

The "LAKEVIEWER"

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America

October, 2020

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

Rev. Steven Rodriguez, Pastor

Sunday Mornings...

October 4, 11, 18, & 25

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

On-Line Coffee Hour at 11:15 AM

No Nursery, No Choir

(Because of Social Distancing Rules)

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Dear Lakeview Family,

God's Spirit has been doing something amazing in the Regional Synod of Albany (our regional group of Reformed churches), and I want to share it with you! Last year, in our own church, *Charlie Tijou, Don Montesano, and Matt Wolf* each felt a call to explore the possibility of becoming preaching elders. (As the name suggests, a preaching elder is an elder who has undergone the necessary training to preach.) Because our classis currently lacks some of the resources to properly train preaching elders, we reached out to our regional synod to see if they might be able to help. Our inquiry was the catalyst that led the regional synod to start a new preaching elder training program. When it started, there were four people who were interested. Now, it has grown to fourteen students, with more added each class. We are currently facing a minister shortage both in our classis and our regional synod, so it really seems to me that God has started this preaching elder program at just the appointed time. When the program started, I was asked to serve on the governing board. Now it's my turn to teach one of the required courses, on biblical interpretation. This is a special passion of mine, and I am very excited that I get to teach it for the preaching elders during September and October! We're covering a lot of different topics, but as I was putting the course together, it was a good reminder to me of what my core values are when I read the Bible. You may want to try these out yourself when you read the Bible:

1. Ask questions first. I try to not assume that I know what a Bible passage means right away. I start by asking questions about the passage. It keeps me curious, humble, and open to what God has to say to me.
2. It's got to be about Jesus. Without Jesus, reading the Bible can turn into flat moralism: *Be a good person, do the right thing*. But the Gospel is deeper than moralism. It's about God saving us from our sin and brokenness through Jesus Christ. Looking for Jesus when we read the Bible helps us receive the words of scripture as good news. As I've said before many times in my preaching, the Bible is not just a how-to manual. It is an encounter with the living God.

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3. Don't keep the Bible at arm's length. Let it do its work inside of you. It can be tempting to read the Bible and immediately apply it to other people or the world instead of ourselves. It can be tempting to read the Bible and turn it into principles for living, and not deal with what's actually going on in our hearts and how God wants to change us. I think Søren Kierkegaard got it right when he said, "When you read God's Word, in everything you read, continually say to yourself: It is I to whom it is speaking, it is I about whom it is speaking." That's it: Read the Bible as if God has something to say to you, something that will change you.

Those are my core values when I read the Bible. What are yours?

Your pastor,
Steven

ON-LINE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

We will continue to meet on the **digital platform, Zoom**, for Sunday Coffee Hours at **11:15 AM** (following the in-church worship service). Everyone is welcome, even if you attended the in-person worship. You can join the Coffee Hour by clicking on this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/595232886>.

CHOIR



Organist & Keyboardist:
Lynnann Rivas

Do you sing or play an instrument? Would you like to sing or play at church, but can't make the commitment to attend choir rehearsals all the time? Then this season is for you! **Lynnann** is scheduling rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7-8:00 PM for small groups and soloists in lieu of full choir rehearsals. Contact her by email: rvslnnnn@gmail.com or by phone (585) 498-9700. We hope to return to choir rehearsals in January.

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PRAISE BANDS



Praise Band & Rejoice!
Leader: Kevin Griffith

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

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study Group meets on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room of church. Feel free to join us!

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Happy Halloween, October 31st



The Consistory is delighted to announce that we are ready to begin celebrating communion again! We will resume our practice of monthly communion on October 4, which also happens to be World Communion Sunday. Our communion practices will temporarily be a little different to minimize points of contact and reduce the risk of virus transmission.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in a time of much change. Here's what you need to know about how we'll be celebrating communion:

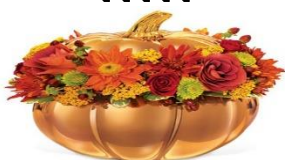
- We will be offering both bread and wine in individual cups.
- You will be invited to come forward in a single file and take bread and wine from a tray and return to your seat. (A consistory member will help direct traffic.)
- We will still all partake together in our seats at the same time.
- A consistory member will be available to bring communion to anyone who is unable to come forward but would still like to receive communion.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **October 15**, at 7:00 PM.

Jim Raymond



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Next Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, October 19, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room

Congregational Giving on Aug. 30 was \$2,225.00
Congregational Giving on Sept. 06 was \$1,914.00
Congregational Giving on Sept. 13 was \$2345.00
Congregational Giving on Sept. 20 was \$3,021.00



MONTHLY MISSION for OCTOBER

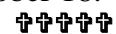
Saving Grace Ministries

A special collection will be received on October 18 for **Saving Grace Ministries**. Its mission is to provide a smooth transition to community life for men and women recently released from a correctional facility by providing a highly-structured program based on Christian principles. Since its founding in 1999, SGM has sought to reach the lost, to serve those who no one else will serve, and to impact Western New York by providing a tangible alternative to the cycle of release and reincarceration too common in today's justice system.

Saving Grace Ministries, Inc. is a Buffalo-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to serving men and women under supervision by the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (formerly NYS Parole).

SGM was founded on the premise that faith-based organizations are able to accomplish goals that many times government cannot. Through strategic partnerships, linkage agreements with area providers, and the support of the community of faith, SGM has reached thousands of men and women returning to Erie County since opening the first "Grace House" program facility in 2001.

Please consider donating to this worthy organization on October 18.





By now you all know what a HUGE success our August Challenge for the GEFS was. A check for **\$4,517.00** was presented at the Maiden Lane site by **Pastor Steven**. The site manager was completely shocked at the amount of the check. She said when we told her Lakeview was holding a monetary challenge this year, she thought how awesome it would be if we raised \$1,000. She was truly amazed at the check for over \$4,500! A giant thank-you to everyone who stepped up in a big way to help out our community during this pandemic. Great work!

As job losses continue, monthly clients at the GEFS continue to increase. This month they have requested baked beans to help restock their supply. Their shopper, Sandy has had trouble finding quantities of them as some stores limit purchases to one or two cans. I found two kinds of baked beans available at Dollar Tree Stores (\$1.00 each) with no posted limits. Dollar General also stocks them for \$1.40. I'm sure Lakeview's shoppers can find enough to fill our big baskets during October! The request for these apparently "elusive" beans was made to us, because they knew if anyone could deliver, it was Lakeview. Let's not disappoint them. Thank you all for your continuous support and very generous donations.

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney
Lakeview's GEFS Reps

**MISSION SHARE
OUTREACH CENTER**

The **Mission Share Outreach Center** is now accepting winter clothing. Especially needed are coats of any kind. Also, a box is available in the narthex to collect your cereal donations which **Rob McCulloch** will deliver weekly.

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The Lakeview Ladies will try again to learn about "Elizabeth, A Woman of Strong Character," on Tuesday, **October 20**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, meeting in the Founders Room. All women are invited to attend. Of course, we will be following the Covid-19 protocol, so wear your mask.

Faye Cole

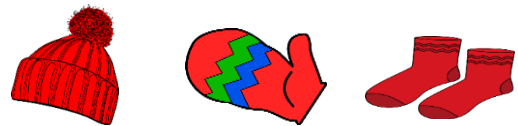
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Medicare Changes and Options for 2021



Join **Jane Ahrens** of the Ahrens Benefits Co. as she explains the changes to Medicare and options for Medicare plans for 2021. This meeting will take place in the church Sanctuary on **Saturday, October 10, at 1:30 PM.** For those unable to attend, a recording will be available. **RSVP's are required to Rex Ahrens at 880-8259 or to Jane@AhrensBenefitsCo.com.** *A sign-up sheet for this event is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.*

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Hats, Mittens, & Socks - It is that time of year when we help the less fortunate keep warm during the winter months with hats, mittens, scarfs, and **socks**. Our trunk is empty and we need to fill it. We have found out that the most needed item is socks. Please help us fill the trunk again with any of the above items.

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USED GREETING CARDS



If you have any used greeting cards, BOCES 2 work -based learning students could use them! They will be up cycling to make new cards for individuals in nursing homes. Bring them to church or call me, and I will pick them up (585) 455-3217.

Thank you!
Colleen Dox-Griffith



BOY SCOUT TROOP 18

Scoutmaster: Stacey Cudzilo
Scout Committee Chairperson: Darin Noel

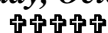
Regular Meetings: **October 5, 19, and 26.**
(No Scout meeting on October 12.)
Meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Lakeview at 6:00 PM.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

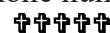
****PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for:**
Rex Ahrens, Don Barry, Bill Burns, Stacy Dorland, Ken Gill, Mary Hart, Wayne Hibbard, Frank Imo, Rich Ives, Kathi Kehrli, Pat Palumbo, Jan Mahon, Bob & Linda Perrotte, Amy Piccarreto, Sophie Purdy, Patty Salone, Eleanor Thornton, Gail Wang, Matt Wolf, and Lois Worboys.

****Articles for the November "Lakeviewer" will be due on Sunday, October 18.**



**RIDE
NEEDED**

Pat Palumbo no longer drives but would still like to attend worship services at Lakeview. If you plan to attend the Sunday worship service, would you give Pat a call and ask if she needs a ride? Her address is 3GBC Parkway, Apt #2025, Rochester, NY 14626. Pat's phone number is 585-865-6474.



October 03 – Chris Dorland
October 03 – Carol Miller
October 04 – Marlene Morrison
October 07 – Jayden Ortiz
October 09 – Marti O'Dell
October 14 – Geoff Pettifer
October 15 – Tyler Hart
October 17 – Andrew Gill
October 24 – Caedmon Rodriguez
October 26 – Sarah Marshall
October 30 – Linda Perrotte

If you have a birthday that does appear on our monthly birthday list, please send your birthdate to lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com.



Remember, you can now support Lakeview Community Church when using the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones!

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon shopping app, you may have to update your app.





The Red Cross Blood Drive on September 12 was a huge success! 24 units of blood were collected. Thank you to everyone who came out to donate. The next Blood Drive at Lakeview will be in November or December. *Watch for the announcement.*

Becky Hibbard

October Happenings

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| October 03 – Memorial Service at Lakeview for Bonnie Jean Montesano-Lotta | October 18 – Monthly Mission, Saving Grace Ministries |
| October 04 – World Communion Sunday - Communion will be served during the Worship Service. | October 19 – Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room |
| October 10 – Presentation on Medicare Changes and Options by Jane Ahrens at 1:30 PM in the Sanctuary | October 20 – Lakeview Ladies' Group Meeting, 10 AM, Founders' Room |
| October 13 – Consistory Meeting at 7:00 PM | October 20 – Rochester Classis Meeting at Sodus Reformed Church |
| October 14 – Lakeview Garden Club Meeting, 7-8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall | October 20 – In-Person Care Groups Meeting – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall |
| October 15 – Hilton Garden Club Meeting, 6-9:30 PM, Fellowship Hall | October 22 – On-Line Zoom Care Groups Meeting – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall |
| October 17 – Gail Gill Memorial Service at Lakeview | ††††† |

Church Bulletins

Those Church Bulletins! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off — let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the Choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our Choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM— prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up: The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours.'



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***Communion - Offered during Worship Service on October 4,
World Communion Sunday***