

# Midweek News

*You Are Invited...To Participate In a Move of God!*

**December 17, 2025**

## Praise & Prayer Requests

Gerard Winkle was admitted to Munson hospital due to chest pains. He is doing better but was kept overnight and had a stress test is scheduled. Please be praying for him!

### Prayers for ongoing illnesses:

Gail Johnson

Wendy Stevens

### Mission Partners:

Mike & Missie Anscomb

Josh & Mandy Shaarda

Community Hope

Mission India

Crystal Bartlett

Veronica Ramos

Friends Ministry

World Orphans

Matt & Emily Slack

## Contact Us!

Give us a call for more information about our meetings and ministries:

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Facebook

## Upcoming Events

December 17: Kingdom Kids, GEMS, & Cadets  
@ 6:30pm

December 17: Jr. High Riptide @ 6:30pm

December 18: MomCo @ 9am

December 21: Prayer Partners @ 9am

December 21: Morning Worship @ 10am

December 21 : **NO** Connections

December 21: **NO** Youth or Adult Connections

December 21: The Current @ 4pm

December 21: Entrusted Parenting Class @ 4pm

December 23: Men's Breakfast @ 9am

December 23: Ladies' Bible Study @ 10am

Christmas  
Eve

4:30pm  
&  
6:30pm

December  
**24**

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## LCCRC Happenings & Information:

### **Sunday at LCCRC! Advent Message Series—In Search of the King**

**Bring Your Best**—The Magi did not come to worship Jesus empty-handed. They brought gifts. But why did they choose to bring them at all and before they even knew what they would find? What is the significance of these three gifts? We like to give gifts to others, too, often because we want to express our love and appreciation for them. But what can we bring to Jesus the King?

**The Current Jr. High (9th-12th) Riptide Night: Wednesday, December 17, 6:30pm:** Plan on a connection activity, spiritual disciples activity, Gospel stories and games! Sr. High Riptide will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in The Rock! Contact Wes at wes@lakecitycrc.org.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** will be at 4:30pm and 6:30pm. We invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! The 4:30pm service will be live streamed. Nursery for infant to 3 years old will be provided at the 4:30pm service. You are encouraged to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Invitations are available at the Information Desk.

**Christmas Eve Serving Opportunities:** Greeters and Candlelighters are needed for each of our Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to offer this gift of service, please contact the church office at office@lakecitycrc.org.

**2026 Family Prayer Calendars:** Children's Ministry to happy to provide 2026 Family Prayer Calendars! These 2026 Family Prayer Calendars are a super great resource!! We encourage you to consider using one with your family this year, or gifting one to grand-kids or a family close to you. We have a limited number available at the Information Desk. If we run out, we're happy to share where we ordered them from. Suggested Donation: \$20.

**Backpacks for Kids December Food Focus:** You can help Backpack for Kids by bringing in donations of food! Each month we are going to focus on specific food items needed for our packs. For the month of December our focus is **Canned Chicken and Rice-aroni mixes**. Donations may be placed in the green grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you

**Read Through the Bible With Us in 2026!** If you would be interested in reading through the Bible in 2026, please sign-up at the Information Desk!

**Everyone has a story:** *"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11."* Many thanks to all of you who have shared your Faith Story in Adult Connections over the past 3 years. Your transparency has encouraged us and built us up in the unity of Christ. **Everyone has a story of the good work that God began in you.** If you are feeling prompted to share a story of what God has done and is doing in your life, we would be blessed, encouraged, and built up to hear it. We have lots of openings in the new year for you to participate! Please sign up at the Information Desk or contact Mark Mortenson at 231.667.7426 or [m2mort@yahoo.com](mailto:m2mort@yahoo.com).

**Inclement Weather Reminder:** If Lake City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Children's and Youth activities/programs will be canceled. If a Sunday service should be canceled due to inclement weather, it will be posted on the church website and Facebook page. A text message (to those who have opted-in for texting) and an email will also be sent.

**Weekend to Remember Marriage Retreat: Friday, April 10—Sunday April 12, 2026:** Investing in your marriage is well worth it! At the Weekend to Remember marriage retreat you will find lifetime tools to strengthen your relationship, hear engaging talks from marriage experts, get alone with your spouse in guided, practical-application projects. This retreat will be at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Cost is: \$250/couple and you must use the code LCCRC when registering. Register at the website link below. You'll also be able to find out the schedule and other details for the weekend.

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Contact Pastor Wes at wes@lakecitycrc.org.

## Council Congregational Report from December 11, 2025

- Council welcomed new members. 2026 Goals and Shepherding Network were explained to them.

- Council reviewed the Weather Policy.

- Council sited year-end highlights:

Wes & Jennings on board, trying new things (communion/collection), Faith Unleashed, Jason David, Elders meeting with profession of faith at home, Quarterly Meeting, SoulCare Group, new faces, Christmas Extravaganza, Adult Connections, Work Projects (playground, Coaster House, carpet) Pastor Jim's role visiting shut-ins, Youth Group Retreats, Children's Events (VBS, Summer Event), Adult Baptism in sanctuary, Message Series, Mission Trips (Guatemala, India), Biblical Counseling Conference, Worship Conference, Sense of Unity (Council and congregation).

- Finance Report:

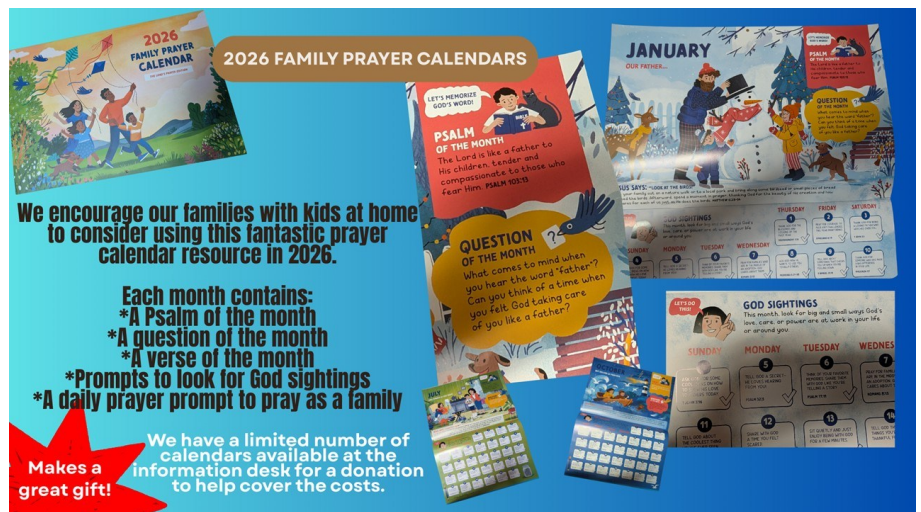
### General Fund

Budget to Date	\$648,870
Giving to Date	\$518,633
Expenses to date	\$553,151

- Ingathering brought in \$40,430. Total 2025 giving to Mission Partners over \$60,000.

- 4th quarter ministry shares were approved.

- The Council spent time in prayer for the congregation.







**Backpacks for Kids**

Monthly Food Focus

**December  
Canned Chicken  
Rice-a-Roni or Rice  
Mixes**

Place your donations in the green cart in  
the narthex

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Lake City Schools are closed due  
to inclement weather, Children's and  
Youth activities/programs will be  
canceled.

Your  
Name  
Here



FAITH  
STORY

Would you like to share  
your story during  
Adult Connections @ 11:30?  
If so, contact the church  
office or Mark Mortenson.

## Volunteers Serving on Sunday, December 21, 2025

Greeters

10am

**Outside:** Gerard Winkle, Rick Bradly  
**South:** Linda Embertson  
**East:** Larry & Joy Fee

Safety Team
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10am

Dennis Ellens
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Ushers	
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10am

Bob Clark, Mel Zimmerman, Charlie Workman

Coffee Hosts	
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10am

Phil & Diane Scholten

Nursery Lead
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10am

Karen Anscomb

Nursery	
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10am

Jeremy & Janelle Winkle

Little Lambs
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10am

Alisa Rivera, Oliva Holmes

## Children's Worship

10am

Julie DeBoer
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**NO Connections—Connections will resume on January 4!**

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December Birthdays		
Birthday	First Name	Last Name
December 01	Roberta	Helpap
December 04	Holly	Miller
December 04	Steve	VanderWeide
December 06	Karen	DeRuiter
December 07	Nikki	Koetje
December 07	Holly	Sigafoose
December 08	Nathaniel	Holmes
December 08	Delia	Koetje
December 11	Rafael	Lopez
December 12	David	Denhouten
December 13	Levi	Fletcher
December 13	Dawn	VerBerkmoes
December 15	Barb	VanHaitsma
December 15	Seth	VanHaitsma
December 19	Jacob	Meekhof
December 23	Brent	Deller
December 23	Elodie	Emard
December 25	Jeremiah	Horton
December 25	Johanna	Kimbel
December 25	Bev	Winkle
December 26	Jackie	DeShano
December 26	Donna	Thompson
December 29	Irene	VanDrie
December 31	Bob	Joseph
December 31	Anna	Pearson

December Anniversaries		
Anniversary	First Name	Years
December 10	Leonard & Bonnie Williams	48
December 17	Greg & Kim Brooks	48
December 18	Rick & Mary Jo Gehl	49
December 22	Will & Anna Pollington	12
December 28	Jack & Rita Kiser	38

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**Thank you!**

January Birthdays		
Birthday	First Name	Last Name
January 01	Rylie	Warnick
January 02	Sandy	Bode
January 02	Blake	DeZeeuw
January 02	Heather	Pollington
January 03	Gail	Johnson
January 04	Kylee	Winkle
January 05	Carol	Bradley
January 06	Mary	Pearson
January 06	Heidi	Ricklefs
January 07	Derek	Boulter
January 07	Barb	Elliott
January 07	Mike	Wescoat
January 08	Tori	Oglesbee
January 10	Barb	DeBoer
January 10	Tim	Embertson
January 10	Travis	Winkle
January 12	Brooke	DeZeeuw
January 12	Raymond IV	Horton
January 12	Jim	VanHaitsma
January 13	Brandon	Pollington
January 16	Liam (William)	Pearson
January 19	Ellie	Warnick
January 20	Autumn	Oglesbee
January 23	Anna	Venhuizen
January 24	Krysti	Bowers
January 24	Connor	Winkle
January 25	Kathy	Strom
January 27	Dave	Embertson
January 27	Emily	Rodenbaugh
January 27	Harper	Warnick
January 28	Bill	Helpap
January 28	Nick	Zimmerman
January 29	Ally	Sigafoose
January 29	Kathy	Winkle
January 30	Brittany	Vanderwal

January Anniversaries		
Anniversary	Couple	Years
January 04	Phil & Anna Venhuizen	57
January 06	Steve & Deb VanderWeide	53
January 09	Bob & Barb DeBoer	55
January 09	Jack & Jan Mason	27
January 21	Landon & Lyndsey Boulter	3
January 30	Harv & Lisa Chandler	44

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**Thank you!**