



The Lakeview Beacon

we're so glad you're here!

MATTHEW 25:31-40

Faith Working through Love

Jesus paints a powerful picture of the final judgment, revealing that genuine faith is reflected in how we care for others. Separating the sheep from the goats, the King commends those who fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited those in prison.

The surprise comes when the righteous ask, "When did we see you?" Jesus' response transforms the way we understand compassion: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me." This passage reminds us that acts of kindness are never merely random gestures—they are opportunities to encounter Christ through serving others.

Jesus calls His followers to a faith that moves beyond words into action, recognizing the dignity and worth of every person. Compassion is not reserved for extraordinary moments; it is lived out through everyday acts of generosity, hospitality, mercy, and care.

This passage challenges us to look beyond ourselves and see the needs around us with open hearts. It reminds us that every act of love reflects the heart of Christ and becomes part of God's work of bringing hope to the world. When we serve others with humility and grace, we become living witnesses to the love of Christ.

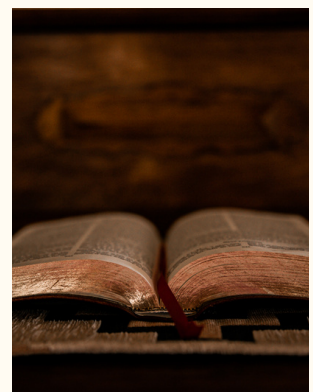


**Pastor Kristin
Hansen**

Commentary on Matthew 25:31-46

Some commentators do not regard Matthew 25:31-46 as a parable, but such decisions require a narrow definition of Jesus' parables. All of these parables bear a certain allegorical quality, as each element in the parable apparently corresponds to an eschatological reality. This one divides goats from sheep for all eternity: goats to eternal punishment and sheep to eternal life (25:46).

[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 - *Faith of Our Fathers* - #710
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Make Us One* - #2224
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *Juan Hernandez*
- Scripture Reading - *Matthew 25:31-40* - *Judy Barber*
- Offering
- Hymn - *They'll Know We are Christians by our Love* - #2223
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Love Divine, all Loves Excelling* - #384
- Benediction & Response - *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* - #664
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week;

*Lyle Adams, Don Ahrens, Bo Anderson,
Caryl Jo Dagro, Mary Dianis, Jerry Dibble,
Sandra Duguid, Ken Herzinger, Joyce Hutchins,
Merry Lassa, BJ Martin, Lou Noto, Patti Thompson,
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. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

Celebrating 50 Years of Stephen Ministry

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Stephen Ministry, a remarkable program that has equipped compassionate laypeople to provide one-on-one Christian care and support to those experiencing life's challenges. For five decades, Stephen Ministers have been a caring presence for individuals facing grief, illness, loneliness, life transitions, and other difficult times.

We give thanks for the faithful service of Stephen Ministers everywhere, including those who serve here at Lakeview. Their ministry of listening, encouraging, and walking alongside others is a quiet but powerful expression of Christ's love. As we celebrate this milestone, we also invite you to learn more about Stephen Ministry and how it continues to make a difference in the lives of so many.



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, JULY 27

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

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

1:00pm - *Columbarium Committee* - Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

10:00am - *Caregiver Support Group* - Conference Room

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

12:30pm - *Games* - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

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

9:00 & 10:30am - *Fellowship* - Smoot Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW



THIS WEEK @ TNT

Thursday July 30th at 5:00pm - Turkey Tetrazzini, Roasted Broccoli, Rolls, Dessert, all for \$10. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, July 28th. Join Pastor Kristin and friends for some fun!

Your Presence Makes a Difference

Every Sunday, something special happens when our church family gathers. Familiar faces become sources of encouragement, conversations become friendships, and worship becomes richer because we share it together.

Whether you've been part of Lakeview for years or are just beginning to call this church home, your presence matters. A smile, a handshake, or a simple "good morning" can brighten someone's day more than you realize. Being present is one of the easiest ways to strengthen our church community and remind one another that no one walks life's journey alone.

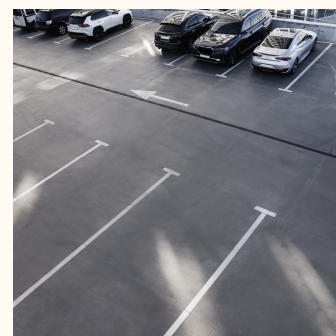
As we continue through the summer, we invite you to make worship and fellowship a priority whenever you're able. Together, we continue Changing Lives: Caring for Mind, Body & Soul—one Sunday, one conversation, and one act of kindness at a time.



El Dorado Parking Lot Project Update

Due to recent weather delays, the resurfacing project at our neighbors in El Dorado has been extended. As a result, El Dorado residents and visitors will continue using Lakeview's parking lot for a little while longer.

Thank you for your continued patience and hospitality as we support our neighbors during this project. Your understanding reflects the spirit of community that makes Lakeview such a welcoming place. We appreciate everyone helping make this temporary arrangement a positive experience for all.



Find Friends. Share Your Gifts. Grow Together

Some of the most meaningful moments at Lakeview happen outside of Sunday worship. Friendships are formed over coffee, faith grows through shared experiences, and lives are enriched when we serve one another.

Whether you're looking for a Bible study, a place to volunteer, a ministry team to join, or simply an opportunity to meet new people, there's a place for you here. Every gift has value, every act of service matters, and every new connection strengthens our church family.

Ready to take the next step? We'd love to help you find a place where you can build friendships, discover your gifts, and grow in faith while making a difference in the lives of others. Contact the Church Office to learn more.



A Blessing for a New School Year

As a new school year begins, we invite our entire Lakeview family to join us in praying for all students, teachers, school staff, administrators, and families. Whether it's the excitement of a first day, the challenge of a new classroom, or the anticipation of another year of learning, this season is filled with new beginnings and fresh opportunities.

During worship, we will offer a special Back-to-School Blessing, asking for wisdom, courage, patience, compassion, and encouragement for everyone involved in education. We pray that classrooms will be places of growth, friendships, discovery, and hope throughout the year ahead.

If you or someone you love is heading back to school, we hope you'll be part of this special moment. As a church family, let's surround our students and educators with our prayers and support as they begin another year of learning and service.



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

TORTELLINI PASTA SALAD

Other pasta salads just have pasta; this one has cheese-filled pasta, which is clearly a win! This recipe is also packed with tons of delicious Italian recipe staples like fresh mozzarella, black olives, sliced salami, and zippy pepperoncini peppers. Tossed together with a sun-dried tomato vinaigrette, this pasta salad is a party in a bowl—it'll be a hit.

[Get the recipe here](#)

