

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- May 1992 Four couples met to discuss options in pursuing the development of a Lutheran church in the Lake Gaston area.
- June 1992 Twenty Lutherans met with the Rev. Boyce Whitener to explore the possibility of establishing a Lutheran church near Lake Gaston.
- Sept. 1992 First worship service in St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Littleton, NC.
- Oct. 1992 Rev. Gary LaCroy, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Franklin, VA, baptized Christopher James Swofford, age 3.
- July 1993 A one-year contract was signed with Pastor Al Purdham as a Mission Developer for Lakeside Lutheran Church, beginning August 1, 1993.
- Aug. 1993 First worship service held at Warren County Rescue Squad Building.
- Oct. 1993 First worship service at Roanoke Wildwood Fire Hall.
- Feb. 1994 Forty-three adults and five children became charter members of Lakeside Lutheran worshipping community.
- June 1994 First church council installed.
- Aug. 1994 Rev. Richard Eisemann began as Interim pastor.
- June 1995 Lakeside Lutheran Church was incorporated in NC.
- Oct. 1995 Lakeside congregation acquired church building site.
- Feb. 1996 Rev. Dennis Hahle began serving the congregation as Pastor Developer.
- July 1996 Congregation voted to affiliate with the Virginia Synod.
- Sept. 1996 Congregational unit affiliated with Women of the Lutheran Church in America (Virginia Synod Women's Organization).
- Nov. 1996 Lakeside Lutheran Church became a duly organized and recognized congregation of the ELCA, Virginia Synod.
- June 1997 Early Worship service was added.
- Aug. 1997 Congregation approved site plan and schematic drawings of a multi-purpose building to be built as our first unit.
- May 1998 Pavilion was completed, and first outdoor service was held there.
- Apr. 1999 Groundbreaking service on the church property.
- Sept. 1999 First service held in our new facility.
- Oct. 1999 Membership has grown to 160 plus 12 Associate Members.
- Nov. 1999 Dedication of church building.
- July 2000 AD 29 Vacation Bible School program held with 7 participating churches.
- Dec. 2000 Membership has grown to 204, plus 21 Associate Members.
- May 2001 Dedication of Cemetery.
- June 2001 Christian rock concert by Crown of Thornz held for the community.
- July 2001 Pastor Hahle retired and a party is given after his last service.
- Sept. 2001 Pastor Rich Olson becomes our Interim Pastor.
- Dec. 2001 Membership has grown to 226 plus 23 Associate Members.
- April 2002 Call issued to Pastor Eichner.
- June 2002 Interim Pastor Rich Olson leaves and a party is given to thank him.
- July 2002 Pastor Fred Eichner becomes Lakeside new Pastor.

Sept.	2002	Tenth anniversary celebration of Lakeside Lutheran Church.
Sept.	2003	Long Range Goals presented and affirmed.
Dec.	2003	Mortgage retirement celebration with Founding members attending.
July	2004	Multimedia equipment approved for purchase; installed in November.
Nov.	2004	Save the Hill landscaping project completed and watering system installed.
Nov.	2004	Action Plans from Long Range Plan prioritized by congregation.
July.	2005	Replaced the church's existing phone system with Nortel Networks Business Series system.
Oct.	2005	Successful use of Pony Express in 2005 Stewardship Campaign.
Nov.	2005	Development of program based budget.
June	2006	The church celebrated Pastor Eichner's 40 th anniversary of his ordination.
Oct.	2006	The first "Blessing of the Animals" service was held in the Pavilion.
Nov.	2006	37 handbells were purchased by the congregation and a handbell program was Initiated.
Nov.	2006	A noise abatement product was sprayed on the ceiling of the Narthex.
Jan.	2007	A Planning Committee was appointed and began deliberations.
May	2007	First intern position filled – Vicar Carolyn Simonds.
June	2007	Evangelism Committee began a comprehensive neighborhood visitation program.
July	2007	Planning began for Lakeside Lutheran's Speaker's Bureau .Vicar Carolyn Simonds internship begins.
Nov.	2007	Overall planning for Cemetery, Bell Tower, and Biblical Garden combined committee approved and implemented.
Apr.	2008	First "Spiritual Renewal" 3 day Worship Series.
June	2008	Vicar Carolyn Simonds completes Internship.
Sept.	2008	Vicar Eric Moser's internship begins.
Nov.	2008	Paris Care Committee begins planning. New handbells and Table Covers dedicated .Long Range Planning Committee (2007-08) submits Final Report.
Dec.	2008	Architect Selection Committee formed.
Mar.	2009	Congregation approved hiring Stephen Baxter's Architectural Firm to design a Multi-purpose addition for Lakeside and authorized a committee to work through that design phase.
Apr.	2009	New Parish Care Committee initiates program of Caring Friends with instruction session for volunteers.
May	2009	Lakeside hosted Youth Handbell Choir from Henderson, NC.
June	2009	Community Vacation Bible School hosted at Lakeside
July	2009	Internship of Eric Moser was completed.
Aug	2009	Committee met with architect to complete design
Nov.	2009	Bell Tower at Lakeside was dedicated.
Dec.	2009	Community Christmas Cantata at Lakeside.

June	2010	Parish Nurse, Charlotte Moss, begins work at Lakeside.
Aug.	2010	Internship of Julie Scheibel began.
Aug.	2010	Capital Funds Campaign launched.
Oct.	2010	Spiritual Renewal 3 day event led by Pastor David Derrick.
Dec.	2010	Congregation votes to remain firmly in relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
July	2011	Vicar Julie Scheibl's year of internship was completed and a recognition party given.
Aug.	2011	The Rev. C. Fred Eichner retired after 45years, and a celebration service and supper was held in his honor.
Aug.	2011	Pastor Dennis Hahle was appointed by Bishop James Mauney to be Vice Pastor.
Oct.	2011	The Benefit Bank, an ecumenical project was established.
Nov.	2011	The call committee was selected by the LLC Council. The Ministry Site Profile was submitted to the ELCA.
Dec.	2011	The Lakeside Community Chorale presented "Canticle of Christmas," with an attendance of 350 people.
Nov.	2012	The Reverend Russell T. Campbell became primary candidate to be called as Pastor of Lakeside Lutheran Church
Dec.	2012	The Lakeside Community Chorale presented "Majesty of Heaven" at the Lakeside Lutheran Church.
Jan.	2013	The Reverend Russell T. Campbell is called by the Congregation as Pastor
Mar.	2013	The Reverend Russell T. Campbell began his ministry as Pastor of Lakeside Lutheran.
Dec.	2013	The Lakeside Community Chorale presented "Noel and Alleluia" at the Lakeside Lutheran Church.
Apr.	2014	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal was served.
Aug.	2014	Began participation in Northhampton County Home Meal Delivery Program.
Sept.	2014	Participated in the ELCA's God's Work: Our Hands event.
Oct.	2014	Hosted I'll Fly Away event with the Church of God Centro de Adoration.
Nov.	2014	Established 5-year capital repair/replacement plan. Organ donated by Diane and John Colin.
May.	2015	Replaced/Updated sound system in the sanctuary
Oct.	2015	Parking lot resurfaced & painted
Feb.	2016	Encounter-Multi Culture Multi Ethnic dialogues established
Mar.	2016	Spearheaded Ecumenical Outreach through the Community Easter Egg Hunt
Oct.	2017	Began 500 th anniversary of the Reformation
Oct.	2017	Resumed annual Octoberfest celebration
Dec.	2017	Pastor Campbell accepted a call in the Texas Synod and for personal reasons
Dec	2017	Multiple facilities upgrades: new carpet, LED lights, projector, converted nursery to conference room
Mar.	2018	Formed a security committee.
Apr.	2018	Intentional Interim Pastor Kim Triplett joined us.
June	2018	Hosted Community Wide Vacation Bible School.
Aug.	2018	Our New Digital Sign was installed.
Aug.	2018	Renovations on the pavilion were completed.
Sep.	2018	Celebrated the Church's 25 th Anniversary.
Oct.	2018	Celebrated the 500 th Anniversary of the Reformation.
Nov.	2018	Pastor Sherrie Hofmann was called to be our new pastor.
Nov.	2018	Hired Diane Colin as Assistant Director of Music.

Jan.	2019	Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, Installation
Jan	2019	Launched Vision 2020 capital campaign.
Jun	2019	Held church picnic
Jul	2019	Grand piano purchased and installed in sanctuary
Oct	2019	Held Oktoberfest celebration
Nov	2019	Congregation voted to proceed with selection of contractor for new addition and to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$610,000 and signing the contract once fundraising raised a minimum of \$150,000 in pledges.
Jan	2020	Lakeside Renew 145 team accepted into pilot program of Virginia Synod
Mar	2020	First case of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) identified in North Carolina. North Carolina declares state of emergency which continued through 2020.
Mar	2020	Church began videotaped services, posted on the internet.
Apr	2020	Adult Bible Study continued via videoconferencing
Jul	2020	Groundbreaking ceremony for new building held after the Sunday drive-in parking lot service
Oct	2020	Services moved inside with congregation size limited per state requirements
Oct	2020	Two listening meetings held in sanctuary
Nov	2020	Services livestreamed over the internet because of worsening pandemic situation
Nov	2020	Lakeside celebrated 99 th birthday of founding member, Geneva Fitts
Dec	2020	Renew 145 team publishes book of Advent devotions from church members
Dec	2020	Church holds outdoor Lessons and Carols service gathered around a bonfire