Christ's Community in Action with Love for All
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 30, 2026

The Lakeview Beacon

We're so glad you're here!

JOHN 15:1-17

The Quest: Returning Home

Pastor Kristin Hansen

Have you ever tried to force a branch to grow fruit on its own, cut off from the vine? It just doesn't work — and Jesus knew that. In John 15, he tells us plainly: stay connected to me, the way a branch stays connected to the vine, and life will grow through you. Not because you're working harder or checking more boxes, but because you're staying close to the source. Sometimes that means letting go of things that are holding us back — Jesus talks about pruning too — but this isn't a passage about getting it perfect. It's about staying rooted in love.

And that love doesn't stay tucked away inside us — it shows up in how we treat each other. Jesus even calls his disciples friends, which says something about the kind of relationship he's inviting us into: close, trusting, shared. So here's the question worth sitting with — what's actually growing out of your life right now? Kindness? Patience? Forgiveness? Hope? None of that comes from gritting our teeth and trying harder. It comes from staying connected to the One who is already full of it.

What does John chapter 15 mean?

John chapter 15 is a unique section of the Bible. Chapter and verse divisions were not original to the text; they were added centuries later to make it easier to find certain statements. Still, this is one of the few chapters composed entirely of words ascribed to Jesus Christ. Some, like John chapters 14, 16, and 17, come very close, but not every single word in those texts is something spoken by Him.

Read more here

The 8:00am Service - Order of Worship

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

The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome - Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *I Love to Tell the Story - #156*
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go - #480*
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *Juan Hernandez*
- Scripture Reading - *John 15:1-17 - Susan Rapp*
- Offering
- Hymn - *Jesus Is All the World to Me - #469*
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *They'll Know We Are Christians - #2223*
- Benediction & Response - *More Like You - #2167*
- Postlude

We lift up the following in prayer this week:

Vicki Anzaldi, Nancy Bratton, Mary Dianis, Jerry Dibble, Kathy Hemingway, Ken Herzinger, Judy Houdek, Joyce Hutchins, BJ Martin, Kae Meyers, Gerry Ellen Sleeth, Patti Thompson, Andy Torres, Kathe Wilson

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

United Women in Faith Kicks Off the Season

You know that feeling when the air finally starts to shift, and you can sense something new is on the way? That's exactly where we are at Lakeview right now. As we move into our winter schedule, things are waking back up around here — and United Women in Faith is right at the center of it.

I love thinking about this community the way you'd think about a garden after a long summer. Nothing's been dormant, exactly — the roots have been doing quiet work all along — but now it's time for things to bloom out in the open again. That's what's happening this September.

Mary Martha Circle
📅 Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 PM — Fellowship Hall
We're thrilled to welcome **Dr. Lydia Woods** as our guest speaker. If you've never joined a Circle gathering before, this is a wonderful, low-pressure way to start. Come for the conversation, stay for the community.

United Women in Faith Board Meeting
📅 Monday, September 14 at 1:00 PM — Library
Curious about how UWF plans, serves, and leads here at Lakeview? All are welcome to sit in and see how the work comes together.

Whether you've been part of United Women in Faith for years or you're just now wondering, "Is this something for me?" — the answer is yes. This is a community built for every woman who wants to grow in faith, build real friendships, and put love into action.

Mark your calendar for September 8th, and come meet us in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend. Bring your questions. Just bring yourself.

We can't wait to see what this season holds — together.

United Women in Faith

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, AUGUST 31
8:00am - The Lakeview Wrappers - Smoot Hall
10:00am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
9:00am - Bible Study, The Bible Recap - Conference Room
10:00am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
2:00pm - Stephen Ministry Leaders - Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
10:00am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
12:30pm - Games - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
10:00am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
2:00pm - Membership Committee - Conference Room
4:00pm – Choir Practice – Music Room
5:00pm Thursday Night Together Dinner - Smoot Hall
JOKE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
8:00am - Worship Service - Chapel / Online
9:30am - Worship Service - Worship Center / Online
9:00 & 10:30am - Fellowship - Smoot Hall

THIS WEEK @ TNT

Thursday, September 3rd at 5:00pm - Meatballs and Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Biscuits and Dessert all for $10. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office **before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 1st.**

September Spectacular! @ TNT
September 3: Jokes and Game Night
September 10: Glade presents "Scam Prevention"
September 17: Western Night: Hosted by Membership Team with music by Pastor Dave and Scott
September 22: Judyann Wolter presents "I Am Katie Luther"

Make your reservation here

Let's Make Some Music Together: Choir Practice Returns!

There's something about a room full of voices coming together that just can't be replicated anywhere else. Maybe it's the way a single melody turns into harmony, or maybe it's just the joy of showing up and creating something beautiful alongside people you love. Either way, we've missed it — and it's finally time to bring it back.

As Lakeview settles into our winter schedule, the Choir is warming back up too. Think of it like an old friend picking up right where you left off — a little rusty at first, maybe, but it doesn't take long before the harmony finds its way back.

Here's what you need to know:

🎵 **Choir Practice Resumes**
📅 Thursday, September 3 at 4:00 PM — Choir Room

Whether you've been singing with us for years or you've been quietly wondering if this is the season to finally join in, now is the moment. No perfect voice required — just a willingness to show up and be part of something bigger than yourself.

Come to the choir room on **September 3rd.** Bring your voice, bring your curiosity, bring a friend who loves to sing in the car but has never tried it out loud. We'll take it from there.

We can't wait to fill this place with music again — together.

Your Name Matters at Lakeview!

Please remember to wear your name tag whenever you're at church. It's such a small thing, but it makes a real difference — name tags make it easier to greet one another, welcome new people, and build connections throughout our Lakeview family.

Think about it from a visitor's perspective: walking into a room full of strangers is hard enough. A name tag turns "who are you?" into "hi, [Name]!" — and that one small shift can be the difference between someone feeling like an outsider and someone feeling like they belong.

It matters for our longtime members too. We're a big church family, and even after years together, it's easy to draw a blank on a name in the moment. A name tag saves everyone that awkward pause and gets you straight to the good part — the conversation.

Don't have a name tag? No problem — just contact the church office and we'll get one made for you!
Wear your name. Start a conversation. Make a connection.

Get Ready for a Busy Fall at Lakeview!

After Labor Day, Lakeview is getting ready to kick back into the winter schedule, and **there is going to be a LOT happening!**

Classes, groups, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities, service projects, special events, and **plenty of chances to connect** with one another will be filling the calendar. Whether you're looking to learn something new, meet some new people, serve others, or simply spend more time with your church family, **there will be a place for you at Lakeview.**

Mark your calendar, check the schedule, and get ready to reconnect! **Fall is a great time to try something new**, invite a friend, and discover another part of the Lakeview community.

There's something for everyone at Lakeview. Come find your place!

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

SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS

Tender pork chops are seared and smothered in a rich, creamy gravy with sautéed peppers and onions, making for a comforting, family-friendly meal that tastes way more special than the prep time suggests. You'll want to serve it over potatoes or rice to soak up every bit of that savory sauce.

Get the recipe here