



The Lakeview Beacon

we're so glad you're here!

MATTHEW 3:13-17

Baptism of the Lord



Pastor Brandon
Lead Pastor

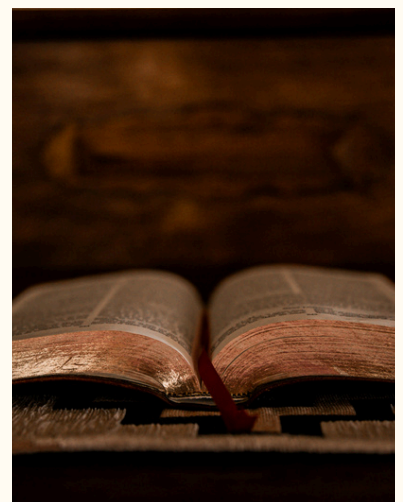
Matthew 3:13-17 records the baptism of Jesus, marking the official beginning of His public ministry. Written by Matthew as part of his Gospel account, this passage captures a pivotal moment where Jesus travels from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. John's baptism of repentance calls people to a way of life that expresses commitment to God, yet Jesus, who was sinless, presents Himself for this baptism. John initially protests, recognizing Jesus' superiority and saying he needs to be baptized by Jesus instead. Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness, meaning Jesus came to live a law-obedient life, fulfilling the Old Covenant through perfect obedience to its commands, and also to identify with sinners as part of His redemptive mission.

The Ministry of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist came: Matthew introduces us to one of the fascinating characters of the New Testament. This was the John born to Zacharias and Elisabeth, whose miraculous birth to this too-old couple was announced, along with his call to be the forerunner of the Messiah, in Luke 1.

In those days: "It is a general term that reveals little chronologically but insists that the account is historical."

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The 8:00am Service

Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Hymn Sing
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Opening Hymn - *Spirit of God* - #2117
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Alleluia* - #186
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading - *Matthew 3:13-17* - Janet Riddiough
- Offering
- Hymn of Preparation - *O Love, How Deep* - #267
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* - #2146
- *Announcements*
- Benediction & Response - *His Name Is Wonderful* - #174
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week;

Melinda Cribben, Bluetie Henriksen, Sharon Gruhn-Hicks, Jerry Hicks, Judy Houdek, Caryl Jo Dagro, Valerie Pacini, Vern Swinson, Lynde Tolifson, Allen Whited, Amy Woodward

SHARE YOUR HEART: SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings. If you or someone you know is in need of support, we invite you to share your prayer request with us. Whether it's for guidance, healing, or thanksgiving, your request will be held in love and lifted up in prayer by our community. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

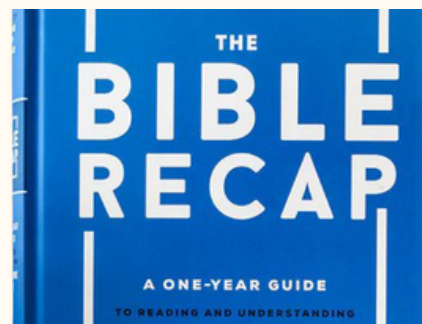
Church Office Hours Update

Please note that our church office hours are changing beginning Monday, Jan. 5th. The office will now be open **Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to serving you during our new hours.



A Year in God's Story

Join Saralee at **9:00 AM in the Conference Room** for a year-long journey through the entire Bible using The Bible Recap with Tara-Leigh Cobble. This welcoming study offers a supportive space to read Scripture together, share reflections, and discover how God's story connects to our lives.



Get Moving, Stay Strong!

Join us **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00am in Smoot Hall** for chair exercise classes that are as fun as they are energizing! No matter your fitness level, you'll build strength, boost your mood, and share plenty of laughs with friends—all from the comfort of your chair.



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY JANUARY, 12

8:00am - The Lakeview Wrappers - Smoot Hall
9:00am - Monday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall
9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
1:00pm - United Women in Faith Board - Library

TUESDAY JANUARY, 13

9:00am - Bible Study, The Bible Recap - Conference Room
9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
11:00am - Staff Parish Relations - Conference Room
1:00pm - Board of Trustees - Conference Room
1:00pm - Mary Martha Circle - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY JANUARY, 14

9:00am - Wednesday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall
9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
10:00am - Caregiver Support Group - Conference Room
11:15am - Amazing Gray's Luncheon - Smoot Hall
12:30pm - Games - Smoot Hall
12:30pm - GriefShare - Conference Room

THURSDAY JANUARY, 15

9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room
3:30pm - Thursday Bible Study - Conference Room
4:00pm - Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
4:45pm - Thursday Night Together Dinner - Smoot Hall

FRIDAY JANUARY, 16

9:00am - Friday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall

SATURDAY JANUARY, 17

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY JANUARY, 18

8:00am - Worship Service - Chapel / Online
9:30am - Worship Service - Worship Center / Online
9:00 & 10:30am - Fellowship - Smoot Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW



AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON

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THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER

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Narcotics Anonymous Community Outreach: Carrying the Message of Hope and Recovery

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) is a global nonprofit fellowship dedicated to helping individuals recover from drug addiction. At the heart of NA's mission lies a powerful commitment to community outreach—reaching those who are suffering and offering them a pathway to freedom from active addiction. Through various outreach initiatives, NA ensures that no addict seeking recovery need ever face their struggle alone.

Public Information and Awareness

NA's outreach also includes public information efforts designed to educate communities about addiction and recovery. Local service committees provide factual information about the NA program to outside organizations, healthcare providers, court systems, and the general public. This educational component helps reduce stigma around addiction and ensures that when someone needs help, they know where to find it.

Many NA areas maintain helplines, websites, and meeting directories that make it easy for newcomers to locate meetings and connect with the fellowship. These resources are maintained by volunteers committed to making sure that anyone seeking recovery can quickly access support.

Monday – Thursday in the Choir Room



The Lakeview Cookbook

AVOCADO BREAKFAST BOWL

The winter months are not a bad time to recuperate from all the holiday eating. This recipe is just the thing.

"Heart health and protein in a bowl! This recipe is an unexpected kick of flavor with egg, red quinoa, avocado, and feta cheese!" says Alisha. "Very easy to make and a delicious start to the day."

[Get the recipe here](#)



The "Ask it Basket"

We'd love to hear what's on your heart! Submit your questions, and our pastors will address them in our video blog through authentic, honest conversations. It's a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into topics that matter to you, so don't hesitate to send in your thoughts—we can't wait to connect with you!

[Submit Your Question Now](#)

Join Us for an Uplifting Thursday Bible Study!

Looking for a place to connect, grow, and strengthen your faith? We'd love to have you join our weekly Thursday Bible Study—a time to dive into God's Word, share meaningful conversations, and build lasting friendships.

What to Expect:

Each week, we gather in a welcoming environment to explore scripture and discuss how it applies to our daily lives. Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with God for years, everyone is welcome here. Questions are encouraged, and all voices are valued.

Engaging Discussions: Interactive sessions where everyone can share thoughts and insights without judgment

Warm Community: A supportive group that celebrates together and lifts each other up

Safe Space: A comfortable environment for wherever you are in your spiritual journey

Why Attend?

Deepen your faith, build friendships with others who share your passion for God, and find encouragement through His Word.

Details:

 **Every Thursday** 🕒 **3:30 PM** 📍 **Conference Room**

Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, you're always welcome. Bring a friend, bring your questions, and come with an open heart. We can't wait to see you!

For questions, feel free to reach out to the church office .



Generosity: Our Response to Grace

Your gifts matter. When you give to Lakeview, you're not just supporting a ministry—you're joining God's transformative work in our community and beyond.

Why Generosity Matters

Our giving reflects our hearts. As recipients of God's boundless generosity, we're invited to participate in His kingdom work through our own generous giving. Every gift—whether large or small—becomes part of something greater than ourselves.

Simple Ways to Give

We've made giving convenient with seamless online options that allow you to participate in ministry impact anytime, anywhere.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Join us in experiencing the joy that comes from stewarding God's resources with open hands and grateful hearts.

[Make a donation here](#)