The "LAKEVIEWER"

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America July/August 2025



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Deadline for Sept-Oct. Newsletter: Aug. 26

What was so great about Tucson? by Pastor Rick

In early June, I traveled to Tucson, Arizona for the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA). I can hear the question already—What's so great about Tucson? Well, I'll give you a few good reasons. Specifically, I'll give you four reasons why Tucson was great. First of all, I had the opportunity to visit with family. On Sunday, June 8, there was an opening in the busy synod schedule so I took full advantage. I spent a good part of the day with my Aunt Vonnie. She was married to my mom's brother, Fred, before he passed away a few years ago. I worshipped with Aunt Vonnie at her home church in Tucson. I ate lunch with her at one of her favorite Mexican restaurants discovering that we both have a love for Flan, a Mexican dessert similar to custard or pudding. I also had a chance to see her house where she showed me a room dedicated to her time as a missionary nurse in Eritrea, a country in East Africa (formerly part of Ethiopia). Aunt Vonnie informed me that she delivered over 500 babies in Eritrea. Remarkable!

Secondly, Tucson was great because I really enjoy the Southwest. I was able to see some of the desert plants like the saguarro, the prickly pear, and the barrel cactus. Even though it's blazing hot in the Southwest in early June (the high temp was 105F), the sky is bright blue. Often you scan above and can't find a single cloud in the sky. The views were amazing since our conference center was nestled in the Catalina Foothills next to the mountains north of the city. Waking up early in the morning, I'd look up to the mountains and it would remind me of one of my favorite Psalms: Psalm 121. "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Ps. 121: 1-2)

Thirdly, Tucson was great because of my fellow delegates. One of the first delegates I met was John Alfred, a minister from Seattle. Originally from Kenya, John told me that he knew twelve languages. I was amazed, wondering how a person's brain could contain all that information. Later in the conversation, I told John about my journey from the Christian

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Reformed Church (CRC) to the Reformed Church in America (RCA). He said something Wonderful to me. He said "Welcome home." It felt good to experience his hospitality. I felt warmly received. This feeling continued when I met more delegates. At my table (Table 33), I met four other delegates from around the country. We had the blessing of praying for each other and sharing fellowship in Christ.

Fourthly, Tucson was great because of the unity in Christ experienced by those attending. At the beginning of synod, we had a worship service which featured communion. We came forward to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the conclusion of synod, we had another worship service which once again featured communion. Important words were spoken. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup which has been poured out is a sharing in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. In between the two communion services, we experienced communion. As we discussed issues and made decisions, we were united. Replacing heated arguments were meaningful discussions. There was a spirit of cooperation in the meeting room which I can only explain as the Spirit of Christ. We were many people of all shapes and sizes representing one Lord and one church. Allow me to insert a few words from the communion service of the RCA. Think of the individual grapes and grains as people from around the world. "And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup; grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" In Tucson I experienced a foretaste of what is to come-the blessing of Christian unity.

Overall, Tucson was a positive experience for me. I'm glad that I went and I'm honored to have represented Classis Rochester at the national level of church government. Now I'm happy that I've returned to Lakeview Community Church. It's good to be back home. I missed you! Find out more about RCA General Synod: <u>https://www.rca.org/synod/</u> (Bonus points if you can find me in one of the pictures).

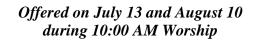


Mountains and Cacti in Tucson



Pastor Rick with his Aunt Vonnie





Praise Team Leader: *Kevin Griffith* Rehearsals: Alternate Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in July & August



Choir Director and Keyboardist: Lynnann Rivas Choir Rehearsals Resume on Wednesday, September 3, at 6 PM



HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!

LAKEVIEW CONSISTORY OF 2025 Rev. Rick Admiraal, President

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

Consistory meetings in July and August scheduled for... Monday, July 21; and Monday, August 18; at 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room



Dates are still available to place flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Cost is \$25.00, payable by cash or check, to Sherry Romanczyk.



Boy Scout Troop #18 and Cub Scout Group #278 meet on Mondays, 6:00-9:00 PM, Lakeview Fellowship Hall

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

JULY & AUGUST MONTHLY MISSION

Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf 500 Maiden Lane, Rochester, NY 14616

A special collection will be received in July for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf for July and August. The GEFS provides food to families in need from our community. The organization extends that food support to its clients' family dogs & cats, and relies on community donations for this part of their service.

Watch our weekly announcements for the date when speakers for the GEFS will be at Lakeview.



If you have an anniversary that does not appear on our monthly anniversary list, please send your name and wedding date to <u>lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com</u>

COMMITTEE NEWS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS NEWS

For questions or concerns relating to the parsonage and church building, please direct all your inquiries to *Chris Dorland*, Lakeview's Buildings & Grounds Chairman.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS



On May 4, the Community Life Committee hosted a potluck meal to welcome Guest Speaker, Rev. Eddy Alemán, General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America. Thanks to everyone who provided the delicious food for our meal.

Dates are still available to sign up to host one of our Coffee Hours. Sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall. Pick a date—or dates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Next Meetings:

Monday, July 14; and Tuesday, August 12; 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room

Your Finance Committee will be hard at work during the next few months as we inquire about your 2026 committee budgets. Please be thinking about it during the summer months. We meet every month and our meetings are open to everyone. The meetings for the rest of the year are:

Monday, July 14; Tuesday, August 12 Tuesday, September 9; Monday, October 13 Monday, November 10; & Monday, December 8

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

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Congregational Giving on Apr. 27: \$1,660.00 Congregational Giving on May 04: \$2,817.00 Congregational Giving on May 11: \$2,050.00 Congregational Giving on May 18: \$2,420.00 Congregational Giving on May 25: \$2,570.00 Congregational Giving on Jun. 01: \$3,930.00 Congregational Giving on Jun. 08: \$1,359.00 Congregational Giving on Jun. 15: \$2,155.00

GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

Thanks to the many faithful contributors to our May and June food collections. In May, we delivered **191** pounds of cereal which was a carload! The area around our big baskets was overflowing with boxes of cereal of all kinds, and the volunteers at the GEFS were thrilled to be able to replenish their cereal shelves. June had us collecting rice and pasta mixes and salad dressings for the first time ever. Now that Maiden Lane has refrigeration, they get salad greens donated from grocery stores and need the dressings to go with them.

The requested items for the month of July are chunky soup, chili, coffee and tea. Watch for sales on these items and please add them to your grocery lists during July.

Of course, August at Lakeview means an "August Challenge." Once again, we will be collecting one specific item for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. Last year we DOUBLED the amount of mashed potatoes that we were challenged to collect. This was partly due to several anonymous donors that had Amazon deliver boxes of potatoes directly to 30 Long Pond Road. What a great idea for anyone who is unable to shop, or won't be in the area to deliver items to the church themselves. Keep this in mind as our little church, once again, embarks on this giant effort to support this very important, local mission.

Many of you like to watch for our clues as to what the "August Challenge" item for this year will be. Each week during July a new clue will be posted near the baskets. See if you can figure out what the item is before it's announced, and get ready to hunt down the best price for that item in the local grocery stores. Don't forget to prepare your neighbors and friends—as always, we will need their help. Stay tuned.

Joan Marvin and Linda Viney

LIBRARY COMMITTEE NEWS

Check out our Library area in the Fellowship Hall. Sit and browse through the books on the shelves. You can take out one or more books centered on Christian living, personal growth, biography, and life with Christ. Just sign your

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name on the clipboard provided, the date you take out the book or books, and its title—or titles, depending on how many books you take home. Also, we still have a bookcase in the Narthex filled with wonderful books.

If you donate books to the church library, please <u>do not put them on the shelves</u>. Instead, please leave them somewhere in the old library room and contact someone on the Library Committee (Donna Tijou, Charles Tijou, Marlene Morrrison, and Kathy Inzana). Thank you.

~Donna Tijou, Library Chair

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

"To Share the Love of Christ with our Community" Updates from Outreach Committee (from Rose Admiraal, Chair)

SAVE THE DATES!

- Tuesday, July 22, Red Wings Game. Invite your friends and neighbors!
- Saturday, August 2, 12- 2 PM. Serving lunch to our neighbors at the Long Pond Shores Apartments.
- End of August—helping with the Greece Food Shelf "August Challenge."

PLEASE watch the Sunday bulletins for more information on how you can be involved! ዋትዋትዋ



Watch the Sunday announcements for info on the July-August meetings of the Lakeview Ladies.

~ Faye Cole

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****Prayers Are Requested for...**

Dick & Lynn Allhusen, Rex Ahrens, 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. DTTT

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE



Blood products collected at the last Lakeview blood drive have now been delivered to patients in need of vital care! Distribution included, but was not limited to, the following local hospitals:

UNITED HEALTH SERVICES HOSPITAL, INC ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER URMC-STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL SUNY UPSTATE UNIV HOSP DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The next blood drive at Lakeview is scheduled for October 25, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Save the date!



July 08 – Joe Romanczyk
July 09 – Bob Van Alstyne
July 18 – Joanna Rodriguez
July 21 – Bill Foster
July 21 – Stacy Dorland
August 02 – Dianne Pettifer
August 03 – Rebecca Hibbard
August 03 – Pastor Steven Rodriguez
August 05 – Gloria Weaver
August 07 – Mark Gill
August 13 – Sheila Wolf
August 22 – Betty Foster
August 31 – Jane Egan
August 31 – Gail Wang

JULY AND AUGUST Upcoming Events...

July 02 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall July 04 – United States of America Independence Day! July 07 - Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall July 08 – Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall July 09 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall July 09 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary July 10 – Summer Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 PM, Former Library Room July 10 - Grandview Heights Association Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall July 13 – Communion offering during 10 AM Worship Service July 14 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall July 14 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room July 15 – Lakeview Ladies' Group, 10:00 AM, Founders' Room July 15 – Special Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room July 16 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall July 21 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall July 21 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room July 22 - RED WINGS GAME AT 6:45 PM July 23 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall July 23 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary July 24 – Summer Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 PM, Former Library Room July 25 – Juliets' Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Place to be determined July 28 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall July 29 - Edgemere Beach Condo Assn., 6:30-8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall July 30 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 02 - Outreach Event at Long Pond Shores, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Aug. 04 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 06 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 06 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary Aug. 11 - Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 12 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room Aug. 13 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 14 – Summer Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 PM, Former Library Room Aug. 14 – Grandview Heights Assn. Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 18 - Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 18 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders; Room Aug. 19 – Lakeview Ladies Group, 10:00 AM, Founders' Room Aug. 20 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall Aug. 20 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary

- Aug. 25 Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 27 AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 28 Summer Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 PM, Former Library Room



SUMMER BLESSINGS!

SUNDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

for 2025 July and August 10:00 AM Worship Services

PREACHING

July 06 – Pastor Rick Admiraal July 13 – Pastor Rick Admiraal July 20 – Pastor Rick Admiraal July 27 – Rose Admiraal Aug. 03 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Aug. 10 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Aug. 17 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Aug. 24 – Pastor Rick Admiraal Aug. 31 – Pastor Rick Admiraal

GREETERS

- July 06 Kathy Inzana
- July 13 Joe & Sherry Romanczyk
- July 20 Betsy Leipold
- July 27 Linda Viney
- Aug. 03 Gail Wang
- Aug. 10 Audrey Blocchi
- Aug. 17 Kathy Inzana
- Aug. 24 Rebecca Hibbard
- Aug. 31 Cheryl Griggs

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

July 06 – Dianne Pettifer July 13 – Charles Tijou July 20 – Jane Egan July 27 – Charles Tijou Aug. 03 – Donna Tijou Aug. 10 – Rose Admiraal Aug. 17 – Joe Romanczyk Aug. 24 – Rex Ahrens Aug. 31 – Rose Admiraal

SOUND SYSTEM

July 06 – David Van Slyke July 13 – Paul Marvin July 20 – Joe Romanczyk July 27 – Dave Griggs Aug. 03 – Paul Marvin Aug. 10 – Joe Romanczyk Aug. 17 – David Van Slyke Aug. 24 – Paul Marvin Aug. 31 – Joe Romanczyk

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- July 06 Becky Hibbard July 13 – Lynn Allhusen* July 20 – Linda Viney* July 27 – Donna Tijou*
- Aug. 03 Anthony Griffin Aug. 10 – Dianne Pettifer** Aug. 17 – Faye Cole Aug. 24 – Jane Egan Aug. 31 – Linda Viney*

*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.

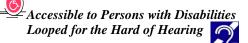


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Join us in July and August at... 10:00 AM for Sunday Worship Service and Coffee Hour at 11:00 AM