

Journey to Easter



Pastor Colson details the activities, meaning and origins of Holy Week in this month's article - check it out. *See page 3*

Celebrating the Jubilee



Board of Elders Chairman, John Gingrich, provides updates on key projects and describes some upcoming TEAM opportunities for

all. *See page 6*

Joy of Worship



Elder of Worship, Dan Schofield, describes the many areas that are responsible for creating the worship experience each

Sunday and opportunities to be part of the TEAM *See page 7*

Home Helps Weekend



Know a neighbor that can use help around their house? Looking for a TEAM opportunity you

can do as a family? Learn how you can be a part of the upcoming Home Helps Work Weekend. *See page 8*

LWCC transforming lives



The Living Water Community Clinic, in its eighth year, extends vital services across three counties. With a 47% patient increase,

new programs, and partnerships, lives are transformed through medical, dental, and spiritual care, impacting communities profoundly. *See page 9*



Teen Winter Mission TEAM

Transformed Hearts: A journey of Missionary Calling and Courage

"Break my heart for what breaks Yours." A popular lyric that describes the heart's cry for every missionary of Christ. At the center of a missionary's heart is a burden for hearts of stone. The teen's annual Winter Missions Retreat explores the heart of a missionary and challenges teens to seek God's calling on their lives.

This year, 50 teenagers, young adults, and adult leaders went to Surry, Virginia, for a weekend of training, preaching, testimonies, fellowship, and fun. Ed Lyons, the Director of Ministry Advancement for the Persecution Project, shared his stories from the mission field of Sudan. Teens were inspired by the testimonies of faithfulness and fearlessness from Pastor Lyons' travels.

In the evenings, Enya Lucas led the teens in worship, and Camp Pastor Jesse Owens offered a challenge from the life of David through a 3-part series titled Transformed: More Like Christ, Less Like Culture. While a missionary must recognize Christ as their Savior, they must also recognize

Him as Lord. This means presenting a heart of surrender to Jesus' lordship over their lives. Perhaps the most powerful moment of the weekend came on Saturday night as teens moved to tears for the lost in their lives. Considering David's courage to take the lion by the throat and rescue the lamb from his mouth, the work of a missionary is to rescue the lost from the mouth of the prowling lion who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy (1 Samuel 17:34-35; 1 Peter 5:8).

In addition to the training which came from the pulpit, multi-generation discipleship is a major component of this camp's mission. The teens were broken into five teams, led by their Timothy Group (teen leadership crew) leader, and overseen by a young adult whose primary responsibility was to develop the Timothy Group member's leadership skills. Jesse & Kassia Owens oversaw the young adults and offered training sessions focused on identifying and implementing their spiritual gifting.

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Transformed Hearts

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While the camp has concluded, the mission is just beginning. In the days since the camp, teens have been boldly approaching loved ones with the Good News of the Gospel. Over the next several months, these missionaries will continue to be trained in evangelism techniques that will be put into practice during summer missions (*Teen Camp, Christian Youth In Action, VBS, Good News Across Sports, Camp Good News: Maine, Navajo Nation*).

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY | MAUNDY THURSDAY | GOOD FRIDAY | EASTER SUNDAY



Wed., Mar. 27 - Spy Wednesday Eucharist Service
6 p.m., Sanctuary

Thu., Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday Service
7 p.m., Sanctuary

Fri., Mar. 29 - Good Friday Prayer Service
9 a.m., Sanctuary
Praying along the Via Dolorosa

Fri., Mar. 29 - Easter Cantata Service
7 p.m., Sanctuary

Sat., Mar. 30 - Silent Saturday
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sanctuary
A time for silent reflection and prayer.

Sun., Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday Service
7 a.m. Sunrise Service, LOW Clubhouse Point
8:30 a.m. Service, LOWC Worship Center
9:45 a.m. Service, LOWC Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service, LOWC Worship Center

Men's CHILI Cook-Off

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HALL

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FOR MORE INFO @ 540-972-9060



Women's Retreat

April 27, 2024

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Dietary options available.*



Join us for a one-day conference with the incredible Ellie Lofaro! Experience her captivating blend of truth, practical wisdom, and infectious humor. Don't miss out!



***Cost \$65 pp**

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From our Senior Pastor

Embrace the Sacred Journey: a vibrant celebration of Holy Week and Easter triumph

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NIV



Rev. Adam Colson

As we approach the solemn and reflective period of Holy Week, our hearts turn to the significant events that unfolded in the final days of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry. As a church, we will recognize key observances during Holy Week, offering unique opportunities for spiritual contemplation and connection.

Spy Wednesday, also known as Holy Wednesday or Good Wednesday, marks a pivotal moment in the Christian liturgical calendar. Falling amid Holy Week, it holds a unique significance as it commemorates the betrayal of Jesus Christ by one of His own disciples, Judas Iscariot.

The term “Spy Wednesday” is derived from the idea that Judas acted as a spy, betraying Jesus to the chief priests in exchange for thirty pieces of silver. The biblical narrative unfolds in the Gospel of Matthew (26:14-16), where Judas approaches the religious authorities with the infamous question, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” This sinister transaction sets in motion the events leading to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion.

On this day, Christian communities worldwide engage in special liturgical services and reflections that delve into the themes of betrayal, loyalty, and the complex nature of human relationships. The day serves as a solemn reminder of the frailty of human nature and the capacity for betrayal even within close circles. Our Senior Associate Pastor, Pastor Medas, will share a homily that evening at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary around that theme before we celebrate the Eucharist together.

One of the notable aspects of Spy Wednesday is the reading of the Gospel account of the anointing at Bethany. In this story, a woman pours expensive perfume on Jesus' head, anointing Him for burial. The juxtaposition of this act of love and devotion with Judas' betrayal adds layers of depth to the narrative, prompting believers to reflect on the contrast between selfless love and deceit.

As Christians move through Holy Week, Spy Wednesday acts as a powerful prelude to the transformative events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and, ultimately, the celebration of Easter. It invites believers to contemplate the profound sacrifice of Christ and the complexity of human choices, fostering a deeper understanding of the redemptive narrative that unfolds in the Christian faith.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. The term “Maundy” is derived from the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning commandment, referencing Jesus' commandment to love one another as he loved them. This momentous evening is marked by the institution of the Eucharist and the act of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, symbolizing humility, and service. Jesus gave the call to his disciples that evening to “go and do likewise”

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Sacred Pathways

A Lenten study based on the book
by Gary Thomas.

How do you best connect with God?

Who, in the Bible, connects the same way?

How do others connect with God?

Find out Wednesdays, Feb. 21 – Mar. 20,
at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Join us for Soup Suppers
beginning at 5:30 p.m.
each Wednesday night in Fellowship Hall.

Holy Week

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commissioning them to go into the world to serve God by serving others.

In churches worldwide, Maundy Thursday services often include the reenactment of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, and the observance of the Lord's Supper. It is a time for believers to reflect on the profound love and sacrifice demonstrated by Jesus, setting the stage for the somber events of Good Friday. That evening at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, our clergy, chaplains, elders, and trustees will reconfirm their call to Christian service. All are invited to this sacred service, featuring special readings, prayer, testimonies, reflection, a foot-washing demonstration, Holy Communion, and music.

Good Friday invites us to pray the path of Christ's passion and crucifixion through a journey down the *vio delarosa*. 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary, we will participate in this devotional practice, which traces the journey of Jesus from his condemnation to his burial, pausing at specific times to reflect on the events leading to his death and to pray together. This prayer time offers a profound way to meditate on the depth of Christ's sacrifice and the path of redemption and to remember those in the church today who face suffering and persecution around the world.

Good Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, we will hold a Tenebrae service. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth as he suffered death upon the cross. Our Worship Minister, Kevin Paxton, and the choir will lead us in this solemn service.

In a world filled with constant noise, bustling activities, and the ever-present hum of technology, finding moments of quiet reflection can be a rare treasure. Silent Saturday, also known as the Holy Saturday or Black Saturday in some Christian traditions, is one such day dedicated to introspection, prayer, and a deliberate pause in the midst of life's busyness.

From 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, the Sanctuary will be open for a personal time of profound stillness, as it commemorates the time when Jesus lay in the tomb after his crucifixion. It serves as a bridge between the sorrow of Good Friday and the joyous celebration of Easter, inviting believers to enter into a sacred space of contemplation. Self-led devotional booklets will be available upon entering the Sanctuary.

The essence of Silent Saturday lies in its call to silence – a deliberate and purposeful hush that encourages individuals to turn inward, reflecting on the events of Good Friday and anticipating the resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a time to confront the weight of sorrow, loss, and the unknown, mirroring the disciples' experience as they grappled with the absence of Jesus.

In essence, Silent Saturday is a sacred interlude, a brief but profound pause in the Easter narrative. It invites individuals to explore the depths of their spirituality, fostering a connection with the divine and a renewed sense of purpose. As the world around us continues to buzz with activity, Silent Saturday stands as a timeless reminder to seek solace in silence, allowing for a more profound and meaningful experience of life's journey.

Easter Sunday begins with our Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. at Clubhouse Beach, followed by our 8:30 a.m. blended service, 9:45 a.m. Traditional service, and 11 a.m. Contemporary service.

As we approach these sacred days, let us take the time to engage in meaningful reflection, prayer, and worship. Each of these special, sacred services provides opportunities to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith and draw closer to the heart of the Easter message.

May your Holy Week be filled with moments of reverence, gratitude, and spiritual growth.

Easter Blessings,



T.E.A.M. Sunday update...

Pastor Colson and the Board of Elders have challenged the congregation to celebrate the Jubilee Year of the Lake of the Woods Church by becoming an active TEAM member. TEAM – Teaching, Evangelizing, Activating Art, and Missioning is all about participation, using your God-given talents to further the mission of the Church, To Know Christ and Make Christ Known.

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10 NRSV

Where to participate and how to use your talents can be intimidating for some. TEAM Sunday was an opportunity for congregants to meet the Elders of the different ministries in a fun, casual environment and start to become aware of opportunities to participate within the Church. Each Elder had a table in the gathering place displaying their ministries and were present before, in between and after services to meet people and answer questions.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NRSV

Common reactions were a general surprise at just how many ministry opportunities there are. Each ministry has opportunities with different level of commitments that allow participants to determine how involved they want to be from one half hour a quarter to weekly involvement. Some may be concerned on the impact to their current busy schedules, but rest assured that each ministry is ready to meet you where you currently are.

“But Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” Then the Lord said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” Exodus 4:10-12 NRSV

“I can’t do that” or “that seems pretty complicated” was a common response but understand each ministry has been blessed with great teachers who will help you and remember Moses, God will provide and equip you.

So what do I do now? As you prayerfully consider how

God is calling you and you would like to learn more you can talk with any Elder and they will be happy to connect you. You can communicate with any Elder by going to the Church Website, lowchurch.org, and to the “About” and then Board of Elders and Trustee page, <https://www.lowchurch.org/elders-trustees/>, and click on the picture of the Elder you would like to contact and you will be able to send an email to that Elder.

“Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus... make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20-21 NSRV



Bob Harbick, the Adult Education Elder, proudly displaying his T.E.A.M. spirit.



Beth Richards, the Youth Elder, discussing available volunteer opportunities.

Message from the Board of Elders

Celebrating Jubilee: embracing growth, service, and transformation

50^{YEARS} JUBILEE

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2024 is off to a great start. We are blessed to be able to celebrate our 50th year, our Jubilee, and set the course for the next 50 years. Knowing Christ is foundational to our walking in the Lord. Our journey on Route 66, our study of the 66 books of the Bible, is teaching valuable truths on the Wisdom Highway found in Proverbs. The Lenten series on Sacred Pathways has stimulated our thinking about our spiritual temperaments and encouraged us to discover our Gethsemane. Joining a Home Group, Small Group, or a Bible study also increases Knowing Christ.

As we desire to be part of Making Christ Known, we are encouraged to become part of the T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Evangelizing, Actuating Art, Missioning). Our initial T.E.A.M. Day event was on February 4th and was well received. Many of you signed up for volunteer opportunities. In future months, we will host ministry-focused T.E.A.M. events to introduce you to the full scope of our ministries. There will be many opportunities for you to serve, especially as we enter the busy summer months, with all the youth and children's

activities and mission trips. This year, we will do a multi-generational mission trip to the Navajo Nation. Look for more details regarding these opportunities over the next few weeks.

The lease for the Outreach Center was signed. We took possession of it on March 1st. For the next couple of months, we will be busy with the build-out to prepare for our ministry opportunities. On another point, we have been working diligently on the elevator and other projects, which we now call Jubilee Enhancements. We intend to present the plan during all three services on March 17th, which is also RISE Sunday. Watch for more details.

God is at work in His church, so we need to be prepared to join Him. Are you ready?

In Him we have our being,
John Gingrich, Chairman

Meet our Assistant Treasurer

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Assistant Treasurer
Olin Greene

**Young Families
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 24
1 P.M. TO 2 P.M.
Meet in Friendship Hall**



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T.E.A.M. in Action

Embracing the joy of worship: Serving with spirit and truth at The Lake of the Woods Church

Jesus says in John 4:23-24 *“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”*

God’s Word is proclaimed through many faithful hearts and hands. In addition to the exceptional work of our dedicated pastors, ministers, and professional and administrative staff, worship at the Lake of the Woods Church (LOWC) is richly blessed by the service of many volunteers.

The Elder for Worship is responsible for and oversees the following worship related ministries primarily supported by the service of volunteers: *(1) the Chancel choir; (2) Blended and Contemporary Praise Teams; (3) the Flower Guild; (4) scheduling lay readers; (5) alter preparation and care; (6) ushers; (7) audio and video technicians; (8) communion preparation, set-up and clean-up; (9) holiday decorations; (10) praise banner maintenance and display; and (11) candle maintenance.*

The Elder for Worship works closely with Senior Pastor Colson and Worship Minister Paxton, planning and overseeing Sunday morning worship services, Wednesday evening eu-

charist services, and special Christmas and Easter services and cantatas. The 9:45 Traditional service and the 11:00 Contemporary services are recorded and streamed so those who cannot attend worship in person can worship online. The effectiveness of our services is continually monitored through congregational feedback and Board of Elders oversight.

Worship Minister Paxton oversees and directs all worship related music. He also recruits, trains, and manages a volunteer technology team responsible for operating the sound board, video projection, and camera operation, all essential for in-person and steamed worship services. Moreover, he oversees the procurement and maintenance of all the equipment needed to support worship at (LOWC).

The Elder for Worship is responsible for establishing and managing a yearly budget for worship related expenses. Importantly, volunteers supervised by Worship Minister Paxton have given their time and talents to make significant infrastructure enhancements in the Worship Center and Sanctuary at minimal cost to our church. Psalm 100:1-2 reminds us how to worship: *“Shout for joy to the Lord and worship the Lord with gladness.”*



Experience the Revitalized Worship Center: A testament to teamwork and vision

If you are not an attendee of the 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. services, you should stop to see the refreshed Worship Center. Thanks to the hard work of TEAM members listed below, and the creative vision of our Worship Minister, Kevin Paxton, the worship center is displaying a new look featuring new paint, a wondrous Lighted Cross fabricated by Frank Kalder, and frosted windows creating a modern but solemn atmosphere. This design is also more “camera friendly,” creating a higher quality picture and further enhancing the online worship experience. All this was accomplished in one week, between

Sundays, with no service interruption. Many thanks to the **TEAM of Biff Glidden, Bill Fetzer, Jeff Woosley, Jim Ryan, Mike Neely, Dave Blackistone, Frank Kalder, Erich Wachendorf, and Steve Mittleberg.**

Knowing Christ...



Putting Love into Action: join us for Home Helps weekend

A single mom receives a \$700 electric bill. Another woman receives a \$175 water bill. A branch falls and pierces the roof and ceiling of a room in a single woman's home.

People in need – people coming to Home Helps for assistance.

One woman we served wrote, “Home helps together with LOW Church goes beyond the call of reaching out to help those in need and give a helping hand in our worse times. They make you feel you belong and are part of the house of the Lord.”

“...let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

Love manifested by action is life-changing for the recipient and the giver.

Our next Home Helps mission weekend is on April 19 and 20. The format is similar to previous years. We will meet at the church at 8:15 on that Friday and Saturday to pray and divide into teams. Teams of 2 – 6 people will proceed to homes to clean, repair, rake, paint, build, install, whatever is needed, and to listen and share! Teams will return to the church for lunch and to share the morning's experiences. Afternoon work should end by 4:30.

Will you put your love into action? Registration will be held in the Gathering Place on March 10 and 17, or you may register on line at lowchurch.org.

Identifying home owners who need help is not always easy. If you know someone who needs help with home projects please contact Dave Blackistone, 540-972-3555 or dblackistone1@verizon.net. The ministry will pay for all materials used.

Overflowing Gratitude: LifeSpring baby bottle donations soar



We extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support through the LifeSpring baby bottle donations! Your response to our call to fill these bottles with your spare change has been truly remarkable. We've been overwhelmed by the variety of contributions received, from coins and dollar bills to generous checks and even unexpected \$100 bills!

Thanks to your generosity, we've successfully collected an impressive total of \$2,428.97. And with the additional blessing of a matching gift from an anonymous donor, our final sum nearly doubles to almost \$5,000. This outpouring of support is invaluable for LifeSpring Pregnancy Center, which relies solely on community contributions without any government backing. Every cent donated plays a crucial role in supporting their vital services.

We give all glory to God for the success of this initiative and for inspiring such generosity in our community. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in need!



SERVING WOMEN. NO COST. NO JUDGMENT.

Missions update...

Celebrating eight years of impact: The thriving journey of the Living Water Community Clinic

The Living Water Community Clinic (Clinic) is in its eighth year providing free medical, dental, emotional, and spiritual care to eligible patients in Orange, Spotsylvania, and Culpeper counties. This past year, the Clinic saw continued growth. The Clinic's patient population increased by 47%, programs were added, new partnerships were built, numbers of volunteers increased, hours of operation increased, and our donor base grew.

In 2023, the medical and dental clinics provided care to almost 100 patients for 300 visits. The dental clinic added a denture program, providing dentures to patients who have had bad, little, or no teeth for years. In 2023, Burns Dentistry (a local dentist's office) joined the dental clinic in providing care and adding an extra dental clinic per month.

The medical clinic added more providers, nurses, and other volunteers to ensure the Clinic could continue to grow and provide excellent quality care to patients. The medical clinic opened an additional day per week for patient care. In addition, the Clinic opened an additional three days per week providing administrative assistance to patients for eligibility and questions.

We thank all who support the Clinic through prayer, volunteerism, and financial assistance. We could not take care of our patients without the generosity of so many who make it possible to take care of our medical and dental patients.

Notably, a recent medical patient needed a critical surgical procedure, but he did not have insurance. Complicating this, his blood pressure was critically high, making him ineligible for the operation unless it came under control. After working with him for several weeks, his blood pressure came down to an acceptable range, and through our partnered facilities he was able to have his surgery, is doing well and back to work. He said, *"I could not have gotten this surgery without the help and care of this Clinic."*

One of our new dental patients recently called to tell us, *"I have been thinking about this all day. The light of God is shining on me, you, and the volunteers at the dental clinic. Last evening was the most pleasant experience I have ever had in a*

dental office. The young lady that worked on me was wonderful. Thank you so much!"

Thank you to all for continuing to support the Clinic.

Prayer for Missions

Gracious Father, we pray for our missionary partners in India this month. We ask for protection as they minister in the face of great persecution. Change the hearts and transform the lives of those among whom they serve. Guide your people to support their work of making Christ known that he may draw many to himself.

Amen

Living Water Community Clinic

4th Annual Golf Tournament

April 19, 2024



At
**Lake of the Woods
Golf Course**



A mission of



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Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

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REGISTRATION AT
WWW.LIVINGWATERCLINIC.LIFE**

T.E.A.M. upcoming events...

Calendar for church activities for the next 90 days...

MAR	APRIL	MAY
9 Men's Chili Cook Off 24 Easter Egg Hunt @ 1 p.m. 28 Maunday Thursday Service @ 7 p.m. 29 Vio Delarosa Prayer devotional @ 9 a.m. 29 Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m. 30 Holy Saturday Prayer Sanctuary @ 8 a.m. 31 EASTER service times: 7 a.m. Sunrise @ The Point 8:30 a.m. Blended 9:45 a.m. Traditional 11 a.m. Contemporary	16 TRIAD Conference 19 LWCC Golf Tournament 19/20 Home Helps Work Weekend 27 Women's Retreat	3 Blue Ridge Chorale @ 7:30 p.m. 4 Go Ye Therefore Banquet @ 6 p.m. 19 Confirmation Sunday @ 9:45 a.m.

Visit www.lowchurch.org for further details and registrations.



Friday Prayer Service
9 a.m. Sanctuary

For more information contact
 Mike and Linda Green at mlkkjj@msn.com
 All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Celebrate
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 at

50 YEARS JUBILEE
 LAKE OF THE WOODS CHURCH
Teaching, Encouraging, Awakened, Moving
Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

Easter Services:
 7 a.m., Lake of the Woods - Clubhouse Point
 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m.,
 The Lake of the Woods Church

Join us in embracing different support groups and assist a new ministry in Congregational Care

GriefShare®

Our new Grief Share program has started with the leaders learning the new program. All new video series with new authorities and people who have experienced loss. The videos are shorter so that they enable our participants to have more time to discuss the materials in small groups. Even though the videos are not as long, the quality of the films is excellent. The Lake of the Woods Church is on its 24th year with Grief Share. If you are grieving the loss of a love one or know of someone who is grieving a loss, contact Pastor Lemay at 540-972-9060 or mike@lowchurch.org for more information. Next session starts Monday February 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Founders Room.

We would like to welcome our Grief Share leadership team, Marsha Wood. Marsha is a Hospice Nurse and has been through our Grief Share program. She has a caring heart for this ministry and wanted to offer her expertise on grief and loss. Our team is so glad to have her.



Is now in session, if you are separated or divorced and feel the need to be with others who share your loneliness, anguish, and hopelessness, then Divorce Care is for you. Divorce Care meets on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM in the Founders Room. Participants' books are provided at no cost and no registration fees.

Van Ministry



Need A Ride To Church?

We are looking for people to drive the RCB vans to special events at the church. We need drivers and driver assistants to help with people who cannot drive to church, especially people with disabilities and homebound.

If you are interested in this wonderful ministry, contact: Jim Flood at 540-972-1361 or Mike Lemay by email at: mike@lowchurch.org or call the church at 540-972-9060.



THRIVE BEYOND 55

Orange County Triad invites you to our health, safety, and crime prevention conference specifically designed for citizens 55 & older. There will be presentations throughout the day and several vendors that provide resources and services to our senior community. Admission is free and lunch is provided as well. We look forward to seeing you!

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Time: 9 AM – 3 PM

Location: Low of the Woods Church

Please register in advance by either emailing your full name to OCTriad@gmail.com or call 540-661-6156 and leave your full name and a contact number. Deadline for Registration is April 2, 2024

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- 1 GIVE BY MAIL (OR DROP OFF)**
(Cash, Check)
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Locust Grove, VA 22508
- 2 GIVE ONLINE**
(Checking, Debit/Credit)
www.lowchurch.org/give
- 3 GIVE BY TEXT MESSAGE**
(Checking, Debit/Credit)
Text "GIVE" and any amount to
540-625-1492

The logo for Lake of the Woods Church, featuring a stylized tree and the text "LAKE OF THE WOODS CHURCH".

March Birthdays

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| 1 Joan Black | 16 Bill Frazer |
| Rebecca Craft | 17 Joan Brown |
| Stephanie Santana | 18 Kaili Adams |
| 2 Barbara Edwards | Olive Kelly-Tatum |
| 3 Bud Moody | 19 Ann Rossi |
| Rachel Pellegreen | Janet Bocook |
| 4 Phoenix Embrey | 20 Joseph Wilson |
| 5 Albert Sprouse | 21 Myrna Dunn |
| Harold Wood | Rebecca Slagle |
| Jordan DeMarco | 21 William Lanier |
| Mary Hartzel | 23 Curtis Phillips |
| 6 Cynthia Scott | Denise Ferneyhough |
| James Taah | Peg Grella |
| Susan Cottoms | Samantha Milligan |
| 7 Rebekah Roberts | 24 Alison Merrell |
| 8 David Gazzetta | Shannon Cangelosi |
| Tom Schafer | 26 Joyce Haring |
| 9 Thomas Seary | 27 Gary Schwartz |
| 11 Debbie DeNicola | Karlee Thomson |
| Henrick Thode | Rhonda Richard |
| 12 Emily Stephan | 28 Eldon Doubet |
| Tony DeMarco | 29 David Blackistone |
| Warren Reder | Jamie Boheim |
| 13 Philip Herron | 30 Gayla Crow |
| Randy Royce | Jeanette Embrey |
| 14 Henry Altman | Kayla Gajdosik |
| Kevin Thomson | Kerry Sipe |
| Lyle McWhirt | Shirley Pfile |
| 15 Cyrus O'Hara | Terry Thompson |
| 16 Ellen Schwartz | Wayne Biggs |
| Greg Martin | 31 James Ogletree |
| Kristen Ulrey | Julie Shipe |
| Susanne Breckenridge-
Helsel | |

March Anniversaries

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| 1 Gideon & Loriane
Abasontey | 16 Brandon & Jamie Allen
Richard & Olive Kelly-
Tatum |
| 2 Larry & Renee Graves | 21 Don & Audrey Borja |
| 3 James & Mary Virginia
Fulton | 24 Edward & Ann Rossi |
| 6 Matthew & Christy West | 26 William & Sandra
Wemmerus |
| 8 Lee & Alison Merrell | |
| 11 Robert & Janice Mackes | 30 Greg & Julie Soukenik |



Please remember in your prayers the following members of our congregation who are ill or in the hospital:

Heather Austin
Mark Blattert
Lindsay Cole
Carl Cornwell
Susan Dyer
Olivia Knights
Greg Leitz
Janice Mackes
Rick Nelson
Dave O'Hara
Selena Rave
Shelly Seymour
Beth Sundberg
Henrick Thode

Steve Bell
Connie Chapin
Johanna Colson
Danny Delongis
Joyce Hetrick
Carol Lee
Bud Lewis
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Tom & Lois Northam
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