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Monthly Newsletter of Lakeside Community Church

Lakeside Family and Friends,

During Advent 2024, I was super intentional about slowing down and waiting with expectant anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. There were times of hectic chaos, but when Advent was finished, I felt rested, and my heart was full.

The season of Lent tends to be my favorite part of the church year, and like Advent, I try to be intentional about the season. I sit with the meaning of Lent, and I acknowledge my deep need for a Savior. I recognize that the Lenten Season is pivotal for my faith, so I take the time to prepare my heart. I invite you to do the same.

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, which takes place on Wednesday, March 5, and it ends with Resurrection Sunday, which is April 20. In the past, we have provided Lenten devotionals to guide us through this season, but we are not doing that this year because we are sticking with the Core 52 curriculum. It will be cool to see how God aligns the teachings for this season.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 7:00 PM. This service signifies a season of fasting, praying, and acknowledging our deep need for Jesus. We remember Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness, so we also enter a journey of fasting in the wilderness for forty days. Too often we rush to Easter focusing on eggs, chocolate, and bunnies, but really, this is about drawing closer to Christ so that we can emerge with more humility than when we began.

On Palm Sunday, we will be taking in new members, and on Easter Sunday, we will be celebrating baptisms. Any information regarding these two important practices can be found in the newsletter, or you can contact the Church Office. There will be classes offered for both so that you can understand more about church membership and believers' baptism. They are both offered at the 9 o'clock hour over some upcoming Sundays.

My prayer for you and your family this season is that you will stop and focus on the significance of the Season of Lent.

In His Service,

Pastor Krystal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2

Super Sundae Sunday

March 5

Ladies Coffee Connection
Ash Wednesday Service

March 7

District Men's Night

March 9

Daylight Savings Time ~ Spring Forward

March 15

United Harvest Food Pantry

March 16

Membership Class
Mission Trip Team Meeting

March 18

Church Board Meeting

March 23

Membership Class
Mom's Night Out

March 30

Baptism Class
Dad's Night Out

LADIES COFFEE CONNECTION

Ladies of Lakeside! Join a group of ladies on the first Wednesday morning of each month at the Sunflower Kitchen in Hastings at 9:30 AM.

March 5 ~ April 2 ~ May 7

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Lakeside will be holding a one hour ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE on Wednesday, March 5, 7:00-8:00 PM. This service is for all ages and everyone is welcome. It is a meaningful way to begin the season of Lent.

DISTRICT MEN'S NIGHT

Men of Lakeside! Let's come together on Friday, March 7 at the church from 6:30-8:30. This will be a district wide event for men but we will all be in our own buildings hanging together. Share a meal at 6:30 and then hear a live-stream message from Pastor Dillon Robinson, lead pastor from The Well in Springfield, MO, at 7:30. For more information, contact Dan Saalfeld at 402.460.0612.

MISSION TRIP TEAM MEETING

We are having another team meeting after church on Sunday, March 16. This will be longer than our previous meetings, so we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish or two to share.

HELP WANTED!

We would love for you to join our AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM during Sunday services! No experience necessary—just come as you are, and we'll provide all the training you need! Contact Pastor Mollee.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

PURCHASE A LILY

We will decorate the platform with Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. Lily Remembrances can be purchased for \$13 each in honor or memory of a special loved one. Order forms will be available beginning Sunday, March 23.

SAFETY & SECURITY

We are looking for more people to serve on the SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If you have a kid or teen that comes Wednesday nights, please consider serving 1x every 4-6 weeks. We like to have a presence whenever our doors are open, and keeping people safe is a priority. Talk to Jeff Krumm if you have any questions.

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SUPER SUNDAE SUNDAY!!

Super Sundae Sunday is here! Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM. You will be served a sundae of your choosing during the Dessert Auction! This a fun-filled time to eat ice-cream, fellowship together, and hear our auctioneers sell some desserts. If you are donating a dessert, bring it Sunday morning. All the proceeds will be going towards our Mission Trip Team headed to the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota this Summer!! Please come out and support!!

LAKESIDE KIDS MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TIMES

Sunday 9:00: Sunday School for Elementary kids
Sunday Main Service: Children's Church during sermon
Sunday Main Service: Nursery open entirety of service

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 Midweek ministry for Elementary kids.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On March 5, from 7:00-8:00 PM, the kids will gather in the main sanctuary with our teens and adults from our congregation to observe Ash Wednesday. We will have our fellowship time at the beginning of the night, from 6:30-7:00, rather than at the end like we normally do.

BEE PART OF VBS

We have an incredible VBS planned for this summer, and it is always an amazing experience here at Lakeside! Fill out a volunteer card this month to let us know what area you would like to BEE a part of this year.



POK – WE HAVE TWO SEPARATE EVENTS THIS MONTH JUST FOR PARENTS!

Parenting is hard and sometimes the most productive thing we can do as parents is take a break, have some fun, and recharge the soul! Mark your calendar for the following events:

Mom's Night Out
March 23, 5:30 @ The Church
Guided Easter Painting Project and Appetizers

Dad's Night Out
March 30, 5:30 @ The Church
Cornhole Tournament and Pizza

LAKESIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

MAX @ MNU

Students grades 8 - 12 are traveling to MidAmerica Nazarene University on April 24-26 for MidAmerica Extreme! Please contact Pastor Krystal right away to reserve your spot for this fun trip. Cost will be about \$100.

NEBRASKA TEEN CAMP

Mark your calendars for Summer Teen Camp - July 21-25. We will be at The Crossing in Lexington, NE as usual. Camp is one of the biggest events we do all summer and you don't want to miss this life-changing week. Plan your summer around these dates!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF LAKESIDE?

Christians are meant to live out their faith together, living and loving in community. Being connected to a church and making a commitment, expresses a willingness to walk faithfully with others. It also provides accountability for personal growth and encourages acts of service, compassion for others, and a unity of mission. Membership in the Nazarene Church also connects you to a bigger global family.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BAPTISM BEFORE?

If you've never been baptized, you are encouraged to pray about it. Here is what the Church of the Nazarene manual says, "We believe that Christian baptism, commanded by our Lord, is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ, to be administered to believers and declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in holiness and righteousness."

LAKESIDE MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in learning more about Lakeside and perhaps formalizing your relationship with the church? Please contact the Church Office or talk to Pastor Krystal. There will be two informational classes on Sundays, March 16 and March 23 at 9:00 a.m. Please attend both classes. New members will be recognized on Sunday, April 13, which is Palm Sunday.

BELIEVERS BAPTISM

Easter Sunday is set aside to celebrate Believers Baptism. Pastor Krystal will facilitate a baptism class for adults, students, and kids, on Sundays, March 30 and April 6 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.

DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 9 SPRING FORWARD

SPECIAL THANKS

Lakeside is thankful for the many people who volunteer their time and talents: Nursery attendants, Children's ministry workers, Youth staff, Worship team, Sound/tech booth, Greeters, Ushers, Security, Communion Preparation, Coffee, Flowers & Decor, Office help, Congregational Care, Teachers, and the list goes on and on!

Thank you to Kim Wilder and Vonnie Verhage, our funeral dinner coordinators. They put together an amazing team in February for a couple of funerals. Our men served at the women's retreat and boy, was that special! Thank you! You are beautiful people doing Kingdom work!

LOOKING AHEAD YOU'RE INVITED

Palm Sunday, April 13 @ 10:15 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 10:15 a.m. (No Sunday School)

Grab a donut and some coffee before the service for some time of fellowship. There will be a place to take photos with your friends and family.