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“We envision Lakeside UMC to be God’s HANDS in our community and beyond:
Hospitable, Always Faithful, Nurturing, Discipleship, Service.”

Lakeside Worship & Fellowship Highlights

- ⇒ 5/3: Musical Revue & Dinner
- ⇒ 5/4: Communion Sunday
- ⇒ 5/6: ROMEOS breakfast
- ⇒ 5/10: Children’s Ministry
High Tea for women & kids
- ⇒ 5/11: Mother’s Day
- ⇒ 5/26: Memorial Day,
OFFICE CLOSED

the Pastor’s Corner



Last month Lakeside UMC hosted a wonderful event—our Easter Celebration. While attendance wasn’t as high as our Trunk or Treat event, I was thrilled to see children with their parents and grandparents enjoying themselves—playing games, collecting Easter eggs, and launching themselves down the inflatable slide. It was a joyful occasion.

A heartfelt thank-you to our Children’s Committee —Bob Friend, Beth Moses, Marlo Gibbson, Dina Giese, and Robin Dodson—for their hard work and dedication in preparing and coordinating this event. Be sure to give them a pat on the back when you see them, and those who volunteered to help!

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As I participated in the celebration, a question came to mind: How can we invite visitors from our neighborhood to come inside our church building? After some brainstorming, one idea that came up was: What if we began the event with worship and praise in the Sanctuary? That way, visitors could experience the beauty of our sacred space and be welcomed into the heart of our church.

Of course, this will take more planning and coordination from our Children's Committee—and from all of us. As the body of Christ, we are called to share in this vision and ministry together. Ministry is about inviting others to know, love, and serve Jesus. Sometimes, it begins simply—by inviting people to experience the joy and hospitality that already lives within our church family.

Let's be intentional about invitation. Let's live as an invitational community. I'm excited to continue building our church into a space that is safe, sacred, and welcoming to all.

Pastor Jae



Music Notes

First, a big thank-you to our chancel choir and Jeanne Bluford for their hard work and long hours preparing for the Palm Sunday cantata. I think it was the most beautiful and moving cantata we have ever done. Thanks also to those who offered the brief monologues between musical numbers: the “silent witnesses” to Christ’s passion, and to those who prepared and presented the visual elements: the palms, the chalice, the robe, the crown of thorns, and the cross. I also appreciate the fine playing by the orchestra. These elements all combined to make this a most meaningful event.

Now, from the sublime to the ridiculous! (or perhaps from the serious, contemplative season of Lent to the fun and nonsense of another “fun” raiser for LAMB’s Basket).

You will see the women and men of Lakeside United Methodist and Christ Lutheran churches at their most uninhibited, cavorting on stage as they raise money for this very worthy cause. It will again feature the Sisters of the Holy Basement, (and who knows what else is planned!) as well as solos, duets, etc. Let’s surpass the \$1,724.41 we made last year, plus many canned goods. The admission price is the very reasonable cost of your delicious meal (prepared by the men), plus a can of food. Come and enjoy the antics on stage, knowing you are helping to fight hunger!

Caroline

Hygiene Kits Project: Update

The UMM sponsored UMCOR Hygiene Kit project is going to be a success again this year thanks to those who so generously contributed to the cause. We are well on the way to putting together at least 300 kits; we might even hit 350!

Stay tuned for the final number as the UMM will be assembling them at their May meeting—we’ll report the final total in the next Messenger.

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National Day of Prayer: May 1st

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

Since President Washington's swearing in, prayer has played a pivotal role in the truth that our rights come from God and not government.

If you would like to learn more about the National day of Prayer and how you can join in praying for our nation, go to www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

Lamb's Basket

During the month of May, we are collecting the following for each week:

- ⇒ May 4: jelly
- ⇒ May 11: Spaghetti Os/canned pasta
- ⇒ May 18: juice boxes
- ⇒ May 25: peanut butter snack crackers

We can also use brown paper grocery bags.

Thank you for all the food donations and monetary contributions to allow Lamb's Basket to purchase much needed food items.

Prayer for 2025 National Day of Prayer—May 1st

God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

You have caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; therefore, we hope in what we do not see.

This world is not our home or reality, but the Lord is our Rock, our Truth, our certainty.

God of hope, we pour out our praise and are filled with Your powerful presence.

We pour out repentance of sin and are filled with forgiveness and righteousness.

We pour out pain from the attacks of the enemy—anxiousness, fear, anger—and You fill us with courage, assurance, and love.

We pour out our needs, the desires of our hearts, and are filled with Your Kingdom provision and purpose.

We pour out our hearts for our nation, for the people and places, relationships and responsibilities the Lord has established: the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Arts, Entertainment, Media, and Government. May all who live, serve, and steward in these be filled with Your purpose, wisdom, strength, and truth.

Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

In abounding hope, anchored by our hope in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!

Written by NDP Task Force President, Kathy Branzell

2025 Easter Offering

This year's Special Easter offering was collected to benefit the United Methodist Family Services. We received \$981 so far!

The UMFS mission is to work with not only children and teens, but the whole family to provide services and resources to meet their needs through providing foster care, adoption services, and treatment for many types of social disorders.

Thank you for your generosity!

ROMEOS

Gentlemen, you are invited to join the ROMEOS for breakfast on Tuesday, May 6th at Golden Corral off of Gaskins Rd.

Please contact Bob Friend if you plan to attend or have questions.



Carolyn Babcock	5/3
Gary Murphree, Sr.	5/6
Steve Jennings	5/9
Kathleen Nuckols	5/9
Barbara Jordan	5/10
Jan McGaha	5/10
Maura Davis	5/11
John Ross	5/12
Charmaine Brown	5/14
Terry Moncure	5/14
Mark Gillis	5/21
Nick Goff	5/26
Jack Gill	5/31

