

November is one of my favorite months. The crisp air and the fall colors are so refreshing after a season of heat and humidity. Schedules are back to normal, and rhythm has returned to our daily lives. It is a simple slow month before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. A time for quiet reflection. It's a month we focus on remembering all we are thankful for.

Thankfulness is a word that is often glossed over due to its simplicity, and it is an inward practice more so than an outward practice. We say thank you from time to time, but thankfulness better describes the condition of the heart. Over and over, God reminds us to be thankful. He has tucked this instruction all throughout His Word. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we see, "Give thanks in all circumstances," and in Philippians 4:6 it states, "...by prayer & petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." We even see Jesus himself giving thanks before the breaking of bread on several occasions.

Sometimes thankfulness is not the first emotion that naturally rises up in us, however, if we stop for a minute, we can always find something to be thankful for in any circumstance. It is something that needs to be nurtured in order to grow. This month, I challenge you to think of at least one thing you are thankful for each day and write them on a pumpkin to be read on Thanksgiving. Maybe go around the dinner table every night this month and ask each person to share what they are thankful for that day. As a parent, we are called to train up our children in the way they should go so maybe the next time they complain about the color of their sippy cup, let's encourage them to follow that up with three things they are thankful for. If your children are older and having a rough day, gently remind them of things they can still be thankful for in that situation, or have them think of a few, even if it's just that tomorrow will be a new day.

Thankfulness reminds us of God's goodness and love towards us. The more we are thankful, the more peace of God we will have.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Tonya Morrison



LAKESIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PARENTS! SAY WHAT?

This quarter we are joining with our parents, and parents of younger kids, to study the Articles of Faith. The Church of the Nazarene has established 16 Articles of Faith which help guide us in principles of Christian living. This is a great time of multi-generational connection and deep conversation, not to mention there are donuts!!! Come at 9 AM each Sunday!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us on Wednesday nights during the school year from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Together we eat a meal, play some games, develop friendships, have fun, listen to a teaching from God's Word, and share in small groups. The youth staff looks forward to getting to know our students better and to invest into their lives. Thank you to those who have donated a meal on these nights. The food has been delicious. We continue looking for more people who would like to bring supper for 20-25 students. Please contact Lora Saalfeld or the church office with questions.

Friendsgiving ~ Wednesday, November 16

That's right! Friendsgiving! The teens are celebrating Thanksgiving together on Wednesday night, November 16. You don't want to miss this time of sharing a meal together and talking about being grateful! Regular ministry times that evening 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Don't miss the Fall Retreat on November 18-20. The Nebraska District NYI is headed to The Crossing in Lexington. The cost is \$110. This will be an awesome weekend for spiritual growth and connection with other students the same ages. During the retreat, we will worship, play games, spend time in small groups, hang out together, and listen to messages. Register now! This is a great time to bring a friend! Talk to Pastor Krystal with any questions.

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE ~ JULY 2023

Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC) is a powerful youth event, hosted by the Church of the Nazarene, which has been held in different locations for six decades. Taking place every 4 years, NYC provides an opportunity for high school students from the USA and Canada (students with high school graduation year 2023-2027) to be united for worship, discipleship, community outreach, and tons of fun. Go to www.nazareneyouthconference.com to learn more about NYC. In July of 2023, thousands of students will be traveling to Tampa, Florida for this awesome event. Lakeside currently has 10 students and 2 adults signed up. Fundraising for this trip will take place all school year long. Thank you so much for those who have so generously given to the NYC fundraisers.

Thank you so much for your Spaghetti Feed donations. The NYC students are so grateful for your love and support.

TASKS FOR TEENS

If you have a need this fall or winter around your house, inside or outside, consider asking one of our NYC Teens to come help. You could make a donation to their NYC account for the work they accomplish. Contact the church office with questions or to connect you with a teen.

Craft Fair

Lakeside is hosting a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be shopping, food, and a raffle. Drop in during the day for some shopping and to have a bite to eat! The students going to NYC are sponsoring this event and the proceeds will go toward their trip. Invite a neighbor or a friend. Help us share the news about this event around town!





Join us for Altar Prayer every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM





HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

Join us on Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 PM for the Hanging of the Greens Service. Begin the Advent season with this special interactive celebration, which is fun for the entire family. Cookies and cocoa will be served. You don't want to miss this special event!

LET US ADORE HIM BY DR. SAMANTHA CHAMBO

This Advent Season, Lakeside is offering a daily Advent Devotional book and a family activities packet. Both provide an opportunity for you to engage through readings, scriptures, prayers, reflection questions, children's activities, and candle lighting liturgy at home. These resources



will be available beginning Sunday, November 6. Please take a copy of the book Let Us Adore Him. If you are able to give a donation of \$7 toward the book, that would be great, however, if you cannot, we still want you to have the book. The activity packets are free.

SECURITY AND SAFETY

Security and Safety procedures at Lakeside are a top priority. We are always trying to make improvements. One important way to improve is to educate people on how to use the AED. This is a life-saving device located in our lobby next to the Fellowship Hall. We are also advocating for people to be trained in CPR and First Aid. Go to redcross.org and find an online class. This can be completed in the comfort of your home. Or go to cccneb.edu/cpr to discover what classes are available. Please contact Wendell Verhage or the church office with any questions.

TINSEL AND TALENT WITH CHILI COOK-OFF! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:00 PM

Bring a crockpot of your best chili. If you would rather bring a side dish or dessert, that would be great too. There will be voting for the best chili with prizes! While we enjoy the chili, we will hear from our talent contestants. If you would like to participate this year, please contact the church office. Kids can let Miss Tonya know, and teens can let Pastor Krystal know. Adults are welcome too! Entries for the talent show are due November 30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 31

Kennard Family Open House

November 2

Ladies Coffee Connection

November 6

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 12

Children's Quizzing - Omaha

November 13

OCC Packing Party

November 16

Student Ministry Friendsgiving

November 18-20

Youth Fall Retreat

November 19

United Harvest Food Pantry

November 20

Hanging of the Greens

November 23

No Midweek Ministry

November 24 & 25

Happy Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 23 and there will be no Wednesday Night activities The office will reopen on Monday, November 28 at 8:30 AM. Please enjoy the evening with your friends and family in anticipation of Thanksgiving.