

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Embracing the Spirit of Lent in a Hectic Life

In the whirlwind of daily life, it often seems there's little time or energy to engage in traditional Lenten practices. Yet, you can seamlessly infuse moments of spiritual awareness and service into your busy schedule. The secret lies in viewing Lenten practices not as separate tasks but as integral components of your day, enhancing each activity with purpose and meaning.

The Three Pillars of Lent

The foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let's explore how to reframe these practices in a way that resonates with your daily life.

Praying Daily

Imagine transforming your daily interactions into moments of prayer. Whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or complicates your life, view these instances as prompts for prayer. Conversely, when someone does you a favor, provides excellent service, or you experience joy, let these moments inspire gratitude.

By incorporating small prayers into your routine, whether a silent plea for patience or a word of thanks, you'll find yourself praying throughout the day.

A Different Type of Fasting

Fasting traditionally involves abstaining from certain foods or luxuries, but why not expand this concept? Consider fasting from negativity: refrain from criticism, gossip, and judging others. Challenge yourself to let go of unwarranted fears and anxieties. Even instruct that inner critic in your mind to take a break. Such fasts not only honor the Lenten call to penance but also nurture your ability to embrace the confident, blessed individual that God envisions for you.

Giving of Yourself

Daily life brims with opportunities for almsgiving that don't require money but instead call for your time, attention, and kindness. Offer encouragement to those who are struggling, share words of affirmation with those feeling insecure, and extend kindness to someone who may be feeling alone.

Express gratitude to those who serve, often unnoticed, and give the gift of your attentive presence to someone longing to be seen.

Gather around the table with loved ones and share stories of admirable figures whose values inspire you. Don't hold back your smiles – let them shine brightly for everyone you encounter. Most importantly, express love to those closest to you; hug them, hold them tight, and tell them how much they mean to you.

By doing so, you cultivate not only your relationships but also open your heart to God and others.

A Transformative Season

No matter how frenetic your life may become, adopting heightened awareness and fresh perspectives can allow you to pray, fast, and give selflessly this Lent. As you engage in these practices, you prepare your heart and soul for the joyous celebration that awaits you on Easter morning. Embrace this season as a journey toward spiritual renewal, and watch as a new dawn of joy breaks upon you, illuminating the beauty of your transformed spirit.

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Council Report for January 12, 2026

The Leadership Council Meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by Moderator Bill Bush. Members present were Bill Bush, Genie Carroll, Nancy Meierhoff, Ginger Halsted, Russell Reese, Wilma Sanders, Laurie Glass, Gene Glass, Judy Guthrie and Fred Pontesso. A quorum was present. Also attending was Pastor Chuck Smith.

Invocation: Bill opened with a prayer. **Opening**

Remarks: Moderator Bill Bush stated that he will talk with Debbie about sending out the meeting packets ahead of the next meeting with the attachments to the Council members by email instead of printing them out. **Thoughts to Ponder:** Bill stated that he would like to see if the Council can come up with ideas for Promotions and Marketing for our church. Nancy suggested maybe having a flyer distributed similar to the new City Reach Church in Cedar Park. This should be researched by Warwick's committee. There was a question regarding postage funding for this flyer. Bill will get with Debbie to see if we have this funding. Also, Bill relayed that the Lago Vista Mayor Saum will have his first Advisory Council on Faith and Service Meeting tomorrow, January 13, at 5:30PM. It will be held at Rolling Hill's Church and attended by Lago Vista churches and faith leaders.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 8, 2025 Council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the December 8, 2025 Executive Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Summary of Meeting: The Council discussed various outreach initiatives and promotional strategies, including support for Alzheimer's programs and monthly game days, while also exploring advertising opportunities and engagement plans for new members. The group reviewed ongoing projects such as food distribution programs, a "scattering garden", and the pastor search process, including budget approval and advertising plans. Financial

updates were shared, showing a positive net income, and the Council made decisions about purchasing Bibles for the pews, and finalizing the terms for the interim pastor.

Outreach: Pastor Chuck discussed his worksheet for when he goes out to talk with people regarding funerals/memorial services and information to be given to the families. He will get with Laurie to finalize a process to follow when planning funerals at LCF. The Council discussed strategies for welcoming and engaging new church members. They explored the idea of hosting gatherings for new members and emphasized the importance of making visitors feel welcome within the first 10 minutes of their visit. Pastor Chuck and Laurie will develop a formal policy and procedure for handling reception details of new members. He talked about the New Members Form and explained that it is like an orientation for them. Gene said in the past years the Pastor would send out an email to all on our new church members. The Council would like to receive this informational email again in the future. Pastor Chuck relayed that we support Alzheimer's and dementia programs by creating a local resource guide and distributing it through libraries and the Ministerial Alliance. He said this group is a community thing, not just a church thing. There was a discussion about having a small card created for new visitors asking for their name, address, phone, etc., so we can contact them if they would like. This card would be available in the pews and turned into the offering plate.

Promotions & Marketing: Warwick was not able to attend this meeting.

Faith in Action: Russell talked about the Fresh Food Distribution Program that distributes groceries to families during school breaks and suggested exploring church involvement. He relayed that HCCM delivers this food to Jonestown and would consider delivering to Lago Vista. There was a dis-

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cussion about having 6-7 people help with this once a month from 9-11AM. As far as location, he said City Council has a nice size parking lot. The Council also discussed the possibility of creating a "scattering garden" on the church property for church members and community use. Gene suggested maybe using the wooded area out front for this garden. This subject will be put under "Old Business" for next month's meeting.

Pastoral Search Committee: Nancy provided an update on the ongoing pastor search, mentioning that they have received 16 inquiries and resumes. A meeting to review the candidates is scheduled for January 22. The Council discussed the budget approval of \$5,000 for this committee. A **Motion (1)** was made by Laurie to approve the \$5,000 budget for the Pastoral Search Committee. Russell seconded the motion. The Council voted and motion was approved. There was a discussion regarding the effectiveness of advertising on churchjobs.com. We will consider renewing the listing after seeing positive results. Nancy requested the need for a congregational prayer for God's guidance and strength in our efforts to find our new head pastor. This could be included after the January 25 Sunday's service, before the Congregational Meeting. Also, reviewed and discussed was Pastor Chuck's terms for Ministry Description and Letter of Call, as well as his compensation package. He will be paid \$35,040 annually (\$2,920 per month) beginning in February and receive up to \$2,000 a year for mileage. Nancy made a **Motion (2)** that we present Pastor Chuck as our Interim Pastor to the Congregational Meeting on January 25, along with the Ministry Description and Letter of Call for approval by the congregation. Judy seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Pastoral Relations: Nancy relayed the schedule for the pulpit supply for the upcoming months. She stated that Pastor Dennis Henderson will be our

Guest Speaker on January 18. Pastor Dale Hill will preach on January 25. Pastor Chuck will resume preaching in February. Pastor Rick Waters will preach on February 8. Jim Christie will be preaching on the 5th Sunday in March and Pastor Dale Hill will preach again in April. There was a discussion regarding giving a gift certificate to Pastor Bill Krejci for preaching recently. He will preach again on the second Sunday in March and we can present the gift certificate at that time. Pastor Chuck will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 5:00PM on February 18. Pastor Chuck will also have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00AM on April 5.

Worship Committee: Genie relayed that we will need to order 40 new Bibles for the pews. (See New Business for more on this subject).

Ministries: Laurie talked about having a Game Day at the church on the third Sunday from 2-5. People would bring a snack and their own drink. There was a discussion about possibly having Domino's, Majhong and card games. Judy suggested having a Game Day once a month and Bingo once a month. The Council agreed on the third Sunday for now. There was a discussion about potential advertising opportunities on digital signs in Lago Vista and buses, as well as the cost and content restrictions were noted. Laurie relayed that there are two frozen dinners available in the kitchen for people in need. There will be a Super Soup Luncheon on February 8 after church service in the Fellowship Hall with salads and desserts to share. She stated the following events are scheduled for LCF: March 29 - Easter Potluck with ham, April 15 - Round Rock Baseball Game, May 31 - Patriotic Theme Potluck, August 30 - Autumn Theme Soup/Salad Potluck, and November 22 - Thanksgiving Theme Baked Potato Potluck. The Council also discussed the use of the Fellowship Hall by the Lago Vista Players on Thursday/Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Also, the North Shore Veterans meet at

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0730 on the third Friday of the month. She commented we now have a TV with AirPlay capabilities in the Fellowship Hall.

Building and Grounds: Gene stated that he had purchased a pencil sharpener for the church and it is located in the Choir Room. He relayed that all the Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored. Pizza was enjoyed by all volunteers afterwards. He said the security code for the building has been changed now. Debbie will give the code to those that need to know. He talked about our fire extinguishers need to be inspected by a service company. He stated that the contract for our Housekeeper, Rosalina, has been revised to reflect \$200 per each cleaning. Also, she will receive \$200 for her Christmas Bonus. Gene relayed that the sound mixer in the Fellowship Hall has not been replaced yet. He will get with Laurie and Bill to get this done. There was a discussion regarding the Fireproof Filing Cabinet. It was decided to keep the one we have. He will keep the information about possible replacements on file.

Stewardship Committee: Ginger was unable to attend this meeting.

Financial Update (December 2025): Judy reviewed the financial reports, comparing actual income and expenses with budgeted figures. She relayed a review of the year's financial performance showed an actual positive net income of \$32,277. She discussed exploring better CD rates and insurance options with other banks, including RBFCU and Capital One. Judy will get with Debbie to combine old fund accounts into the Reserve Fund.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

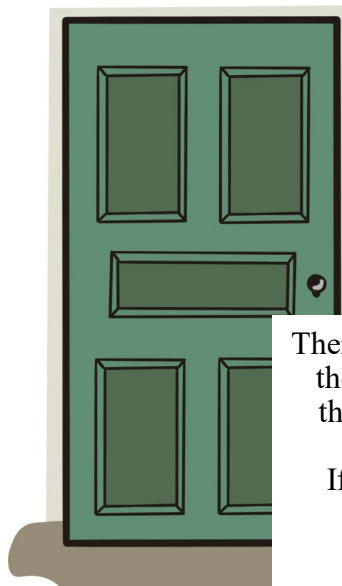
1. **Bibles for Pews:** Bill stated that Pastor Rick Waters has reviewed the different Bibles considered for purchase for the church pews. He suggested the New King James Version Bible for \$14.99 each. Laurie suggested maybe members would like to do-

nate one of these Bibles in memory or honor of someone. She will get with Debbie to set up a process to track these donations. A **Motion (3)** was made by Laurie to order 40 of the New King James Version Bibles at \$14.99 each. Also, that church members can donate a Bible in memory or honor of someone. Nancy seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

2. **Apostolic Creed:** There was a discussion regarding the wording in the Apostolic Creed that refers to the "Christian church" rather than the "catholic church". A **Motion (4)** was made by Gene to change the wording back to "catholic church" in the Apostolic Creed. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Future Topics: Next meeting: The next regular Council meeting will be on February 9, 2026. The Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2026.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM.



There is a new door code to the Fellowship Hall and the Worship Sanctuary.

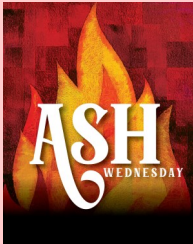
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Church Office
Gene Glass or
William Bush

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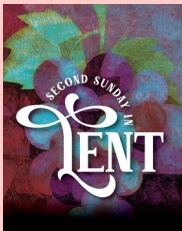


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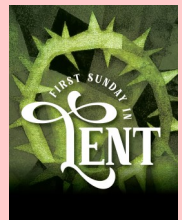
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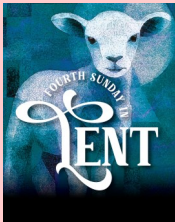
February 18, Ash Wednesday
Worship 5:00 p.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



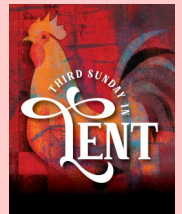
February 22, 1st Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



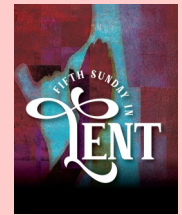
March 1, 2nd Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



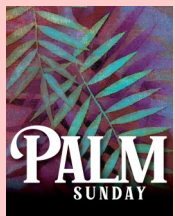
March 8, 3rd Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



March 15, 4th Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



March 22, 5th Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



March 29, Palm/Passion Sunday
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center

April 3, Good Friday

April 5, Easter Sunday
"Sonrise Service" at 7:00 a.m.
Regular Easter Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
at Lakeside Worship Center



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WELCOME New Members



Barry and Kathryn Savage
joined the LCF church family
on November 9, 2025



**Give a Warm Welcome to
The New Members of
Lakeside Christian
Fellowship!**

**We are so happy and
blessed to have you
become a part of
Our Church Family!**



Elaine (Sissy) Norman
And
Darrell and Julie Rachui
joined the LCF church family
on January 11, 2026.

Women's Bible Study



The WOW (Women of the Word)
Bible Study Group
meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
downstairs in the LCF Fellowship Hall.

All Women in the area
are welcome to attend.

Not only do they study God's word,
but they also get together for
Social events, such as movies, field trips
and lunch out!

Come join this wonderful group of ladies!

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LCF Annual Baseball Night Out will be on Wednesday, April 15.

Once again the members and friends of LCF will enjoy a night out at the Round Rock Express baseball game.

Tickets are \$17. per person.

If you want to carpool, meet at the LCF church parking lot, time to be determined.
A discounted parking pass will be given for those driving.

Bring your family and friends and join us for this fun annual event!

Contact Gene or Laurie Glass if you would like to attend by the end of February,
tickets need to be purchased prior to the event.

GAME DAY

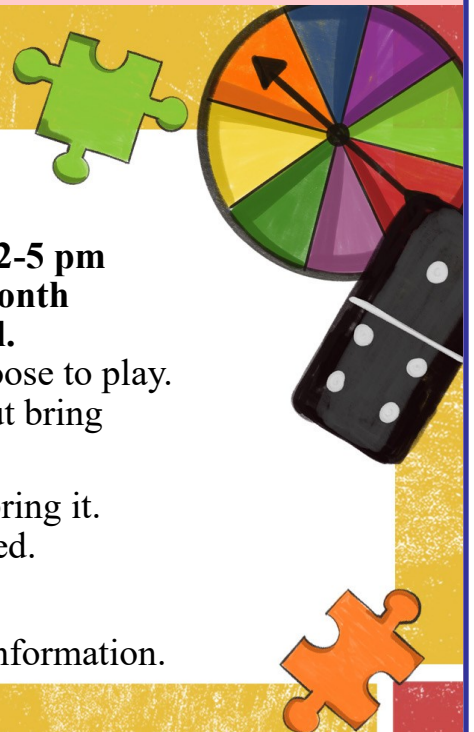
**A Game Day will be held from 2-5 pm
on the third Sunday of the month
in the LCF Fellowship Hall.**

Bring any card or board game you choose to play.
A few snacks will be provided but bring
your own beverage.

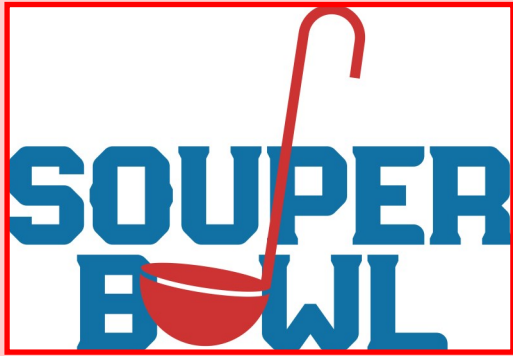
If you have a card table or two, bring it.
It would be greatly appreciated.

All are welcome to attend!

Contact Laurie Glass for additional information.



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OR



**Bring your canned goods and deposit them
in the container in
the Worship Sanctuary lobby
for your "Souper Bowl Team" of choice!**

**The West Coast—Seattle Seahawks
Or
The East Coast—New England Patriots**

**The canned goods will then be distributed to
the Hope Center and
the winning team will be announced at
the "Souper Bowl" Pot Luck on February 8,
immediately following the Worship Service.**

**Plan to bring a soup, salad, bread, crackers, chips
or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.**

**There will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service
in the Lakeside Christian Fellowship Sanctuary
at 5 p.m. on February 18.**

Rev. Chuck Smith will be officiating.

ASH WEDNESDAY
worship

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A BIG THANK YOU!
to all of the volunteers that came out on
Wednesday, January 7,
to help clean and put up the beautiful
Christmas Decorations.

Our Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

After a hard day of work,
the Clean Up Crew enjoyed a pizza
lunch together in the Fellowship Hall.



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There was a great turnout on January 11, 2026, to bid Paul and Patsy Rodgers Farewell!

Lakeside Christian Fellowship held a luncheon after the Worship Service, in honor of Paul and Patsy Rodgers for their service to the church.

Lakeside Christian Fellowship wishes them the best in whatever or wherever God leads them.



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**Church
Office
Hours:
Wednesday and
Thursday from
9:30 am to
3:30 pm.**



**Please remember that
all church
activities should be
scheduled on the mas-
ter calendar in the
church office.
Thank you!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	4 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	5	6	7
8 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WS 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Sanctuary Live Streaming After "Souper Bowl" Pot Luck in FH	9 9:30 AM Leadership Council Meeting @ LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	10 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	11 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	12	13	14 
15 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WS 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Sanctuary Live Streaming 2-5 PM—Game Day in the LCF FH	16 	17 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	18 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs 	19 10:30 AM Alzheimer Group @ LV Library 	20	21
22  9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WS 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Sanctuary Live Streaming	23	24 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	25 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	26	27	28
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For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org						

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Frank Robbins.....	1
Sue Thompson	4
Sharon Killough	5
Peggy Gibson.....	14
Fred Pontesso.....	14
Mary Ann Childs.....	22
June Freeman.....	24
Cindi Brewer	25

If you would like your dates to be included please send your information to the church office:

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Prayer Corner

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"O Merciful God, bless us with Your love,
that we may love as You love—
with patience, kindness, and tolerance
for all.

Grant us compassion to help fellow souls
in need,

awareness of others' needs,
and the courage to serve,
seeing Your presence in everyone,
especially the suffering.

May our lives reflect Your goodness and
lead others to You.

Amen."

January 29, 2026

YTD Offerings \$21,642.50

YTD Expenses \$23,858.95

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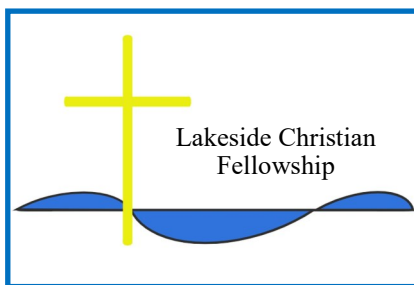
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