

# The “LAKEVIEWER”

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America

December, 2023

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



30 Long Pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14612

**Worship at Lakeview...**

Dec. 03: Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Dec. 10: Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Dec. 17: Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Dec. 24: Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Dec. 31: Worship Service at 10:00 AM

*(Coffee Hours are held in the  
Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM)*

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship Service at 7:00 PM

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**Psalm 46:10**

*“Be still, and know that I am God.”*

Have you ever doubted that God exists, or wondered why God allows certain things to happen, or brings difficult times to some people but it seems that He avoids that with other folks? If so, you are not alone. There are all kinds of troubles on this earth, and many of us who are truly Christians sometimes doubt things. But let me tell you a story that has helped me.

I have long been praying for friends and family and even world situations. But I never gave it much thought really. I just prayed, over and over sometimes. At some point, I started a new habit. I put out a jar on the table and started writing out my prayer concerns and then with a little prayer of my own, I placed them in the jar and put the lid on it. My goal was to give them to God and then focus on my own daily tasks. Gradually the jar became full of my requests and I kept pushing them down to fit more into the jar. I called it “God’s Job Jar.”

At one point I thought, OK, enough is enough. I opened the jar and pulled out the requests one by one and reread them. My intention was to toss out the ones where the prayers had been answered. As I read them, I discovered something very important. Every one of my prayer requests has been handled by God. Everyone I had prayed for had either healed or a better decision had been made by God. Every one of them!

God does not always handle our concerns as we wish, but He always handles them in the way that He knows is best for everyone. God is with us every step of the way on our journey. We do not need to struggle. We just need to pray, be still, and know that God is with us and will take care of us and our fears.

*Merry Christmas!*

*Lynn Allhusen, Deacon*





**Communion** will be offered  
on December 3rd during the 10:00 AM Worship  
Service.

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Praise Band & *Rejoice!*  
Leader: Kevin Griffith

*Rejoice!* Rehearsals on December 6, 13, 20, &  
December 27 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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Choir Director and  
Keyboardist:  
Lynnann Rivas

Choir rehearsals on December 6 and 13 at 7:00  
PM in the Sanctuary

Our Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday,  
December 20, 6:30-7:30 PM**, in the Fellowship  
Hall. We'll have a dinner party and then go to  
rehearsal. *No Choir Rehearsal on December 27.*

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## THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent is a season of penitence, preparation, and  
anticipation for the Christ who came and will  
come again. As a child, as a sovereign ruler,  
Christ comes: God's Gift to all People! During  
Advent, we prepare for this sacred celebration in  
ways both personal and corporate. One of the  
ways we prepare is by lighting the candles of the  
Advent wreath, a symbol of eternal promise. Our  
list of Advent readers and candle lighters is  
below:

**December 03 – Jim & Laura Raymond**  
**December 10 – Bill & Betty Foster**  
**December 17 – Paul & Joan Marvin**  
**December 24 – Bob & Dagmar Van Alstyne**  
**Christmas Eve – Dave & Cheryl Griggs**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

for December 10:00 AM Worship Services

### PREACHING

December 03 – Rev. Chris Fluit  
December 10 – Don Montesano  
December 17 – Matt Wolf  
December 24 – Charles Tijou  
Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM – TBA  
December 31 – Don Montesano

### GREETERS

*(Do not pass offering plates during Worship Service)*

December 03 – Paul & Joan Marvin  
December 10 – Donna Tijou  
December 17 – Dianne Pettifer  
December 24 – Diane Phelps  
Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM – Bill & Betty Foster  
December 31 – Audrey Blocchi

### NURSERY

*Presently, Lakeview does not offer Sunday Morning  
Nursery service; however, children are welcome and  
encouraged to attend worship. If you are attending the  
worship service and you would like Nursery care, a  
member of the Children's Welcome Team is available to  
sit with your small children in the Nursery.*

### PRAYER LEADERS

December 03 – Becky Hibbard  
December 10 – Matt Wolf  
December 17 – Charles Tijou  
December 24 – Bill & Betty Foster  
Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM – No Prayer Leader  
December 31 – Dianne Pettifer

### SOUND SYSTEM

December 03 – Joe Romanczyk  
December 10 – Dave Griggs  
December 17 – Jonah Hettel  
December 24 – Bill Foster  
Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM – Paul Marvin  
December 31 – Bill Foster

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 03 – Molly Ives\*  
December 10 – Faye Cole  
December 17 – Lynn Allhusen\*  
December 24 – Donna Tijou  
Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM – No Worship Ass't.  
December 31 – Bob Van Alstyne

*\*Reads Scripture Only; \*\*Does Not Read Scripture  
If you are not able to be in church on the date you  
are scheduled, please arrange for a replacement.*





The Search Committee's job is done! We were happy to unanimously recommend Pastor Rick Admiraal to Consistory for the position of Full-Time Pastor at Lakeview Community Church. He and Rose were well received on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to them starting their ministry here in the coming weeks.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Search Committee Members: Mark Gill, Dottie Mason, Diane Phelps, and Joe Romanczyk.

*Becky Hibbard*, Chairperson  
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### **VISIT OF REV. RICK ADMIRAAL AND HIS WIFE, ROSE**

Here are some pictures taken during the Admiraals' visits. The first one is at Susan B Anthony Park during their first visit here and we gave them a tour of Rochester. The statues they are holding hands with are Susan B Anthony and Frederick Douglas. The second picture was during the Question & Answer Session, and the third picture was the day he was preaching (both second and third pictures were taken on November 5<sup>th</sup>).



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**CONSISTORY MEETING**  
**Monday, December 4, 7:00 PM, Library**  
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### **MONTHLY MISSION for DECEMBER**

#### **The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army is a religious and social service organization, and a branch of the Christian church, dedicated to the never-ending battle against the twin enemies of sin and despair.

A special collection for this very worthy organization will be received on **Sunday, December 3, during the 10:00 AM Worship Service.**

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## **2024 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** **at Lakeview**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

Save the dates! Schedule your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), email Becky Hibbard at [rebelhib@yahoo.com](mailto:rebelhib@yahoo.com), or call **1-800-733-2767**. Thank you for your continued support.

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### **COMMITTEE NEWS**

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS NEWS**

If you have any church or parsonage questions or concerns, please place a note in the B&G mailbox in the Fellowship Hall listing your concerns.

**LOSS OF POWER** - After delivering chairs to Lakeview on Monday, November 20, the delivery truck took out the electric pole in front of the church. Power was restored to Lakeview at 10:30 PM. However, during the repair, RG&E inadvertently severed the Spectrum power line to the church telephone, internet service, Ring doorbell system, and Sonitrol Security Service. Service wasn't restored until Wednesday (11-22-23) afternoon.

It's nice to be up and running properly again.



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## **COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS**



**November 5 Potluck Luncheon** – Everyone had a lovely time at the potluck luncheon held on November 5 for our new pastor, Rev. Rick Admiraal, and his wife, Rose. Thank you to everyone who attended the luncheon and brought a dish to pass; and thank you to those who also helped to serve and clean.

**Thank You!** - A special thank-you to *Sheila Williams* and her amazing team of Community Life members for all their organization and planning of the great events hosted in 2023 that we enjoyed so much.

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### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee has been conducting a fascinating study of the Book of Revelation. Formerly called Adult Sunday School, we have renamed what we do as the “Sunday Morning Adult Study Group.” Our study began in September. The group meets every Sunday morning at **9:00 AM** for about forty minutes. All adults are welcome to attend.

*Don Montesano*, Chair

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### **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Next Finance Committee Meeting:**

**Monday, Dec. 11, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room**

Finance Committee: *Faye Cole, Debbie Gill, Julie Hettel; Linda Viney, Chair; Mark Gill, Consistory Rep.*

### **CONGREGATIONAL GIVING**

**Congregational Giving on Oct. 22: \$1,735.04**

**Congregational Giving on Oct. 29: \$1,095.00**

**Congregational Giving on Nov. 05: \$2,959.00**

**Congregational Giving on Nov. 12: \$2,715.00**

**Congregational Giving on Nov. 19: \$1,904.00**

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## GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

December is always a busy month here at Lakeview, with the Christmas Tea, decorating the church, the annual meeting and election of officers, special music throughout the month, lighting of the Advent candles, and our Christmas Eve candlelight service. We are also busy at home with cooking, baking, entertaining, shopping, and wrapping. Are you tired just reading this?

Here at Lakeview, for the past eleven years (our *first* Advent Sacrifice was in 2011!) we have taken the first two weeks of Advent to try to slow down and step back from all the commercial aspects of the holiday, by participating in our *annual Advent Sacrifice*. This is a great way to prepare our hearts and spirits for the true meaning of Christmas.

A sacrifice entails giving up something for the good of another. For our congregation, this means that any time within these two weeks, we sacrifice one meal and use the money that meal would have cost, to buy food for the GEFS. You pick which meal and what day. This is not a challenge and there is no number to beat. This is a personal gift to someone you will never meet.

A list of most needed items provided by the GEFS, is available to help you shop. We hope you will choose to join us in starting this year's Christmas season with the spirit of giving.

Our focus items for December are cold cereal and canned fruit. Please remember to add them to your shopping lists this month.

Merry Christmas,

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney

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There are some great reads on our library shelves in the Narthex—by some terrific authors. Please feel free to enjoy these books at your home.

*Donna Tijou*, Library Committee Chair



## Juliet's Luncheon

The "Juliets" (Just Us Ladies Eating Together)

Because of the upcoming holidays, the meeting date for the next luncheon has been changed to:

December 22, 12:30 PM, Place: DaVinci's

Please contact Dottie Mason if you plan to attend.

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## MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY GROUP



Next Meeting: **Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:00-10:30 AM**; meet in the Stained-Glass Classroom.

Contact Person: *Jim Raymond*

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## Lakeview Ladies' Group

The **Annual Christmas Tea** will be held on **Sunday, December 3, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall**. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Fellowship Hall for your name and number of people planning to attend the "Tea" with you. There is also a sign-up sheet to bring appetizers. Plan to take a few hours to relax and enjoy some good food, entertainment, and fellowship with the women of Lakeview and the area churches before the busyness of the holiday season begins.

**Ladies' Next Meeting: January 16, 2024, 10 AM**

*Faye Cole*

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## STUDY OF SERMON VIDEOS



**Next Meeting:**  
**December 20, 1:00 PM,**  
**in the Sanctuary**

Our *Charles Stanley* studies have started again. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Everyone is invited to join this time of learning and growing in the Lord, as well as enjoying a time of sharing and fellowship.

The Library Committee, *Donna Tijou* Chair)  
*Sheila Wolf, Marlene Morisson,*  
*Charles Tijou, & Kathy Inzana*  
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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

*Stacy Dorland, Kevin Griffith, Dave Griggs, Mary Hart, Jan Mahon, Pastor Steven Rodriguez and his family, Bette Schmidt, Charlie Tijou and Donna Tijou, Linda Viney, Gail Wang, Gloria Weaver and her daughter, and Lois Worboys.*

**\*\*Articles for the January "Lakeviewer"**  
*are due on Sunday, December 17.*

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### NEW PURCHASE

Per much discussion during Coffee Hour in the last year, there was general consensus that the folding chairs needed to be updated. As there are undesignated memorial funds, the Consistory agreed to use a small portion of those funds to purchase new folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying the comfort for years to come. Thanks to all for the support, conversation, and assistance.

*Dottie Mason*

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<b>December 02 – George Bremner</b>
<b>December 06 – Bob Meyers</b>
<b>December 08 – Beky Carter</b>
<b>December 11 – Frank Ima</b>
<b>December 12 – Mary Hart</b>
<b>December 12 – Diane Spaulding</b>
<b>December 12 – Jill Gildea</b>
<b>December 18 – JoAnn Kehrli-Merlau</b>
<b>December 19 – Donna Pope</b>
<b>December 23 – Charlie Tijou</b>
<b>December 24 – Ken Elliott</b>
<b>December 30 – Holly Lawrence</b>
<b>December 31 – Carol Bremner</b>

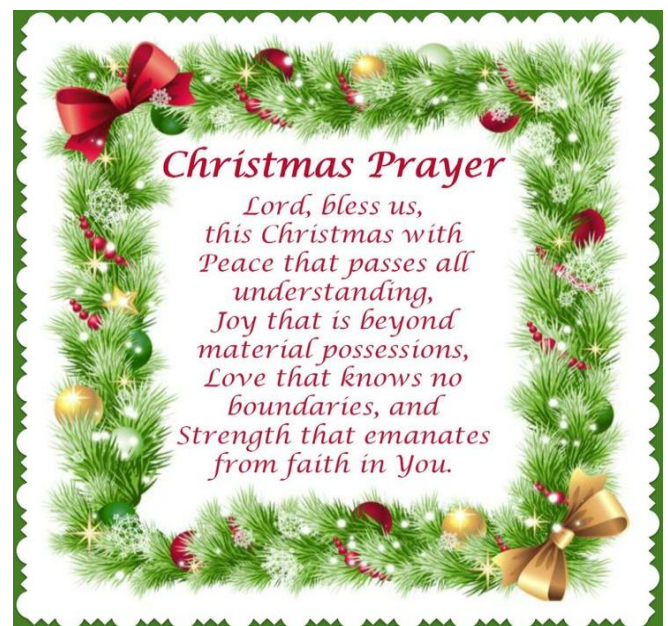
*If you have a birthday that does not appear on our monthly birthday list, please send your name and birthdate to [lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com](mailto:lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com).*

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## MISSION SHARE OUTREACH CENTER

Mission Share is extending its request for “*pasta of any kind*” and *toiletries* for **December**. Please add these items to your grocery list. Again, if you prefer to give money, **Rob McCulloch** will shop for you and deliver to Mission Share. If leaving cash, please place it in an envelope in the basket labeled “MS.”

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## DECEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR...

- December 01 – Lakeview Annual Congregational Meeting, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 02 – Men’s Prayer & Study Group, 9:00-10:30 AM, Stain Glass Room
- December 03 – Monthly Mission, Salvation Army
- December 03 – Communion Offered during 10:00 AM Worship Service
- December 03 – Ladies’ Christmas Tea, 3:00-5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 04 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 04 – Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders’ Room
- December 06 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 06 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 06 – Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 08 – Lakeview Garden Club Meeting, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 10 – Preaching: Don Montesano, Preaching Elder
- December 11 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 11 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders’ Room
- December 13 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 13 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 13 – Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 17 – Preaching: Matt Wolf, Preaching Elder
- December 18 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 20 – Study of Charles Stanley Sermon Videos, 1:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 20 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 20 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 20 – Choir Christmas Party and Rehearsal, 6:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- December 22 – Juliet’s Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Davinci’s Restaurant (1558 West Ridge Road)\
- December 24 – Preaching: Charles Tijou, Preaching Elder; Worship Service at 10:00 AM
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 7:00 PM
- December 25 – Christmas Day!**
- December 27 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- December 27 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 31 – Preaching: Don Montesano, Preaching Elder
- December 31 – New Year’s Eve!





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*May the blessings of Christ be on you  
and your family this Holiday Season*



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