



# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

*Thinking with Christ's Mind ♦ Loving with Christ's Heart ♦ Serving with Christ's Hands*

## A Message from Pastor Joy



Dear Lakewood Family,

November and giving thanks always go together in my mind since we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of the month. I've noticed that others, also inspired by the holiday, make it a point to focus on giving thanks throughout the month with things like "30 Days of Gratitude" posts on social media where each day they post about something for which they're grateful.

I love having a holiday and a season that reminds us to practice giving thanks because I know I often plow through the tasks, and the challenges, and even the joys of the day without pausing to be thankful and when I fail to practice giving thanks, I miss out on the benefits!

Here are a few of the benefits of giving thanks:  
When I give thanks to God, my relationship with God grows as I recognize that God truly is watching out for me and providing what I need.

When I give thanks, I feel a greater sense of peace and contentment. What I don't have seems less significant when I remember all that I do have.

When I give thanks, I am more motivated to be generous and compassionate because I recognize that I have been blessed so that I can be a blessing to others.

There are certainly times when it feels harder to give thanks than others. In those times it does help to know that despite our circumstances, God is always good, always full of love for us, and always working for the good of those who love God (Romans 8:28).



## November Newsletter

In November, pick a friend to share daily thanksgiving texts with. Do a daily Facebook post about what you thankful to God for. Keep a daily gratitude journal. Let's make it a point to give thanks and expect to experience the blessings of God.

The peace of Christ be with you all,  
Pastor Joy

## Coming Soon!

	<p><b>Lucille Hart Fund</b></p> <p>Named for a former LPC member, the Lucille Hart Fund was created as a partnership between LPC and Pine Forest Elementary to provide new clothing and shoes to children starting the school year who have needs and limited resources. Coordinated by our Outreach Ministry, children are given gift cards and taken on a shopping trip by school personnel.</p>
<p><b>Sulzbacher</b></p> <p>Sulzbacher is Northeast Florida's largest provider of comprehensive services for the homeless. This includes street outreach, daily meals, emergency housing, case management support, veteran services, job placement assistance, as well as permanent supportive housing, and a therapeutic early learning center. Medical, dental, and mental health care are available. They serve 1,500 meals a day.</p>	



# November 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE : 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School : 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Youth Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church: During Worship (not on Communion Sundays)

Adult Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



## Music Notes

As November approaches, I am excited that our music groups are in full rehearsal for the Christmas Season. Our LPC Handbells will be playing on November 21<sup>st</sup> with some new and exciting music. The Chancel Choir continues to work on new music as well as our Christmas Cantata. The LPC Band is working on new music and will be taking part in our worship service. It is an exciting time at Lakewood musically and we are so blessed with those who are taking part.

If you would like to join us, please let me know. We need all voices and prefer you to have experience singing in a church choir. I will be glad to talk with you if interested. Our rehearsal times are:

LPC Handbells – Tuesday at 1:30 pm  
 LPC Chancel Choir – Wednesday at 6:30 pm  
 LPC Band – Tuesday at 5:30 (Varies)

Thanks to all those who are participating and support us here at Lakewood. I am looking forward to the upcoming season of beautiful music!

In love and appreciation,  
 Tony

## Youth Group

**November 7: Serve in Worship & Movie Trip.** Brian will be preaching on this day. Youth will serve in worship as liturgists and then go for lunch and a movie. There is a tradition of seeing Marvel movies, so the plan now is to see Eternals. (That can be renegotiated.) Return to church approx. 3:30 p.m. They will need money for lunch and the movie. Please speak to Brian if that is an issue.

**November 14: CROP WALK @ 2:00 p.m.** Youth will form a LPC youth group team to take part in the 2021 Crop Walk. The idea is that they agree to take part in the walk and represent LPC. They will ask LPC members to sponsor them. The money raised helps those who are in need. Part of the funds raised will go toward UCOM, our local food pantry. Let's make the LPC team as big as possible. This is their service project for November. They will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. The tradition is to visit Marble Slab afterwards. That tradition WILL continue. If they walk, Brian gets the Ice Cream.

**November 21: Picture Scavenger Hunt** This is becoming an annual event. This year we will have different pictures from different angles. Youth will be in teams of 2 and will be given pictures of the church from weird angles. Their job is to find where the pics were taken. Prizes for the highest scores. Devotion time will be about seeing the world from a different angle as followers of Jesus. There will also be GAME TIME. There will be lunch for those who come from worship. Bring \$3 for lunch if you can.

**November 28: Thanksgiving Break** There will be no Youth Gathering. Youth will enjoy their Thanksgiving Break.

## Congregational Meeting

On **Sunday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m.**, there will be a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. The agenda will include voting for the Elder Nominees. Currently the nominees are Stan Pilinski, Dana Jewell, Tom Vermilya, Catie Wallace, Debbie Wallace, Frank Wood, and Karen Green.

**Remember! Daylight Savings Time ends November 7!**



## Youth Sunday School Program:

**Youth Sunday School (Sunday's Cool):** Held in the Youth Hut 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School:** Sunday School for elementary age children will be held in the "Penguin" preschool classroom from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

## November Birthdays

Kimberly Fishman, 11/1  
Natalie Choate, 11/3  
Garren Succi, 11/7  
Matt Morgan, 1/11  
Ed Farhat, 11/17  
Vickie Robinson, 11/18  
Joy Atkins, 11/24  
Barbara Milano, 11/25  
Fran Barrett, 11/27  
Zachary Mills, 11/29

Dylan Paylor, 11/1  
Carlos Mosquera, 11/4  
Ronda Kley, 11/12  
Kathy Saig, 11/15  
Chuck Mitchell, 11/18  
Alan York, 11/18  
Ruth McCall, 11/25  
Bill Walker, 11/26  
Mark Stater, Jr., 11/27

## November Anniversaries

Rita & Carlos Mosquera, 11/1  
Ronda & Bill Kley, 11/3  
Mary & Tom Abboud, 11/5  
Candace & Ben Robinson, 11/10  
Lynn & Tom Vermilya, 11/12  
Marty & Michael Succi, 11/25  
Brad & Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones, 11/28  
Barbara & Ken Van Landingham, 11/30

*We thank God for you! If your special day was missed, help us update our records by e-mailing [Sara Maguire at sara@lpcjax.org](mailto:Sara.Maguire@sara@lpcjax.org).*

## Thank You

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the many cards, calls and delicious food received from our church family. Thank you for being there when we needed your support. We are blessed to have amazing friends like you as we navigate this period of loss.

Love, The Eisinger family

## SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

November 7: Judy Phillips  
November 14 – 28: Cornucopia

**DON'T FORGET TO DONATE TO THE TURKEY FUND!**

## Short Term Bible Study

We all want to know the "trick" that will produce church growth. What's the plan or magic strategy that will inspire people to trust Jesus and join our fellowship? What if there is no "trick" or "magic bullet?" What if attracting people to our Lord, our faith, and our church is as simple as having a real and growing relationship with God of our own that is naturally attractive to others? What if investing in our personal spiritual growth is the first step to church growth? Part Bible study, part spiritual development journey, part strategic thinking and planning, "Unbinding the Gospel" is a 7-week small group study for anyone who wants to deepen his faith and expand his influence as a person who can help others move closer to a relationship with God and/or into Christian community. Pastor Joy will lead the group discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Benz Hall.

## MISSION CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21,  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- CRAFTS
- BAKE SALE
- FOOD TRUCK

Come shop & benefit our missions!

## November Little Women

Little Women need your help! They are putting together a basket of gift cards for the silent auction for Christmas Under the Oaks Gala at Montgomery Conference Center. If you would like to donate gift cards, please put them in the collection plate on Sundays. The Little Women will be shopping for gift cards and constructing the basket with all donated funds for their November project (November 19<sup>th</sup>). Thank you for your continued support!

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