



The Lakeview Beacon

We're so glad you're here!

EXODUS 13:17-21

NEW AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES:

The Quest: Leaving Home

Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and "journey" a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. During August we embark on a worship series that will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures.



**Pastor Kristin
Hansen**

We begin this week by "Leaving Home"...The Israelites begin their journey out of Egypt, but the route God chooses is not the shortest or easiest path. Rather than leading the people directly into potential conflict, God guides them along a longer road through the wilderness, preparing hearts and minds for the journey ahead.

This passage reminds us that God's direction is often shaped by wisdom rather than convenience. The people may not have understood why the journey seemed more difficult, but God's guidance was always purposeful.

What does Exodus 13:17-21 mean?

To reassure the Israelites, God provided a visible sign of constant presence—a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. These signs were more than miraculous displays; they were reminders that God's presence never departed from the people, whether traveling in daylight or darkness.

[Read more here](#)



The 8:00am Service - Order of Worship

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



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome - Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* - #127
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* - #480
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *Sandy Ferrara*
- Scripture Reading - *Exodus 13:17-21* - *Lynda Johnson*
- Offering
- Message
- Holy Communion - *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* - #521
- Closing Hymn - *In the Midst of New Dimensions* - #2238
- Benediction & Response - *In the Midst* - #2238
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week:

*Bo Anderson, Nancy Bratton, Mary Dianis,
Jerry Dibble, Ken Herzinger, Judy Houdek,
Joyce Hutchins, Merry Lassa, Patsy Mester,
Gerry Ellen Sleeth, Patti Thompson, 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](#)

The Invitation That Could Change a Life

Many people are searching for something more—hope, purpose, friendship, or simply a place to belong. While advertising, social media, and our website help people discover Lakeview, **one invitation from someone they know is still the most powerful way someone decides to visit a church!**

Think about the people in your life. Is there a neighbor you've been meaning to get to know? A friend who has been going through a difficult season? A coworker looking for a community? Or perhaps a family member who hasn't been to church in a while? A simple invitation to join you for worship or a church event could be the beginning of something life-changing. We call this good old fashioned evangelism, but it is friendship and love we share from God at it's core.

You don't need all the answers or the perfect words. **Simply say, "I'd love for you to come to church with me this Sunday," and let Lakeview's warm welcome do the rest.** Offer to meet them at the door, sit with them during worship, and introduce them to a few friendly faces. Those small gestures can make a first visit feel comfortable and meaningful.

Every week our congregation invites folks to join us and is living out Christ's community in action! Let's make inviting others part of our everyday faith. You never know what difference one simple invitation can make.



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00am - *Bible Study, The Bible Recap* - Conference Room
10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
2:00pm - *Stephen Ministry Leaders* - Library

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00am - *Caregiver Support Group* - Conference Room
10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
12:30pm - *Games* - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
2:00pm - *Membership Committee* - Conference Room
5:00pm - *Thursday Night Together Dinner* - Smoot Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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 August 6th at 5:00pm - Chicken Marsala w/ Orzo pasta, Roasted Asparagus, Rolls, Dessert, all for \$10. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, August 4th. **Then enjoy our special August series on travel and reflecting on where the road takes us! Led by Pastor Kristin and friends!**

[Make your reservation here](#)

Small Acts. Big Impact

It's easy to think that making a difference at church requires a lot of time or a special talent. The truth is, some of the most meaningful ministries begin with the simplest acts of kindness. Holding a door, welcoming someone with a smile, helping set up for an event, serving coffee, arranging flowers, preparing communion, or lending a hand behind the scenes all help create the warm, caring community that makes Lakeview feel like home.

Every person has something to offer, and every act of service matters. When each of us does a little, together we accomplish a great deal. Whether you have an hour each month or are looking for a new way to connect, there is a place for you to serve, build friendships, and make a lasting difference. Your willingness to help—no matter how small the task—can be exactly what someone else needs.



Challenge of the Week: One Invitation

This week, pray for one person by name and invite that person to join you at Lakeview. It could be a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member. You don't need the perfect words—just a simple invitation and a warm welcome.

You never know what one conversation or one invitation might mean in someone's life. Together, let's help others discover the hope, friendship, and community waiting for them at Lakeview.



A Few Kind Words Can Change Someone's Day

Every Sunday, people walk through Lakeview's doors carrying joys, worries, questions, and burdens that may not be visible. Sometimes the greatest ministry isn't leading a class or serving on a committee—it's offering a warm smile, remembering a name, sitting with someone who is alone, or simply asking, "How have you been?"

Encouragement is one of the simplest gifts we can share, yet it often has the greatest impact. A handwritten note, a phone call, a conversation over coffee, or welcoming someone new can remind another person that they are seen, valued, and loved. Those small moments help build the caring community that makes Lakeview feel like home.

As we continue to grow together, let's each look for opportunities to encourage one another. You never know when a simple act of kindness might become the answer someone has been hoping for.



Keeping Our Kitchen Safe for Everyone

Lakeview's Board of Trustees has authorized our Chef and Kitchen Managers to implement updated procedures that help ensure the highest standards of food safety required by the State of Arizona for every meal served in Smoot Hall. These changes are designed to protect everyone who enjoys ministries such as Thursday Night Together (TNT), Sunday Fellowship Hour, funeral receptions, and the many gatherings where food brings our church family together. We are truly blessed to steward a commercial kitchen on our property to provide amazing food and hospitality!

As part of these efforts, only food from approved and verified sources will be used in the Smoot Hall kitchen, and personal food items will no longer be stored in the walk-in cooler or freezer. In the near future, everyone working in the Smoot Hall kitchen will also be required to have a current Arizona Food Handler Certificate on file with the church office. During food preparation and serving, access to the kitchen will be limited to authorized volunteers who have completed this requirement.

Just as we would respect the working space of a restaurant kitchen, we ask everyone to help us maintain a safe and healthy environment by avoiding unnecessary traffic through the Smoot Hall kitchen. If utensils, serving dishes, or other kitchen items are needed for meetings or events, please use those assigned to the Fellowship Hall kitchen whenever possible.

Thank you for helping us care for one another by following these guidelines. Your cooperation allows Lakeview to continue offering the meals and fellowship that mean so much to our church family. If you have questions, please contact our Kitchen Managers: Roger & Kathie Dupont, Denny & Caroline Walsh, or Cyndee LaFontaine.

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

S'MORES BROWNIES

These delicious s'mores brownies let you enjoy the popular campfire treat on top of a brownie. I consider myself a gourmet cook and originally thought these would just appeal to kids, but everyone loves them!

[Get the recipe here](#)

