



Lakewood CHURCH

December 2, 2018

TODAY

Speaker: Brian Erickson

Jesus' Birth

Luke 2:1-20

9:00 & 10:45 AM - Worship Services
& Sunday Classes

12 PM - ABC 5/6 Lunch Out

12:15 PM - Costa Rica Team Meeting

*Gluten free wafers are available as
the plates are passed for the Lord's
Supper today.*

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 12/4

9:15 AM-3:00 PM - Sewing for Missions

9:30-10:30 AM - Prayer

Wednesday, 12/5

5:00-6:15 PM - Meal: Pizza & Salad

6:45-8:00 PM - Programming for
All Ages

Thursday, 12/6

7 PM - 30 Below

Friday, 12/7

6:30 AM - Men's Bible Study

Saturday, 12/8

Hurricane Florence Mobilize Team
Leaves

10 AM-12 PM - LSM Worship Workshop

1-4 PM - Shamineau Community
Christmas Celebration

*Details for these events and other
ongoing activities are listed inside.*

OUR MISSION

*Reproducing Faithful
Followers of Christ*

UPCOMING

December

9 - Food Drive Begins

9 - Sara Groves Concert

9 - ABC 5/6 Dinner Out

15 - Women's Breakfast

15 - ABC 4 Christmas Party

16 - Last Day of Sunday Classes

16 - Teen Challenge leads Worship

19 - Last Night of Wednesday
Programming

23 - Bible & Book Drive Begins

24 - Christmas Eve Services

24 - Lakewood Office Closes at Noon

25 - Lakewood Office Closed

SARA GROVES CONCERT

We are really excited to have Sara Groves at Lakewood! Christmas concerts are a perfect opportunity to invite those who don't know Jesus to hear about Him. The concert will be next Sunday, December 9 at 4 PM with a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Seating will be limited. To pick up tickets, visit the table in the Foyer today! You can also stop by or call the Lakewood Office, 829-7251.

ALL CHURCH INFO

Children's Ministry Director Search

We are excited to host the CM Director Candidate next Sunday, December 9. Join us for a Meet & Greet with Barb Filiatrault after the second service in the Chapel. Barb currently resides in the Twin Cities, has served on staff and volunteer roles in a large EFCA church, and currently teaches preschool at a Christian daycare. For more information continue to check lakewoodfc.com/news.

Community Food Drive

The needs are great in our community, especially around the holidays so we want to bless our community by helping with basic food needs. Next Sunday, December 9, we will hand out bags for you to put food and pantry items in for the Salvation Army, Central Lakes College Pantry and Lakewood's food shelf. If you have a food donation or need additional bags, you can visit the Missions Corner.

Angel Tree

Angel Tree tags are available on the tree in the Foyer today for those who wish to purchase a gift for a child through the Salvation Army program. Take a child's tag, buy a gift and drop it off unwrapped by Friday, December 7 to the Salvation Army Office at 208 South Fifth Street in Brainerd.

Camp Shamineau Community Christmas Celebration

Camp Shamineau invites you and your family to the 15th Annual Community Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 8 from 1-4 PM. This is a FREE event. Enjoy hay rides, wreath making, pony rides, climbing wall, zip line, photos with Santa, campfire donuts and much more! Camp Shamineau is located 4 miles south of Motley. For more information, call 218-575-2240.

ALL CHURCH INFO

Thanksgiving Offering for Habitat

THANK YOU for your generous Thanksgiving donations toward our Habitat for Humanity build in June. Donations totaled \$5,362.01.

Elder Table

The Elders would like to invite you to visit the table in the Foyer today to pick up a Lakewood Staff Christmas card. They are also collecting donations for Christmas gifts for the Pastors and Staff.

Wildfire Response in Paradise, California

In light of the devastation that has happened in Paradise, California we wanted to give you the opportunity to help. Donate online by clicking the Wildfire Response banner at lakewoodfc.com or send a check with **Paradise CA Fire Response 21709-39286** in the memo line to:

EFCA

901 E. 78th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55420

ADULTS

ABC 5/6 Lunch Out

Join us today for lunch and fellowship after the second service at Señor Patron Mexican Cuisine in downtown Brainerd. Contact Miriam, 963-4795.

ABC 5/6 Concert & Dinner Out

Please join us next Sunday, December 9 at 4 PM for the Sara Groves concert followed by dinner at Olive Garden. You will need to pick up your concert tickets today in the Foyer or call the Office, 829-7251. After the concert we will enjoy dinner at Olive Garden from the regular menu. Please RSVP to Miriam Olson, 963-4795 by Thursday, December 6. Leave a message if necessary.

ADULTS

30 Below

Meet with us each week on Thursday at 7 PM in Segway for fellowship and Bible study. Check the 30 Below Facebook page for any last minute changes. Contact Mark, 820-7024 or Alisa, 820-5552.

MEN

Men's Bible Study

Studying Scripture with others is vital to spiritual growth. All men are invited to study the book of Romans on Friday mornings at 6:30 AM in the Prayer Room. Contact Chuck, 829-1363 or Dave, 320-491-2700.

WOMEN

Women's Breakfast

All women are welcome to join us at the Sawmill Inn for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, December 15 at 9 AM. Contact Lucy, 829-5991.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Church Grounds

We are in need of 4-6 people to shovel snow on Sunday mornings. You can sign up in the Foyer or contact Barb, 829-7251; bgmeinder@lefcmail.com.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Winter Reminder

Here at Lakewood we do our best to keep the sidewalks and Parking Lot clean and safe during our winter months. Please be mindful that there can still be slick spots and we ask that you proceed cautiously between your vehicle and the buildings.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year To Date Budget	\$	1,460,405.65
Year To Date Giving	\$	1,305,851.92
Last Week's Giving	\$	21,049.06
Weekly Need	\$	31,072.47

25% of all General Fund giving goes to Missions

Information on Digital Giving is available at the Welcome Desk or lakewoodfc.com.

MISSIONS

Missionary of the Month

Mark Ritchie serves with Timber Bay. For more information about his ministry, stop by the Missions Corner to read his bio and pick up his latest prayer letter.

Short-Term Mission Opportunities

- **New Orleans** – February 9-16, 2019. This team will serve with John and Wendy Gerhardt. Application deadline is December 17.
- **Alaska** – April 27-May 5, 2019. This team will serve with Brent & Ashley Kilmer at Echo Ranch Bible Camp. Come for an Info Meeting on Sunday, January 6 at 10:20 AM in the Prayer Room to learn more about serving on this team.

Contact Pastor Dave,
dbostrom@lefcmail.com.

Pray for Short-Term Missions

- Hurricane Florence Mobilize Team – through December 16
- Abi Boberg in Republic of Georgia – through December 2018

Sewing for Missions

Join us for great fellowship while you sew for Lakewood, community, and Congo needs on Tuesdays from 9:15 AM-3:00 PM in the Church Basement. Please bring your own lunch. All skill levels are needed and if you would like to sew from home, contact Sharon, 831-7494.

Join us for Prayer

Come join us for prayer on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Prayer Room. We pray for our families, church leadership, and missionaries, as well as our community, schools, nation and the world. Contact Barb, 330-6686.

CHILDREN

Pass the Faith: The Family Blessing

Parents, you can make a profound difference in the lives of your children through the simple daily act of pronouncing a blessing over them. Some benefits that come from speaking a blessing over your child include the following: it points to God as the source of all blessing; it focuses on both present needs and future hopes; it communicates your desire for your child to grow spiritually; it is a reminder of God's presence, His strength and His goodness that brings comfort and reassurance; and it strengthens the emotional bond between parent and child.

Advent Resources

Today is the first day of Advent. To encourage parents to observe this special season with their children, we have **free** Advent resources available at the entrance to the Children's Wing. These resources are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure to stop by and check them out before they're gone!

Pumped-Up on the Move

This coming Wednesday, December 5, Pumped-Up boys will be meeting in Segway (basement of the Lakewood Office), instead of at Baxter School. Please drop off and pick up your son at Lakewood.

LAKWOOD STUDENT MINISTRIES/LSM

LSM Worship Practice Date Change!

The LSM Worship team will practice this Saturday, December 8 in the Great Hall from 10 AM-12 PM. Please bring your worship folder and your instrument. New members are welcome! Contact Jordan, jerickson@lefcmail.com.

LSM Lifeguard Christmas Party

It's only two weeks until our Lifeguard Christmas party on Sunday, December 16 from 12:30-4:00 PM. Lifeguards and their families are invited for a time of sharing food, fellowship and fun at the home of Kellie Strong, 14364 Shoreview Drive in Baxter. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share and a white elephant gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Ice skating will be available weather permitting. Contact Kellie, 838-0573.

LSM Refuel Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for the LSM Christmas party on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM in the Great Hall. Please wear an ugly sweater, bring a PEANUT FREE snack to share and come for a night of fellowship, games, music and fun. This will be our last night of Wednesday programming until January 9.