

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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April is here already. You know the old saying, April showers bring the flowers that bloom in May and after the winter we've just had I think we could all use a good, cool down. This season has been unusually mild; some days already climbed into the mid-80s and even 96 degrees in Austin on March 15. We could do with a little April rain to freshen the air and steady our spirits. Oh well – Nature sometimes has its own timetable.

Still, whether the rains come early or late, spring is the appointed season of renewal. As the earth breathes out after winter's long rest, so are we invited to replenish what is within. Spring whispers of new beginnings and gentle rebirth: bulbs pushing through last year's leaf litter, bare branches softening into green, sap rising, and the whole world reaching toward light. That same stirring can happen in us.

Maybe all winter you sat on a small, stubborn idea that finally ripened into courage. Maybe you gave yourself permission to rest and discovered how necessary that stillness was. Now the moment arrives to respond – to begin again, to start a project you postponed, to adopt a kinder rhythm of living, or simply to let a fresh way of seeing the world take root. Spring is not only a calendar change; it is an invitation to become newly alive.

So breathe deeply of the warming air. Notice the first brave blossoms and the returning birdsong. Let the season's forward movement nudge you gently: plant one small thing, try one new habit, forgive one old regret. In small acts of renewal we join the great turning of the year and find our own lives brightening, quietly, into bloom.

Another theme of spring is expansion. It is a season of growth – both literal and energetic. Where autumn calls us to slow our pace and turn inward, spring gently urges us outward: buds unfurl, blossoms open, and the world seems to take a fuller breath. You might notice the same movement within yourself. Can your heart's space widen a little more? Can your thinking soften and become more curious? Can your body and breath relax so that you expand instead of contract? These are small, tender questions to carry with you through the season, questions that invite attention rather than demand immediate answers.

Tucked inside new beginnings and expansion is a creative current. After winter's rest, the soil is loamy and ready; it receives seed and transforms it into shoot and bloom. So it is with us: rest replenishes resources, and renewal stirs imaginative power. Perhaps you find old ideas rekindled, or a fresh urge to begin something you put off. There is tangible energy here – potent and ready to be shaped.

Bring mindfulness to that creative pulse by approaching it with curiosity. Instead of leaping straight into action, ask: What does my heart most want to create or tend this season? What small seed might I plant – an idea, a practice, a relationship – that could grow with gentle care? Then tend it patiently: water with attention, pull the weeds of doubt, and give it light through consistent, kind effort.

Spring's expansion is not a pressure to become more at once, but an invitation to open gradually – one breath, one choice, one small act of creativity at a time.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

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Leadership Council Report for March 9, 2026

The Leadership Council Meeting was called to order at 9:28AM by Moderator Bill Bush. Members present were Bill Bush, Nancy Meierhoff, Russell Reese, Wilma Sanders (via Zoom), Laurie Glass, Gene Glass, Judy Guthrie, Ginger Halsted, Warwick Andrews, and Fred Pontesso. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Moderator Bill Bush opened with a prayer.

Thoughts to Ponder: Bill stated that assuming John Zamudio is approved as LCF Pastor by the congregation, the Council has to give some thought on how we can support him the first six months. There was a conversation about how we can help him to feel welcomed and bring him up to speed on how everything works.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 9, 2026 Council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Summary of Meeting: The meeting focused on preparations for welcoming Pastor John and his family to the church, including discussions about his moving expenses, housing arrangements, and plans for a welcome reception. The council approved covering John's moving expenses and discussed the logistics of his furniture transport. They also reviewed plans for a welcome event on May 17th, though the exact format and timing remain undecided. Other topics included the need for a new commission combining outreach and public relations, updates on various church projects like deck repairs and garden maintenance, and financial matters including fund transfers and check signer responsibilities.

Outreach: Bill said he thinks it would be useful for the Council to create a new Commission combining Outreach and Public Relations to promote the church more effectively. There was a discussion regarding this new Commission and how it should work. Gene volunteered to do the editing of the Bylaws to reflect the addition of this new Commission. He will work with Pastor Chuck and Warwick on this regarding duties involved. Pastor Zamudio would be a non-voting member of the Council as LCF pastors have always been. Fred suggested having this presented to the congregational meeting in October. Nancy made a **Motion (1)** to create this Outreach and Public Relations Commission, which will include Pastor Zamudio as a non-voting member. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Promotions & Marketing: Warwick stated that he will get 20 signs printed for our Easter Sunrise Service. Russell commented that some of the signs given out to put in our yards are coming apart. Warwick will take these signs that are broken to be repaired. The signs should be located 10 feet from inside the right of way of the road. There was a discussion about improving visibility of these signs at the church entrance with larger signs and potentially a permanent one on the property edge. However, permission from the property owners will be needed. Warwick discussed advertising in the North Shore Navigator and will see if we can make the April edition. Warwick announced a 3-month advertising campaign at \$140 per month, starting with the Sunrise Service and later promoting our new Pastor John's new role. Nancy suggested possibly having a "Holy Cow BBQ" as a fundraiser maybe in June. Warwick talked about organizing a trip to visit The Painted Churches in Schulenberg, Texas. This trip would be planned for late Spring or early Fall. There was a discussion regarding the cost of this tour (\$25), plus paying the Tour Guide. Also, Warwick will get pictures to the Council and will provide more information on this trip before our next meeting.

Faith in Action: Russell discussed plans for the upcoming food distribution event in Jonestown on March 16, where he will be accompanied by Tanya. He is seeking volunteers for our upcoming event on March 27. There will be a reminder announced the Sunday before this event. There are ladies from Rolling Hills Church that will be helping along with our volunteers. They gather at 8:30AM and distribute the food at 9:00AM. Judy commented that these events are the reason we need LCF T-shirts to be made. Laurie suggested that when Warwick goes to get our signs, that he check out the t-shirts and get some prices. There was a long discussion regarding the "Meditation Garden".

Pastor Search Committee: Nancy stated that Pastor John Zamudio is our candidate of choice. The Council discussed preparations for Pastor John's visit on March 15, including a "potluck" dinner first and then a Q&A forum where he will be voted on as the Pastor candidate on March 22. Bill confirmed the availability of a microphone for this event and discussed the need for additional microphones for questioners. Nancy relayed that Pastor John has found a house to rent. There was a discussion

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about the cost for moving expenses. Initially, the amount talked about was \$1,100, but it was suggested that we just cover the moving expenses. Nancy made a **Motion (2)** that we simply cover the moving expenses for Pastor John without setting a specific limit. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the Motion was approved. Gene stated we have people to help them unload their stuff, if needed. Nancy stated that John needs to pick out the music he wants played for his services. There was a discussion about John's involvement in the upcoming Sunday service, including his potential role in leading prayer requests and other service elements. Bill commented on voting on March 22. Fred will be moderating the Congregational Meeting on March 22 after the church service for those that haven't yet voted, where additional questions about the Terms of Call can be addressed. Fred stated that Debbie will verify members' attendance and read names on the ballot. Then she will turn the ballots over to Fred and they will be counted in the Narthex. The Council discussed the need to review a contract for John before presenting it to him. Judy suggested this contract should be for 3 years. Nancy relayed that once the selection has been made, she will send out letters to the non-selectees.

Pastoral Relations: Nancy said that our Music Director, Jim Christie, will be away for 3 weeks in July. The choir will not be singing in July, so he made arrangements with some musicians to cover these 3 Sundays at his expense. There was a conversation about this and Nancy will talk to Jim about it. The Council discussed whether to pay Jim his normal salary during his planned vacation. According to his contract, he is not eligible for paid vacation during the first year. Nancy made a **Motion (3)** after debating Jim's initiative to arrange musicians for 3 Sundays that we pay Jim Christie his normal salary for July. She suggested a follow-up meeting to clarify that such arrangements should be approved by the Council in the future. Gene seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved with one voting "no". Laurie talked about Cindy Brewer and the music she has recorded for the choir. She stated that Jim doesn't like to use pre-recorded music. There was a discussion about this.

Worship Committee: Fred talked about the candles on the altar need to be looked at and wicks trimmed, etc. Also, he mentioned that Pastor Chuck forgot to call mem-

bers to the front to kneel for Communion recently. Bill talked about the new member/new prospect process being created. He said we now have 17-18 new members and we need to bring them into the fold at LCF. Fred will bring a written version of this to our next month's meeting for review. There was a discussion about possibly having a potluck dinner to welcome Pastor John and the new members maybe on May 17. This would also be Pastor John and Mandy's first anniversary. Nancy will check with Pastor John to see if May 17 would be a good day for them or if we need to change it to another day.

Ministries: Laurie relayed that the Veteran's Spring Fling event will be held at LCF on April 18. They will use our grill for hamburgers and hot dogs. They have received a donation of an American flag and have asked if they can store it standing up in our Fellowship Hall. Laurie talked about a proposed workshop titled "Are You Ready For the Future", which is focused on end-of-life planning. This will be advertised in the newspaper and through other churches. Tanya Reese has volunteered Russell to lead this workshop. Laurie made a **Motion (4)** to proceed with the "Are You Ready For the Future" workshop, which will be advertised in the newspaper and through other churches. Nancy seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved. Laurie announced that June Freeman would like to donate one or two benches as a memorial bench in David's memory. The bench would be located in the Meditation Garden and should match the existing benches in appearance. Laurie made a **Motion (5)** to allow June Freeman to donate a memorial bench in David's memory to be located in the Meditation Garden, with the condition that it matches the existing benches in appearance. Nancy seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved. Judy talked about having a plaque for the Founding Members of Lakeside Christian Fellowship Church. There was a discussion about this plaque. Debbie should have the list of the founding members. Bill suggested that information be gathered and a specific proposal brought back to the Council next month.

Building and Grounds: Gene stated that the new hand rails on the ramp to the rear Sanctuary door have been completed. He discussed deck repairs, with plans to pressure wash and repaint the deck and handrails after Larry Thysen returns from his vacation on April 12. He says

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the total cost should be under \$700. There was a discussion about spending \$500 on professional leaf removal, but decided to wait until the end of the leaf season before making a decision. Gene suggested maybe charge this to the Reserve Fund this year and add it in our Budget for next year. Gene made a **Motion (6)** that we hire Jamie Cole to clean/move the leaves around the church for \$500. This will be paid from the Reserve Fund this year and included in the Budget for next year. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Stewardship Committee: Ginger stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Financial Update (February 2026): Judy reported we had a strong early income of \$44,512.74 compared to \$33,494 last year. She stated that last month we had a Motion approved to move the \$5,800 from the Project Operating Fund into the Pinnacle Cove Fund. She said this change has been done. Gene will find out what our Wish List is for LCF and let us know. Judy said the Men in Trucks Fund will stay in place for now for moving of Pastor John. There was a discussion about combining the Emergency Medical Fund with the Power of One. Judy talked about who signs checks for the church, as Wilma only wants to do the minutes and not be required to sign any documents or checks. Ginger has offered to sign checks. Judy made a **Motion (7)** that Ginger Halsted be an additional signer of checks/documents. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved. Judy will take Warwick Andrews off as a Signer and add Ginger Halsted as Signer. Fred will check the ByLaws to see if any changes need to be made regarding the signatures. Judy relayed that she has checked with First Texas Bank, Security State Bank & Trust, PNC Bank in Lago Vista, RBFCU and Capital One Bank to compare and obtain the highest available CD and Money Market Rates and terms of each entity. Judy made a **Motion (8)** to close the existing Money Market account that was earning less than .10% interest and re-open that account with the existing funds to take advantage of Security State Bank & Trust's newer "Choice Money Market" account earning 3.4% interest. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved. Judy relayed the information from various banks on their interest rates on CDs. Judy made a **Motion (9)** that we

invest \$100,000 in a 6-month CD at RBFCU at the highest available interest rate (3.77% or 3.84% APR) and to invest an additional \$50,000 in a 4-month CD at PNC Bank at 3.5% interest. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Old Business: Gene asked about Pastor Paul's Bible Study Group at LCF. Bill said that he will get with Pastor Paul to let him know that his group will end when the new pastor starts in May. He proposed classifying members of the Pastor Relations Committee and Nominating Committee into Class 1 and Class 2 based on term expiration years, after the committee chairpersons review the proposed names. He will send out an email to the Council members on who we are nominating for the Pastor Relations and Nominating Committee for review.

New Business: None.

Future Topics: Next meeting: The next regular Council meeting will be on April 13, 2026.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:58AM.

JOIN US FOR
EASTER
Sunday

**"Sonrise Service" at 7:00 AM
in the Prayer Garden
(Weather Permitting)**

**Regular Easter Service at 10:30 AM
in the Worship Sanctuary**

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Welcome, New Members



S. Tim Casey
Joined February 8, 2026



Rob and Melinda Sebesta
Joined February 15, 2026



Iain Alexander
Joined March 1, 2026

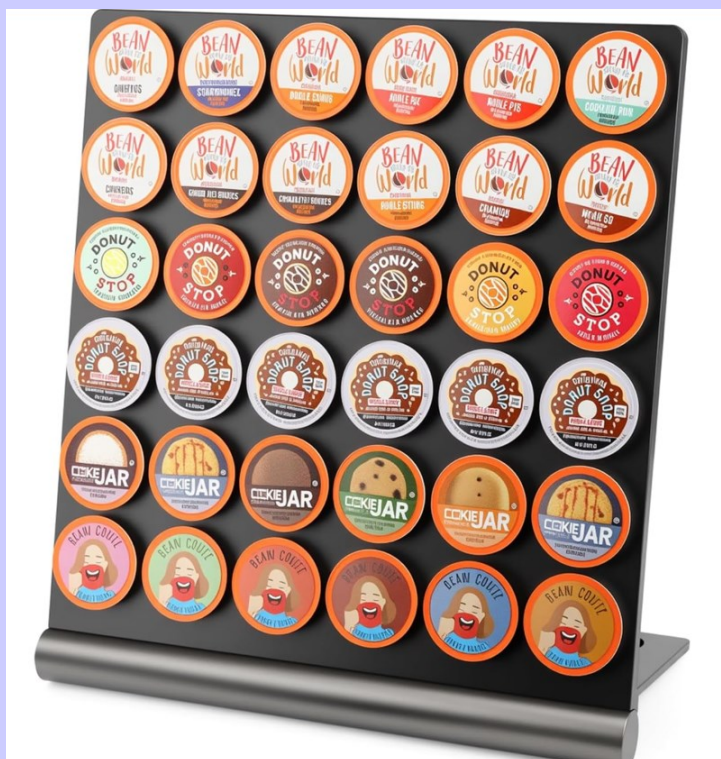
Not pictured are: Amparo Giller, joined February 8, 2026; Sally Wood, joined March 1, 2026;
Susan Eeds, joined March 18, 2026



Many Thanks to Judi and Rod Stonedale for the donation of a large variety of K-Cup Coffees.

Also, a big thank you to Ron and Dana Zink for the holder for the K-Cups.

It is such a blessing for the caring and sharing from God's grace!



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The Next Game Day will be held
from 2-5 pm on **April 19**, 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.

The WOW Bible Study Group
will continue to study scripture and
books of the bible
listening to podcasts by Gary Hamrick with
discussions to follow.

The bible study meets downstairs in the
LCF Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Parking is available downstairs for your
convenience.

All ladies are welcome to attend!



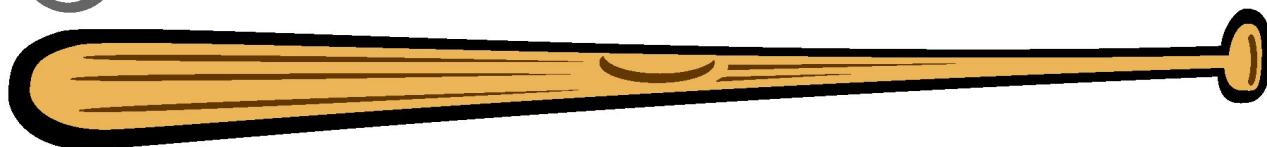
LCF will be going to a Round Rock Express
Baseball Game on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

If you have any questions,
contact Laurie Glass at
512-569-9464

Or

laurie@nerdybrew.com



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PAINTED CHURCHES TOUR

In response to those whom completed the recent event questionnaire, for which we thank you, a visit to the Painted Churches is of major interest. The Publicity and Membership Building Committee is putting together a day trip and would appreciate your input from the questions listed below.

We are suggesting doing the Painted Churches Tour in late spring, but are open to suggestions.

The tour would begin in Schulenburg, TX (approx. 110 miles from Lago) and is managed by the Chamber of Commerce. The chamber suggested that to fully appreciate the tour, a guide is recommended and to spend at least 45 minutes at each church. The churches range within a 30-40 mile radius of each other.

The Chamber has details of local restaurants and would be happy to make lunch reservations.

Tour fees are \$25 per person for 4-6 churches, part of the fee going towards upkeep of the churches. A guide would cost anywhere from \$60.—\$79. depending on the size of the group.

More information may be found at:

www.schulenbergchamber.org/painted-churches
or by calling 979-743-4514

If you are interested in attending, please complete the attached form and return it to the church office.

If you need additional information, you may ask any member of the Publicity and Membership Building Committee. Members are: Genie Carroll, Nancy Meierhoff, Judy Guthrie, Bill Bush and Warwick Andrews.

PAINTED CHURCHES TOUR QUESTIONNAIRE

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| 1. Would you prefer to drive yourself? | Y | N |
| 2. Would you prefer to carpool? | Y | N |
| 3. Would you be interested in driving a carpool? | Y | N |
| 4. Would you be interested in being a carpool passenger? | Y | N |
| 5. Would you be interested in renting a passenger van? | Y | N |
| 6. Would you be interested in driving the van? | Y | N |
| 7. Would you be interested in renting a van and driver? | Y | N |
| 8. What day would you prefer to do the tour? | | |

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Bear in mind, that renting a van with driver is costly. Driving ourselves in a rented van with all the expenses would cost approximately \$200. The cost of transportation would be divided among the passengers and the cost of guides among the attendees.

Name _____
Printed _____ Signed _____

Phone# _____ email _____

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ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

On March 15, 2026, LCF hosted a Springtime Potluck.

The hams were provided and the congregation brought many delicious sides to complete and compliment the meal.

There was a wonderful turn out of 72 members and guests!



Our Fabulous Kitchen Helpers!
Regina Holmes, Dana Zink and Laurie Glass



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There was a
Q & A
with guest
preacher
Rev. John Zamudio.

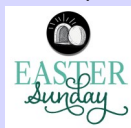


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Church Office Hours:
Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.



Please remember that all church activities should be scheduled on the master calendar in the church office.
Thank you!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	30	31 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	1 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	2 	3 	4
5 7:00 AM Sonrise Service 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service 	6	7 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	8 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	13 9:30 AM Leadership Council Meeting LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	14 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	15 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs Round Rock Express Baseball Game 7:05 pm	16 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LV Library	17	18
19 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming Game Day In FH @ 2 PM	20	21 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	22 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs 	23 	24	25
26 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	27	28 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	29 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	30	1	2

**If you have an event to add to the Church Calendar
Contact the church office to check availability
And pick up application forms.**



Ron Zink.....	03
Jan Robbins.....	04
Eleanor Smith.....	10
Christine Chapman.....	16
Kari Monahan.....	21
Larry Thyssen.....	22
Nancy Wood.....	23
Glynda Wolverton.....	27
Bonnie Walker.....	29



Jim and Janet Cason 13

If you would like to be
included please send your
information to the church office!!
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the
resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the
bright promise of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will
triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and
love will conquer death.
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we
may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the
marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives,
change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, offered at the fourth annual White
House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013

March 26, 2026

YTD Offerings..... \$62,262.42
YTD Expenses \$46,333.23

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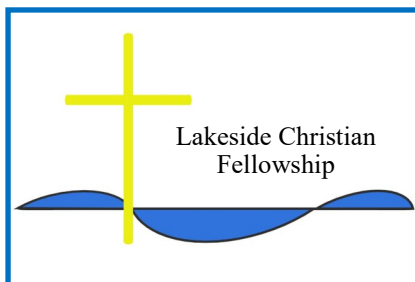
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