



# The Lakeview Beacon

*we're so glad you're here!*

## BECAUSE HE LIVES

ROMANS 8:31-39

### Because He Lives

Paul begins with a question that reshapes everything: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" It's not a denial that opposition exists, but a bold reminder that no force, no circumstance, and no accusation can ultimately stand against the purpose and love of God. Paul points us to the cross as the ultimate proof—God did not hold back His own Son, but gave Him up for us all. If that is true, then we can trust that He will also provide everything we truly need. As the passage continues, Paul dismantles every fear that tries to take root in our hearts: fear of condemnation, fear of failure, fear of separation. He reminds us that no accusation can stick because Christ Himself intercedes for us. And then comes the crescendo—nothing in all creation, not trouble, hardship, persecution, doubt, or even death itself, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. This is more than comfort; it is unshakable security. It calls us to live with confidence, not because life is easy, but because God's love is constant, victorious, and unbreakable.

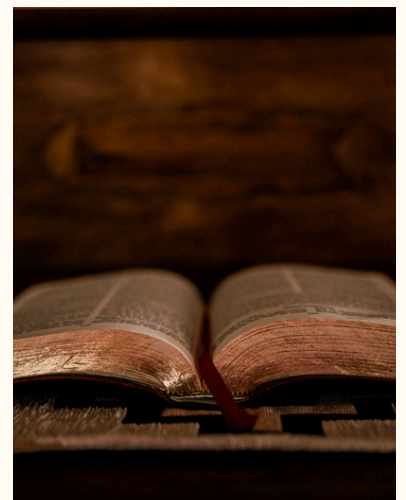


Pastor Brandon  
Lead Pastor

## A New and Wonderful Life in the Spirit

If God is for us, who can be against us? If all we had were the first few chapters of the Book of Romans, some might believe that God was against us. Now that Paul has shown the lengths that God went to save man from His wrath and equip him for victory over sin and death, who can doubt that God is for us?

[Read more here](#)



# The 8:00am Service

## Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Hymn Sing
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



## The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome - Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *This Is A Day of New Beginnings* - #383
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Alleluia* - #186
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *The Lakeview Choir*
- Scripture Reading - *Romans 8:31-39* - *Judy Barber*
- Offering
- Hymn - *Because He Lives* - #364
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* - #404
- Benediction & Response - *Halle , Halle, Halleluja* - #2026
- Postlude



## We lift up the following in prayer this week;

Lyle & Anita Adams, Nancy Bratton, Caryl Jo Dagro,  
Jerry Dibble, Blurette Henrickson, Joyce Hutchins,  
Larry Klein, BJ Martin, Carl Meyers, Gerry Sleeth,  
Kathy Villa, Willi Wheeler, Kathe Wilson,  
Amy Woodward

## SHARE YOUR HEART: SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings. If you or someone you know is in need of support, we invite you to share your prayer request with us. Whether it's for guidance, healing, or thanksgiving, your request will be held in love and lifted up in prayer by our community. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

## A Musical Celebration of Freedom

Mark your calendars for a landmark musical event! On **April 30th at 6:30 PM**, we are honored to host the **Sounds of the Southwest Choral** for a special performance of *The Four Freedoms Cantata*.

As our nation approaches its semiquincentennial, this powerful concert celebrates **250 years of American history (1776–2026)**. Through soaring melodies and moving arrangements, the choir will bring to life the enduring spirit of liberty that has defined our country for two and a half centuries. Whether you are a lover of choral music or a history enthusiast, this is an evening of reflection and celebration you won't want to miss.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** June 30th
- **Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Featured Group:** Sounds of the Southwest Choral
- **Performance:** The Four Freedoms Cantata
- **Admission:** A \$10.00 per person donation is suggested.

Bring a friend, grab a seat, and join us for this spectacular tribute to our heritage!



## You Asked... We Heard!

We've made some exciting updates to help you stay better connected at Lakeview! By popular request, all church events are now in one easy-to-find place—our online calendar on the church website. No more searching in multiple places or wondering if you've missed something. Everything from classes and gatherings to special events is now conveniently located in one central calendar. We are currently working on a printable version of the calendar that will be available soon.

## THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

8:00am - *The Lakeview Wrappers - Smoot Hall*  
9:00am - *Monday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall*  
9:30am - *Crafters in Action - Fellowship Hall*  
10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

9:00am - *Bible Study, The Bible Recap - Conference Room*  
10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*  
1:00pm - *Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room*  
2:00pm - *All Stephen Ministers - Fellowship Hall*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

9:00am - *Wednesday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall*  
10:00am - *Caregiver Support Group - Conference Room*  
10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*  
11:30am - *Amazing Grays Luncheon - Smoot Hall*  
12:30pm - *Games - Smoot Hall*  
12:30pm - *GriefShare - Conference Room*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

10:00am - *Lakeview Book Club - Library*  
10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*  
4:00pm - *Choir Rehearsal - Music Room*  
5:00pm - *Thursday Night Together Dinner - Smoot Hall*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

9:00am - *Friday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

2:00pm - *Drum Circle Arizona - Smoot Hall*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am - *Worship Service - Chapel / Online*  
9:30am - *Worship Service - Worship Center / Online*  
9:00 & 10:30am - *Fellowship - Pancake Breakfast - Smoot Hall*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

## AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON

**Wednesday April 22nd at 11:30am** – Prepared by Pastor Stuart and his cook team – Surprise Entrée, Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on April 20th.

## THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER

**Thursday April 23th at 5:00pm** – Loaded Baked Potato Bar, Roasted Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on April 21st.

[MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS HERE](#)



# Unshakable Love: Nothing Can Separate You

There are moments in life when we wonder if we're alone—when challenges rise, doubts creep in, and fear begins to take hold. In Romans 8:31–39, we are given a powerful reminder that no matter what we face, we are never separated from the love of God.

Paul writes these words as part of a larger message about life in the Spirit and the assurance believers have in Christ. After walking through struggle, weakness, and hope, he arrives at this defining truth: God is not distant—He is for us.

At the center of this passage is the cross. Paul reminds us that if God did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us, then we can trust His heart toward us completely. This becomes the foundation for everything else—no accusation can stand, no condemnation remains, and no force can ultimately overcome what God has done.

What does this mean for us today? It means that even when life feels overwhelming, we are held by something greater. Our circumstances may change, but God's love does not. When fear whispers that we are not enough or that we've gone too far, this passage reminds us that we are already secured in Christ. We are not just surviving—we are more than conquerors through Him.

The question this passage invites us to consider is this: Do we really believe that nothing can separate us from God's love? Not failure, not fear, not the unknown?

If you need a reminder of where your strength and security truly come from, take a moment to watch and reflect on this powerful truth today.



**Dear Lakeview Family!** We just wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for all the support you have shown us during our recent health challenges.

Your kindness and generosity have meant the world to us. From the heartfelt cards and encouraging calls to the delicious food and many prayers, and the countless people who've driven Sandy to PT, made Costco and grocery runs, and just generally made our lives easier, we're so grateful for your help

And let's not forget the pastoral visits that have lifted our spirits when we've been feeling down. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring community.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We love you all!



***Dennis and Sandy Keaney***

# Flipping for Fellowship!

Get ready, Lakeview family - something delicious is coming your way!

We are thrilled to invite you to our **very first Fellowship Pancake Breakfast**, kicking off on **Sunday, April 26th at 9:00am** in Smoot Hall. And the best part? This won't be a one-time event - it will continue on the **4th Sunday of every month!**

Picture this: the smell of fresh pancakes on the griddle, hot coffee in hand, laughter filling the room, and the joy of simply being together. This isn't just breakfast - it's a chance to slow down, connect, and build deeper relationships within our church family and with those who may be visiting for the first time.

A **\$5.00 donation** helps cover the cost of the meal—and every pancake served comes with a generous helping of fellowship at no extra charge.

Here's your invitation—and your mission:

- Come hungry
- Bring a friend, neighbor, or someone new
- Bring \$5 and an open heart
- Stay for the fellowship and encouragement

Moments like these are how community grows—one conversation, one smile, one pancake at a time.

We can't wait to see you there and start this new tradition together!

*Let's make it a morning worth waking up for.*



## The Lakeview Cookbook

### GINGER CHICKEN MEATBALL SANDOS

Golden brown chicken meatballs cozied up next to fixings like cucumbers, shallots, kewpie mayo, mint, a bit of chili crisp, and some fresh cilantro to make the ultimate chicken sando!

[Get the recipe here](#)



# A New Chapter Awaits – Join Our Church Book Club!

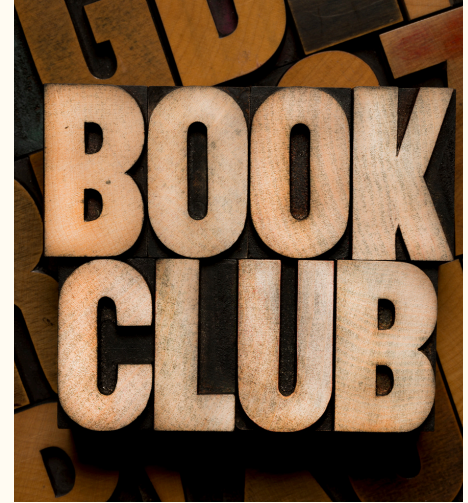
Looking for a relaxed, welcoming way to connect and grow with others at Lakeview? Our **Church Book Club** might be just the thing! We gather on the **fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00am in the library** for engaging conversations, meaningful reflections, and plenty of laughter along the way.

Each month brings a new story to explore and a chance to hear different perspectives as we share life and faith together. Whether you love to read or are just getting back into it, you'll find a place here.

## Here's your invitation:

- Mark your calendar for the fourth Thursday
- Come as you are—no pressure, just good conversation
- Bring a friend or meet a new one

Stop by, pull up a chair, and be part of something special. For current book selections, contact the church office – we'd love to see you there!



# Your Stories Belong Here!

Our community is vibrant because of the work you do every day. Whether your ministry just finished a big project, hosted a meaningful gathering, or has an exciting event on the horizon, we want to hear about it!

We are currently gathering stories and photos for the May/June newsletter. This is a wonderful way to celebrate our shared mission and keep everyone connected. Don't let your group's "good news" go unnoticed—snap a photo and send us a quick update so we can feature your hard work.

## The Details:

**Deadline:** Friday, April 24th

**What to send:** Brief updates, high-res photos, and upcoming event dates.

**Send your stories to:** [Media@LakeviewUMC.net](mailto:Media@LakeviewUMC.net)

We can't wait to see what you've been up to!



# Your Generosity Changes Everything

When you give, you're saying "yes" to God's invitation to be part of something beautiful. Your gift today keeps our ministry strong, our mission moving forward, and our community thriving. Start now and experience the unexpected joy that comes from giving with a full heart.

[Make a donation here](#)