

December Birthdays

Lennon Lefler	4	Ron Bond	20
Kyle Erickson	5	Stephanie Erickson	21
Mike Klein	6	Michael Holland	21
Sue Winkler	8	Megan Winters	21
Tami Sutliff	9	Larry Dye	22
Gary Studt	11	Jesse Dye	23
Nancy Booi	12	Samuel Flessner	23
Tom Raines	14	Phyllis Warrick	24
Doug Flessner	15	Nat Pytlowany	27
Becky Altoft	15	Brent Eckardt	28
Hendrix Dye	18	Sara Steed	29
Amelia Beswick	19	Alexa Bond	29
Lee Martz	19	Isabella Wheeler	31

December Anniversaries

Clay & Lee Martz	3	1977
James & Maggie Benham	16	2000
Jim & Lei Wiltshire	20	1997
Ron & Julie Dingerson	22	1968
Craig & Leslie Rush	31	1994



Christmas is a **Season of Wonder**. The beauty of decorations and lights — the mystery of packages under the tree — the sound of carolers’ harmony in the night — all of these lift our spirits in celebration that our God became flesh and dwelled among us. However, in spite of all of the joy and wonder, often there’s a lot of pain, confusion, and uncertainty in the lives of people we care about... not to mention people we don’t even know. Last week we discovered important lessons in Mary’s life.

Mary’s trip to her cousin Elisabeth’s home was more than a face saving disappearance from a hometown where unplanned pregnancies kept the rumor mills operational 24 hours a day. Mary was in a tough spot.

Elisabeth opened her door to Mary with such hospitality! You too can **Open Your Heart’s Door to Friends & Strangers . . .**

- With E_____ !
- With E_____ !
- With E_____ !

We C_____ the T_____ to a SEASON OF WONDER when we open our hearts to friends and strangers!



LAKEWOOD Church

December 7, 2025



Prayer Request/Praise Report?

Text Pastor Tim at 270.790.1341

Welcome to Lakewood Church!

Sunday Gatherings

9:30am – Sunday School (adult & kids)
Sunday School is in the education wing.

10:30am – Worship Service & Live Stream
Nursery — Infants to Age 3 — Room 106
H2O Kids — Age 4 to Grade 4

6:00pm – **Ignite** — Grades 5 to 12

First-Time Guests

We're so glad you're here!

Please scan **CONNECT QR** and complete the form!

Then pick up your free gift and coupon for a **Free Pizza** at the **Welcome Center**!

Small Group Connections

Sundays – Prayer Room 4:30pm – Bible Study	Tuesdays – Prayer Room 8:30am – Prayer Circle
Tuesdays – Room 101 9:30am – Ladies' Bible Study	2nd Wednesdays – 101/PR 5:00pm/6:00pm – Care Group



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Candice Barr - Treasurer / H2O Kids Lead — candiceb@michiganlakewood.org
Katelyn Bond - Administrative Assistant — katelynb@michiganlakewood.org
Heath Carter - Custodian — heathcarter18@gmail.com

Christmas Love Offering for Staff

The Staff-Parish Relations Team is collecting for the Staff Love Offering. If you would like to contribute, please place your gift in an envelope, write "Love offering" on it, and place it in the Offering plate. We will present gifts to staff on Dec 21. Any questions, please see Jim Warner.

Christmas Caroling

Sun. Dec 14, from 6-8pm, bring your family and friends for an evening of spreading Christmas cheer to our church homebound and community. There will also be a hot chocolate bar and cookies served at 8pm!

Christmas Basket Program

If you have taken a tag from the Christmas giving tree in the Narthex, please return your gift with the tag attached by the end of the day. We are also collecting an offering for Lakewood Community Council.

Lakewood's Got Talent

On Sun, Dec 21 at 6pm, enjoy the talents at Lakewood! Bring a friend!! The presentations are always inspiring and hilarious, so plan to be here!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us at 7pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featuring an interactive candle nativity with biblical narration, carols, and surprises!

Coats for Kids

Lakewood Area Lions Club is looking for donated new and slightly used coats and boots. There will be a box in the Gathering Room until Jan 9.

Financial Peace University Class

Lakewood Church is hosting a Financial Peace University class starting on Jan 7 at 6 PM. Together over 9 weeks, we walk through God's ways of handling money so we can experience freedom with our finances! Register online (fee to sign up) at <https://www.fpu.com/A3E571>. There is now an offer of \$20 cash back for the next 6 registrations!

Centershot Archery – Sign up Now!

Registration for the winter session of Centershot is now LIVE! Children age 8-17, \$10 per registrant. Please let Candice know if you have any questions. Register by 12/31/2025.



SAVE THE DATE:

- **Keenagers** — Tue, 12/9 – 11:30am
- **Care Group** — Wed, 12/10 – 5:00pm-Life | 6:00pm-Grief
- **Men's Breakfast** — Sat, 12/13 – 8:30am
- **Euchre** — Sat, 12/13 – 6:00pm
- **Caroling, Hot Chocolate, Cookies** — Sun, 12/14 – 6:00 to 8:00pm
- **Lakewood's Got Talent** — Sun, 12/21 – 6:00pm
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** — Wed, 12/24 – 7:00pm
- **Sun Night Bible Study Resumes** — Sun, 1/4/26 – 4:30pm
- **Ladies Bible Study Resumes** — Tues, 1/6/26 – 9:30am

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I would like more info about: (check all that apply)

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- ☐ Church Directory
- ☐ Believer Baptism
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Baby Dedication
- ☐ E-mail Newsletters
- ☐ Ministry Service
- ☐ E-mail Prayer List
- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Other _____

Please complete and return this section if you wish to update info or respond to the above.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday(s): _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Sunday Gatherings

11/16/25: 185
11/23/25: 131
11/30/25: NA