



# The Lakeview Beacon

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

## ROMANS 4:13-25

### Faith like Abraham

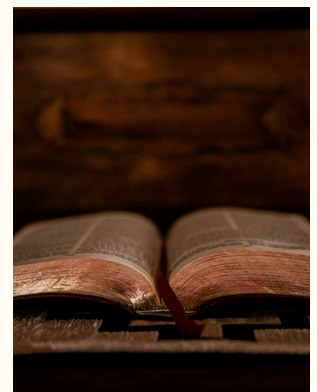
In Romans 4:13–25, Paul points to Abraham as a powerful example of what it means to live by faith. He reminds us that God's promises were never based on human achievement, religious performance, or perfect obedience. Instead, they were received through faith. Abraham was given an extraordinary promise—that he would become the father of many nations—even when every visible circumstance suggested otherwise. He and Sarah were advanced in age, and the promise seemed impossible from a human perspective. Yet Abraham chose to trust not in what he could see, but in the faithfulness of the One who made the promise. Paul emphasizes that Abraham's faith did not ignore reality; rather, it looked beyond reality to the power of God. He believed that God could do what seemed impossible and that God always keeps His word. This is why his faith was "credited to him as righteousness." Paul then brings the story home to us, explaining that the same principle applies today. We are made right with God not through our own efforts, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification.



Pastor Brandon  
Lead Pastor

## What does Romans chapter 4 mean?

Romans 4 focuses on the faith of Abraham. Genesis 15:6 says clearly that Abraham believed God and that faith—his trusting belief in God—was counted to Abraham as righteousness. Abraham was not justified by works. God wasn't paying him back for something. Abraham's was justified as God's gift to him. In the same way, David speaks of those whose sins the Lord does not count against them as being blessed by God. They do not earn forgiveness. God gives it



[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 - *Be Thou My Vision* - #451
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Cares Chorus* - #2215
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *Juan Hernandez*
- Scripture Reading - *Romans 4:13-25* - *Bill Darlington*
- Offering
- Message
- Communion Hymn - *As We Gather At Your Table* - #2268
- Closing Hymn - *Standing On The Promises* - #374
- Benediction & Response - *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* - #2241
- Postlude



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

*Lyle Adams, Bo Anderson, Cheri Collins,  
Mary Dianis, Jerry Dibble, Joyce Hutchins,  
Larry Klein, BJ Martin, Fran Schmidt,  
Gerry Ellen 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](#)

## Preparing to Welcome Annual Conference 2026

As Lakeview prepares to host the Desert Southwest Annual Conference June 17–21, you may notice a few changes around our campus. Annual Conference is the gathering of clergy and lay representatives from churches across our conference who come together for worship, learning, fellowship, and the business of the church. We are honored to welcome hundreds of guests to Lakeview and to serve as the host site for this important event.

In the weeks leading up to Conference, preparations are already underway. Rooms are being rearranged, equipment is being installed, signage will be placed throughout the campus, and volunteers are helping ensure everything is ready for our guests. While these changes may create some temporary inconveniences, they are helping us extend hospitality and showcase the welcoming spirit of our church family.

Because of the extensive preparations and the demands of hosting Conference, some church meetings, classes, and events may be reduced, relocated, or temporarily paused before and during the week of June 17–21. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we make room for this special gathering. Please watch the weekly bulletin, newsletter, and church communications for updates regarding specific ministry schedules.

Hosting Annual Conference is a unique opportunity for Lakeview to serve the wider church. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, adjusted schedules, and supported these efforts. Your willingness to help makes it possible for our congregation to extend a warm welcome to visitors from across the conference and demonstrate the hospitality that makes Lakeview such a special place.



**AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME**  
JEREMIAH 17:14 | PSALM 51:10

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## AT LAKEVIEW

### THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

#### MONDAY, JUNE 8

8:00am - *The Lakeview Wrappers - Smoot Hall*

10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*

1:00pm - *United Women in Faith Board - Library*

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

9:00am - *Bible Study, The Bible Recap - Conference Room*

10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*

11:00am - *Staff Parish Relations - Conference Room*

1:00pm - *Board of Trustees - Conference Room*

1:00pm - *Columbarium Comm. - Office Conference Room*

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*

11:30am - *Amazing Grays Luncheon - Smoot Hall*

12:30pm - *Games - Fellowship Hall*

12:30pm - *GriefShare - Conference Room*

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room*

10:30am - *Missions & Outreach - Conference Room*

5:00pm - *Thursday Night Together Dinner - Smoot Hall*

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

*No Events Scheduled*

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

*No Events Scheduled*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:00am - *Worship Service - Chapel / Online*

9:30am - *Worship Service - Worship Center / Online*

9:00am & 10:30am - *Burrito Love Fellowship,*

*Pastor Brandon's Appreciation and Farewell*

### THIS WEEKS AMAZING GRAYS & TNT MENUS

**Wednesday June 10th at 11:30am** – Prepared by Roger Dupont and his cook team – Surprise Entrée, Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on June 8th.

#### PASTOR STUART'S APPRECIATION AND FAREWELL

**Thursday June 11th at 5:00pm** – Prime Rib, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Rolls, Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on June 8th.



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# Celebrating Pastor Brandon's Ministry

As Pastor Brandon prepares to begin a new appointment, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the time he has shared with the Lakeview family. During his years of ministry with us, he has faithfully led worship, offered compassionate care, shared God's Word, and helped guide our congregation through both celebrations and challenges. His dedication and servant's heart have left a lasting impact on our church.

We are thankful for the many ways Pastor Brandon has invested in the life of Lakeview. Through his leadership, encouragement, and presence, he has helped strengthen our faith community and reminded us of God's faithfulness in every season. The relationships built and memories shared will continue to be treasured for years to come.

While we will miss Pastor Brandon, we celebrate the new opportunities God has placed before him. The United Methodist tradition reminds us that ministry is a shared journey, and we trust that God will continue to bless both Pastor Brandon and the congregation he is called to serve next.

Please join us on **Sunday, June 14**, for a special fellowship celebration as we honor Pastor Brandon and thank him for his ministry among us. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share memories, express our appreciation, and wish him well as he begins this new chapter. We invite everyone to come and be part of this special time of gratitude and blessing.



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## A Different Pace for Summer

As summer arrives, many members of our Lakeview family are returning to their summer homes, traveling to visit family and friends, or taking time away for vacations and seasonal activities. As a result, our church enters a lighter summer schedule from **June 1 through Labor Day weekend**.

During these months, some meetings, classes, groups, and special events may be reduced, adjusted, or temporarily paused. While our pace may slow down, ministry and fellowship continue, and there will still be opportunities to worship, connect, serve, and grow together throughout the summer.

Because schedules may change throughout the season, we encourage everyone to stay informed through our weekly bulletins, The Lakeviewer newsletter, church website, and event calendar. These resources will provide the most up-to-date information regarding meetings, activities, and special events.

Summer is a wonderful time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy God's blessings. Whether you're spending the season here in the Valley or traveling elsewhere, we look forward to staying connected and welcoming everyone back as our full schedule resumes after Labor Day weekend.



# Beat the Heat with Games & Fellowship

Looking for a fun way to spend a summer afternoon? Join us every **Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** for Games and Fellowship. Whether you're a seasoned card player, a board game enthusiast, or simply looking for good conversation and friendly faces, there's a place for you at the table.

As Arizona temperatures continue to rise, our weekly gathering offers a comfortable place to stay cool while enjoying laughter, friendship, and community. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others, meet new friends, and enjoy a few hours of fun in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Bring your favorite game or join one that's already in progress. From cards and dominoes to board games and puzzles, there's something for everyone. No experience is necessary—just come ready to enjoy good company and great fellowship.

Everyone is welcome, so invite a friend and join us each Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you in Fellowship Hall for an enjoyable time of games, conversation, and community.



## 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](#)

## The Lakeview Cookbook

### BLT CAESAR PASTA SALAD

BLT Caesar Pasta Salad combines our yummiest, well-dressed Caesar salad with the summertime favorite, BLT. Then add some bow-tie pasta, homemade croutons, spicy cheddar cheese, and handfuls of garden basil for a most delicious salad that comes together quickly and with little effort. Enjoy it for dinner and save the leftovers for lunch. Or serve it up at your next summer party—it's always delicious.

[Get the recipe here](#)

