

LCCNews

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ADVENT WORSHIP

You won't want to miss Sundays here at Lakeside during the Advent season. Sundays November 30, December 7, December 14, and December 21. Come worship with us and hear about the awesome HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE of Jesus Christ!

TIME TO CELEBRATE! TINSEL -N-TALENT!

On Sunday, December 7, we're having our annual TNT "Tinsel & Talent and Chili Cook Off" from 5:00-7:00 PM. This year, you can participate by showing off a talent, decorating a table, or bringing chili, or any other kind of yummy food to share. This is a fun time of fellowship for our church community. Please sign up ahead of time. Forms are in the lobby.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Christmas Sunday is December 21! We will have a time of fellowship at 9:30 with coffee, cocoa, and donut holes. Make sure to take a family picture in the photo booth!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Something new! Join us for a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 PM. This is a beautiful and sacred gathering to honor those grieving. We lament loss, but we remember the hope we have in Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us on Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00 PM for a special candlelight service. This is a wonderful time of worship for the whole family. Invite a neighbor.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS ~ DECEMBER 28

Let's celebrate the Savior's birth together on Sunday morning at 10:15. Instead of meeting in the sanctuary, we will gather in the fellowship hall. Bring a breakfast dish to share. The church will provide biscuits and gravy. We will eat, worship, and hear a devotional. Deck yourself out in all things Christmas!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Dec 3 - Ladies Coffee Connection

Dec 7 - Second Sunday of Advent
Tinsel -N- Talent

Dec 14 - Third Sunday of Advent
Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Dec 20 - United Harvest

Dec 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
No Sunday School
Fellowship at 9:30 AM
Blue Christmas Service

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Dec 25 - Christmas Potluck

Dec 28 - First Sunday of Christmas
No Sunday School

Jan 1 - Happy New Year

Jan 4 - No Sunday School

Jan 7 - Ladies Coffee Connection

Jan 11 - Sunday School Resumes
Families of Kids & Teens
Lunch

Jan 17 - United Harvest

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LAKESIDE KIDS

ANNUAL ORNAMENTS

A lobby tree will hold this year's ornament on Sunday, December 7. Don't forget to take one home to remember Christmas 2025 here at Lakeside. Each kid can take an ornament. This is a special annual occurrence donated by a special Lakeside member.

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS” PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

The kids, teens, their families and friends are invited to stay after church for a Baby Jesus Birthday Party!!! There will be food, games, and music. No need to bring anything, just come celebrate with us!

KIDS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Nights - 6:30 to 7:30 PM - We are currently using the curriculum “Eureka” – Deep Dive into God’s Word. The kids gather for a Bible lesson, small group, and craft or activity. **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY ON DEC. 24 & DEC. 31.** Regular Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday, January 7.

Sunday School - 9:00 to 10:00 AM - We are focusing on a “Journey through Genesis.” The current quizzing lessons are going through Genesis from Creation through Joseph! **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DEC. 21, DEC. 28, & JAN. 4.** Sunday School will resume on January 11.

Children’s Church happens about midway through the main service. Sundays consist of a Bible story and a craft. **NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH ON DEC. 28.**

LOOKING AHEAD To VBS 2026

VBS 2026 will be Illumination Station. It is about shining a light on who Jesus really is. This VBS is going to be great for the kids in our church and our community! More than ever we all need to know and carry in our hearts who Jesus really is and who He has called us to be.

“Illumination Station” ~ Shining a light on who Jesus really is. John 8:12 “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Alex will be gathering her volunteer team beginning in February, so please communicate with her your interest in serving.

LAKESIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 19 is our Student Christmas Party. We will be doing a mug exchange this year and a soup bar. Each student will need to bring a mug for our exchange. If you would like to donate food for that evening please see the Christmas Party Sign Up in the lobby or talk to Alex Snow.

STUDENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS – Don't miss a single Wednesday night! Meals are served at 6:00 PM followed by group games, worship, a message, and small groups. Our evening ends at 8:00 PM. All students, grades 6-12, are welcome. NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY ON DEC. 24 & DEC. 31. Regular Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday, January 7.

SUNDAYS – Don't miss out on Sunday School for teens at 9:15 AM. We are working through the devotional "Citizen of Heaven." NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DEC. 21, DEC. 28, & JAN. 4. Sunday School will resume on January 11.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a way to serve at Lakeside, there are plenty of opportunities in nearly any area you are passionate about. (Nursery with babies, playing with toddlers, helping teach elementary aged students, handing out bulletins, greeting at the front door, being an usher, serving communion, or helping in the tech booth with sound, lyrics, camera, and live stream.) Let us know how you would like to serve.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Each Wednesday night our teens receive a meal at 6:00 PM. So many of you have graciously donated meals to keep these teens fed. We are looking to fill the calendar dates again in the second semester. Please contact Lora Saalfeld or Alex Snow if you would be able to donate a meal or look for the sign-up sheet in the lobby. A simple meal that feeds 50-60 is perfect. Desserts, extra dishes, and fancy foods are not necessary. Immediate January dates needed are 7, 14, 21, and 28.

FAMILIES OF KIDS AND TEENS

We will gather Sunday, January 11 for lunch after service. Childcare will be provided. This will be a time of fellowship and connection for the parents. Please RSVP to Becky Krumm so we can plan food and childcare accordingly.

THANK YOU, LAKESIDE!

Special Thanks for your donations for Operation Christmas Child, Hastings Food Pantries, and the bottled water for Catholic Social Services! May the Lord bless those who receive each of these items over the next several weeks.



LADIES COFFEE CONNECTION

The Ladies of Lakeside meet for coffee on the first Wednesday of each month. Join them at The Sunflower Kitchen at 9:30 AM. Mark your calendars: December 3, January 7, and February 4.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NEW STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new study, *Listening to God*, January 6 at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to join this study and dive deeper into God's Word together. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Are you looking for a place to celebrate Christmas Day? Join others on Wednesday, December 25 at Noon. Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share. RSVP to the Church Office or Nancy Hawes.

2025 YEAR END-GIVING

For many, the end of the year is a good time to give, as the Lord has so graciously given to each of us. We praise God for his provision for our church family. He is faithful. For those who desire to make an extra, year-end donation to Lakeside, outside of God's tithes and your offerings, there are several ways to do that: Place gift in the offering plate or black boxes on Sunday mornings, drop gift by the church office during the week, mail gift, or give online at lcchastings.com. If you would like a credit for your taxes, gifts must be received by 12/31.

CORE 52 SERMON SCHEDULE

For the Advent Season, we will set aside CORE 52 and resume in January. For those following along, here will be our schedule.

ADVENT:

11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28

CORE 52:

1/4/26 ~ Chapter 48
1/11/26 ~ Chapter 49
1/18/26 ~ Chapter 50
1/25/26 ~ Chapter 51
2/1/26 ~ Chapter 52

LAKESIDE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- There will be no regular Wednesday activities at the church for kids and teens on both Wednesdays, December 24 and December 31.
- There will be a Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 PM for all. Regular Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday, January 7.
- There will be no Sunday School for all ages on Sundays, December 21, 28, and January 4. Sunday School will resume on January 11.
- The Church Office will be closed at Noon on Christmas Eve and will stay closed until Monday, January 5. Please leave a voicemail at the office if you have communication needs. The pastors are available so if you need additional help please contact them or a church board member.