

The “LAKEVIEWER”

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America

January/February 2026

Newsletter of
Lakeview Community Church
Reformed Church in America



30 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14612

Rev. Rick Admiraal, Pastor

Worship at Lakeview...

Jan 04 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Jan 11 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Jan 18 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Jan 25 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Feb 01 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Feb 08 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Feb 15 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Feb 22 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM

(Coffee Hour is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM)

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
February 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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Deadline for Mar. - Apr. Newsletter: Feb. 15

Happy 75th Anniversary!
by Pastor Rick

Throughout the decades, God has watched over Lakeview Community Church. This year Lakeview will celebrate its 75th anniversary as a congregation. For your information, the official date on Lakeview's articles of incorporation is September 28, 1951. Our Consistory is already beginning to discuss ways that we can celebrate this milestone. Will there be cake and a punchbowl? I hope so.

Whenever an anniversary is celebrated, we want to look back by viewing photographs and sharing stories. These are memory aids that help us to remember together. God also provides His people with ways to remember significant events in salvation history. For example, the covenant people of God, who lived prior to the birth of Jesus, celebrated Passover every year. This was the annual observation to aid Israel's memory of the biggest act of deliverance in the Old Testament: The exodus from Egypt. In the fifth book of the Bible, we read: "Observe the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of the Lord your God, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night. Sacrifice as the Passover to the Lord your God an animal from your flock or herd at the place the Lord will choose as a dwelling for his Name. Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but for seven days eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you left Egypt in haste—so that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt." (Deuteronomy 16: 1-3)

Passover was a tool used by God to overcome forgetfulness. Passover helped God's people recall that God was the One who rescued them. What about us? Once per month we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This sacrament aids our memory of the biggest act of deliverance EVER! It reminds us of the body of Jesus sacrificed on the cross for our redemption. It reminds us of the blood of Jesus shed on the cross for our forgiveness. In the letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, we read: "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-25) The Lord's Supper is a tool used by God to overcome forgetfulness. Eating the bread and drinking from the cup helps God's people recall that God is the One who rescues them from sin, death, and hell.

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Let's return to the anniversary celebration for our local congregation. I want to challenge you to go beyond nostalgia or sentimentality. My hope for you is to reflect theologically on Lakeview's past. As we remember the 75 years of Lakeview's existence, may we consider how God has preserved, protected, and provided for His church. God has called men and women as leaders in this congregation. God has also called numerous individuals to serve with humility in simple ways that are often unrecognized.

Even though I've only been your minister for two years, I can strive to look back with you before the time of my arrival. **Overall, I want to use our collective memory to celebrate what God has done here on the lakeshore. God has gathered a people in a place to worship Him with joy and serve our community with love.**



*Communion offered January 11 and February 8
during the 10:00 AM Worship Service*

**Praise Team Leader: Kevin Griffith
Rehearsals: Wednesdays, January & February, 6:00 PM, in the Sanctuary**

Accompanist: On January 4, JoAnn Kehrli-Merlau



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LAKEVIEW CONSISTORY OF 2026

Rev. Rick Admiraal, President

Elders:

Joe Romanczyk, Vice President

Mark Gill

Becky Hibbard

Deacons:

Rex Ahrens, Deacon Chair

Patricia DeLuzio

Dottie Mason

Clerk of Consistory: *Betsy Leipold*

***Consistory meetings in January & February are scheduled for...
Monday, January 19 & February 16; at 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room***



**Boy Scout Troop #18 and
Cub Scout Troop #18 meet on
Mondays, 6:00-9:00 PM, in
Lakeview's Fellowship Hall**

Boy Scout Troop #18
(Scoutmaster, *Mike Deming*)
Cub Scout Troop #18
(Scoutmaster, *Kelly Myers*)
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LAKEVIEW WEBSITE UPDATE

The Electronic Church!

By William Foster

Lakeview has had a presence on the Internet for well over 10 years with both a website and Facebook pages. The purpose of both is to be part of the outreach effort to inform and share our beliefs and desire to embrace our community.

With the Internet, that community has become world-wide. Both have proven popular as they average about four thousand visitors a month. While most are from viewers in this country, we also have a significant presence with some loyal visitors from Israel, Switzerland, Canada, England, China, and many more countries.

The worship service sermon is regularly recorded and posted so both website and Facebook viewers may gain access and listen should they so choose. The sermon recording on the website is also available to visitors who want to download the sermon to their electronic device such as smart phone or tablet, and listen to it later. This is called a "podcast." Podcasts are growing in popularity and downloads of Lakeview sermons are no exception.

By the end of 2025, more people were downloading the worship service sermon than listening to it by what's called "streaming." A typical sermon is downloaded as a podcast 40 times. Some sermons are quite a bit more popular. For example, the sermon of 23 November, titled "The Supremacy of Christ Our King," was downloaded 81 times. More people downloaded that sermon than the number of people in the sanctuary that day! Many churches broadcast their worship services live on the Internet.

There are plans afoot for this to occur at Lakeview as well. Whether the entire worship service, or just the sermon, will be broadcast is to be decided by Consistory sometime in early 2026. Copyright and privacy concerns are issues to be addressed. A significant issue is the broadcast of copyrighted songs sung by the congregation with the Lakeview Praise Team.

If this were to be done, the church would need to pay a \$87 fee for a license. So far, the cost for this entire effort has been \$0. Material and labor for this project has been freely given to the church.

The plan for 2026 is to continue to build on the success of both the website and the Facebook pages. One way you can help improve both of these outreach efforts is to suggest to the Webmaster, Bill Foster, how these sites can be improved. It's remarkable how a small church like Lakeview can attract large numbers of people. Please help make both of these endeavors, the web site and Facebook pages, better yet!

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MONTHLY MISSION FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

Saving Grace Ministries

A special collection will be held at Lakeview on Sunday, January 18, 2026, during the worship service to benefit Saving Grace Ministries. Jim Crowley will be speaking that morning on behalf of Saving Grace Ministries.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for additional information.

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Thank you to the volunteers from Lakeview who rang the Red Kettle Bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at TOPS Grocery Store in Hilton, NY.

This year we could be inside!



L to R: Rex Ahrens, Pastor Rick and Pastor Rose



L to R: Patricia DeLuzio and Julie Hettel



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Lakeview Community Church is scheduled for March 21, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Please save the date, mark your calendars, and sign up today at: redcrossblood.org; 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767), or call/text Becky Hibbard at 506-2449

Thank you for your support.

Becky Hibbard



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



Here we are closing out another year at Lakeview. Many exciting events and projects happened this past year and our Community Life Committee has been happy to host or help out.

On December 7, we helped Dotti Mason and her committee with our annual Christmas Tea. Several area churches were invited and we had a great turn-out. Lois Worboys, a long-time member, came with her daughter, Barb.

While cleaning out some of the drawers in the kitchen, tucked way in the back of a drawer we found some little cards (see sample on next page). I remembered them being used many years ago, but didn't remember the history. Faye Cole told me they started back in the 80's with the Deacons. They would take the altar flowers to people in the hospitals, shut-ins, or someone in need of a little cheer.

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So if you sign up for the altar flowers, please look in the small drawer and take a card; attach it to your flowers if you plan to give them to someone—and brighten their day.

And may God bless each of you with great happiness this Christmas season.

Sheila Williams and
Community Life Committee

Sample of Card to be delivered to Shut-Ins, etc.

These flowers have been to Church this Sabbath Day. They have heard the hymns that have been sung, the prayers that have been offered, and the sermon that has been preached.

Now, with their silent message of trust, they come to you with our love and good wishes.



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FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Meetings for the 2026 are: Monday, Jan. 12; Monday, Feb. 9; Monday, March 9; Monday, April 13; Monday, May 11; Monday, June 8; Monday, July 13; Tuesday, August 11; Tuesday, September 15; Tuesday, October 13; Monday, November 9; Monday, December 14

The Finance Committee usually meets the second Monday of every month in the Founders Room at 7:00pm. Occasionally, the meetings will be held on a Tuesday (Watch the bulletins for the variance.) These meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Your current Finance Committee members are: Audrey Blocchi, Debbie Gill, Julie Hettel, Joe Romanczyk, and Linda Viney, with Pastor Rick Admiraal as a guest.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

**Congregational Giving on Nov. 02: \$2,309.00
Congregational Giving on Nov. 09: \$4,215.00
Congregational Giving on Nov. 16: \$4,342.00
Congregational Giving on Nov. 23: \$6,541.00
Congregational Giving on Nov. 30: \$1,950.00**

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Congregational Giving on Dec. 07: \$3,577.00

Congregational Giving on Dec. 14: \$3,287.00

Congregational Giving on Dec. 21: \$2,835.00

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GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

Happy New Year! Thanks to all of you for your generous support of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf throughout 2025.

Our "Advent Sacrifice" food collection totaled **151** pounds; **31** pounds more than last year!

At the start of each year, the Site Manager at Maiden Lane gives us a "Donations Request" sheet that indicates what will be our focus items each month for the entire year. GEFS Focus items for January 2026: Canned beets, chili flavored beans, coffee, and tea.

We look forward to again being one of the GEFS's largest contributors this year. This local mission has a huge impact on improving the lives of our neighbors here on the lakeshore.

We wish each and every one of you good health, joy, and prosperity in the coming year.

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney

LIBRARY UPDATE



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Our Library has a selection of books you might enjoy. Stop and check them out. When borrowing a book (or books), please sign the pad with your name, the book title, and the date you are taking the books. There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall for returned books. Sit down, relax, and read for a while.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

"To Share the Love of Christ with our Community"

Outreach...

Thank you to all who helped buy “Angel Tree” gifts for the Salvation Army! There were about 42 gifts brought to Salvation Army. I am proud of a church that is willing to share with those less fortunate.



Angel Tree 2025 in Lakeview Narthex

Education...

Watch your bulletins for what comes next for Bible Study! We had 11 people between two different times studying “The Case for Christmas.” Each of us learned something different and enriched our faith life.

Pastor Rose Admiraal
radmiraal44@gmail.com
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JULIET LADIES' GROUP

Please join us for the Juliets’ luncheon scheduled on January 23, 12:30 PM, Place: TBD. Please contact Dottie Mason if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheet will be available soon. *Mark your calendars!*

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Prayers Are Requested for...

Dick & Lynn Allhusen, Chris & Stacy Dorland, Kevin Griffith, Faye Cole, Jan Mahon, Bob Meyers, Pastor Steven Rodriguez and his family, Paul & Gloria Weaver, Sheila Wolf, and Lois Worboys.

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A CHRISTMAS WISH FOR LAKEVIEW



From a former member...

“Remembering our years of ministry at Lakeview from 1962-1975—in memory of Rev. Robert deForest.

Wishing all at Lakeview God’s richest Blessings in 2026.

*Fondly,
Mary deForest*



January 02 – Todd Marvin

January 08 – Jonah Adam Hettel

January 09 – Jean Dibble

January 18 – Dottie Mason

January 20 – Linda Viney

January 25 – Cheryl Griggs

January 25 – Alivia Dorland

February 11 – Audrey Blocchi

February 12 – Kenny Gill

February 17 – Lois Worboys

February 28 – Grieg Quetschenbach

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

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JANUARY & FEBRUARY Upcoming Events...

January 01 – New Year's Day
January 04 – Installation of New Consistory Members at 10 AM Worship Service
January 05 – Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Meeting, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 07 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 07 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 08 – Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room
January 08 – Grandview Heights Assn. Meeting, 7:00-9:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 10 – Secret Prayer Pal Breakfast, 9:00-10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
January 10 – Dismantling Christmas Creche from Lawn, 10:00 AM, Lakeview Church
January 11 – Communion Offered during the 10:00 AM Worship Service
January 12 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 12 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room
January 14 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 14 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 19 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 19 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room
January 21 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 21 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 23 – Juliets' Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Place: TBD
January 26 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 28 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 28 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 29 – Crescent Beach Neighborhood Assn. Qtrly Mtg., Time: TBD
February 02 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 04 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 04 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
February 08 – Communion Offered during the 10:00 Worship Service
February 09 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 09 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room
February 11 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 11 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
February 12 – Grandview Heights N'hood Assn., 7:00-9:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 16 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 16 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room
February 18 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 18 – Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
February 23 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 25 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 25 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary

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Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 PM on February 18, 2026