

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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| 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 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
June	2009	Community Vacation Bible School hosted at Lakeside.
July	2009	Internship of Eric Moser was completed.
Nov.	2009	Bell Tower at Lakeside was dedicated.
Dec.	2009	Community Christmas Cantata at Lakeside.
Jan.	2010	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Intern begins for Vicar Julie Scheibel
Aug.	2010	Capital Funds Campaign launched
Oct.	2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
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 Northampton 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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reformation
Oct.	2017	Resumed annual Octoberfest Celebration
Dec.	2017	Multiple facilities upgrades: new carpet, LED lights, projector, converted nursery to conference room
Mar.	2018	Appointment of Pastor Kim Triplett as Intentional Interim Minister