

The “LAKEVIEWER”

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America

November, 2020

Newsletter of
Lakeview Community Church
Reformed Church in America



30 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14612

Rev. Steven Rodriguez, Pastor

Sunday Mornings...

November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

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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Deadline for December Newsletter: Nov. 22

Dear Lakeview Family,

During Sunday worship this fall we've been slowly working our way through the Book of Revelation; and, if you pay close attention, you'll notice that in the sermon series we've skipped over chapters 2 and 3. These two chapters cover the seven letters written to seven churches. Just because we're skipping them, that doesn't mean they're not important! There's a lot of good stuff in them. But my challenge to you as the congregation is to tackle these seven letters on your own, in between Sundays. Read Revelation 2-3 slowly a couple times, and then reflect on these seven letters.

You've heard me say that the Bible is not an instruction manual; it's an encounter with the living God. But that *doesn't* mean that the Bible never says anything about how to live. The Bible has lots to say about many moral and ethical topics. But part of the process of sanctification is reading the Bible and listening for how God's Spirit wants to apply it to our lives, today. If we take scripture seriously, and if we take God's Spirit seriously, then we *will* hear commands from scripture for us to follow. The trick, though, is recognizing that God's Spirit often calls different people to be holy in different ways. This is *not* to say that God changes God's mind, or that the truth of the Bible is relative. But it does call us to be attentive, recognizing that God may have a particular word for us. This requires contemplation, slowing down, listening to God in silence, waiting for a "nudge" from God.

This is why the seven letters in Revelation 2 and 3 are so important. John didn't write the same letter to all seven churches, he *personalized* them. God has a word, to be sure, even a difficult word. But it is a *particular* word. The word for the Church of Ephesus is not quite the same as the word for the Church of Thyatira. So here's my challenge for you: Read through these seven letters, and see if one of them speaks to you more loudly than the others. See if one of them is harder or more painful for you to hear than the others. I know that one of them hits home for me hard enough that I've been praying about it a lot lately. Let God speak to you. "Let he [or she] who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Rev. 2:7, ESV)

Your pastor,
Steven

CONSISTORY MEETING:
Tuesday, November 17
7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Consistory Size

After discussion, the Consistory has decided to reduce the size of the Consistory from four elders and four deacons to **three** elders and **three** deacons. We feel that **six** members of consistory will still provide adequate representation for governance, adequate attention and care to the congregation, and adequate counsel and support for Pastor Steven.

This change will take effect in January, 2021.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study Group is not meeting at this time due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.



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



**Choir Director and
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.



PRAISE BANDS



**Praise Band & Rejoice!
Leader: Kevin Griffith**

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



**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **November 19**, at 7:00 PM.

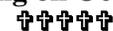
Jim Raymond



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Next Finance Committee Meeting: Monday,
November 9, 6:30 PM, Founders' Room**

**Congregational Giving on Sept. 27 was \$2,371.35.
Congregational Giving on Oct. 04 was \$6,067.00.
Congregational Giving on Oct. 11 was \$3,445.00.
Congregational Giving on Oct. 18 was \$1,619.00**



LIBRARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Library Committee has purchased a number of new books. Please come by and take a look at the new titles. One of the recent purchases is a book called: "*When You Need to Move a Mountain; Keys To Praying With Power*" (2019), by Linda Evans Shepherd

Moving mountains is not easy work; that is, when we try to move them ourselves. This practical and encouraging book can help us arrive at praying prayers that are full of power and victory through Christ. It's a good book, full of ways for our prayers to make a difference!

Donna Tijou; Library Chair
Sheila Wolf, Marlene Morrison,
& Charles Tijou
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MONTHLY MISSION for NOVEMBER

Mount Carmel House

288 Frisbee Hill Rd, Hilton, NY 14468
(585) 366-4949

*Where Christ is loved and freely served by
gentle hands and loving hearts.*

Mount Carmel House provides comfort care for the terminally ill in an atmosphere of love and prayer. It originated with several members of the Rochester Lay Carmelites to provide a home for the dying, those beyond medical treatment except that of palliative care.

Inspired by the selfless example of Mother Teresa, Teresa, this hospice-like facility provides a familiar and warm atmosphere where the terminally ill may find comfort in the love of those who serve them. The care offered is personal, pastoral, and medical. The first house at Jones Park opened on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16, 1984. The second Mount

Carmel House moved to the property adjoining Most Precious Blood Parish, on the corner of Stenson and Planet Streets. That home closed in September of 2014 and moved 10 miles North to the current Mount Carmel House on Frisbee Hill Road in Hilton. Mount Carmel House has been continuous operation since 1984, and is a tax exempt, non-profit organization that relies on volunteer services and material contributions.

*A special collection will be received for this
monthly mission during the worship service on
Sunday, November 22.*

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Many thanks to everyone who contributed baked beans to the GEFS during the month of October. Your donations are greatly appreciated. It's hard to believe, but Advent begins at the end of November. For the past several years, Lakeview has held an "*Advent Sacrifice*" where during the first two weeks of Advent, we sacrifice one meal (any meal on any day) and use the money we would have spent on that food to buy items for the Food Shelf. The GEFS provides us with a list of most needed items to help us with shopping. This year due to Covid-19, we will be holding a "modified" version of this event. Donations are still critically needed at Maiden Lane, so we didn't want to cancel. For those attending church in person, you can put your donations, either grocery items OR cash or check, in the marked boxes. If you are attending on-line, you can mail checks to Lakeview with "Advent" marked on the memo line. We will use the cash donations to shop for you! Even \$5 can make an amazing difference.

During this season of "excess" in so many areas of our lives, this small sacrifice for the benefit of others is a great way to prepare our spirits for Christ's coming. We hope you will join us in embracing the true spirit of the season.

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney
Lakeview's GEFS Reps
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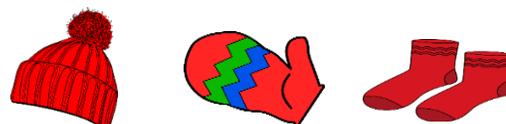


MISSION SHARE
OUTREACH CENTER

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.

Mission Share is collecting for **Thanksgiving baskets** again this year. More people need help this year than in the past. Mission Share asked if we could provide **300 cans/jars of turkey gravy** this year. Baskets for collecting turkey gravy will be available **through November 1**. If you can help again this year, it will be greatly appreciated

Bob Van Alstyne



Hats, Mittens, & Socks

As colder temperatures approach, our trunk (located at the rear of the Sanctuary) needs filling with hats, mittens, scarfs, and *socks*. The most needed item is *socks*. Please help us fill the trunk with any of the above-mentioned items.



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



The Lakeview Ladies will meet on Tuesday, **November 17**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, meeting in the Founders Room. All women are invited to join the group. Of course, we will be following the Covid-19 protocol, so wear your mask.

Faye Cole



Scout Troop 18

Scoutmaster: Stacey Cudzilo

Scout Committee Chairperson: Darin Noel

Regular Meetings: **November 2, 9 16, 23 & 30**
Meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Lakeview at 6:00 PM.





FABULOUS FLOWERS
 217 West Ridge Road
 Rochester, NY 14615

The florist, **Fabulous Flowers**, has been such a blessing to Lakeview Church through the years. Their beautiful bouquets have graced our sanctuary and brought smiles to many of us. Last August, during a period of civil unrest, the shop windows were smashed and their inventory destroyed.

What a wonderful witness of Christian compassion if Lakeview Church could return the blessing to those who have been so generous to us! The Deacons have proposed to send an offering to give them a boost, and we would like to invite you to join in if you wish!

There will be an offering basket in the narthex for the next few weeks if you wish to participate. Thank you! May you be blessed of the Lord, Maker of Heaven and Earth!



November 09 – Molly Ives
November 11 – Tim Hettel
November 12 – Alison Hibbard
November 12 – Nicholas Montesano
November 12 – Donna Tijou
November 14 – Laura Raymond
November 14 – Robert Quetschenbach
November 15 – Chris Ehle
November 15 – Vince Booth
November 23 – Fred Lawrence
November 28 – Joan Marvin
November 29 – Bette Schmidt

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



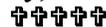
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for:**

Don Barry, Stacy Dorland, Ken Gill and the Gill Family, Mary Hart, Rich Ives, Kathi Kehrli, Pat Palumbo, Jan Mahon, Bob & Linda Perrotte, Amy Piccarreto, Sophie Purdy, Patty Salone, Gail Wang, Matt Wolf, and Lois Worboys.

****Articles for the December "Lakeviewer"**

will be due on Sunday, November 22.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Save the Date!

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Our Blood Drive, held in September, is now on Its way to helping patients at the hospitals listed below. **Thank you!**

**URMC – STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL
 ROCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL
 A.O. FOX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 GENEVA GENERAL HOSPITAL**

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Lakeview Community Church is **December 9, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM**. Please consider signing up for this important event.

Go to **Redcrossblood.org**,
 or message **Becky Hibbard**.



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.



What's Happening November

- November 01 – Daylight Saving Time Begins! Turn clocks back one hour.
Rev. Chris Fluit preaching at 10:00 AM Worship Service**
- November 03 – Voting at Lakeview - 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
Elders' Meeting - 7:00 PM, Founders' Room**
- November 08 – Observance of Veterans Day during 10:00 AM Worship Service**
- November 09 – Finance Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM, Founders' Room**
- November 12 – Grandview Heights Association Meeting – 7:00 PM, Founders' Room**
- November 17 – Lakeview Ladies' Group Meeting - 10:00 AM, Founders' Room
Consistory Meeting - 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall**
- November 22 – Christ the King Sunday Worship Service with Communion
Monthly Mission: Mount Carmel House**
- November 24 – Decoration of Church for Advent by Worship Committee – 9:00 AM**
- November 26 – **Thanksgiving Day!****
- November 28 – Gail Gill Memorial Service (with live feed) at Lakeview – 10:00 AM**
- November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
Food Shelf “Advent Challenge” Begins**



Count

Count your blessings instead of your crosses

Count your gains instead of your losses

Count your joys instead of your woes

Count your friends instead of your foes

Count your smiles instead of your tears

Count your courage instead of your fears

Count your full years instead of your lean

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean

Count your health instead of your wealth

Count on God instead of yourself

Your Blessings

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!
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Voting at Lakeview - November 3, 2020 – 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Lakeview Veterans Honored – November 8

***Communion offered during Worship Service on November 22,
Christ the King Sunday***