



LCC News

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Monthly Newsletter of Lakeside Community Church

Lakeside Friends and Family,

Last time I wrote to you I shared with you how November is a very sweet month for me. However, this month is different. March is the hardest month of the year for this transplanted beach bum. Snow is welcomed in December to set the perfect scene for Christmas events and activities. Snow and cold is tolerated in January and February because, after all, it is still winter but then comes March, the month that carries the first day of spring. By this time of the year, I am getting tired of heavy winter boots, bulky jackets, brown lawns, and bare branches. I start questioning why I live in Nebraska and then start dreaming of warmer places, green lawns, green vegetation, the warmth of the sun, and getting in my car wearing flip flops.

Winter is hard and the last month of winter is the hardest. You feel like it should be warm, but it's not. Your patience for warmth and beautiful days is running low. You may even snap at a loved one or cry when the 50 mph wind cuts through your three layers of clothing. It starts to feel like warm days are never going to return. Thankfully, April comes, and you get a few teaser days of warmer weather and then we start to see the first daffodils pop up out of the ground. Spring blossoms and green grass is like eye candy to our souls. Finally, we have made it through another Nebraska winter.

You see, in life we have winters where nothing seems to be blooming, things are hard and gloomy. It's the last part of the winter that is the hardest. It's like a marathon, it's that last leg of the race right before the finish line that is the hardest, right before the runner breaks through the finish line, right before the daffodils break through the ground, right before we break into a new season of our lives. It was the last days of Jesus' ministry on earth that were probably the hardest for him; before He made a way for us to break through the sins in our lives. So, when life feels the hardest, when you don't know how you are going to get through one more day of your winter, be assured that it is always hardest the closer to the finish line and that your winter is almost over, and sunny days are just around the corner. Keep your eyes on Jesus who sustains us through winter and brings us into better days.

Warm Blessings,
Tonya Morrison

LAKESIDE KIDS MINISTRY

GOD SQUAD

God Squad Facebook Event – The God Squad musical is now listed on Facebook. The link can be found on the Lakeside Kids Facebook page. Please help us reach our community by sharing the link with friends and inviting them to the performance!

Announcing the 2023 God Squad Musical Cast:

Lionheart – Clarity Saalfeld

Thunderbolt – Arianna Zabst

Buckler – Hailey Morrison

Pink Platinum – Hannah Morrison

Double Edge Twins – Alex Krum and Edwin Schneider

Mustardseed – Emily Schneider

Young Cora – Kenzley Zabel

Cora – Elaina Deets

Olivia – Hadleigh Deets

Kids – Jayden and Jetson Woolbright, Caleb Dickey, and Deadra Rader

PARENTS OF KIDS - POK

March 26 – Parents of Kids lunch gathering from 11:30 – 1:30 at the church. Childcare and lunch will be provided for kids at no charge. Join us as we fellowship over lunch and sharpen and strengthen each other in our ministry to raise kids for Christ in this ever-challenging world. This is open to all parents in the community so invite other parents that might be interested in this opportunity.

NURSERY

We have nursery care during the Sunday School hour and during the Worship Service. This is a great time for your littles to meet other littles within the church and start building strong friendships.

KIDS DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for spring musical practice, then 7:00 - 8:00 PM for studying God's Word.
- Bible Quizzing during the Sunday School hour, 9-10:00 AM. We are studying 1st and 2nd Samuel.
- During Sunday morning services, children will be invited to Children's Church.

EQUIP23 CONFERENCE

Lakeside Parents,

This upcoming event on March 25 might be something you would be interested in. Equip 23 Parenting Conference is hosting "Parenting in a Sexulazied World" from 3:00 to 8:30 PM at Trinity Church - 613 18th Avenue - Holdredge, NE 68949. The speaker for this event is Hillary Ferrer, author of MamaBear Apologetics. Registration is \$25/person and the deadline is March 15. This includes dinner.

"Equip 23 is a regional parenting conference for Christians. This year, we are tackling the topic of sexuality. We don't want to just bring information, we want to offer tools to equip you to have better conversations about sex with your kids."

Let us know if you are interested in going and maybe we can do some carpooling! For more information contact Tonya Morrison.

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LAKESIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Each Wednesday night our teens receive a meal at 6 PM to begin their ministry. So many of you have graciously donated meals to keep these teens fed. The youth staff is looking to fill the calendar dates again through the remainder of the school year. All dates are filled through March but we have needs in April and May. Please contact Pastor Krystal or Lora Saalfeld if you have any questions or if you want to bring a meal. A simple meal, main dish and side dish, that feeds 25 is perfect. Desserts, extra dishes, and fancy foods are not necessary.

MIDAMERICA XTREME

MIDAMERICA XTREME (MAX) is coming up in April. If you are interested in attending this fun event, please let Pastor Krystal know and she can help you register. Register to MNU by March 22 and give payment to Lakeside by April 2. The students will leave around noon on Thursday, April 20. This is considered a campus visit, so school absences will be excused. We will return Saturday afternoon. We are staying at a hotel nearby MNU, with all of the other district students. The event takes place on the campus of MNU. Students can sign up to participate in a variety of events, or students could choose to simply support their peers during events. There is a speaker and times of worship as well. The cost is \$150. This price includes 2 nights hotel, events at MNU, a t-shirt, Friday lunch, Friday dinner, and Saturday lunch.

NEBRASKA TEEN CAMP

We have the summer camp dates already!! Mark your calendars! July 31-August 4 in Lexington, NE at The Crossing Retreat Center. Registration for this event will be open soon.

SERVING

If you are looking for a way to serve at church, there are plenty of opportunities in nearly any area you are passionate about. (Nursery with babies, playing with toddlers, helping teach the elementary aged students, handing out bulletins, greeting at the front door, being an usher, serving communion, singing or playing an instrument, or helping out in the tech booth with sound, lyrics, camera, and live stream.). Please contact Pastor Krystal if you are interested.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please like LCCTeens on Facebook. Follow lchastingsteens on Instagram. Both of these platforms are used to notify of upcoming events and push information about the student ministry at Lakeside. REMIND APP is used for parents and students to communicate on a weekly basis.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 1

Ladies Coffee Connection

March 4

Western Zone Quiz Meet ~ North Platte

March 10 - 11

Nebraska District Men's Retreat

March 11

Wilma Pauley 90th Birthday

March 12

Daylight Savings Time Ends

March 18

United Harvest Food Pantry

March 25

Schwenk 50th Anniversary

March 26

POK Lunch

PARKING LOT UPDATE

Our parking lot improvement project will be completed this spring. There were a couple of hiccups in the fall, but as the weather warms we will be able to complete the repairs. While the labor is donated, we are still in need of about \$2,000 to fully pay for the project materials. Please consider giving above and beyond your tithe and normal offerings for this need.

CELEBRATING EASTER AT LAKESIDE

"He is not here, for He is risen." Matthew 28:6

Please join us on Sunday, April 9, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will gather for a time of fellowship at 9:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee & Photo Booth. Service begins at 10:15.

Invite a Friend or a Neighbor to Easter Sunday!

Invite cards will be available this month for you to give to hand out. Pick some up in the office or grab a couple from your bulletin. Here are some tips for inviting!

Pray before inviting someone. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you about who to invite. Ask them if they would like to go with you. Offer to meet them. Explain what the service will look like. Don't forget to follow up afterwards!

LAKESIDE MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in learning more about Lakeside and perhaps formalizing your relationship with the church? Pastor Barry is offering a two-part membership class on **Sundays, March 12 and March 19 at 9:00 a.m.** in the conference room. On Easter, April 9, we will recognize new members during the Sunday service.

BELIEVERS BAPTISM

Easter Sunday is set aside to celebrate Believers Baptism. Pastor Barry will facilitate a baptism class for adults on **Sundays, March 26 and April 2 at 9:00 a.m.** Pick one class that fits your schedule. If you have never confirmed your faith in this way and would like to be baptized please contact the Church Office at 402-463-6776 to sign up for the class.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of a loved one, please contact the Church Office, or fill out a memoriam form, which will be available as an insert in the weekly bulletin. The lilies are \$13 and will be ready to take home with you following the Easter Sunday Service on April 9.



In celebration of Wilma Pauley's 90th birthday on February 28, her family would like to invite you to a drop-in reception on Saturday, March 11, between 1 and 4 PM at Lakeside Community Church. No gifts please, but cards are welcome!



The family of Morrie and Joyce Schwenk would like to invite you to a celebration for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Join us on Saturday, March 25, at Lakeside Community Church for a drop in reception between 2 and 4 PM. Congratulations to Morrie and Joyce for 50 years of commitment and love for each other! May the Lord continue to bless you!