

**“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 Lutheran

Light

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January, 2022

From Pastor Scott:



Grace & Peace be to You from our Lord & Savior. I have so enjoyed meeting and working with our people here. I'm also learning the patterns that ebb and flow through the year and our Church. So, I wish well to our people that will be away for a while; to Florida and other places, and will continue to greet the many that will remain here.

Considering the resulting tradition, we will be worshiping together at one worship service (9:30 a.m.) during January and February; alternating between traditional and more contemporary music and format.

Please continue to pray for health for ours and so many people as Covid 19 circulates in its various forms. I trust you have had an opportunity to receive the vaccine and booster, and those who wish to do so are welcome to wear a mask while in worship.

I wish to thank You for your gracious hospitality. Many have shared their perspectives, helping me to understand our church. Your caring thoughts are helpful. From some, I have sensed considerable pain and even fears, but it seems we have already begun to rebuild. We will confront disfunction, create healing, and focus on moving forward in the ways of Christ. For this we pray for the work of the Holy Spirit, achieving far more than any of us can do alone.

Of course, the greatest pain I have heard is from personal fears and loss; too often within one's family. This too requires time, care, and the work of the Holy Spirit. I know of no set protocols to renew all, nor shortcuts to well-being...just people who care.

Altar Guild: As Nancy & Kate are here as I am writing this, I asked for their input. They asked me to share the following ...and I am wise enough to gladly do what they tell me to:

-As has been requested, we are glad to reintroduce celebrating the Eucharist (Communion) each Sunday.

-We will now distribute/give the Body & Blood of Christ personally in front of our altar (the pastor will wear gloves & mask).

-However, for those who wish to, you may pick up a cup with the Elements of Communion on your way in and receive at your seat (just as we have been doing).

-I am thankful for our dedicated workers that prepare our Sacrament for us.

-And, though you may not think about it, we have no elves, nor 'church magic.' So, there are opportunities to serve ...and perhaps You feel called to help provide this crucial part of our worship service. If so please communicate with Nancy Roegner

And to close, I wish to THANK YOU for your gracious generosity in providing prayers, money, time and labor, and community that makes this place tick like a fine watch. Our new building is a very tangible sign of such.

Blessings upon our New Year and May You know the Peace of God which far exceeds anything we may understand,

- Interim Pr. Scott Benson

Pastor Scott's Schedule:

Mondays: Jan. 17 & 24

Tuesdays: Jan. 4 & 11

Thursdays: Jan 6, 13, 20, &
27



From the President:

By Scott Miller, Council President

This is my New Year's message to you:

"I Arise in the New Year"

(From *Out of the Ordinary* by Joyce Rupp)

I arise with **amazement** at the presence of the Holy One.
I arise with **gratitude** for life.
I arise with **hope** that all shall be well.
I arise with **courage** to meet what will be difficult.
I arise with **conviction** to do what is life-giving.
I arise with **eyes ever alert** for beauty.
I arise with **openness** to greater truth.
I arise with **desire** for continued transformation.
I arise with **compassion** for the hurting ones in the cosmos.
I arise with **grief** still settled in my spirit.
I arise with **eagerness** to write with depth and quality.
I arise with a **sense of kinship** with all whom I live.
I arise with **respect** as others mentor and deepen my vision.
I arise with **determination** to make good choices in using my time.
I arise with **willingness to help** those who will need my care.
I arise with **hesitation** as I think about pain that may come.
I arise with **longing** for ever greater inner freedom.
I arise with **happiness**, knowing I am invited to live life fully.
I arise with **love** for the Holy One, my Intimate Companion.
I am thankful for the opportunity to walk into another year of life. I ask for help to hold this vision and to daily renew it in my heart, becoming ever more one with the Holy One and with my truest self.



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Ken & Margaret Hinrichs

Larry & Carol Liles

Peter & Susie Deschenes



Susan Bersch	Jan 01
Gene Finch	Jan 02
Joan Layton	Jan 03
Kim Fritz	Jan 06
David Varney	Jan 07
Suzie Bumgarner	Jan 08
Lori Zito	Jan 09
Greg Flick	Jan 10
Mark Evans	Jan 11
Ted Chylack	Jan 12
Tom Tillett	Jan 12
Roy Everett	Jan 14
Elise Walton	Jan 15
Norma Ferki	Jan 17
Bev Fowler	Jan 21
Courtney Walton	Jan 22
Pam Hendren	Jan 23
Mary Lou Cheney	Jan 24
Walt Burns	Jan 26
Steve Pipho	Jan 28
Kim Goss	Jan 29

Worship Matters

By Diane Colin

The Advent wreath remains in our sanctuary through Christmas and the beginning of Epiphany until January 10th, the Baptism of Our Lord. In the center is a large white candle...called the Christ candle. On Christmas Eve the Christ candle was lit. It represents the light that the Son brought into the world when He was born...God in flesh. The fact that the Advent candles remained on Christmas Eve puts the focus on this special moment of birth, the moment of transition from prophecy to fulfillment. After the Advent wreath is put away, the Christ candle remains, reminding us that old things have passed away and all has been made new.

January 2nd: This is the second Sunday of Christmas so the paraments remain white. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth. This Sunday is our first of combined services during January and February. Since this was Church Council approved, (along with **weekly Holy Communion**) the services are alternating format, beginning with Contemporary. Music for this day includes *Joy to the World; He Came Down; Emmanuel*.

Thursday, January 6th is the celebration of Epiphany. *God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel. The season of Christmas officially ends and the season of Epiphany begins and lasts for eight Sundays. NOTE: there is **no service** this Thursday.*

January 9th: The Baptism of Jesus/the first Sunday after Epiphany. Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine. Music for this Traditional Service includes *Bind Us Together; Spirit of Gentleness*.

January 16th: The second Sunday after Epiphany. We continue to seek Him as the Magi followed the star. Imagery used in today's readings is that of a wedding: our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see. The paraments change to **green**, signifying growth and new life. Music for this Contemporary format includes *Bind Us Together; Emmanuel and God is Here Today*.

January 23rd: God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. God's promises are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. The music for this Traditional service includes *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing; Here is Bread*.

January 30th: The fourth Sunday after Epiphany. We hear the many ways God reveals His glory; God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses.



Prayers

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

Carol Burt, Joan DeGrant, Gertrude Elbertson, Mark Freeze, Paula Freeze, Pat Hanke, Gail Jackson, Sybil Piph, Laura Raybon, Peggy Reid, Alice Peterson, Shaquanda Phillips, John Rutan, Jim Shuart, Ethan Spence, Denise Williams,

Military Prayers Needed for:

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



Worth Noting



The Card Ministry meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11 am. Everyone is welcome. Call Linda Huntington for more information, 252-410-0371

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Join Sarah's Circle on the third Thursday of each month at 10 am. All ladies of the church are welcomed.



Did you ever want to play handbells?

Now's your chance! Beginner's Handbell Class starting in January 24 at 4 pm for Lakeside Lutheran congregation members.

Class led by Janice Thompson

Christian Education
**Classes & Study
Groups**

Christian Education will meet Sundays at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall during this season. Study Materials are available in the church office.

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Small Groups meeting—

Thursday, Jan 13 & 20
meeting at 6:30 pm in the
choir room at the church.
Zoom is available.

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**Daily Faith Practices Bible
Study (for men & women)**--

Wednesday on Zoom at 9 am
Meeting ID: **891 8084 8001**
Passcode: **418059**

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**"What It Means to be
Lutheran"** class will be held
each Thursday at 10 am
starting Jan. 6.

Beginner Handbell Classes
begin Jan. 24 at 4 pm. Sign
up sheets for are on the hall
bulletin board. Hurry before
all spaces are filled.



Hymn of the Month

- By Diane Colin

If you recall, this hymn was introduced in June from our new hymn supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

God is Here Today 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. If you would like to hear it, click on this YouTube link:

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

***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.***

*We will also be using **Bind Us Together** in our services this month. This was the Hymn of the Month last January.*

Chorus: Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love

You are the fam'ly of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine. *Chorus*



A Word From the Mechanical Room Ghost



By John Colin

Is it safe to come out? I have been peeking out the door lately, and a lot has changed since I last spoke to you. I have been requested by Council to say something about doors.

OK, here is the deal: There used to be just three doors for me to walk through. I was roaming around last night and I realized there are now seven doors in this building. From three to seven?? What have you all been doing? Now I know what all that noise was about. Anyway, the point is you have a bigger facility, and since I am a nervous ghost, I want you all to make sure I am locked in each night. That means that the last person to leave each night needs to check **ALL** the doors. Please don't think someone else will do it.

In the new fellowship hall, for the front and end doors, you have to open the right door and check the left door with the door knob and make sure it does not open. If it does, you will need to find a key to lock it. (Find the key in the lock box by the end door) Once the left door is locked, close the right door and pull it tight. Same for the left door. For the two fire exits, one in the main fellowship hall and one in the connector hall, just pull on them and then push on the door, not the crash bar, to make sure it is locked. You know how to check the main building doors. (If you don't, contact Jim Noland or someone on the Property Committee or send me an email (rjcol845@gmail.com)). Someone will get back to you.

Thanks for keeping me safe, and everyone else too!



Santa's little helpers



Santa got a little help over the holidays when family and friends from the congregation stepped up to deliver more than food boxes contributed by our neighborhood Food Lion.

Get Your Coffee, Tea & Chocolate!



Now that we are gathering in person on a regular basis, Sarah Circle is bringing back the serviced Coffee Cart. The cart will be open just outside the double doors during the **third Sunday** of each month. It features Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolates and both drinking and baking cocoa. The most popular products our congregation enjoys will be available. In addition, there will be coffee pods for use in Keurig-type coffee makers. The first Sunday will be January 16th. The cart will remain open in the narthex near the office window.

What it means to be Lutheran

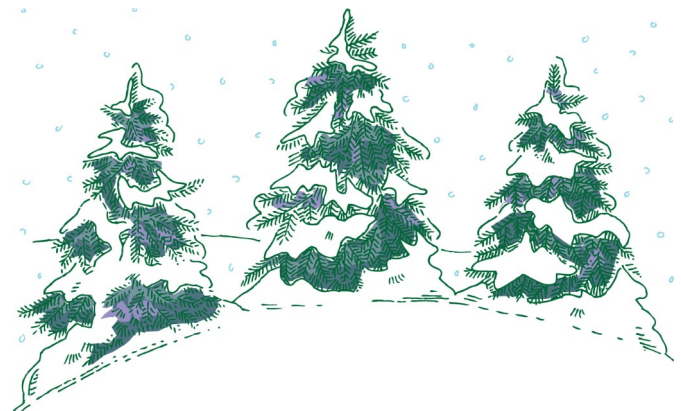
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Need to Know

Angel Tree

Twenty-nine children were recipients of our Angel Tree program this Christmas season: students at Vaughan Elementary, children of families in Littleton that receive our food deliveries, and a family with four children in Enfield who became known to us because one of the girls has a rare disease and is in a wheelchair. These children were blessed by Lakeside Lutheran members' generosity. Through the Angel Tree program children received clothes, books and toys. In addition, each family received a \$100 gift card to Food Lion. All of this was possible because of you that gave so generously.

I want to share the story of one of the families at Vaughan School. When the aunt came to pick up the gifts, she told the principal she appreciated our donations SO MUCH. She is raising her nieces because their mom was killed in a wreck about a year ago and really appreciated our help.

A huge thank-you to all who purchased gifts, donated money, and wrapped the gifts to be delivered. You were truly a blessing to so many needy families this year. —Joyce Walker

January Care to Share

Dec.12 is Care to Share Sunday. Please bring to the Sunday service your canned goods and other non-perishable food items. After the service, we will deliver your food items to the community food banks for distribution. Additionally, this Care to Share Sunday we are promoting the good work being done by the John 3:16 Center in Littleton. John 3:16 is well known for its dedication to the people in this community. It runs a summer camp for children, an after school program, and many other programs and services for families in the Roanoke Valley. So mark your calendars for Care to Share Sunday, and we thank you for your support of this ministry! - Tom Tillett

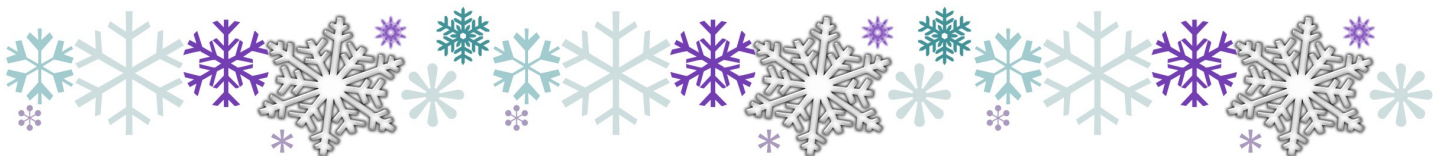
Food Bank - Tuesday Schedule

Jan 4—Jane & Scott Miller

Jan 11—Margaret Best, Don & Tracy Patty

Jan 18—Kathy & Joel Everhart

Jan 25—Donna & Doug Pollak



Robocall Q&A

Ever get a call from the church to find a robotic like voice on the other end? That's the Lakeside Lutheran Robocall system and it's another tool we use to communicate with our congregation about important things happening in your church life. Here are some answers to some frequently asked questions about the system.

Q: Tell me how the robocall system used by Lakeside Lutheran Church works?

A: The robocall system works through the internet. It uses the same set up that school systems and those annoying telemarketers use. The message to the congregation is prepared using text to speech conversion in order obtain consistent voice quality for the messages. The system allows messages to be sent immediately or at a time in the future. For example, messages about one service Sundays typically are sent out at 1pm on the Saturdays beforehand. Messages about service cancellations because of bad weather usually are made the evening before. The caller display for the robocall should say Lakeside Lutheran on your telephone.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Lakeside Lutheran uses a pay-as-we-go plan, rather than a contract, so we buy call credits as needed. The pricing for each message sent is based on the number of successful calls placed and on the length of the message. It costs approximately \$6 to send a 30-second call to our entire congregation. The price doubles if the message goes over 30 seconds.

Q: What if I don't seem to be getting robocalls from Lakeside Lutheran?

A: You won't get robocalls if your number is not on the calling list, if you block computer-dialed calls or if you don't have an answering machine and are away from your phone. If you aren't on the calling list or you would prefer robocalls go to another number, please call the church office.

Q: How did we get telephone messages to the congregation before the robocall system?

A: We used to have a 'telephone calling tree' where individuals called a designated list of people and those people, in turn, called another list of people, and so on, until the entire congregation was notified.

Reason for Cheer

A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, "Blue Monday" falls on January 24.

Cliff Arnall calculated this date based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken New Year's resolutions and the end of the holiday break.

But no matter how bleak things seem — regardless of the time of year — Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."

Food Bank— Saturday Schedule

Jan 1—Bob & Nancy Roegner

Jan 8—Kathy & Joel Everhart

Jan 15—Jane & Scott Miller

Jan 22—Donna & Doug Pollak

Jan 29—Wayne West &
Scott Miller

Worship & Music Notes

Present – Janice Thompson, Diane Colin, Della Rose, Julia Ann Freeze, Jan Finch, Kate Kennedy and Nancy Roegner

Topics of Discussion

Christmas Eve

Service will start with music by Diane and Janice at 5:30, followed by service with communion at 6:00 p.m.

January and February will be single services

– Dates and Schedule are below

January 5	Contemporary
January 9	Traditional
January 16	Contemporary
January 23	Traditional
January 30	Contemporary

February 6	Traditional
February 13	Contemporary
February 20	Traditional
February 27	Contemporary

Communion

We will start having Communion every Sunday beginning December 26. There are a few changes, we will no longer use the Common Cup or Communion by Intinction. We will use the small individual cups in the brass trays and the bread will be served on the brass ciborium (filled with bread). Altar Guild will make the individual Communion cups (currently being used) available, for Ushers to distribute in case there are those who are not comfortable taking traditional communion.

The Pastor stands in the middle (holding the tray with bread). The assisting minister and a lay person will be on either side holding the wine trays. The ushers would send one row from the right and then a row from the left, alternating until all of the congregation is served. The congregation would return via the side isles after placing their wine cup in the receiving trays located near the windows.

Specific information will be emailed to Altar Guild and Ushers before December 26th.

Ushers will be instructed that we will no longer use sign in sheets. Ushers will hand out Communion Cards each week for our record keeping and Synod reporting. Greeters will be asked to make sure that visitors to our church sign in. This will allow Lakeside Lutheran to send them a thank you note for attending and notify their home church of their visit.

- Nancy Roegner



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1

2
8:30 am Christian Ed
9:30 am Combined
Service

4
9:30 am EXCOM

5
9 am D.F. Bible
Practices

6
10 am WDIMTB
Lutheran

7

8

9
8:30 am Christian Ed
9:30 am Combined
Service

11
9:30 am Council

12
9 am D.F. Bible
Practices

13
10 am WDIMTB
Lutheran

14

15

16
8:30 am Christian Ed
9:30 am Combined
Service

17
9:30 am Sarah's
Circle in Choir
room

19
9 am D.F. Bible
Practices
11 am Card ministry

20
10 am WDIMTB
Lutheran

21

22

23
8:30 am Christian Ed
9:30 am Combined
Service

25

26
9 am D.F. Bible
Practices

27
10 am WDIMTB
Lutheran

28

29

30
8:30 am Christian Ed
9:30 am Combined
Service

31
4 pm Beginner
Handbell Class

6:30 pm Small
Groups at church

29



Worship Service Volunteer Schedules

January, 2022

Combined Services 9:30 am

Assisting Ministers

Jan 2	
Jan 9	Fred Pritchard/Joy Cooley
Jan 16	
Jan 23	Diane Colin
Jan 30	

Lectors

Jan 2	Ed Sever
Jan 9	John Colin
Jan 16	Scot Diuguid
Jan 23	Diane Colin
Jan 30	Jane Miller

Sound

Jan 2	John Colin
Jan 9	Jim Noland
Jan 16	John Colin
Jan 23	Chuck Gearhart
Jan 30	John Colin

Slides

Jan 2	Cindy Clayton
Jan 9	Lynn Pritchard
Jan 16	Scott Miller
Jan 23	Lynn Pritchard
Jan 30	Scott Miller

Videography

Jan 2	John Krysa
Jan 9	John/David Hartline
Jan 16	Sherman Basinger
Jan 23	Joel Everhart
Jan 30	John Krysa

Ushers

Jan 2	Beth/Barry Munson
Jan 9	Bob Hutchins/Hank Norfleet
Jan 16	Ed & Leeann Sever
Jan 23	Clay/Linda Huntington
Jan 30	Pam /Charles Hendren

Teller's Schedule

Jan 2, Bob Roegner (HT) Nancy Roegner and Bob Hutchins

Jan 9, Jim Noland (HT) Peggy and George Kimble

Jan 16 , Jim Noland (HT) Leeann and Ed Sever

Jan 23, Bob Roegner (HT) Nancy Roegner and Sara West

Jan 30, Bob Roegner (HT) Nancy Roegner and John Colin

Cleaning schedule



Jan 7, 2022—The Millers

Jan 21, 2022—The Roegners

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