



The Lakeview Beacon

We're so glad you're here!

JOHN 4:7-40

The Quest: The Encounter



**Pastor Kristin
Hansen**

Picture the hour: noon, the hottest part of the day, the hour you go to the well when you're hoping not to run into anybody. That's when this woman shows up — and that's when Jesus is already sitting there, tired out from the road, asking her for a drink. A Jewish man asking a Samaritan woman for water breaks about every social rule of the day. He asks anyway.

But this story was never really about the water in the jar. It's about the thirst underneath the thirst — the kind that has you going back to the same well again and again, hauling the same heavy bucket, never quite getting filled. This woman has been to that well a lot of ways, and Jesus doesn't shame her for a single one of them. He just sees her — her whole history, laid out plain — and doesn't flinch. What he offers instead is living water. Not a nicer version of what she already had. Something else entirely.

The Woman at the Well

Recently I taught a series on the Gospel of John in a church, as I often do. Having finished reading about Nicodemus, the named Jewish male who came to Jesus by night, we turned to the unnamed Samaritan woman. I asked, "What do you notice about this woman?" and the first person responded, "She comes to Jesus at noon, when none of the other women would be around to give her grief about her sordid past."

[Read more here](#)



The 8:00am Service - Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Hymn Sing - *Landon Grote*
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading - *Jan Baker*
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome - Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* - #731
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* - #480 vs 3
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *Juan Hernandez*
- Scripture Reading - *John 4:7-40* - *Alice Whited*
- Offering
- Hymn - *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* - #479
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Fill My Cup, Lord* - #641
- Benediction & Response - *More Like You* - #2167
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week:

*Bo Anderson, Nancy Bratton, Cary Jo Dagro,
Jerry Dibble, Ken Herzinger, Joyce Hutchins,
Gwen Kiser, Kae Meyers, Lou Noto,
Gerry Ellen Sleeth, 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.

You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

Say Cheese! We Need Your Photo for the Directory

Have you ever wished you could look up a fellow member's photo and contact information without having to ask around? You're not alone — many of you have requested a printed or online church directory, and we'd love to make that happen. The **one thing standing in our way?** We simply don't have **enough current photos** of our members yet!

The good news is, getting your picture taken is easier than ever. Stop by the **church office anytime** and we'll snap your photo on the spot. You can also catch us during **Thursday Night Together (TNT)** dinners or during fellowship time on select Sundays — no appointment needed.

For those who'd like a **more formal portrait**, we'll be scheduling professional photo sessions sometime **in October**. Stay tuned for exact dates! Whichever option you choose, don't wait — swing by the office this week, or catch us at the next TNT dinner or Sunday fellowship, and help us build a directory that keeps our whole church family connected.



Flip Into Fellowship: Pancake Breakfast Sunday!

There's nowhere better to be on a Sunday morning than Smoot Hall! Join us on **Sunday, August 23rd** during fellowship time for our monthly Pancake Breakfast.

Whether you're grabbing a bite before service or sticking around after worship, this is the perfect chance to catch up with old friends, meet someone new. A **donation of \$5.00 is suggested** to help keep the griddles running.

So bring the family, bring a friend, and come hungry!



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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, AUGUST 19

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

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

12:30pm - *Games* - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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



THIS WEEK @ TNT

Thursday, August 20th at 5:00pm - Roasted Pork Loin, Rice Pilaf, Creamed Spinach, Rolls, and Dessert all for \$10. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, August 18th. **Then enjoy our special August series "The Quest Continues" on travel and reflecting on where the road takes us! Led by Pastor Kristin and friends!**

[Make your reservation here](#)

Deadline Approaching: Submit Your Sept/Oct Newsletter Articles!

Our **September/October newsletter** is just a couple of weeks away, and we want to make sure your group, committee, or class is included! Whether it's a ministry update, upcoming event, class highlight, or a simple word of thanks, this is your chance to let the whole congregation know what's happening.

If you haven't submitted your article yet, now's the time. We're collecting submissions from every group and committee so we can share the full picture of what's happening across our church family.

Please send your articles to media@lakeviewumc.net **by August 21st**. Don't let your group's news get left out — get the word out and submit today!



There's a Place for You Here

Sometimes finding a church home takes time. It may begin with simply walking through the doors, sitting beside someone new, staying for coffee, or having a conversation after worship. Little by little, unfamiliar faces become familiar ones, and a church begins to feel like home.

At Lakeview, there is a place for everyone. Maybe that place is serving alongside others, joining a small group, sharing a meal at TNT, helping with an event, welcoming someone new, or simply being part of the Sunday morning community. **There is no one right way to belong.**

The wonderful thing about church is that everyone brings something different. Different experiences, gifts, stories, and perspectives help make the community stronger. Sometimes the next step isn't finding a big ministry to join. Sometimes it's simply finding one person to get to know.

So if you've been around Lakeview for years, or if you're still finding your way, remember this: there's a place for you here.

Come as you are, take the next step when you're ready, and discover the people and opportunities that can help Lakeview feel a little more like home.



Small Acts, Big Impact

We sometimes think making a difference requires doing something big. But ministry often happens in much smaller ways. **A smile, a kind word, a phone call, an invitation to sit together, or staying a few extra minutes to help can mean more than we realize.**

At Lakeview, every person has something to offer. Maybe the gift is welcoming someone new, checking on a friend, helping with an event, sharing a talent, or simply noticing when someone could use a little encouragement. These small acts of love help create the kind of community where people know they belong.

This week, look for one small opportunity to make a difference. It doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming. Just notice someone, reach out, lend a hand, or offer a little encouragement. Small acts of love can have a much bigger impact than we ever know.



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

ZUCCHINI CHEDDAR CHICKEN NOODLE CASSEROLE

A one-pot summer casserole that's just like something you might have grown up with – only made a little fresher and just as comforting. Chicken with rotini noodles, zucchini, and lots of sharp cheddar cheese all cooked together, then baked until bubbling and golden.

[Get the recipe here](#)

