



LCC News

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Lakeside Family and Friends,

April is National Volunteer Appreciation month but when you volunteer your time and talents to the Kingdom of God you are more than a volunteer. Since I enjoy gardening and it's that time of year when we are itching to start our gardens, I will explain this in gardening terms. When you volunteer in the Kingdom of God you are a gardener tending to the growth of a disciple. To explain what I mean, I'll apply this concept to the ministry of children, teens, and young adults.

A gardener knows the importance of good soil. At the start of each season, the soil is cultivated, amended, and prepped for sowing seeds. By meeting a baby's needs, showing love, and keeping them safe, the gardener is cultivating their hearts to receive seeds of faith.

About the time a kid is ready for preschool, their hearts and minds are ready for seeds. Gardeners plant seeds every time they read a Bible story, teach a Bible song like "Jesus Loves Me," or help them memorize a short Bible verse.

Once the kid reaches elementary school age, little seedlings have emerged through the soil and a new plant is growing. Young plants require more care and attention than a mature plant. Plants are less tolerant to periods of drought, weeds can overtake quickly, and storms can be catastrophic. Fortunately, if a gardener takes care to watch out for these dangers, and continues to provide the needed elements, the seedling will grow large and strong right before their eyes. Due to these dangers, this work is usually done in greenhouses. At church, our greenhouses include Wednesday night, Sunday school, and Children's church ministries.

Come late elementary/early middle school, the plant is really taking off and it is time to transplant it out to the field. Care needs to be taken that the plant doesn't go into transplant shock and die. Once transplanted, the gardener continues to provide water, sun, and nutrients as needed. The gardener will now need to train the young, growing plant where to put its' energy. This includes trellising and pruning. A gardener in the Kingdom of God

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 3

Ladies Coffee Connection

April 4

Robert Singley
Memorial Service

April 5

Naz Kids Retreat

April 6

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Del Tackett Conference

April 9

Church Board Meeting

April 14

Worship Candidate Visit

April 20

United Harvest Food Pantry

April 21

Annual Elections
Spaghetti Feed

April 28

Annual Meeting

Before you know it, the heat of the summer is here. As you might guess, this is the teen years. Summer is full of environmental stressors, diseases from malnutrition, and insect invasions can really start taking over. A gardener is out there in the heat, providing extra water as necessary and maybe even some shade. Fertilizers are applied as needed and invaders are removed. If all goes well, you may will see some young fruit forming.

Late summer and early fall arrive and hopefully the plant is full of fruit. The gardener sees the fruit mature and has an idea of what can be done with the fruit. This is when teen is becoming a young adult and starting to come to a full understanding of who they are in Christ and the purpose God has for them. In ministry, this is when gardeners help teens discover their God-given talents and encourage the use of these talents for the Kingdom.

Lastly, it's harvest season and plants produce seeds that allow the cycle to continue. In the Kingdom of God, the teen becomes a young adult, starts a family, and grows another precious disciple.

Here We Grow!
Tonya Morrison



“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”

~ Psalms 1:3

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

DISTRICT-WIDE SPRING RETREAT

When: April 5 -April 6

Where: Fremont, NE

Cost: FREE!

Details: We will travel as a group in the church van to Fremont and plan to arrive there at 7:00 pm for food, games, cheer friends that are quizzing, and lock-in.

VBS JUNE 17-20

6:00-8:30 BREAKER ROCK BEACH

Please be praying about what part you can play in this amazing outreach opportunity of the summer!

SUMMER CAMP & SCHOLARSHIPS

July 18-21 at the Crossing in Lexington. Scholarship application available next to the check-in computer. Applications deadline is June 2.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT!!!

APRIL 27

Moms, you need a break to relax and refresh with other moms. Let's get together the night of April 27. Be on the lookout for more details.

POK (PARENTS OF ALL KIDS)

APRIL'S LUNCHEON

This month our lunch time fellowship will look a little different. We will be joining the rest of the church for the Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on April 21 after the main service. Join our Remind App group to stay informed about any developing details.

SUNDAY MAIN CHURCH SERVICE

We will have our Nursery and Preschool rooms available during the whole service. The older kids will begin the service with their parents in the main sanctuary and then will be invited to Children's Church right before the sermon begins. Please check kids in upon arrival and promptly pick them up when service concludes. Thank you.

KIDS SECURITY REMINDER

For the utmost security of our kids, we need parents to check their kids in on the IPAD in the Lobby. The kids will receive a printed name tag to give Ms. Tonya and parents will keep the small tag to give Ms. Tonya at pick-up. This helps ensure the leaders have the students they should have in their rooms and in case of an emergency. When the parent returns the small sticker at pick-up that clarifies the turn-over of responsibility of that child back over to the parent.



COMMUNICATION

Please like LCCTeens on Facebook.

Follow lcchastingsteens on Instagram.

Both of these platforms are used to notify of upcoming events and push information about the student ministry at Lakeside.

Nebraska NYI can be found on Facebook and Instagram as well. Keep up with what the district is planning.

The REMIND APP is our main source of communication. Please make sure you are signed up to receive this.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ SUNDAYS AT 9:15

Sunday School is a great time to dig deeper into God's Word and make more authentic connections. For the remainder of the school year, students will be studying a devotional called Jesus 101. Each student will have his/her own book.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ~ 6:00-8:00 PM

We're wrapping up a super great school year. Finish the year strong by being present each Wednesday night. We share a meal beginning at 6:00, we enjoy games, a message is heard, and we gather in small groups. Don't miss a single week.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP ~ JULY 21-25

REGISTER TODAY!! There is a QR code in the youth room and it takes 30 seconds to register. Camp will be in Lexington, NE at The Crossing Retreat Center. Scholarship applications are available now through June 2. If you want any help reducing costs, please apply for a scholarship and communicate your need.

SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISERS

SPAGHETTI FEED ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Costs for kids and teens camps are on the rise and we want to try and help families with fees! Make plans now to join us for this fun time of fellowship. Donations accepted for a Spaghetti Meal.

MAY DAY BASKETS

May Day Baskets will be sold the two Sundays prior to May 1: April 21 and 28. Baskets are \$5 and have a little message with candies. You can purchase baskets for your neighbors or for your friends to deliver on May Day. Proceeds are helping students raise money to go to camp this summer.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Lakeside Church desires to help kids and teens attend camp each summer. We believe it is a valuable part of their growth as a young Christian. Kids and teens who would like to attend camp, should pick up a CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PACKET. Packets are available and completed packets are due back by Sunday, June 2 in order to be eligible for a scholarship. If you are a member or friend of Lakeside and would like to financially help students attend camp this summer, feel free to make a donation, but please mark your donation "Summer Camps."

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LADIES COFFEE CONNECTION

Ladies of Lakeside! Join a group of ladies on the first Wednesday morning of each month at Blue Moon in Hastings at 9:30. April 3 ~ May 1 ~ June 5

KEEPING LAKESIDE LOOKING SPIFFY!

Indoor and outdoor work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 9 to Noon. There will be projects for all levels and interests. A list will be provided beforehand to determine where you might want to serve. Lakeside is a beautiful facility, but also showing its age at times. Let's continue to be good stewards with what God has provided for us.

WORSHIP PASTOR CANDIDATE

We would like to welcome a worship pastor candidate who is coming to meet us on the weekend of April 12-14. You can meet her that Sunday morning during the service. The staff and the board have been prayerfully seeking God's direction for the hiring of new staff. We are thankful for God's leading and we look forward to all that He has for Lakeside in the coming months. He is faithful.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS & MEETING

On Sunday, April 21, at the conclusion of the service, church elections will take place for all voting members. This will be a voting meeting only, and you must be a member of the church and at least 15 years old to participate. We will vote on church board members, council members, and District Assembly Delegates

After voting, please join us in the fellowship hall for a spaghetti feed. This is a donation meal to help raise money for our kids and teens to attend summer camps.

The annual church meeting will take place on Sunday, April 28, immediately following the service from 11:30 to 12:30. At this time, all friends and members of Lakeside are invited to hear reports from staff, financial reports, and additional church business. You don't want to miss out on what God is doing at Lakeside so make sure you plan on attending.

SAVE THE DATE

112TH NEBRASKA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND ASSEMBLY

The 112th Nebraska District Conventions and Assembly are being held right here at Lakeside, June 5-7. This is a big year for the Nebraska District as a new District Superintendent will be elected at Assembly. A schedule will be released closer to the date, but the assembly begins Wednesday night at 7:00 PM and concludes Friday by Noon. There will be nursery available for all sessions and Jr. Assembly for pre-K to 5th grade Thursday and Friday.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be on May 19. We will be honoring Lakeside's high school graduates during the service. We would also like to announce any immediate family members who are graduating from higher institutions including community college degrees, 4-year degrees, completion of certificated programs, or doctoral degrees. Please contact the Church Office with this information.