal for up to 20 children representing different countries each day that they will be studying."

Puzzles have become very popular during the Covid 19 so we plan on setting up a table where members, as well as others in the community can have a "puzzle exchange." Others will be able to visit the church and select a puzzle to try before they return it for another puzzle.

"September 12th is **God's Work, Our Hands** Sunday. It is also the Sunday we plan on the dedication of our new addition," Betsy confided. "Earlier this year Diane Colin presented the idea of painting **Signs of Hope** to be placed on the hill of the church. We have decided to have a workshop in late August or early September to paint our signs to be used during the dedication. More information will be announced later."

The group is also responsible for helping guests at the church to feel welcome. Betsy said that beginning in July the church will again employ greeters for Sunday morning services.



**Evangelism Committee
Chair, Betsy Freeman**

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The Evangelism Committee uses every method at their disposal to get the word out about Lakeside Lutheran Church. Above are examples of Signs of Hope that will be distributed throughout the community in September. Right, members and friends participating in a church function.

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“If contacted to volunteer your time, please help us greet visitors or returning members to our church,” she asked.

Betsy noted that another **GWOH** project will be making and distributing Blessing Bags to those in need.

“We will post a list of items to be included in the bags asking for donations from the congregation. We will hold workshops where we can fill the bags making them available to those that want to help distribute them.”

Because at Lakeside Lutheran Church, helping others is more than slogan, it’s a way of life.

“These are just a few of the plans we have for our church this year as we return to a more normal way of life,” Betsy said. “Thank you for any help to further the work of your church.”

To learn more about the Evangelism Committee, to volunteer, or to make donations, contact Betsy at betsy@networkz.net



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 am Traditional Service	5	6	7 9 am Daily Faith Bible Practices	8	9	10
11 am Congregation meeting Picnic following the meeting		3 pm Evangelism				
11 8 am Contemporary Service	12	13	14 9 am Daily Faith Bible Practices	15	16	17
9:30 am Traditional Service						
11 am Christian Ed						
18 8 am Contemporary Service	19 Sara's Circle	20	21 9 am Daily Faith Bible Practices	22	23	24
9:30 am Traditional Service	9:30 am, Choir Room		22 10:30 Card ministry			
11 am Christian Ed						
25 8 am Contemporary Service	26	27	28 9 am Daily Faith Bible Practices	29	30	31
9:30 am Traditional Service						1:30 pm CPR Certification Class
11 am Christian Ed						

Always Something!



Joel and Kathy Everhart hard at work on Food Pantry donations on a recent Tuesday. The Everharts and several other church couples volunteer each week to pick up donations and distribute to those who need them in the community. Lakeside Lutheran's Food Bank is part of the Social Ministries. To learn more contact Scott Miller (lkgsconfig@aol.com)

FYI

If you still don't feel comfortable meeting at the church in person for weekly service, we are happy to accommodate you digitally.

Our services are live streamed each Sunday morning at 9:30 am. (Traditional Service) on our YouTube channel at (hot links):

[Lakeside Lutheran Church ELCA - YouTube](#)

You can also enjoy our Christian education class on Zoom:

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am – Christian Education:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738865427>

Password for entry: 238527



There are so many activities that go on behind the scenes that keep Lakeside Lutheran Church organized and running smoothly— not the least of which are the activities carried out by the Tellers. Here, from left, Betsy Freeman, Ed, and Lee Ann Severs are busy tallying and preparing reports for Council and staff.

Worship & Music is looking for some HELP.....

The Worship and Music committee is looking for volunteers to help with live streaming, ushering and other behind the scenes work that makes our services happen. For more information and to sign up, contact Nancy Roegner at 252-586-1823 or email: nkroegner@gmail.com.

July, 2021

8:00 am

Ushers

July 4	Scott & Jane Miller
July 11	Jim & Susan Bersch
July 18	Pauline & Gary Gilbertson
July 25	Cindy & Dick Clayton

9:30 a.m.

Slides

July 4	Gus Best
July 11	Ken Hinrichs
July 18	Gus Best
July 25	Ken Hinrichs

Sound

John Colin
Bill Fowler
Jim Noland
Sherm Basinger

Video

July 4	Scott Hofmann
July 11	John Krysa
July 18	John Hartline
July 25	Joel Everhart

Assisting Ministers

John Hartline
John Hartline
Bev Noland
Jim Noland

Ushers

June 06,	Dick & Cindy Clayton (Combined Service)
June 13,	Clay & Linda Huntington
June 20,	Bob Hutchins & Hank Norfleet
June 27,	Bill & Joyce Walker

One more thing...

Flowers for the Sanctuary

The sign up sheet for sanctuary flowers on a table in the Narthex. Please stop and pick your favorite Sunday to celebrate your special occasion with flowers for the church. You can sign up for one or two vases. The cost is \$35 per vase.



Please call the church office (252-586-6778) to reserve a time slot and space for your committee meetings in the church.

Monday July 19th, join Sara's Circle. Fellowship meets at 9:30 am followed by the meeting at 10 am. All women of Lakeside are welcome.

Lakeside Lutheran Church Bible Studies

Daily Faith Practices Bible Study is held each Wednesday on Zoom at 9 a.m.
Meeting ID: 891 8084 8001
Passcode: 418059





BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Be part of this growing mission



Dear Congregation,

Blessing Bags for the Homeless:

For the last 2 years, I have been giving out these bags to people on the streets who have no other place to be. I start with a 2 gallon zip lock bag and provide the following items:

Pair of clean socks
Small deodorant Bar of soap
Lotion
\$10.00 McDonalds gift card
Razor (disposable)
Small bottle of water
Positive message with scripture.
Lip balm
Toothbrush
Comb
Wash cloth
Breath mints
Hard Candy

Knit hat
Box of raisins
Small New Testament Bible
Feminine hygiene products
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Plastic cup with lid
Sun screen
Peanut butter crackers
Gloves or mittens
Sunglasses
Granola bars
Small first aid kit

I keep these bags in my car and hand them out to those in need. The Evangelism Committee would like to offer this mission to our church. There will be a donation basket in the narthex . Anything is appreciated. The Dollar store is a great place to shop for these items. Monetary donations are also appreciated for the gift cards. We will have scheduled days when we put the bags together. All are welcome to take the bags to keep in your car and replenish your supply as necessary. We are the hands and feet of Jesus in our world. Please join the Evangelism Committee in this mission. God's love and peace to you all.

- Bev Noland



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Are you missing a coat or jacket? If so, please check the coat rack in the narthex next time you are here. Some of these items have been here over a year. They will continue to grace our facility through July, then they will be distributed to the needy. Thanks for you diligence!

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