

Lakeview United Methodist Church

February 2026 Newsletter

Pastor Sheila Radochio

A note from Pastor Sheila:

As the snow has fallen over the past few weeks, covering the earth in a beautiful white, greeting card worthy picture, I have had a lot of extra time to focus on my “Key of Faith” that I last took from the sanctuary. It said to read “The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)” every day this week and reflect on “who is my neighbor?” I picked that one at a time when things were feeling very heavy in the United States and reflecting on who my neighbor is, caused me to spend a lot more time in Prayer than normal!

My plan was to bring that key back, but Mother Nature had other plans (Ha Ha) and I didn’t get the chance, so I just continued to spend time in the Word. As I was watching it snow, I was listening to K-Love and the song “Dusty Bibles” came on and I really listened to the words for the first time and I am going to share some with you:

**Hey, I've been fine**

**I've been struggling to find some peace of mind**

**It's the problem of our nation and in our generation**

**We're too busy and can't find the time**

**Are we busy, or is it all a lie?**

**We got dust on our Bibles, brand-new iPhones**

**No wonder why we feel this way**

**We walk with our eyes closed, blind leading blind folks**

**And I'm done with those idols and dusty Bibles**

It really spoke to me, how important our Bibles should be to each one of us! We should all be bringing our Bible to church; no matter what people say, it is not “old-timey”. Reading the Bible and spending time in the Word is a spiritual discipline. It is a deliberate act that says God will speak and I intend to listen.

Bringing your Bible to church, allows you to be a participant in the service, not just a spectator. It allows us to show the next generations what matters; when children see parents, grandparents, friends, etc. carrying their Bibles not just a phone, we are teaching them that God’s Word is important and prepares them to bring a Bible to church.

If you bring your Bible to church, it is preparing you for life outside our sanctuary; if the Word is only seen on a screen or opened once a week, it will not steady us on Monday morning.

Your Bible should have wrinkled pages, notes in the margins, underlined or highlighted verses, dated prayers...these are the marks of a healthy relationship with Scripture.

A well-worn Bible often reflects a life that is not worn out...

Bring your Bible. Open it up. Mark it up.

Carry it like it matters...because it does!!

See you Sunday, hopefully with your Bible!

In His love,

Pastor Sheila



Daffodils poking through the snow at City Park! Courtesy of Becky Ash

**BE AWARE:** Several members have received a SCAM text supposedly from Pastor Sheila, asking them to purchase gift cards for a cancer patient. It is not real. Ignore it. The same text has been used with other pastor's names, in fact.



### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Community-wide free pancake and sausage dinner at the church

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm

See you there!



### **Ash Wednesday Service**

February 18, 2026

7PM at Lakeview

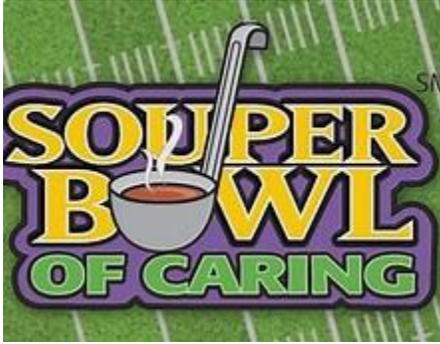
SAMA Lenten Series

Wednesday, March 4

St. Andrew UMC

Service at noon, followed by lunch

Pastor Sheila will lead the service



Souper Bowl donations of canned food will be extended for 2 more weeks (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) because of weather complications. Special thanks to those who have already brought cans! Donations will be given to the St. Albans Food Pantry.

[In Christ Alone \(My Hope Is Found\) - Adrienne Liesching | LYRIC VIDEO](#)

[We The Kingdom - Holy Water \(Live\)](#)

### **Lakeview Administrative Council Minutes: Feb. 10, 2026**

**Present:** Karen and Wayne Kersey, Bob Carpenter, John Humphreys, Kent Sowards, Martha Keene, Linda Ancion, Don Griffith, Becky Child

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Karen with prayer.

**January minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting and was unanimously approved. (Martha/Wayne)

#### **Treasurer's report: Martha, Kent**

Monthly update given. All bills paid. Insurance was paid this month. New line in report shows monthly split for pledges that were paid for the year. CD changer expense added. Kent discussed tax exempt status requirements for big-box stores. Will get the forms and Don will sign. Staples account will be created for Lakeview. Kent doesn't plan to put his name on the church bank account – Janet, Wayne and Martha can sign checks. Bob asked for a clarification of how much a piano player could be offered when one is found.

John raised the issue of fraudulent texts that say they are from the pastor but aren't from her number. Wayne said he had a similar experience from Pastor Plum. Karen will put an alert in the newsletter.

**Finance: Don G.**

Parsonage utility bills are running \$300 to \$600. Martha will look into it. Kent recommended cleaner fees be part of the negotiations next time. Discussions about raising monthly amount Elizabeth Memorial pays. Elizabeth plans to cover the recent Orkin bill (\$90 for first treatment, \$45 per month for up to a year for german roaches). Martha will work out specific numbers ahead of a meeting with them. Karen left a message with the district superintendent and spoke with Pastor Jonathan Dierdorff. John recommended that a portion of the parsonage money go into a dedicated fund for expenses and maintenance.

**Nurture: Linda A**

Feb. 17 is pancake Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. with pancakes and sausage. Discussion about Riverlake Association using church printer if they furnish paper and ink and include a mention of the church. Kent will figure out the total cost. Mailed Valentines.

**Trustees: John**

Snow removal has been tough, couldn't budge the ice. Bought 4 bags of rock salt. Kent says the parsonage is still waiting for the first Orkin treatment.

**Outreach: Wayne**

Souper Bowl will take place the next two Sundays. Looking ahead to the Gabriel Project in the spring. Lenten calendars are coming to benefit Jericho House. Snack bags are ongoing.

**Family ministries: Karen for Kathi**

Had to cancel Valentine's event. Working on Valentine's boxes to deliver. Easter boxes a possibility too.

**Worship: Karen**

Visited with Barb Smith. Discussion about shared services. Survey showed congregation prefers to do special services separately.

**Karen for Pastor Sheila**

Canceling worship is not taken lightly. There is a new email for the newsletter and other announcements. Sermon shared when worship is canceled. YouTube channel coming soon. Discussion about setting up robocalls (texts) for prayer chain and announcements. Don is looking into two companies and will report back.

Wayne closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Becky Child.