

"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...

May 23rd was Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the birth of the ecclesia (church), the gathered body of Christ. In my sermon, I asked

Lakeside Lutheran Church to join me in making a commitment to dedicate ourselves into living out the marks of discipleship in our congregation and in our community.

Let us make a covenant together to:

To the Glory of God, I believe I am called to equip God's people for works of service, so that

the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ---- Eph 4:12-14

I will strive to.....

PRAY daily

WORSHIP weekly

READ the Bible

SERVE at and beyond Lakeside Lutheran

Be in RELATIONSHIP to encourage spiritual growth in others.

GIVE of my time, talents, and resources.

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This information has been made into a card that you can keep with you. The card will be placed in the bulletin on June 6th and available to pick up in the church office after Wednesday, June 2nd. Stop by and pick up your commitment card today!

The Six Marks of Discipleship was written by Michel W. Foss in 2000. This book has been extremely popular through the years and many congregations have committed themselves to God's vision instead of relying on one person's vision or being held captive to the mantra "we've always done it this way." God has a huge vision for Lakeside Lutheran, so let us commit to discerning where God's vision is leading Lakeside Lutheran, by committing ourselves to join in covenant with each other using the six marks of discipleship. Foss states that

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“discipleship churches are schools of prayer. The church’s responsibility is not to control whether or how anyone prayers, but simply to provide opportunities to learn and experience the many ways and wonders of prayer.”

He also states that “When the marks of discipleship are adopted and practiced by an individual, growth happens. When adopted and practiced by a group of individuals, greater growth happens, because of the mutual encouragement, reinforcement, and support from common commitment.....He continues to describe the power of mutual commitment and how unifying it is to work toward God’s vision together. He also states that congregations who are dedicated to discipleship and God’s vision see how growth and grace is experienced by everyone.

He also states that in “membership- driven churches, it is not long before the demands of a chaplaincy ministry shifts the focus from mission to the member and from God to the ‘business’ of the church...” “and keep the ‘business’ of the church going by resolving conflict and keeping everyone happy to keep the offering flowing-all this drains the souls.....”

I invite all of us to join together as Lakeside Lutheran Church and to follow God’s vision and become a grace filled community that forgives each other and turns our vision toward God. In this season of Pentecost pray for our growth as disciples of Christ in this congregation, community and in the world.

The season of Pentecost is green to indicate growth in Christ Jesus, let us commit to growing together as a community of faith joined together by prayer, and worship, and nourished by the body and blood of Christ.

Pastor Sherrie Hofmann

Teller's Schedule

June 6th - Bob Roegner (HT), Nancy Roegner, Betsy Freeman

June 13th- Betsy Freeman (HT), Ed and Lee Ann Sever

June 20th - Jim Noland (HT), John Colin, Bob Hutchins (Count on Sunday)

June 27th - Ken Hinrichs (HT), George and Peggy Kimble



Jim & Diane Phillips

Jim & Bev Noland

Ed & Lee Ann Sever

Bob & Nancy Roegner

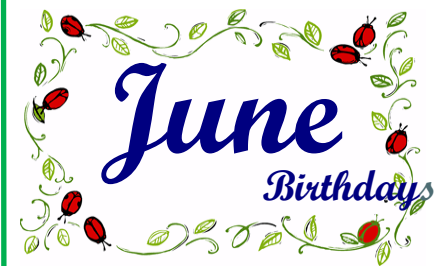
Janet & Scott Wright

Bill & Joyce Walker

Glen & Vonnie Rasnick

Lunette & Bill Wessner

David & Jean Varney



Gail Eichner June 02

Kathy Everhart June 03

Janice Finch June 03

Richard Gleason June 03

Nancy Roegner June 04

Mary Veraa June 04

James Pritchard June 04

Della Rose June 05

Jenny Ayers June 09

Thomas Freeman June 15

Sara West June 16

Ashley Burleson June 23

Kathy Bowen June 24

Adele Bryant June 27

David Apps June 30



Worship Matters

June 6th: We are in the 2nd Sunday of Pentecost, which began May 23rd and will end on November 27th, just before Advent which is the beginning of the New Church Year. This day we will use the Contemporary Format with music most of the congregation has heard and sung. The readings that day remind us of the creation story of Adam and Eve's fall in the garden. Psalm 130 begins: **"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; ²O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication."**

The Gospel is from Mark 3 where we see Jesus needing to defend himself against charges he was possessed by a demon. The paraments are **green** for most of Pentecost, signifying anticipation and hope in the resurrection, each new day.

June 13th: This 3rd Sunday of Pentecost focuses on the trees and the plant life. We hear of the Tree of Life, grafting us into the life of Christ, as well as the tiny mustard seed which can grow to shelter birds. Psalm 92 begins, **"It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High; ²to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night."**

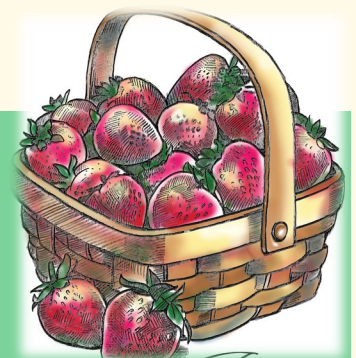
We will be reminded by Paul to walk by faith and not by sight. The Gospel refers to the seeds that are scattered on various soil and rocks, and which will bear good crops. Our music will include songs and hymns with imagery of plants, soil and trees.

June 20th: We are comforted in today's lessons in the story of Job, at the end of his tribulations, wondering with his friends why he had to suffer through much chaos. *Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation. Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence. Our music will focus on God's protection in times of struggle.*

June 27th: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider. Psalm 30 begins: **"I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up."** Music includes *"All Are Welcome"* and songs of healing.

A reminder that Holy Communion is normally on the first and third Sundays of the month and on Festival Sundays.

Diane Colin





P R A Y E R S

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

Susan Baird, 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, Shaquanda Phillips, Rev Ken Rupp, John Rutan, Jim Stuart, Debbie Spence, Ethan Spence, Denise Williams

Military Prayers Needed for: Terry, Andy, Lt. Col. John D., Captain Amanda, Mollie, KC, Remington, Austin, Parker, Heather, Major Mark, Nicholas



What is the Worship & Music Committee?

This committee shall: assist the Congregation Council in seeing that the services of God's house are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; provide for worship leadership in the event of a pastor's absence; arrange the altar and pulpit with the proper paraments and worship supplies; recruit, schedule, and train readers and ushers; and provide and maintain hymnals and other devotional materials. This committee shall supervise and strive to advance the welfare and effective service of the choirs of this congregation. It shall arrange for the care of paraments, vestments, and musical instruments and, in consultation with the pastor and the director of music, it shall furnish music supplies and licenses appropriate for use in the worship of a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This committee shall be responsible for maintaining the piano and the organ and any other electronic equipment used during services.

This committee works closely with all members of the council to ensure that the services match the Liturgical calendar, which means that the paraments are matched to the appropriate Sunday. It also means working with Altar Guild in preparing the communion elements. The chair of the committee works closely with the Pastor and the musicians to select and present appropriate service style and hymns.

Nancy Roegner

WHAT IF...our church became more blessed?

In this tenth article from *Becoming a Blessed Church*, the author, N. Graham Standish speaks about how to approach Spiritual gifts, a term which comes from 1 Corinthians 12:4 where Paul says: *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”*

Perhaps you have been in a church that has offered Spiritual gift inventories. Through a series of questions with choices ranging from “definitely” to “not at all,” a tally is taken and your strongest traits are identified. These traits range from teaching, leading, organizing, building, fixing, singing, accounting, praying, visiting and mission.

There are other tests which identify such things as “mercy, empathy, understanding, forgiveness, etc.” Standish says that while these tests are often helpful, they only focus on the functional aspect of ministry, such as skills and abilities, and they don’t capture the depth of faith such as “openness to God or the ability to discern God’s voice.” He gives Mother Teresa as an example. She may have tested strongly on teaching and organizing, but her “calling” was to help the poor. Someone who tested strongly with gifts of teaching may find their calling in building a church website.

The more a church opens itself to God as Power, the more spiritual gifts and mission callings are discerned. His suggestion is that the church becomes more open to God’s purpose and presence; people will emerge in the church according to their real spiritual gifts...gifts that may not show up in surveys or inventories. People can then answer God’s call to serve the church in ways that are right for them.

How does a church become a church of power? Standish outlines a three step plan called “**Plug in, Click on and Bask in the Breeze.**”

Plug in: We must connect with the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer. Our pastor has the responsibility to pray and when both pastor and laity pray together it opens all kinds of divine coincidences...or God Sightings. Even when churches face a struggle, all sorts of divine providences are given...to family, to the home, to health, in meaningful work, friends, and more. Prayer opens the door for Christ who stands knocking.

Click on: We do this through faith. Our faith turns on God’s power just like a turned-on lamp illuminates a room. When we click on the lamp, we already have trust that it will work. Much the same way, we must trust that God is at work despite obstacles. He does amazing work with those of faith. He cautions against equating great faith in God’s answers to prayers with great growth in numbers in one’s church. Growth in numbers should not be viewed as the only sign of blessing. A church can be a strong blessing in a community even though it may be small. Also he points out that even if we are engaged in difficulties, God’s power is not removed, nor is it a sign of a lack of faith, prayer or discernment. We still have the ability to experience God’s blessings amid turmoil. We must open our eyes in the light to notice subtler blessings that God gives, simply by keeping us going even when making small inroads.

Bask in the breeze: Finally when we Plug in and Click on, we can bask in the breeze to expect God’s power to work through everything we do. We do not need to be anxious despite difficulties. Decisions lose their ability to stress us because we know that God will make everything OK because we are praying and have faith.

In a church of power, the leaders sincerely try to discern God’s will for the whole church body. The church becomes a place where people experience Christ’s presence and witness the work of the Holy Spirit. They can discern their gifts for service and in turn experience God’s power working in their lives. How can you open yourself to allow God’s power and gifts of time, talent and blessings to be used for His people...in your home, family, church and community?

‘Til next time, be blessed...

Diane Colin





HYMN of the MONTH

God Is Here Today

If you recall a few months ago, there was a newsletter article featuring our new Hymn Supplement *All Creation Sings*. It is a collection of more contemporary songs and hymns to supplement the ELW, our main source for traditional hymn singing. A quote from our ELW says it best, “The Christian assembly worships in the midst of an ever-changing world.” *All Creation Sings* reminds us that we are a part of something greater than ourselves.

On May 21st, Janice Thompson and I participated in a webinar on this supplement that was offered by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) of which we are members. It was titled “*Congregational Song for the Post-Covid Church: Singing Love of Neighbor*”. The webinar was led by four music ministers from around the ELCA who were instrumental in selecting the pieces that would be included in this supplement. There were about 25 pieces of music selected to be introduced, some by themselves from the organ bench while singing, and others by a full choir. It was great to be led by outstanding musicians and to hear how the pieces selected could be used in worship. Many of the Lutheran Churches in both NC and VA Synod are electing to use this supplement and are doing the same as us...choosing a hymn per month to introduce into worship.

The song for June is *God is Here Today*. It comes from Guatemala, the text written by Javier Gacias Mateo (born in 1956) and was translated from Spanish by C. Michael Hawn, a University Distinguished Professor of Church Music, Master of Sacred Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was published in 2000 and appears in six other denominational hymnals.

The song is published with the refrain only as it appears here. The deceptively simple phrases of the refrain contain a profound message. The composer seems to be responding to a question: “How do we know that God is with us?” The answers are universal to human experience: (1) God is as certain as the air that we breathe; (2) God is as certain as the rising of the sun in the morning; (3) I know that God hears me when I sing (or pray).

The tune is simple and beautiful. We will be singing it two times when it is used.

*God is here today,
As certain as the air I breathe.
As certain as the morning sun that rises,
As certain when I sing you'll hear my song.*

If you would like to hear it, click on this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2sch31FnPQ>

Diane Colin



June Lectors

Congregation Meeting June 6, 2021

8 a.m.

June 06, Jane Miller
June 13, Scot Diuguid
June 20, TBD
June 27, Ted Chylack

9:30 a.m.

June 06, Combined service
June 13, Ken Hinrichs
June 20, Jim Noland
June 27, Bev Noland

Deferred November Congregation Meeting – 06 Jun 2021

Council agreed to hold the deferred November Congregation Meeting on 06 June immediately following the 9:30am combined worship service. As you may recall, the congregation voted last November to defer the annual meeting until the time a meeting could be held safely. At the meeting on 06 June, the congregation will vote on the election of officers and Council members for 2021, the 2021 budget and approval of the minutes from the Congregation Meeting held on 16 February 2020.

In addition, Council intends to have 2 other items for the congregation to approve.

Approval of expenditure of no more than \$4000 towards a workshop, led by two facilitators from Cooperative by Design, a company skilled in peacebuilding. Rev John Wertz, Assistant to the Bishop, Virginia Synod recommended this organization to us. Of that \$4000, \$1000 is already committed by Virginia Synod and another \$1000 from a church member. Cooperative by Design also provided Council with a more extensive proposal for peacebuilding, which may be presented to the congregation at a later date. Council emphasizes that the support of the entire congregation is required for peacebuilding to be successful.

Last summer the building committee recommended that roofing of the existing building be rolled into Phase 1 of the building program for several reasons, including cost efficiency. This resulted in removing the estimate for Phase 2 from the congregation-approved building budget ceiling of \$610,000. As a result, Council will be requesting that the estimate for Phase 2 prepared in 2019, \$30,000, be approved by the congregation.

June

House Cleaning Schedule

June 4, Margaret & Gus Best,
Nancy & Bob Roegner

June 18, Bill & Bev Fowler

Call today to
find out
more!

LETS GET TOGETHER!

The church will have a picnic lunch in the pavilion after the Congregation Meeting Sunday, June 6, 2021 . There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish to share.

From the Heart—Adding that Personal Touch

Being isolate, whether it's from sickness or infirmity is no fun and small acts of kindness go a long way in helping a person feel connected. Here at Lakeside Lutheran Church, through social ministries, there are several subcommittees that address the challenge of making people feel like they are a part of something bigger. This month we'd like to shine a little light on the card ministry.

Each month a dedicated group of cutters, gluers, stampers and punchers work together to produce works of art that are received by church members for birthdays, anniversaries, in sympathy, for get well wishes and other special occasions.

These cards aren't your everyday, buy off the shelf, boxed cards. According to team leader and professional card designer, Linda Huntington, she comes up with the design, then the materials are gathered and put into baggies for other team members to assemble, then the finished cards are given to others who send them out.

Linda giggled when she shared that someone actually swiped one of the card samples she had on a poster, once. It's no wonder someone decided to take one home with them, as the artistry and care with which these cards are constructed make everybody want one. "We go through a lot of paper," she said. "We like to layer. It gives the card more personality." Linda mentioned there are all kinds of medium and techniques used in creating the designs. Sometimes she uses things like watercolors, other times she uses textures. Sometimes shapes are stamped onto cards and she has all kinds of machines that are used for heating or embossing. Team members learn how to use the different techniques. Linda said of her co-workers, that they are all at different levels of expertise but every one has a willing heart. "There's always a lot of laughter and joy and I'm always there to help them," she said, noting that everyone is invited to come out and participate, if they'd like. All materials for the cards are provided and they are free. "Anyone is welcome and they don't have to be artistic. I don't consider myself artistic but anyone can learn how to do this," Linda said.

Linda related that it has been six years since Pastor Rusty first decided he wanted more cards sent out to members. Linda had just moved to the area and wanted a means of outreach and she saw this as a



Card Designer, Linda Huntington

great opportunity to expand on something she loves to do. "I've been doing this for 36 years," she said. "I think it's nice to get a card in the mail that someone made for you. It shows a love for the person." Linda and a friend, Patricia Getzewich approached the Pastor with an idea that would increase the card ministry and provide a crafty way for the ladies to get together and enjoy each other's company. Once Pastor Rusty approved the plan, they began the creative process. Linda said Patricia, who is moving to Florida, has been a great teammate and friend. Linda confided that many times Patricia served as inspiration to get things done. "She kind of cracked the whip over me," she said then laughed. "She's been a joy to work with. She's always so willing to do things. She's been a blessing and I'm going to miss her very much."

Linda said that even though she is sad that her friend will no longer be close by, she's happy that Patricia will be happy in her new home.

Like all ministries of the church, Covid presented a challenge for the group and while Linda and Patricia





Card designs by Linda Huntington are duplicated by the Card Ministry team, then provided for others who mail out cards for special occasions.

continued to create cards, the group was unable to meet for more than a year.

“We’re starting at ground zero,” Linda reflected, but recently, the ladies came together for the first time in what seemed like forever and got the gears to moving again. They met in the church’s choir room and spent a morning with hot glue guns, scissors and lots of glitter doing something that will make a difference in the lives of others, sending a message of hope and love.

Even those not participating in the group were able to enjoy their presence as sounds of laughter filled the church from corner to corner.

Linda laughed when she said that the group didn’t get many cards finished during this first of many monthly meetings to come— everyone was too excited to see each other again and spent a lot of time catching up. She said there were lots of laughs and stories to share but the team still managed to produce more than a dozen new works.

If you would like to participate in Lakeside Lutheran’s card ministry, contact Linda at (252)410-0371 or email her at lh2thfairy@cox.net.





2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <u>9 am</u> Daily Faith Bible Practices	3	4	5
6 <u>9:30 am</u> Traditional Service 11 am Congregation meeting Picnic fol- lowing the meeting	7	8	9 <u>9 am</u> Daily Faith Bible Practices	10	11	12
13 <u>8 am</u> Contem- porary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11 am Christian Ed	14	15	16 <u>9 am</u> Daily Faith Bible Practic- es	17	18	19
20 <u>8 am</u> Contem- porary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11 am Christian Ed	21 <u>Sara's Circle</u> 9:30 am, Choir Room	22	23 <u>9 am</u> Daily Faith Bible Practic- es	24	25	26
27 <u>8 am</u> Contem- porary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11 am Christian Ed	28	29	30 <u>9 am</u> Daily Faith Bible Practic- es			

Why we have nice things



Jim Noland and the property committee have been hard at work maintaining the grounds while the work crews lay block on the new fellowship hall. Here, we find (from left) John Colin, Jim and Scott Hofmann relocating benches from the pods to the pavilion for Contemporary Services, which will begin meeting outside mid June.



Several of our members have been busy building cabinets for the kitchen in the new fellowship hall. Recently they began installation. They add so much to the welcoming atmosphere of the place.

FYI

If you still don't feel comfortable meeting in Person, we are happy to accommodate you digitally. Our services are live streamed each Sunday morning and 9:30 a.m. (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



Outdoor Worship

Lakeside Lutheran Church's 8 a.m. Summer Contemporary worship services will be held outside in the pavilion beginning in June through October. Please check your bulletin or the Lakeside Lutheran web site (www.LakesideLutheran.com) for exact dates

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.

June, 2021

8:00 am

Ushers

June 06, Cindy and Dick Clayton (Combined Service)

June 13, Jim and Susan Bersch

June 20, Gene and Jan Finch

June 27, Ed and Leeann Sever

9:30 a.m.

Slides

June 06,

Gus Best

June 13,

Ken Hinrichs

June 20,

Gus Best

June 27,

Ken Hinrichs

Sound

Jim Noland

Sherm Basinger

Charles Gearhart

Bob Hutchens

Video

June 6, John Krysa

June 13, Joel Everhart

June 20, Scott Hofmann

June 27, John Hartline

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.

GWOH - The Evangelism Committee would like your help with feeding the children lunch at John 3:16 Summer Camp. Check out the sign up board in the narthex for the dates available. Thanks so much for your help!

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

Monday June 21st 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.

Zoom Meeting # **84581372630**;

Passcode: **089118**



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The Care to Share group for June is Hannah's House, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that ministers to the needs of the victims of domestic violence and abuse. Located in Roanoke Rapids, NC, Hannah's House serves a large region of North Carolina.

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