



LCCNews

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Lakeside Family and Friends,

Advent is here! The waiting has begun! Over the Advent Season, we anxiously await the arrival of the newborn Christ child, Baby Jesus. Don't be too busy that you miss this beautiful time of year. Advent is the beginning of the Church year, and we start over, preparing for this baby who has changed our lives. In your waiting, may you be changed by the One you are waiting for.

In 2025, the Sunday sermons will follow a sermon series organized by the book *Core52* written by Mark E. Moore. You can join this effort by participating at different levels: attending Sundays and hearing weekly sermons connected to the book, following the book individually as a daily devotional, connecting with others in a small group setting, or all the above. You can purchase the book, but you don't have to. Any way you choose to participate is great. This essential resource is for church bodies, individuals, and small groups who want to build confidence in God's Word as it walks from Genesis through Revelation in 52 weeks. The author has identified the fifty-two most influential, power-packed passages from the Word of God, and has combined it into a digestible format for busy people who want to gain Bible proficiency. This is a fast pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year.

January 5 will begin the sermon series, and the first four weeks will cover Creation, Our True Identity, The Fall, and the Covenant. If you are interested in following along, you can purchase the *Core52* book from Amazon, or you can reserve a copy in the lobby over the next two Sundays. The weekly exercises include reading a 4-page essay, memorizing core Bible verses, reading the story from the Bible, and accomplishing the core verse action step. Feel free to look at the samples in the lobby so you know what it looks like. There are Student Edition books and a Family Edition book as well. These are excellent resources for home discipleship and will be cohesive to what is taught at church.

May you find HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE in this Advent Season, and may you look ahead to the New Year with great anticipation and expectation of what our Heavenly Father will do in your life. He is faithful and good.

Waiting and anticipating with you,

Pastor Krystal

LAKESIDE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS COLLABORATION

Rehearsal is happening after service on Sunday, December 8 for those kids who are joining the worship team on Sunday, December 15. After a short rehearsal with the worship band, we will have lunch together.

DON'T MISS DECEMBER 15

Join the worship band during the main service for the song "Angels." There is still time to participate. Talk to Miss Tonya or Pastor Mollee.

ANNUAL ORNAMENTS

A lobby tree will hold this year's ornament on Sunday, December 15. Don't forget to grab one and take one home to remember Christmas 2024 here at Lakeside. Each kid can take an ornament. This is a special annual occurrence donated by a special Lakeside member.

BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

The kids of Lakeside and their families and friends are invited to stay after church for a Baby Jesus Birthday Party!!! There will be food, games, and music. The kids will reenact the story of Jesus' birth. No need to bring anything, just come celebrate with us!

REGULAR KIDS' MINISTRIES

- * Wednesday Nights, 6:30-8:00 PM. Kids gather for a Bible lesson, a snack, discussion, and fellowship. NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY ON DEC. 25 & JAN. 1.
- * Sunday School, 9:00-10:00 AM. We are focusing on elementary apologetics. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DEC. 22 & DEC. 29.
- * Children's Church happens about midway through the Main Service. Kids gather to hear a Bible lesson geared more towards them. NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, DEC. 29.

LOOKING AHEAD TO VBS 2025

"MAGNIFIED - LET'S CREATE A VISION"

The title of VBS this year is MAGNIFIED. It is about seeing the bigness of God in the smallest of things. Think of the movies "A Bug's Life" and "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids." Tonya will be gathering her volunteer team beginning in January so please communicate with her your interest in serving.

LAKESIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please like LCCTeens on Facebook. Follow lccastingsteens on Instagram. Both of these platforms are used to notify of upcoming events and to push information about the student ministry at Lakeside. Parents and teens should also sign up for the Remind App.

WEDNESDAYS

Don't miss a single Wednesday night. Meals are served at 6:00 PM followed by group games, worship, a message, and small groups. Our evening ends at 8:00 PM. All students, grades 6-12, are welcome.

SUNDAYS

Don't miss out on Sunday School for teens at 9:15. All you need is donuts and Jesus! A new book study has begun, *Fueled*.

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, or helping out in the tech booth with sound, lyrics, camera, and live stream.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Each Wednesday night our teens receive a meal at 6:00 PM. So many of you have graciously donated meals to keep these teens fed. We are looking to fill the calendar dates again in the second semester. Please contact Pastor Krystal or Lora Saalfeld if you would be able to donate a meal, or look for the sign-up clipboard in the lobby. A simple meal that feeds 25-30 is perfect. Desserts, extra dishes, and fancy foods are not necessary. Immediate January dates needed are 8, 15, 22, and 29.

FAMILIES OF KIDS AND TEENS

There is a packet available to you for the month of Advent. Family conversations can occur during mealtimes, while hanging out together, or for morning or evening devotions. The discussion prompts come from the *Changed in the Waiting* devotional book. Please consider the intentionality of this time together. Watch God work in your families!

MONDAY PRAYER

During the month of December, we are praying over the lunch hour. Commit to praying for your family, the church, and our community. Watch God work in a mighty way. Add this prayer time to your calendars.

LADIES COFFEE CONNECTION

Ladies Coffee Connection takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at The Sunflower Kitchen at 9:30 AM. Join other women from the congregation for a time of fellowship. December 6 and January 8. January is the second Wednesday due to the holiday.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NEW STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new study, *Women of Purpose*, January 7 at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to join this study and dive deeper into God's Word together. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH

NEW STUDY BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

First Place for Health, FPFH, will begin a twelve-week devotional study, *Training for Success*, on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 PM. We will learn how Jesus Christ is the ultimate personal trainer. While studying the characteristics of Christ, you will be challenged to become more like Him. For more information or to sign up, contact the Church Office.

POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT

Potluck and Game Night! Sunday, January 19 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time of hanging out together! Bring a dish or two to share, and your favorite game! All ages are welcome!

THANK YOU, LAKESIDE!

Special thanks for your donations for Operation Christmas Child, Hats For Cancer, and Hastings Food Pantry during the month of October. May the Lord bless those who receive each of these items over the next several weeks.

MISSION TRIP

Pastor Mollee will need to receive final confirmation and commitments for the Mission Trip by December 4. The trip will take place June 8-13. Please text Mollee at 615-915-8494 for more information. Limited spots are available, please let us know as soon as possible.

MISSION TRIP MEETING

If you've committed to joining the mission trip in June, we're excited to announce our first team meeting! It will take place on Sunday, January 12 immediately after the service. This brief meeting will cover important details such as expectations, fundraising plans, deposit deadlines and key dates; and provide an opportunity for any questions you may have. We can't wait to see what God has in store for us as we prepare for this journey!

LAKESIDE MERCH

We have been working on an online merch store so you can buy anything from Lakeside: T-Shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies, beanies, and hats! You can follow the link below to order anything you would like and have it shipped directly to your house!

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Church Events

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| Dec 1 - First Sunday of Advent
Tinsel-N-Talent | Dec 24 - Candlelight Service |
| Dec 3 - Ladies Coffee Connection | Dec 25 - Christmas Potluck |
| Dec 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
Kids Worship Rehearsal
& Lunch | Dec 29 - No Sunday School |
| Dec 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
Happy Birthday Jesus Party | Jan 1 - Happy New Year |
| Dec 20 - Salvation Army | Jan 5 - Sunday School Resumes
Core 52 Begins |
| Dec 21 - United Harvest | Jan 8 - Ladies Coffee Connection |
| Dec 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
No Sunday School
Fellowship at 9:30 AM | Jan 12 - Mission Trip Meeting |
| | Jan 18 - United Harvest |
| | Jan 19 - Potluck & Game Night |

CHANGED IN THE WAITING - AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Lakeside is offering a daily Advent Devotional book. This resource is available now in the lobby. It starts on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. Don't forget to pick up a Family Devotional Guide as well, which goes along with the devotional book. This is a great packet to be used by families on each Sunday of Advent this season. You can also find a Kids For Kaleidoscope packet, a fun option to work through as a family to learn about what Nazarene Churches are doing around the world during Advent.

ADVENT WORSHIP

You won't want to miss Sundays here at Lakeside during the Advent season. Sundays December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22. Come worship with us and hear about the awesome HOPE, JOY, LOVE, and PEACE of Jesus Christ!

TINSEL AND TALENT IS BACK

On Sunday, December 1, we're having our annual TNT "Tinsel & Talent and Chili Cook Off" from 5:00-7:00 PM. This year, you can participate by showing off a talent, decorating a table, or bringing chili, or any other kind of yummy food to share. This is a fun time of fellowship for our church community.

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVES AT HASTINGS SALVATION ARMY

Mark your calendars to serve on the morning of Friday, December 20 at the Salvation Army, handing out toys to families. We have done this for several years and it is a wonderful time of serving. Please notify the Church Office if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Christmas Sunday is December 22! We will have a time of fellowship at 9:30 with coffee, cocoa, and donuts. Make sure to take a family picture in the photo booth!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us on Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00 PM for a special candlelight service. This is a wonderful time of worship for the whole family. Invite a neighbor.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Are you looking for a place to celebrate Christmas Day? Join others on Wednesday, December 25 at Noon. Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share. RSVP to the Church Office or Nancy Hawes.

2024 YEAR END-GIVING

For many, the end of the year is a good time to give as the Lord has so graciously given to each of us. We praise God for his provision for our church family. He is faithful. For those who desire to make an extra, year-end donation to Lakeside, outside of God's tithes and your offerings, there are several ways to do that: Place your gift in the offering plate or black boxes on Sunday mornings, drop gift by the church office during the week, mail gift, or give online at lccastings.com. If you would like a credit for your taxes, gifts must be received by 12/31.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING ADVENT

There will be no Sunday School for all ages on Sundays, December 22 and 29. Sunday School will resume on January 5.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed at Noon on Christmas Eve and will stay closed until Thursday, January 2. Please leave a voicemail at the office if you have communication needs. The pastors are available so if you need additional help please contact them or a church board member. We will see you at the Christmas Eve service at 6:00 PM, and on Sunday, December 29 at 10:15 AM.

SAVE THE DATES

NEBRASKA DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT

All ladies from the Nebraska District are coming together February 21 and 22 for a Women's Retreat, and Lakeside is hosting this year! Pastor Stephanie Lobdell will be our guest speaker that weekend. Registration forms available now.

GATHER25 HASTINGS

Gather25 Hastings is happening February 28 from 7:00 PM to March 1, 8:00 PM. This is a global event gathering together all believers from all denominations from all over the globe for 25 hours. For more information, find "Gather25Hastings" on Facebook.