

The "LAKEVIEWER"

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Reformed Church in America

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Newsletter of
Lakeview Community Church
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30 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14612

Rev. Steven Rodriguez, Pastor

Sunday Mornings...

June 7, 14, 21, & 28

Worship Service at 10:00 AM (*on-line*)

On-Line Coffee Hour Immediately Follows

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Deadline for July Newsletter: June 21

A Pastoral Letter to the Congregation About Abstaining from Communion During the Coronavirus

What about communion? The thought may have crossed your mind in the last couple of months, as we have been unable to gather for worship, or this may be the first time you have ever thought about it. As churches have struggled to adapt to digital ministry, online services, and Zoom, one problem has been what to do about the Lord's Supper. You may have noticed that we have not celebrated communion since the school cancellations and stay-at-home orders commenced. This has been a difficult decision, and the Consistory (and the Elders in particular) spent a good deal of time deliberating about it. As part of this process of discernment, several people attended an online Zoom presentation through New Brunswick Theological Seminary entitled "Social Distancing and the Supper: Thoughts to Consider for Reformed Congregations." During that presentation, one of the presenters, John Witvliet, offered an important take on I Corinthians 11. In that famous passage on the Lord's Supper, Paul commands the church in Corinth to "wait for one another" when coming to the table, not excluding others from partaking. In Paul's original context, he was speaking to the rich who were excluding the poor from the supper. But Witvliet suggested that in our current context, the ones who are denied access to the table are those who lack internet access and so would not be able to join communion online. So, one way to obey Paul's command to "wait for one another" would be to lovingly abstain from taking the Lord's Supper until we can all take it together again. An important objection could be raised at this point: what about shut-ins? Didn't we exclude them before? Aren't we all just shut-ins now? But that's precisely why the pastor and the elders try to bring communion to shut-ins, so that they will not be excluded from the Table. And, unfortunately, because of social distancing, we are not able to bring communion to anyone.

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For this reason, the Consistory has decided to defer our celebration of the Lord's Supper until we can meet together again. This leaves a hole in our worship, and that is exactly as it should be. We should feel like something is missing when we do not celebrate the Lord's Supper. And in this case, that's the point: This is an opportunity for us to pray "Come Lord Jesus!" We long for Jesus to come again, and one of the ways we can channel that longing is by longing to be reunited in worship and around the Table.

Of course, we don't know what the future will hold. It could be that we will be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper again very soon. But just as we don't know when we will gather for worship, we don't know when Jesus will come again, either. Not knowing when doesn't have to prevent us from praying fervently for it to happen.

These are sad times. But we are a resurrection people. To be a resurrection people is not to deny death and sadness, but to believe that there is hope through death to new life. As we long to be together, and as we long to feast at the table again, let us pray together, "Come Lord Jesus!" And together we look forward to the day when our mourning will turn to dancing. (Psalm 30.11)

Pastor Steven



ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Lakeview's Sunday worship service is available on its Website: LakeviewCommunityChurch.Net



ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY

Lakeview's On-line Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Join us by clicking on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/249222890>.



ON-LINE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

We meet on the **digital platform, Zoom**, for Sunday Coffee Hours at **11:00 AM** (following the on-line worship service). You can join the meeting by clicking on this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/595232886>.



CHOIR



Organist & Keyboardist:
Lynnann Rivas

Choir rehearsals have been postponed until further notice because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.



PRAISE BANDS



Praise Band & Rejoice!
Leader: Kevin Griffith

Praise Band and *Rejoice!* rehearsals are canceled until further notice due to the Pandemic.



RE-OPENING TASK FORCE

Thank you to the members listed below for their willingness to serve on Lakeview's new *Re-Opening Task Force*. **Don Montesano** proposed the formation of this task force at our Consistory meeting on May 12, and the Consistory heartily agreed to it. It will allow us to make better informed and more nimble decisions as we have to adapt to changing circumstances in the months ahead. The Task Force will serve in an advisory role, making recommendations to the Consistory.

Task Force Members:

Don Montesano, Chair
Steven Rodriguez, Pastor
Jim Raymond, Buildings & Grounds
Rich Ives, Worship
Betsy Leipold, Advice from Medical Viewpoint as a Nurse



**On-Line Consistory Meeting scheduled for
Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM**

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Saturday, June 20, 2020

This day is dedicated to bringing awareness to refugees in our communities around the world.

COMMUNITY LIFE **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Hello Lakeview Family,
Miss you all. Can't wait to get back to church to see everyone, start planning some pot luck dinners, and continue the Coffee Hour in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you, **Pastor Steven**, for the outdoor sermons. Thank you, **Lynnann and Kevin**, for the music selections, followed by a scripture reading. We are an amazing church with so many gifted and talented people. From the late 40's to the present, this small congregation of faithful people has overcome many challenging situations. We will, together with God's help, get through this. Keeping you all in prayer.

Sheila Williams, Chair

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LIBRARY

(Thoughts from your Library Committee Chair)

Strangely, before the quarantine began, I brought home a few books from our church library to catch up on. It was good because it kept me reading. One of those books was Guideposts' Abigail, by Lois Henderson. In novel form, it lays out the story of Abigail, the third wife of King David, taken from the biblical books of I Samuel and 2 Samuel. It brings her story to life so that you have some understanding of who Abigail was, how she thought, and how she worshiped and remained in obedience to Yahweh. It was a good book, well written, and easy to read. Check it, and the other Guideposts series of women in the Bible, once we reopen. I miss everyone and our collective worship. Hope all are well and thriving, and that we will be able to assemble again soon.

God bless!

Donna Tijou

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The following work was done in the Sanctuary: All wood work was refreshed, concrete floors waxed, all bibles and hymnals sanitized, cushions and carpets were vacuumed. Thanks to **Bill & Betty Foster** for removing the sanctuary storm windows, cleaning windows, and storing the storm windows in the garage. And thanks to **Dottie Mason and Diane Phelps** for all their garden work, plantings, and mulching.

Give thanks to **Don Montesano** for servicing the church and parsonage lawn tractors; and thanks to **Geoff Pettifer, Eric Frank, and Tim Hettel** for volunteering to mow around the church exclusively during the Corona-virus period.

Jim Raymond, B&G Chair

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As the Corona Virus and quarantines linger and as you might guess, the shelves at the GEFS are dangerously empty. Many thanks to all of you who participated in the food drop-off at the Greece town Hall on May 7. Your donations helped to restock those empty shelves at Maiden Lane. While churches and other organizations that regularly support the Food Shelf are closed, the need for food has risen. We can still help by sending monetary donations to the GEFS. You can send the dollar amount you would normally spend on actual grocery items. The GEFS will use the money to purchase food from Foodlink and grocery stores. Please make your checks payable to GEFS, and mail them to Lakeview. Your gift is tax deductible and will be credited to you as a donation on your year-end statement. All checks will be delivered to Maiden Lane. Hopefully, we will soon be back to filling our big baskets (in person) with our food donations. Thanks for your ongoing support of the GEFS during these strange and difficult times.

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney
Lakeview's GEFS Reps

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Due to the uncertainty of the times, the Lakeview Ladies will not have their annual picnic in June. All women of the church are invited to the next meeting on **Tuesday, September 15**, 10:00 AM to 12 Noon, in the Founder's Room. At that meeting, we will be learning about Elizabeth, a woman of strong character.

Please pray that Covid-19 will be under control by then and we can once again be together.



Boy Scout Troop 18 regrets that it will not be able to hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser originally scheduled for March 21, 2020. We know that a number of Church members had already purchased tickets and expected to attend. We would like to thank you for your continued support and apologize for this inconvenience. We will be making refunds available to those who have purchased tickets. Please contact Troop 18 **Scoutmaster Stacey Cudzilo** at admin@parkavedayspa.com by **July 1** to arrange for a refund. Again, we appreciate your support and hope everyone is staying happy and healthy. We look forward to resuming our fundraising tradition next year. Thank you!



MONTHLY MISSION

The deacons sent a monthly mission gift to **New Life for Haiti** in April, and NLFH returned a video thank you. It took a while to figure out how to pass this on, but finally, here is the link:

(<https://www.bonjoro.com/g/tf3eZIMqwWF>)

It will show you the message and then a link within that that can be activated if people want to see all the good work being accomplished there! No names were passed on to NLFH so no one need worry about constant requests. I just thought the congregation, which has been so generous in the past, might be interested.

Celeste Pawlicki



CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

- Congregational Giving on April 19 was \$945.00
- Congregational Giving on April 26 was \$3,135.00
- Congregational Giving on May 03 was \$3,187.00
- Congregational Giving on May 10 was \$3,565.00
- Congregational Giving on May 17 was \$2,770.00
- Congregational Giving on May 24 was \$2,115.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAKEVIEW

We are still doing banking once a week for the church. You can mail your regular contributions to Lakeview at 30 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14612. If you also wish to make a monetary contribution to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, that can also be mailed to the church.

Linda Viney



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for:**

Rex Ahrens, Don Barry, Bill Burns, Stacy Dorland, Ken Gill, Mary Hart, Frank Imo, Rich Ives, Kathi Kehrli, Pat Palumbo, Jan Mahon, Bob & Linda Perrotte, Amy Piccarreto, Sophie Purdy, Patty Salone, Eleanor Thornton, Gail Wang, Matt Wolf, and Lois Worboys.

****TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:**

- 1) *Update for Mark & Debbie Gill—their address is “15” Silent Meadows Drive, Spencerport, NY 14559.*
- 2) *Update for Wil & Rev. Sue Hodges—their telephone number is 585-749-6401.*
- 3) *Update for Lois Worboys—her telephone Number is 585-703-3748.*



BIRTHDAYS for JUNE!!!

June 05 – Mike O'Dell
June 14 – Libby Booth
June 15 – Amy Piccarreto
June 18 – Diane Elliott
June 20 – Kevin Griffith
June 20 – Shantih Wright Couch
June 20 – Angela Marshall
June 26 – Colleen Dox-Griffith
June 26 – Dagmar Doland
June 29 – Jan Mahon
June 29 – Leslie Howell



American Red Cross

The Blood Drive is ON June 25, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The American Red Cross has implemented some additional precautions during the COVID-19 situation.

Safety First

Wellness and Protection

- Checking temperature of all staff, volunteers and donors before entering blood drive (if anyone has a temperature greater than 99.5°, they will not be able to donate/work at the drive).
- Staff and volunteers will wear gloves throughout entire drive, changing gloves often.
- All staff, volunteers and donors will be required to wear face masks or coverings at the blood drive in alignment with the CDC public guidelines.

Enhanced Disinfecting

- Hand sanitizer will be available at check-in, health history and refreshment areas.
- Blood donors will be asked to use hand sanitizer before and during the donation process.

- Donor's beds will be sanitized between every donor.
- Routinely disinfecting common surfaces at drive.

Social Distancing

- Set up to allow 6-foot distance between donor areas.
- Only blood donors will be permitted at blood drives.
- After check-in, donors will be asked to wait in a designated area (or even car); donors may be asked for a phone number to get notified it's their turn.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Help is still needed at registration & canteen. Also help may be needed with Donor Temperature Screening and Enhanced Disinfecting (training on-site will be provided).
- Any donated refreshment items must be pre-packaged only (e.g. no open box donuts, pizza, homemade items).
- Please spread the word – we need donors.

All scheduling of donors and volunteers should go through me. Please call or email with any questions: 506-2449, rebelhib@yahoo.com.

Thank you in advance for your help with this very important endeavor.

Becky Hillbard

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June



JUNE 21, 2020

The day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June. The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

