

*Newsletter of*  
**Lakeview Community Church**  
Reformed Church in America



30 Long Pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14612

*Rev. Rick Admiraal, Pastor*  
*Rose Admiraal, Commissioned Pastor*

**Worship at Lakeview...**

**Every Sunday at 10:00 AM**

*(Coffee Hour is held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Service.)*

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*August 17*

**First timer at General Synod**  
**of the Reformed Church of America 2026**

*By: Pastor Rose Admiraal*

We came together in a spirit of collaboration as we continued the denomination's commitment to living into a Revelation 7:9 vision. "RCA, I'm delighted to proclaim that Revelation 7:9 is not merely a future promise or vision for the RCA to experience one day. It is already breaking into the present."

-Sarah Palsma, President. Many things were discussed and decided over the course of 4 ½ days. Here are a few highlights that were approved. I have attached a link for further insight:

<https://www.rca.org/generalsynod-2026-news-summary/>

1. "We, the delegates to the 219th General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, declare the doctrine of Christian Nationalism to be opposed to the gospel of Christ."

2. "We, the delegates to the 219th General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, acknowledge the truth that every person is made in the image of God (Genesis 1). We are called and commanded to love the stranger (Deuteronomy 10) and show hospitality to foreigners and prisoners (Hebrews 13). Therefore, we denounce the immigration policies of any government that treats people as less than human."

3. "General Synod approved the Commission for Women's recommendation, urging RCA members to review and re-engage the We Are Speaking statement and resources, created in 2018 as a call to the church to end harassment, abuse, and sexual violence against women and girls." This received a standing ovation and many comments from female delegates. There was also a dinner for all who wished to support female pastors and those with church positions. #sheisccalled

Rick and I heard several strong messages from various people, including our General Secretary, Eddy Alemán. I will leave you with a few thoughts from them:

"In his annual address, Rev. Eddy Alemán, General Secretary of the RCA, called the church to be faithful disciples who plant and water, trusting that God will give the growth and increase."

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From Psalm 107: “Hear me now: A storm is not a sign that the church has failed.... But we see what God has done and will do and is doing. We can be confident God has delivered, he will rescue, he is saving, even if the salvation we cry out for is not immediate, even if the rescue we need doesn’t come all at once, even if the ship is still pitching in the swell. We can still know God hears us, and God is present to us.” -**Rev. Dr. Ron Rienstra, Newly Installed General Synod Professor**

“What God has done in the season behind us is not merely history but evidence. It’s proof that God can be trusted with whatever lies ahead.” -**Rev. Dr. Kristin Brouwer, Elected Vice-President for 2027**



### **Save the Date: September 13<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Day!!!**

The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee has been meeting to plan a great day. There will be a special worship service with music from the past and present. A luncheon will follow with displays of church history and memories. Join us for a time of fellowship and reconnecting with family and friends.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is meeting weekly on Thursdays, beginning July 2, at 6:30 PM, in the Founders’ Room.

Contact *Becky Hibbard* with any questions or ideas to share.



### ***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***

**Co-Financial Secretaries: *Julie Hettel & Linda Viney***

**Lakeview Treasurer: *Audrey Blocchi***

***Consistory Meetings in July and August are scheduled for...  
Monday, July 20; and Monday, August 17; at 7:00 PM in the Founders’ Room***



## SCOUTING AT LAKEVIEW



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*)

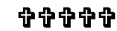


## DEACONS' MISSION

### for July and August

The Deacons' Mission for the months of July and August is the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. The new Director, Grant Rogers, will be coming to speak to us on July 19. Continue to bring in the items announced for July to fill up the baskets in the Narthex. Also, can't wait to find out what the "August Challenge" item will be this year!

Rex Ahrens,  
Deacon Chair



Will be held at:

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH  
30 Long Pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14468  
(Intersection of Long Pond Road and  
Edgemere Drive in Greece, NY)

Saturday, August 29, 2026,  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Sign up today at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org),  
or contact Becky Hibbard, call/text 506-2449

*New donors always welcome!*  
*Urgent need for all blood types!!*



## **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 31, we served cake to celebrate the baptism of Spencer and Oliver Griffin, sons of Leslie and Anthony Griffin. We are so blessed to receive new families into our congregation and watch these precious children grow.

The Community Life Committee continues to host the Sunday Coffee Hour which follows the worship service each week. We provide coffee and juice. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to host the coffee hour and provide a snack (Cookies, brownies, etc.). If you sign up and forget to bring a snack, we keep a supply of cookies in the freezer.

God's Blessings, Sheila and  
the Community Life Committee



Picture of Baptism on May 31, 2026

Shown L to R: Pastor Rose Admiraal, Oliver Griffin, Anthony Griffin, Leslie Griffin, and Spencer Griffin

## GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

Thank you to everyone who donated food during the months of May and June. As busy as we all are during the summer months, please make it a point to remember our neighbors facing food insecurity. During the month of July, the GEFS has requested that we collect canned beets, chili-flavored beans, coffee, and tea—quite an odd variety of food items to shop for!

As usual, our “August Focus Item” will be a secret until the announcement of our annual “August Challenge.” Please start saving your medium-sized boxes. We will need a lot of boxes to pack our donations in for delivery to the Food Shelf. Boxes can be placed in the last Sunday School room on the left side of the corridor off the Fellowship Hall. Clues to the item we will be collecting will be posted each week in July near our big baskets. By mid-July, you will probably be able to guess what that item will be.

As a small church, we will need to enlist the help of our extended families, neighbors, co-workers, and friends. Please help spread the word. In past years, we have had a great response from our lakeshore neighborhood. Besides shopping, other ways to help with the August Challenge are to volunteer to be here on the last Saturday of the month for our "drive in/drop off" and to greet neighbors with coffee and doughnuts, or to help pack and load trucks for the special delivery to the Maiden Lane facility after the final tally.

Please plan to participate in Lakeview’s largest mission project and neighborhood outreach of the year with a giving spirit and cheerful attitude. Be thankful that we are able to make such a positive difference in the lives of so many; and be sure and watch for those clues during July!

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney  
Your GEFS Representatives



## FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Lakeview Finance Committee will meet on **Monday**, July 13, and **Tuesday**, August 11, at 7:00 PM in the Founders Room. At the July meeting we will have the 2nd quarter income and expenses to review. Also, we will start the process for the 2027 proposed budget. Everyone is invited to come and share your thoughts and suggestions.

The Finance Committee members are Audrey Blocchi, Debbie Gill, Julie Hettel, Joe Romanczyk, and Linda Viney.

## CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

**Congregational Giving on May 03: \$3,732.00**  
**Congregational Giving on May 10: \$2,947.00**  
**Congregational Giving on Mar. 17: \$2,520.00**  
**Congregational Giving on May 24: \$1,398.00**  
**Congregational Giving on May 31: \$1,224.00**  
**Congregational Giving on Jun 07: \$3,030.00**  
**Congregational Giving on Jun 14: \$2,210.00**  
**Congregational Giving on Jun 21: \$1,490.00**

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

*“To Share the Love of Christ with our Community”*

**Outreach Committee:** Thank you for helping The Father's Heart! Karen Altavela made about 24 drawstring bags; and with your donations, we filled all 24 bags with toiletries, beverages, with granola bars, and socks. There were even some leftovers to send with the bags, as The Father's Heart delivers 20+ bags each week.

*Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!*

### **Education Committee:**

1. **Children:** A small committee began to meet about “children walk-out church.” If you would like to be a **teacher**, a **helper**, or **part of the committee**, please talk with **Pastor Rose**. There is training that will need to take place before you can begin.

2. **Adult:** Right now Adult Education is being held during the week. (Welcome the Stranger, book study, Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM). In the fall, we will begin something else. If you wish to be part of a small group study and this time does not work for you, please let Pastor Rose know.

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### **JULIET LADIES' GROUP**

The next Juliet Ladies' luncheons are scheduled for Friday, July 24; and Friday, August 28, at 12:30 PM. Decision on places to hold the July and August luncheons will be decided by the ladies at the June luncheon. Watch for further details in the Sunday announcements. Contact: Dottie Mason.

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**Happy 4th of July!**

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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

*Carol Bremner, Chris & Stacy Dorland, Kevin Griffith, Karen Huey, Molly Ives, JoAnn Kehrli-Merlau, Jan Mahon, Bob & Sharon Meyers, Sheila Wolf, Gail Wang, and Lois Worboys.*

### **\*\*Vacation...**

*Pastor Rick and Pastor Rose will be away on vacation from Saturday, July 25, to Wednesday, July 29. Pastor Rick will be back in the office on July 30.*

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## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

### **The 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

#### *History, Meaning, and Date*

*(from Britannica, <https://www.britannica.com>)*

*Topic: Independence Day - United States of America Holiday)*

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**, known as Independence Day, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, marking the United States' formal separation from Great Britain.

Origins of Independence Day: Independence Day celebrates the Declaration of Independence, which was formally adopted on July 4, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. This historic document, primarily authored by Thomas Jefferson, declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to British rule under King George III and were now united, free, and independent states. Although the legal vote for independence occurred on July 2, 1776, the Declaration itself was approved two days later, establishing July 4 as the symbolic birth of the nation.

The Declaration reflected widespread colonial dissatisfaction with British policies, including the Sugar Act, Stamp Act, and Intolerable Acts, which imposed taxes and restrictions on the colonies.

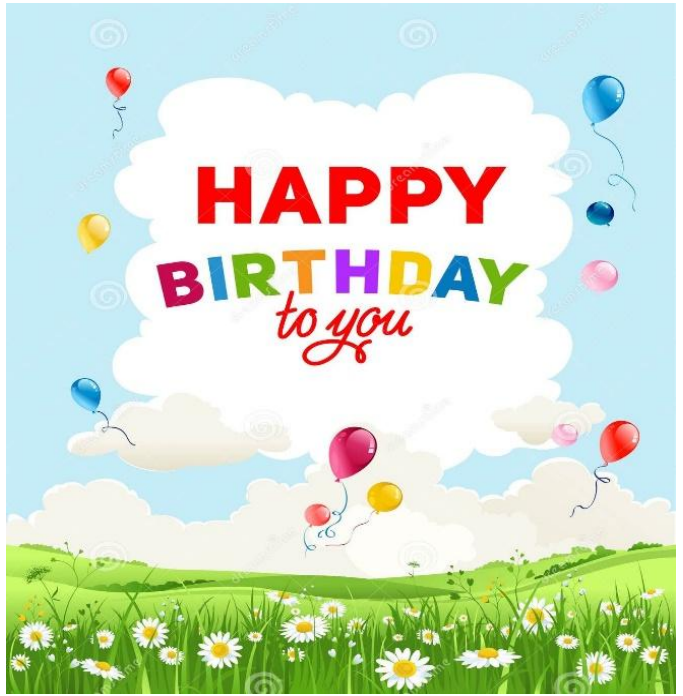
The document laid out the philosophical foundation for a government based on liberty, equality, and self-determination, famously stating that “all men are created equal.”

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***Congratulations are extended to...***

**Joe & Sherry Romanczyk who were  
married on July 6, 1974**



*We would like to include the anniversaries of all of the members of Lakeview in our newsletter. If you would like your wedding anniversary dates published in the "Lakeviewer," please send your names and dates to the church secretary at [lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com](mailto:lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com).*

**WERE YOU MARRIED at  
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITYCHURCH?**

We are working on our Year 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which is planned for September 2026. If you were married here at Lakeview and would like to share a photo of your special day, please email or text a copy of your picture to me, (at [Twasma@hotmail.com](mailto:Twasma@hotmail.com)), including the date, and the name of the Pastor that married you. ***Be a part of our memories!***

Sheila Williams (585) 406-6443  
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July 08 – Joe Romanczyk
July 09 – Bob Van Alstyne
July 21 – Bill Foster
July 21 – Stacy Dorland
August 02 – Dianne Pettifer
August 03 – Rebecca Hibbard
August 05 – Gloria Weaver
August 07 – Mark Gill
August 13 – Sheila Wolf
August 22 – Betty Foster
August 31 – Jane Egan
August 31 – Gail Wang

*If you have a birthday that does not appear on our monthly birthday list, please send your name and birthdate to [lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com](mailto:lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com).*

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## **JULY & AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS...**

- July 02 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room  
**July 04 – United States of America Independence Day!**  
July 06 – Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 06 – Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Lakeview Conference Room  
July 07 – Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
July 08 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 09 – Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary  
July 09 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room  
July 13 – Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 13 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room  
July 14 - Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
July 15 - AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 16 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room  
July 16 – Grandview Heights Neighborhood Assn. Meeting, 7:00-9:30 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 19 – Monthly Mission (Greece Food Shelf) Collection received during Worship Service  
July 20 – Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 20 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room  
July 21 – Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
July 22 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 23 – Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary  
July 23 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room  
July 24 – Juliet Ladies' Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Place: TBD  
July 26 – Rev. Jim Crowley Preaching  
July 27 – Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 28 - Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
July 29 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
July 30 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room  
Aug. 03 – Boy & Cub Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 03 – Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, LCC Conference Room  
Aug. 04 - Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
Aug. 05 - AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 06 – Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary  
Aug. 10 - Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 11 - Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
Aug. 11 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room  
Aug. 12 - AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 13 – Grandview Heights Neighborhood Assn. Meeting, 7:00-9:30 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 17 – Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 17 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room  
Aug. 18 - Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room  
Aug. 19 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 20 – Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary  
Aug. 24 – Boy & Cub Scouts' Meetings, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 25 - Study and Book Reading, 6:30-8:00 PM, LCC Conference Room (Last Session)  
Aug. 26 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Aug. 28 – Juliet Ladies' Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Place: TBD  
Aug. 29 – Red Cross Blood Drive at Lakeview, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Fellowship Hall



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***HELLO JULY AND AUGUST***

***LAKEVIEW INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT OUR***

***"Little Church on the Lake!"***

***Sunday Worship is at 10:00 AM, Followed by Coffee Hour at 11:00 AM***