

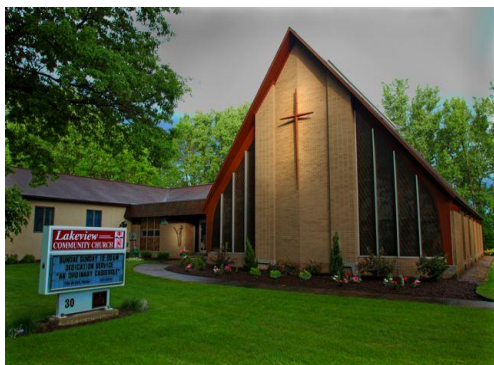
The “LAKEVIEWER”

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America

January 2024

Newsletter of
Lakeview Community Church
Reformed Church in America



30 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14612

Rev. Rick Admiraal, Pastor

Worship at Lakeview...

Jan. 07 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Jan. 14 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Jan. 21 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Jan. 28 – Worship Service at 10:00 AM

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

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Deadline for February Newsletter: Jan. 21

Here's to a Happy New Year!

As we leave the season of Advent and the celebration of our Lord's birth, we are poised to bring in a New Year. We generally make resolutions for the year, but very often we fail. The dictionary defines *resolution* as “a firm decision to do or not to do something.” Resolution connotes intention, determination, aspiration. It is an act of will. It is also based on a moral or personal belief. We can't enact our will behind something we don't believe matters. We resolve to eat better because we believe that it is good for us. The same with joining a gym or hiring a personal trainer.

The Bible doesn't have any specific instructions about New Year Resolutions, either way. [Christians have their perspectives and convictions on the matter](#); many participate in some form. Scripture does include themes that are important. Repentance is preached throughout the whole Bible ([Acts 3:19](#)). Repentance is a type of resolution, a change of direction in life based on belief, a re-engagement of our will to follow the person of God in relationship.

We repent of our whole existence to come to Christ, but the Bible talks about repentance of specific deeds as well ([2 Samuel 24:10](#)). The Bible is also full of imperative statements, what we might call commands. Rejoice in the Lord always ([Philippians 4:4](#)). [Pray without ceasing](#) ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)). Go and make disciples ([Matthew 28:16-20](#)). These require intentional action. We are told to examine our lives in the faith ([2 Corinthians 13:5](#)), work out our salvation ([Philippians 2:12](#)). We can't do that without intent, belief, or making a “firm decision.” James tells us to be confident in our prayers of faith ([James 1:6](#)). [Resolutions, on that level, are biblical and important.](#)

There are dangers in making resolutions, however.

First, we are warned against holding too tightly to our plans ([Proverbs 16:9](#)). Expectations are powerful things, and planning is wisdom, but we have to realize the journey with Christ is full of interruptions and twists and turns. We have to adjust our expectations in this world. God might be up to something new or different than we thought.

Second, the changes we desire, even biblical ones, can only be made with His power and grace. We can't change in our own

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strength. These resolutions must be in relationship with God and complete reliance upon the power of the Spirit ([Romans 8:13](#)).

Third, what is the motivation behind our resolutions ([James 4:3](#))? Is it God's heart for us in the season? Or is it based on selfish desires? We need God's discernment to know the difference.

Fourth, God doesn't work by our calendar or timetable ([2 Peter 3:8](#)). Regular reflection and repentance are a part of life in God. We can make life changes at any time in the leading of the Holy Spirit, not just the beginning of January.

This year, if you haven't already, resolve to give your entire life to God. Let him be your guide and not the World. Jesus is the answer to all things.

Here's to a Happy New Year!

Submitted by,
Matt Wolf

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Communion will be offered on January 7th (during the 10:00 AM Worship Service).

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and Praise Band
Leader: Kevin Griffith

Rejoice! Rehearsals on January 3, 10, 17, 24, and January 31 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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Choir Director & Keyboardist:
Lynnann Rivas

Choir Rehearsals on January 3, 10, 17, and January 31 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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SUNDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

for January 10:00 AM Worship Services

PREACHING

January 07 – Pastor Rick Admiraal

January 14 – Pastor Rick Admiraal

January 21 – Pastor Rick Admiraal

January 28 – Pastor Rick Admiraal

GREETERS

(Do not pass offering plates during Worship Service)

January 07 – Nancy Steckel

January 14 – Diane Phelps

January 21 – Dick & Lynn Allhusen

January 28 – Charles & Donna Tijou

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

January 07 – Julie Hettel

January 14 – Dianne Pettifer

January 21 – Rex Ahrens

January 28 – Patricia DeLuzio

SOUND SYSTEM

January 07 – Paul Marvin

January 14 – Jonah Hettel

January 21 – Joe Romanczyk

January 28 – David Griggs

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

January 07 – Molly Ives*

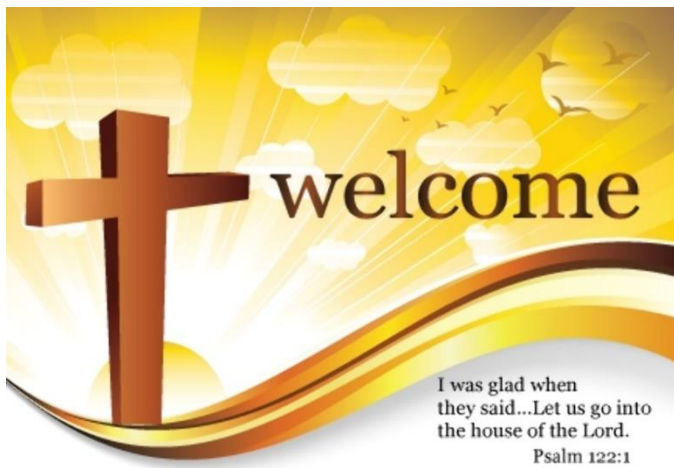
January 14 – Donna Tijou

January 21 – Don Montesano*

January 28 – Matt Wolf

**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.*

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*



Welcome, Pastor Rick and Rose Admiraal!
Pastor Rick and Rose have moved into the parsonage and are settling into their new home. Pastor Rick will begin his duties as the pastor of Lakeview on January 1, 2024.

A potluck luncheon will be held at Lakeview on **January 7** (following the 10:00 AM Worship Service) to welcome ***Pastor Rick*** and ***Rose*** as members of the Lakeview family.

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CONSISTORY MEETING

Date and time to be determined.

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MONTHLY MISSIONS

in 2024

A list of dates for monthly missions is being prepared for 2024.

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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, email Becky Hibbard at 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 questions or concerns regarding the church or parsonage, please place a note in the B&G mailbox in the Fellowship Hall listing your concerns.

The ROMEOS of Lakeview set up the CRÈCHE in front of the church for Christmas 2023!



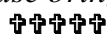
L to R: Richard Allhusen, Rex Ahrens, Paul Marvin, Don Montesano, Bill Foster, David Griggs, and Jim Raymond

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COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS



The Community Life Committee is hosting a luncheon to welcome **Pastor Rick** and **Rose Admiraal** to our church family on **January 7** immediately after the 10:00 AM Worship Service. You will be able to meet each other, ask questions, and enjoy a meal from Lakeview's amazing cooks. *Please bring a dish to share.*



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Adult Study Group is studying the Book of Revelation. The group meets every Sunday morning at **9:00 AM** for about forty minutes. All adults are encouraged to attend.

Don Montesano, Chair



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Next Finance Committee Meeting:

Monday, January 15, 7:00 PM, Founders' Room

Finance Committee:

**Faye Cole, Debbie Gill, Julie Hettel; and
Linda Viney, Chair**

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Congregational Giving on Nov. 26: \$1,495.00

Congregational Giving on Dec. 03: \$3,209.00

Congregational Giving on Dec. 10: \$950.00

Congregational Giving on Dec. 17: \$4,635.00



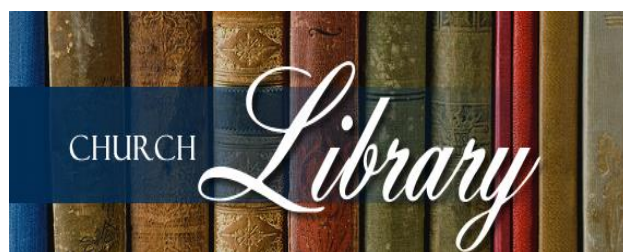
GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that another whole year has passed and we are entering 2024. Lakeview has done an awesome job in 2023 in our support of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. Our monthly donations continue to fill our big baskets month after month, and our "August Challenge" and "Advent Sacrifice" were a great success. Many thanks to all of you whose faithful contributions made this possible.

As we begin a new year, let's remember the words of John the Baptist that we heard in the prayer of confession on December 17: ***"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."***

Our work to feed the hungry doesn't end, but we should rejoice in the fact that we are able to help. This month the volunteers at the Maiden Lane site have requested canned pasta and baked beans as our January focus items. As we add these items to our shopping carts this month, let us be thankful for our many blessings over the past year.

Continued Blessings in the New Year,
Joan Marvin & Linda Viney



We have some great reads on our library shelves in the Narthex—by some terrific authors. Please feel free to stop in and browse through the books located on the shelves in the narthex. They are there for you to use and enjoy—in our narthex conversational area, or you may sign them out and take them home with you.

Your Library Committee



MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY GROUP



Next Meeting: **Saturday, January 6,**
9:00-10:30 AM; meet in the Stained-Glass
Classroom.

Contact Person: **Jim Raymond**
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Juliet's Luncheon

The "Juliets" (Just us Ladies Eating Together)

Next Luncheon scheduled for Friday, January
26, 12:30 PM; Place: TBD

Watch the Sunday Bulletins for additional info.

Contact Person: Dottie Mason.

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Lakeview Ladies' Group

Ladies' Group Next Meeting: January 16, 2024,
10:00 AM, Founders' Room



Picture of Sheila Williams and JoAnn Kehrli-Merlau
playing the accordion during the Ladies' Christmas
Tea on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

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STUDY OF SERMON VIDEOS



Next Meeting:
January 17, 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, the Richard Howell Family, Jan
Mahon, Pastor Steven Rodriguez and his family,
Bette Schmidt, Charlie Tijou and Donna Tijou,
Gloria Weaver and her daughter, the Matt Wolf
Family, and Lois Worboys.

****Articles for the February "Lakeviewer"**
are due on Sunday, January 21.

*****Condolences are extended to...**

The family of Richard Howell who passed in
December, and also to the family of Matt Wolf
whose father passed in December.

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BIRTHDAYS!

January 02 – Todd Marvin
January 08 – Jonah Adam Hettel
January 09 – Jean Dibble
January 18 – Dottie Mason
January 19 – Patty Williams
January 20 – Linda Viney
January 25 – Cheryl Griggs
January 25 – Alivia Dorland

If you have a birthday that does not appear on our monthly birthday list, please send your name and birthdate to lakeviewchurch3@gmail.com.



SECRET PRAYER PAL PROGRAM



There is a great opportunity for all members of Lakeview Church—the **Secret Prayer Pal Program**. Those participating in this activity are given a person to pray for throughout the year. In turn, that person's name is given to another who will pray for him or her.

If you would like to be a part of this program, fill out the form provided and place it in the basket provided in the Narthex—or give it to **Audrey Blocchi**. Pal assignments for 2024 will be given out around January 15.

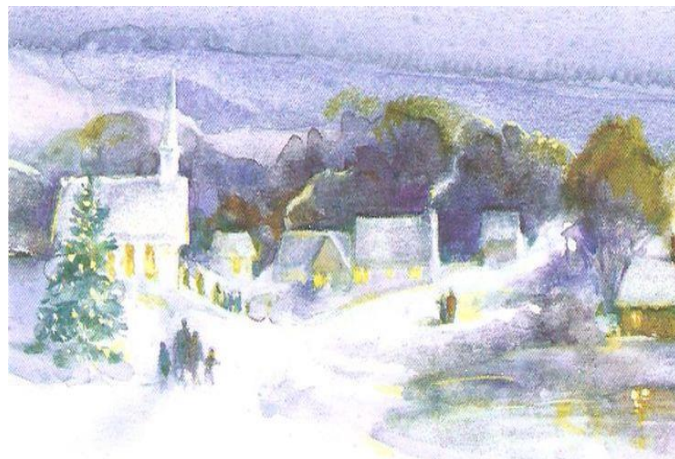
Sometimes Prayer Pals send cards or give small gifts to their Pal. But, remember, the purpose of this program is **ONLY PRAYER**. Cards and gifts are not expected or required.

A breakfast for Secret Prayer Pals will be held on **January 13, 9:30 AM**, in the Fellowship Hall.



MISSION SHARE OUTREACH CENTER

Mission Share is extending its request for “*pasta of any kind*” and *toiletries* for **January**. Please add pasta and toiletries to your grocery list. 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.”



Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,
to offer support,
loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed,
the wisdom to choose
what is right and most fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith
that will help pave the way

for a present that's hopeful,
a future that's peaceful--

give us the heart to bring joy to each day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

at Lakeview...

January 01 – New Year’s Day
January 03 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 03 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 03 – Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 06 – Men’s Prayer & Study Group, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Stained Glass Room
January 07 – Potluck Luncheon immediately following 10:00 AM Worship Service
January 08 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 10 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 10 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 10 – Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 11 – Grandview Heights Assn. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 13 – Secret Prayer Pal Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
January 15 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 15 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Founders’ Room
January 16 – Lakeview Ladies’ Group Meeting, 10:00 AM, Founders’ Room
January 17 – Study of Charles Stanley Sermon Videos, 1:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 17 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 17 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 17 – Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 22 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 24 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 24 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 24 – Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
January 26 – Juliet’s Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Place: TBD
January 29 – Scouts, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 31 – AA Group Meeting, 5:00-6:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
January 31 – *Rejoice!* Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
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JANUARY

New Year Prayer

This New Year's Day,
We are reminded that by Your amazing grace,
Each day is new,
Fresh and bursting with love,
From here to eternity.

Thank you Lord.

www.lords-prayer-words.com