# The "LAKEVIEWER"

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

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#### **OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS**

#### by Pastor Rick Admiraal

It's already March! And it did not come soon enough. The month of February was absolutely brutal with unending piles of snow and bitterly cold temperatures. There's no doubt that we're on a journey toward spring time but I can already hear the complaining. Why do we have to change our clocks and spring forward? If it's truly springtime, why isn't the weather cooperating? We always seem to need something to complain about. Or we can latch onto a trusty, tried and true saying about March: "In like a lion and out like a lamb." Whether we like it or not, we're all on a journey marching forward through the week, one day at a time, and through the calendar one month at a time. May God give us patience!

Jesus was on a journey. It was a journey to the Holy City. It says in God's Word: "As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51, NIV). Sometimes it helps to read the Bible in a different version. Here's the perspective of the International Standard Version: "When the days grew closer for Jesus to be taken up to heaven, he was determined to continue his journey to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51, ISV) What do both versions teach That Jesus had great resolve and was absolutely us? determined to proceed on the journey no matter the cost. And I'm sure you're well aware that the cost to Jesus was great. Jerusalem was the place of his death. On a hill shaped like a skull, he was crucified. On the cross he paid the price for the sins of humanity. Knowing that a cruel, painful death was in his near future didn't stop Jesus from marching onward. One of my seminary professors, described it this way: "He set his face like flint." In other words, he had this steely determination to do God's will. He would not be deterred.

We are also on a journey with our Lord and Savior. As He reminded us at the end of Matthew's Gospel: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) Knowing that Jesus is with us can give us perspective as we move ever forward through space and time.

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Jesus goes with us on our Lenten Journey too. Lent is a 40-day journey that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. Lakeview Community Church will assist in the Lenten Journey by providing resources for you. We will have special worship services on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Maundy Thursday (April 17). Both services will be at 7:00 PM. And the Sunday worship services will also focus on the season prior to Resurrection Sunday. In addition, we'll provide a devotional calendar that has Bible readings for each day. Please take advantage of this in order to remind yourself that you don't journey alone—Jesus is right there with you! Also consider giving up something for Lent. This could be a troublesome worry or a secret sin. These things can slow us down on our journey, acting like a burdensome weight. Overall, Lent is a special season in the life of the church. It is a time in which we can prepare our minds for Good Friday and Easter. It is a time in which we can prepare our hearts for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. May the Holy Spirit inspire each one of you as you journey steadfastly with the same determination and resolve as Jesus.

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Elders: Joe Romanczyk, Vice-President Chris Dorland Mark Gill Deacons: Rex Ahrens, Deacon Chair Lynn Allhusen Patricia DeLuzio

Consistory meetings in March and April scheduled for... Monday, March 17; and Monday, April 21; at 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room



On February 11, volunteers from Lakeview helped serve meals at Saving Grace Ministries from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thank you to everyone who joined us on this date and participated in serving the meals.

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# **MONTHLY MISSION**

Monthly Mission for March and April, 2025, will be the Coldwater House for Women and Children (of the Open Door Mission, Inc.) which provides transitional housing for homeless women and their school-aged children. It also includes support services for families, such as case management and children's programming; and provides case management and additional support for one year following program completion.

*Kate Munzinger* will speak at Lakeview on March 16 on behalf of the Coldwater House. Look for opportunities in April to volunteer at Coldwater House. A sign-up sheet for this will be placed in the narthex. Contact *Rex Ahrens* if you have any questions.

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Boy Scout Troop #18 & Cub Scout Group #278 Meet on Mondays, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop #18 (Scoutmaster, *Mike Deming*) and Cub Scout Group #278

(Scoutmaster, Kelly Myers) የትዮዮት



Next Blood Drive at Lakeview on Saturday, May 3, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(All blood types are in short supply!) Sign up today at redcrossblood.org or call/text Becky Hibbard at 506-2449 Thank you for your continued support! ዋትዋታት



#### Worship Service, with Communion, at Lakeview on April 17, 7:00 PM

This service is a meaningful and sobering prelude to the Easter weekend. It simply means we will focus on the Lord's Supper and what happened the night before Jesus was crucified. It is indeed a somber time but we need to be reminded regularly of what it cost God to save us.

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# **COMMITTEE NEWS**

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS NEWS**

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the parsonage and church building, please direct all your inquiries to *Chris Dorland* who has agreed to be Lakeview's Buildings & Grounds Chairman.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS**



Sign-up sheet for the Sunday Coffee Hours has been placed in the communication area of the Fellowship Hall (by door to the pastor's office) Please stop and sign up for future dates. Beverages are provided by Lakeview; appetizers are optional.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Next Meetings: Monday: March 10 and April 14 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room

Finance Committee: Faye Cole, Debbie Gill, Julie Hettel; Audrey Blocchi, Linda Viney (Chair) and Joe Romanczyk (Consistory Rep.)

#### **CONGREGATIONAL GIVING**

<b>Congregational Giving on Jan. 05:</b>	\$2,275.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Jan. 12:</b>	\$1,664.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Jan. 19:</b>	\$1,496.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Jan. 26:</b>	\$2,555.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Feb. 02:</b>	\$5,424.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Feb. 09:</b>	\$1,655.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Feb. 16:</b>	\$1,360.00
<b>Congregational Giving on Feb. 23:</b>	\$1,455.00
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## **GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF**

Many thanks for your generous support of the GEFS. In 2024, we donated **3,455** pounds of food which is remarkable for such a small church. We should be proud of ourselves. Also, the GEFS is proud of the assessment made by the NYS Department of Health, Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) Division when they visited GEFS in December. HPNAP compliments included great volunteers, pantry organization, and products available for clients. They commented that GEFS provides ample food and exceeded all minimum guidelines with a good variety of items, including gluten-free, vegan, and Kosher options. Lakeview is partnering with a great organization.

A special thank you to the people who load food baskets into the cars on the last Sunday of each month.

The March focus is canned tomatoes (spicey, diced, whole, etc.) and condiments. If possible, please add these to your grocery lists. Thank you.

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney





The bookshelf from the library has been moved to the Fellowship Hall so that our books are readily seen. We purchased new books in December, and everyone is welcome to take home books for three weeks. Would you please sign the check-out sheet (located in the basket by the bookcase) with your name, the date, the title of the book, and your return date? There is also a library shelf in the Narthex, where books are available.

> *Donna Tijou* Library Committee Chair

#### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

"To Share the Love of Christ with our Community"

Highlights from Outreach Committee written by Rose Admiraal, Chair

- We prepared 'blessing bags' containing hat, gloves, and a scarf with a tract; and an encouraging note for the homeless. Many of these bags were given to *Rev. Jim Crowley*, Saving Grace Ministries.
- In April we will be preparing a thank-you meal for the Lakeshore Fire Department prior to their monthly meeting.
- We have had a lot of discussion on the outdoor food box. The outcome is still to be determined.
- In May we hope to participate in the 'Spring Clean-Up' again, organized by the beach associations.



# of Lakeview

There will be no meeting of the Lakeview Ladies in March due to the low number who can attend. We will not meet in April either since that is the day of the Upper Room Supper. ~ *Faye Cole* 

#### **UPPER ROOM SUPPER**

#### A description of the "Upper Room Supper held each year at Lakeview...

This is a very special time shared by the ladies of Lakeview each year during Holy Week. After a short worship service in the Sanctuary, the ladies proceed in silence to the table set up in the shape of a cross and surrounded by a chair for each participant. An empty chair at the head of the table signifies the living spirit of Christ.

After seating themselves, those present partake of the meal "in silence" except for the reading of Bible passages. This is all done by candle light and no utensils are used. All food on the plate is eaten in whatever order you wish, but the cup and the bread are taken in unison after scripture reading. The meal consists of matzah (unleavened bread, a reminder of the flight of the ancient Hebrews from Egypt); horseradish (a bitter herb recalling the bitter lives and hard labor of the Hebrews in Egypt); roasted eggs and paschal lamb (symbols of the sacrifices by Jews on Holy Day); nuts and apples (ground with wine to resemble the clay and bricks which the Jews made for the pharaoh); parsley (symbol of Springtime, hope, and everlasting life); hard-boiled eggs (signifying life and health) dipped in salt water in memory of the tears shed by the Jews when they were slaves in Egypt; raisins, figs, grapes, dates, olives, and nuts (food frequently served in Jesus' time); and grape juice (a reminder to the Jews of the blood

sprinkled on the doors which saved them from the Angel of Death). To Christians, this symbolizes the blood of Christ shed for us.

During the meal, a short meditation is given followed by the singing of a hymn and a benediction. Finally, all rise, clasp hands, and sing "God Be with You." Everyone leaves reverently while quietly contemplating the wonderful experience they have just had.

The Upper Room Supper will be held at Lakeview this year on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 PM. ተየትዮት



#### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Highlights from the Worship Committee written by *Rose Admiraal, Chair:* 

Lent is quickly approaching, beginning March 5. There will be a 7 PM Ash Wednesday service on March 5 to help us prepare our hearts. Pastor Rick's theme will be "We Are on a Journey Too." The Worship Committee ordered Lent Calendars with scripture, as well as another activity calendar which will be made available to the congregation.

On Ash Wednesday, the church will be darker and adorned in black to remind us of our sinful nature. Following this, the church will be dressed in purple to remember Jesus' passion and his royalty.

On Easter, the church rejoices in the resurrection of Jesus by dressing in white. Here

are the dates and scriptures for this Lenten season:

March 5, Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM, Psalm 51

- March 9, Temptation of Jesus, Luke 4:1-13, Communion
- March 16, Jesus Gathers the Children, Luke 13:31-35
- March 23, Parable of the Fig Tree, Luke 13:1-9
- March 30, Prodigal Son, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 6, Mary Anoints Jesus for Burial, John 12:1-8

April 13, Palm Sunday, Luke 19:28-40

April 17, Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 7:00 PM

April 20, Sunrise Service, Time - TBD Place -TBD

Continental Breakfast at Lakeview, 9:00 AM

Easter Service at 10 AM, Luke 24:1-12

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### **\*\*Prayers Are Requested for...**

Dick & Lynn Allhusen, Chris & Stacy Dorland, Kevin Griffith, Faye Cole, Bob Cole, Dave Griggs, Jan Mahon, Pastor Steven Rodriguez and his family, Charlie Tijou and Donna Tijou, Gloria Weaver, Barb Friga and her mother, Lois Worboys. <u>\*\*Vacation...</u> Pastor Rick and Rose will be on vacation March 24 to March 30. If you should have a concern or problem during this time, please contact one of the Elders: Joe Romanczyk, Chris Dorland, or Mark Gill.

Did You Know...Lakeview donated \$5,029 to Monthly Missions in 2024, plus 3,455 pounds of food to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. In addition, we donated food and clothes to Mission Share, plus hats and mittens. *Thanke you, everyone!* 

## A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE

We recently received this note from *Mary de Forest* (wife of Rev. Robert de Forest).

#### Dear Lakeview Friends,

As some of you know, Rob passed through the gates of heaven on Thanksgiving morning. He was indeed a ''good and faithful servant'' for 88 years. I imagine him singing in the angel choir this holiday season!

We spent the beginning of our ministry serving 13 years at Lakeview...from 1962-1975. The memories of our time there are wonderful. We witnessed the building of the new sanctuary, new parsonage, and an amazing faithful and welcoming congregation.

One of my favorite memories was our Christmas Eve service with all dressing up in their very best, singing carols in the beautiful sanctuary filled with soft candlelight.

It is my prayer that the light of Christ may continue to be seen and spread not only at Lakeview but throughout this troubled world. God bless you all.

> Fondly, Mary de Forest **<del></del></u><del></del><del></del> <b>廿廿廿廿**



March 04 – Mariah Hettel
March 07 – Karen Huey
March 09 - Ryan Gill
March 03 – Patricia DeLuzio
March 17 – Julie Hettel
March 19 – Richard Merlau
March 19 – Debbie Gill
March 24 – Jim Raymond
March 26 – Leah Booth
April 02 – David Griggs
April 02 – Rachel (Quetschenbach) Longwell
April 02 – Nancy Steckel
April 06 – Faye Cole
April 06 – Sandy Rogalski
April 14 – Jeffrey Hart
April 16 – Elizabeth Pettifer
April 16 – Zoey Booth
April 10 – Celeste Pawlicki
April 24 – Sheila Williams
April 25 – Barb Friga
April 25 – Gregory Lawrence
April 26 – Jane Ahrens
April 26 – Immanuel Rodriguez
April 29 – Paul Marvin

If you have a birthday that does not appear on our monthly birthday list, please send your name and birthdate to <u>lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com</u>. የተየተታ



# **MARCH and April Upcoming Events...**

March 03 – Scouts. 6:00-9:00 PM. Fellowship Hall March 04 – Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall March 05 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall March 05 – Praise Team Rehearsal at 5:00 PM and Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 PM March 05 – Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary March 06 – Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall March 09 – Communion served at 10:00 AM Worship Service March 10 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall March 10 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room March 11 – Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall March 11 – Lakeview Garden Club, 7:40-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall March 12 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall March 12 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM; and Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary March 13 – Suburban Rochester Art Group, 1:00-3:30 PM, Fellowship Hall March 13 – Grandview Heights Assn. Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall March 17 – Scouts, 5:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall March 17 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room March 18 – Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall March 19 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall March 19- Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM and Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary March 20 – Hilton Garden Club, 5:30-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall March 24 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall March 25 – Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall March 26 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall March 26- Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM; and Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary March 28 – Juliets' Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Place: TBD April 01 – Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall April 02 – Firemen's Spaghetti Dinner at Firehouse, 6:00 PM; Firemen's Meeting at 7:00 PM April 07 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall April 08 – Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall April 09 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall April 09 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary April 10 – Suburban Rochester Art Group, 1:00-3:30 PM, Fellowship Hall April 10 – Grandview Heights Assn. Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall April 14 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall April 14 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room

- April 15 Upper Room Supper, 6:30 PM, All of Church
- April 16 AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 16 Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
- April 20 Easter: Sunrise Service at 7 AM, Breakfast at 9 AM, Easter Worship at 10 AM, Coffee Hour at 11 AM
- April 21 Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 21 Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room
- April 23 AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 23 Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary
- April 28 Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 30 AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 30 Praise Team Rehearsal at 5:00 PM; and Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary



#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS** for 2025 March and April 10:00 AM Worship Services

## **PREACHING**

Mar. 02 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Mar. 05 – 7:00 PM – Pastor Rick Admiraal Mar. 09 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Mar. 16 – Rose Admiraal Mar. 23 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Mar. 30 – Rev. Lynn Allhusen Apr. 06 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Apr. 13 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Apr. 17 – 7:00 PM Pastor Rick Admiraal Apr. 20 – 7:00 AM – Pastor Rick Admiraal Apr. 20 – 10 AM – Pastor Rick Admiraal Apr. 27 – Pastor Rick Admiraal

## **GREETERS**

- Mar. 02 Molly Ives Mar. 05 – 7:00 PM - Diane Phelps Mar. 09 – Kathy Inzana Mar. 16 – Sheila Williams Mar. 23 – Rex Ahrens Mar. 30 – Dick & Lynn Allhusen Apr. 06 – Dianne Pettifer Apr. 13 – Gail Wang Apr. 17 – 7:00 PM – Tim & Julie Hettel Apr. 20 – 10 AM – Faye Cole
- Apr. 27 Diane Phelps

# **NURSERY**

Lakeview does not offer Sunday Nursery service; however, children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship. Nursery is available for those who prefer to sit with their children in the Nursery.

## PRAYER LEADERS

Mar. 02 – Becky Hibbard Mar. 05 – No Prayer Leader Mar. 09 – Julie Hettel Mar. 16 – Jane Egan Mar. 23 – Rex Ahrens Mar. 30 – Faye Cole Apr. 06 – Rex Ahrens Apr. 13 – Patricia DeLuzio Apr. 17 – 7:00 PM - Joe Romanczyk Apr. 20 – 10 AM – Molly Ives Apr. 27 – Faye Cole

#### SOUND SYSTEM

Mar. 02 – Dave Griggs Mar. 05 – 7:00 PM – Joe Romanczyk Mar. 09 – David Van Slyke Mar. 16 – Dave Griggs Mar. 23 – Joe Romanczyk Mar. 30 – David Van Slyke Apr. 06 – Joe Romanczyk Apr. 13 – David Van Slyke Apr. 17 – 7:00 PM – Dave Griggs Apr. 20 – 10:00 AM – Joe Romanczyk Apr. 27 – Bill Foster

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Mar. 02 Rose Admiraal Mar. 05 – Cheryl Griggs\* Mar. 09 – Molly Ives\* Mar. 16 – Faye Cole Mar. 23 – Dianne Pettifer\*\* Mar. 30 – Rose Admiraal
- Apr. 06 Cheryl Griggs\* Apr. 13 – Molly Ives\* Apr. 17 – 7:00 PM – Becky Hibbard\*\* Apr. 20 – 10:00 AM – Jane Egan Apr. 27 – 10:00 AM – Dianne Pettifer

\*Reads Scripture Only; \*\*Does Not Read Scripture If you are not able to be in church on the date you are scheduled, please arrange for a replacement.

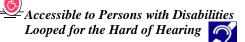


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Ash Wednesday Worship Service on March 5, 7:00 PM Upper Room Supper on April 15, 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion on April 17, 7:00 PM Easter Sunrise Service on April 20, 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast on April 20, 9:00 AM Easter Worship on April 20, 10:00 AM Easter Coffee Hour on April 20, 11:00 AM