

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 Lutheran 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 Eismann 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 Charles Frederick 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 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
Nov.	2008	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.
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Aug	2009	Committee met with architect to complete design
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
July	2009	Internship of Eric Moser was completed.
Nov.	2009	Bell Tower at Lakeside was dedicated.
June	2009	Community Vacation Bible School hosted at Lakeside.
Dec.	2009	Community Christmas Cantata at Lakeside.
Jan	2010	1 st Intern – formerly Vicar Carolyn Simonds is ordained & installed in her first parish
June	2010	Parish Nurse, Charlotte Moss, begins work at Lakeside
Aug.	2010	3 rd Intern begins for Vicar Julie Scheibel
Aug.	2010	Capital Funds Campaign launched
Oct.	2010	2 nd Intern – Vicar Eric Moser ordained & called to his first parish
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

