

LAKEVIEW CHURCH  
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# ANNUAL REPORT 2006

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WORSHIPING GOD AND SERVING  
TOGETHER AS A LOCAL BODY OF  
BELIEVERS, WE SEEK TO KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN, SO THAT HE  
WILL BE GLORIFIED IN US AND WE WILL BE  
PERFECTED IN HIM.

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**Les Martin**

*Teaching Pastor*

**Jim Ulrich**

*Associate Pastor*

**Craig Anthony**

*Director of Music Ministry*

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## STAFF REPORTS

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### SENIOR PASTOR

What a year! I am not too impressed with pop psychology but many years ago, I remember seeing a chart that measured stress levels in life. There were a specific number of “points” assigned for various stressful events that may occur within a calendar year. When a certain number was reached, the message was that you are on the brink of a breakdown or at least in serious need of professional help. I think my numbers have been off the charts! I have consistently taught and continue to believe that nothing comes into our lives outside of the sovereign control and purpose of God and that this sovereign God will not put on us more burdens than we can bear, but there have been times when I was pleading for some relief. We might not always know the reasons for these intrusions, but God has His design and He is working His will in us. He also has a way of turning heartache into rejoicing and tough experiences into character advancement. I have learned by experience what I have taught in theory, that God’s grace is sufficient. Here are some of those challenges and God’s gracious answers.

Allyssa and Ed Roe chose to identify with another church, leaving the music ministry here without direction. The Lord brought Craig Anthony back with renewed enthusiasm and a sharpened desire to bring glory to God. God has blessed this ministry. My sorrow and concern were turned to delight and joy. Craig and his family have been a great blessing.

Steve and Katie Galloway and their family determined that the Lord was directing them to ministry in Haiti. Steve had been here so long and we had worked together so well, I was devastated by the announcement. I tried to communicate my confidence in God’s direction but inside I was struggling. We began the search and God brought to us Jim and Lisa Ulrich. We have been blessed by the Lord to have this couple come to us and share their gifts and passion for Christ. Once again, God turned emptiness into fullness. I could not be happier to have Jim and Lisa here. I am so thankful to God for His kind direction! Some of the weaknesses of our church and my personal deficiencies are this couple’s strengths. God is good and He is already at work doing some wonderful things for His glory through Jim and Lisa as we work together! I could not be more pleased!

In March our family was hit with a devastating blow that rocked us to the core. I remain bewildered how God will use this for His glory and for our good, but I continue committed to this unchanging purpose of God even though I remain in the dark concerning His ways. The issue continues to hang over our heads like a threatening cloud. We hope for some resolution within the next few months, but we thought that would be the case in August. Among the early ramifications for us, was a move. We relocated from Zion, after 18 years in our beloved Bethesda home, to a new abode in Beach Park. We are happy to be where we are and busy making this place ours. We received kind help from many, making the move a rather smooth one. Others gave their expertise in making wonderful improvements in our house. We desire to open our home a little more— using what God has given for His glory and for the encouragement of others. In spite of the challenging circumstances, the relocation has been almost all positive. We are grateful. Again, the hand of God extending His grace is clearly in view.

In October, Karen’s father passed away. Her dad was a wonderful man who loved the Lord. I could not have asked for a more supportive and encouraging father-in-law. His passing has been difficult

for his wife and their three daughters and spouses and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Death is an expected part of our lives, but it remains an enemy that intrudes and brings sorrow and emptiness and loss. We miss him. As I have watched family reactions, I have been encouraged by the tenderness and happy for the perspective on life and on God that has resulted. Once again, I see His grace.

Just prior to writing this report, I went back and reviewed the past few annual reports. Two years ago I suggested that ministry in 2004 was like walking in mud and 2005 was like walking in wet cement! I did not wish to sound like 2006 was a year when the cement hardened and I was in it, no longer able to walk! That really is not true. God is so good to balance the burdens with the blessings. Sometimes it is a matter of our perspective. Frankly statistically, we do not have much to be excited about. Our membership was stagnant. I do not believe we recorded any baptisms. We had only a couple of baptisms. There were a handful of professions of faith, but it takes time and the evidence of fruit to confirm those as genuine. However, in terms of attitude and willingness to work together and faithfulness to ministry and kindness to one another, this has been a very good year.

I have been blessed by the work of many volunteers. Bob and Vivian Bruton have been a wonderful blessing to me. Their support and ministry, even in the midst of serious trials for them and their family, has brought glory to God. Tom and Sarah Hanson have continued to be faithful servants of the Lord Jesus and dear friends. Craig Anthony not only accepted a part-time position in the music ministry, but he came along side me and gave some wonderful direction to VBS and the children's Christmas program. I could never thank him enough for that. Our elders, Leathal McDaniel and John Swartz are men of God whose ministry to this assembly is invaluable. Chris Thompson has poured hundreds of hours of time and commitment into Adventure Club. To adapt a quote from an old NFL coach, Bum Philips, who was speaking about his running back, I can say of Chris, "I don't know if (she) is in a class by (herself), but it don't take long to call the role." We are blessed to have Chris as well as the entire Thompson family as part of this ministry. The Trustees, led by Carlton Smith, have been phenomenal this year! They work hard and well. Bob Vincent continues to put touches on the building that grace the eyes. The roll-top in the library is just another of his superb projects.

Sunday School teachers faithfully serve year after year. Roma Kerley is a wonderful example of faithful service over decades. Cindy Depuy helps to staff the nursery. Her faithfulness is magnified through her battle with cancer. The youth staff has been great. The children's workers for Adventure Club continue to serve well. The choir faithfully sings to the glory of God every week. Bruce Fulkerson runs the sound board practically flawlessly and he has been doing this long before I came! That's a wonderful example of dedication. Sherwin Rankin and John Clark video the services week after week. Julie Gates has spent hours in the church kitchen putting together meals that hundreds have enjoyed. What a gift of hospitality!

I work with a great executive board. They make meetings not only productive, but fun. Ralph Trantham faithfully changes the sign out front to proclaim the Word of God to the hundreds of people who drive by in their cars every day. He also helps Sarah Hanson count the money this congregation generously gives. Erika Willcomm makes the sanctuary sparkle with beauty as only she can with various floral displays. There are nursery workers and kitchen helpers and people who fold bulletins (thanks, Charlotte) and those who go out of their way to bring people to church (thanks to you, Gloria).

There are door greeters and ushers and library workers and ministry team leaders and people who pray and people who visit others – often without any recognition. Sarah Hanson and now with help from Jan Davis have invested long hours of quality work so that our finances are cared for each week. All of these things and more remind me that this is a wonderful assembly of people who have

the desire to bring glory to God and together we are making a difference in the lives of individuals and families. We have to be encouraged and excited about that! Isn't God a God of wonderful grace!

As I write this, we are already half way through this first month of 2007. I am in my 33<sup>rd</sup> year of ministry and at the conclusion of 07 will mark 20 years here at Lakeview. That is hard to believe! I have never been much of a mover and shaker, but I have learned to plod along. I am committed to continue to preach God's Word with passion. He is my God and Savior and I owe Him everything. I want to finish well and you all are such an encouragement to continue at the task. Burdens become blessings when God is in it. Such grace!

It would be wrong for me not to acknowledge my wife and children for their loving support and gracious encouragement. I could not be more blessed. I am excited about 2007 and confident that God is going to do some amazing things in us and I trust through us. I can hardly wait to see what that will be. May this be a year when we truly see and savor His grace!

To God be the Glory!

Les Martin

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

I am aware that the standard practice for Annual Reports is to look back over the past year to recall and recount the highs and the lows, along with the successes and challenges of the ministry. Since my history only goes back to September 11<sup>th</sup>, I would like to ask for grace as I break from this tradition and use this time to reflect on my experiences and impressions, along with looking forward to 2007 as a time of new beginnings.

To being on a personal note, it has been a bit of a whirlwind since arriving here at Lakeview. We have maneuvered through several major life transitions during the past four months and your welcoming and open spirit and your words of encouragement helped us in our transition. For this, we are thankful.

Both Lisa and I are excited to be here, working and worshiping in this community. When I accepted the position of Associate Pastor, both of us were aware of the recent challenges and difficulties this church had experienced and was working through. While we sensed the weight these struggled had on the congregation, we felt an even stronger sense that God was working in this church. In addition, we were convicted that your church leadership were men and women who truly desire to make Lakeview a church that brings forth the glory of God to its community. So we start the new year with an optimistic view knowing that this congregation, from the Senior Pastor, to your Elders and Deacons, and throughout the leadership team on down, hold to the Truth that Christ is the head of this church. Is there a better, more firm foundation to build upon?

As I look forward to 2007, I would like build off these two passages from Scripture.

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
[**Matthew 28:18-20**]

*What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.*  
[**Philippians 3:8-11**]

My referencing of these two verses should come as no surprise to those who have attended my Sunday ABF as they help to encapsulate the desire I have for myself and Lisa, and for this church in 2007. Jesus' words, taken in their plain reading are a simple yet challenging command. He has commissioned each one of his disciples to go into the world and make other disciples. We are eagerly and boldly to share the good news with those who were once like us; the lost, those trapped in the darkness and ignorance of sin, those without hope. We are to be the salt and the light that brings the light of Christ into a darkened and lost world. In doing so, we bring glory to God our Father.

How do we begin? We must become better disciples ourselves. Paul set a high bar as he speaks about counting all things of this world rubbish so that there were no hindrances or obstacles in his pursuit of knowing Christ. For us to become better disciples, we too must look at our lives and remove every hindrance that entangles us, in order for us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and to finish the race set before us.

My objective for this year is for all of us to grow in both our knowledge, through the preaching and teaching of the Word, and in our living in obedience to the Word. That may seem like a

enormous challenge, but that is what we are called to do as disciples of Christ. To achieve that goal, I plan to focus on these three things.

My first desire is for all of us to see Sunday morning worship consist of becoming active in the Sunday Morning life of the Church. That is, for us to make it a priority and a common part of our lives to worship God by serving His Church and His people on Sunday. By this, I mean we begin our worship by participating in an ABF, by volunteering to be a Sunday school teacher for one of the children or youth classes, participating in the music ministry or taking part in one of the children's ministries.

My second goal will be to encourage everyone to participate in at least one church activity outside of Sunday morning. And my third goal for 2007 is to equip you, encourage you and motivate you to go into your world and to share your faith with at least one person (a neighbor, a co-worker, a relative...) in 2007. To pray for them, to befriend them, show them what Jesus is all about. In essence, to share the gospel. I know that this will bring many of us out of our comfort zone, but I do not see any better way of living out Jesus' mandate.

In short, these goals help us to first, worship God in a fuller way on Sunday morning, preparing our hearts and minds before we come together in corporate worship. Second, develop our minds and hearts by taking time out of our week to focus solely on God and bringing us into a community outside of Sunday Morning. Third, to bring our faith into the world, being the salt and the light, sacrificing our own comfort in order to help others.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of you who are actively involved in the discipleship ministry here at Lakeview Church. While I cannot mention each of you by name, I want you all to know that I am very aware and deeply appreciative of all the work you have been doing to keep your ministries going. Your devotion in continuing to volunteer week after week on your own initiative and driven by your dedication and love for your students is remarkable. I cannot begin to tell you how much you have helped in making my transition that much easier. To each and every one of you, I want to say thank you. Also know that it is true that the "squeaky wheel" does get the grease, so while my attention may constantly be drawn away to some other area of ministry, please know that I am here to support and serve every one of you. My door is always open and you are always welcome to come and share your problems, thoughts, and ideas with me at any time.

To have a flourishing ministry here at Lakeview, we must partner together in the building up of each other and the church as a whole. So I am committed to do what I can in order to provide you with the resources, encouragement, leadership and whatever you need in order for you to grow in your relationship with God and with others. However, I will also need you to come along side me, to work in partnership with me in the various ministries in the church. For the growth of this church cannot be set solely upon my shoulders and Pastor Martin's. Paul's consistently draws the parallel between the Body of Christ and the human body. Christ is the head and we, as His people, are the body each gifted and equipped by God for the work of service and the building up of the Body of Christ.

So with help from our God and all of us working together, I am looking forward to a challenging but yet exciting year here at Lakeview Church.

*To God Be the Glory, Your Co-worker in Christ,*

*Jim Ulrich*

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

In August 2006, I took over the role of Director of Music Ministries. It only took a few hours to get adjusted once again to the planning of Sunday services, directing choir and orchestra, and leading music.

The Worship Choir season began in September, and since then we have been participating in the Sunday morning service on a weekly basis. This group of approximately 30 diverse people has remained a constant joy and encouragement in my life. In the day and age of Adult Choirs disappearing in churches, it is always uplifting to see a church with a growing thriving choir ministry. I hope that this example will be a model to the next generation at Lakeview. Even when the days are long teaching over 900 5-8 year olds, I look forward with anticipation to the practice and gathering times of this special group.

One remarkable time in this ministry thus far that needs to be highlighted is our Christmas Program, “Angus Dei – Lamb of God Born for Us”. Our music ministry grew in numbers during this time as we added new voices to the choir and instruments to the orchestra. What a big undertaking this project was for all those involved. This was a time when the pressures of the Holiday Season and schedules and even that “musician’s ego” could have got the best of me. I was gently reminded several times that I should spend more time focusing on who I have come to worship rather than how I was going about it. I was blown away by the end product musically, but more so, I was blow away by the outpouring of lives that were touched, mine included, and possibly changed, by our efforts.

Thank you to the instrumentalists, singers, technical staff that I work with each week – It is a joy to serve with a group who humbly and skillfully serve to glorify God. To see the magnitude of your weekly commitment and your willingness to use your talents is breathtaking. But more than anything, to be able to serve the Lord with people who deeply love and follow Him is more joy that I could ever ask for in this ministry.

What a joy it has been to get to know and develop a friendship with Jim and Lisa Ulrich. I am excited at Jim’s complete dedication and desire for the people of Lakeview to continually grow to be fully devoted followers of Christ. I am looking forward to the days and months ahead as we work and serve the body of Lakeview together.

To quote a songwriter better than myself, “Don’t it always seem to go, that you don’t know what you got till it’s gone”. I am humbled to be under the teaching of Pastor Martin. I am ever grateful for the Spirit guiding him each week in delivering the Word in ways that constantly penetrate my heart and mind. Les, thank you for the honor it is to serve our Lord with you and for extending truth when needed. How blessed we are to be mended. You are such a blessing to my family and me.

Nothing. Nothing. Absolutely Nothing – would ever be accomplished if not for the three most special girls in my life, my dear wife Blythe, Olivia, and Sophia. The brunt that they bare of long days at school and more hours at church is to be commended. My life is partially consumed with loving you three and I pray that love I show will always lead you back to the One who loves you the most. Thank you for serving Him with me!

The Bottom Line is this: There is one thing we need more than new and improved songs, perfect service planning, and those mountaintop experiences. We need Jesus. We need Him and His Word. Psalm 40 tells us that God gave us a song – a song of praise – but he did not tell us what it sounded like. In fact, He did not say that many will hear the song and their lives will be changed. He said that many will SEE and their lives will be changed.

**Psalm 40:1-3**

*"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD."*

As we start this new year, may we remember that worship is giving God the glory that He alone deserves. While music and worship are not the same thing, God has created a unique relationship between them. Scripture shows us the vital role that music plays in the worship of God. Psalm 66:2 says that we are to “sing the glory of His name, give to Him glorious praise.” I have learned that music is a gift from God designed to develop and deepen our relationship with Him.

I am honored to be a part of the Music Ministry of Lakeview Church. Music is at the heart of what I give to the Lord as my offering. I am thankful for His call on my life to serve Him again in this way. I pray that the music that this church produces will bless you as you listen. Mostly, I pray that it will do much more than that – I pray that it will equip you to worship with all your lives the one true living God.

To God be the Glory!

Craig Anthony

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## MINISTRY REPORTS

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### SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

**Lakeview Church currently supports the following missionaries:**

In Brazil, Steve & Jan Peterson serving with Word of Life

In Ecuador, David & Lolly Erdel serving with World Partners

In Kenya, Paul & Rodah Mbandi, teaching at Scott Theological College serving with Missions Afield.

In the Middle East, David & Dorcas McDeavitt serving with World Partners

In South Africa, Tim and Luann Kuehl serving with ZEMA

In Spain, Tulio & Carol Duran serving with World Partners

In Spain, Nathan and Amy Moser serving with World Partners

In Haiti, Steve and Katie Galloway serving with Missions Afield

**Lakeview Church also currently supports the following local ministries:**

Child Evangelism Fellowship

CareNet Pregnancy Center

## MISSIONS REPORT

This past year I feel we have become better acquainted with our missionaries by featuring a different missionary each month. There was a paragraph or two in the bulletin containing information on the missionary family, their work and place of service. This information also appeared on the overhead preceding Worship Service. Prayer was also offered for each featured missionary.

In January we watched a documentary preceding the movie “End of the Spear”, which was shown in theaters around the country. The Movie was from the book, “Through the Gates of Spender”, about the five martyred missionaries in Equador during the 1950's

The end of 2005 we witnessed Nathan and Amy Moser and family leaving for Spain, after many years of preparation. We again heard from Nathan. In the summer, when all “World Partner” missionaries were here for a conference at Bethel College. We saw Steve and Katie Galloway and children leave for Haiti. Earlier in 2004 Paul and Rhoda Mbundi and family went back to Kenya to minister in a Bible College.

What a joy and privilege it has been for our Lakeview family to become acquainted and experience the fellowship of these fine young families whose main goal in life is to serve the Lord, it was with mixed emotions as we sent them off.

The Kuehl's from South Africa, working under ZEMA were with us on a Sunday morning for Sunday School and to share in the Worship Service. Jhan Moskowitz from “Jews for Jesus” was with us in September and ministered to us in worship service.

In October, we had our Missions Festival. We focused on our personal ministries. Our theme this year was “What is Your Mission”. Dan Lucy again helped to make this a success with two videos he produced, one for our Acorn Bank breaking, and one for the evening banquet. Pastor was the main speaker and we had a representative from “Child Evangelism Fellowship” share with us. We collected baby clothes and items for “Care Net”, also non-perishable food, which we donated to a local food pantry.

On behalf of our Missions Committee, Pastor Martin, Ralph Trantham, Julie Gates, Cindy Graeff, Sue Stanley, Peter Saenim and Janis Chase. It has been a privilege to serve.

Respectfully Submitted

Janis Chase

## **LIBRARY**

Lakeview Church's Christian Library Ministry provides a variety of resources for every age group of our congregation. Its mission is to serve the spiritual needs of our people by providing up-to-date Christian resources in the form of books, audio and video tapes to strengthen our faith and understanding of God. The library has a wide variety of Christian resources to assist both young and old in their continued development of their faith.

Library resources include a Christian Reference Section, Christian Educational resources, devotionals, biographies, and books related to Christian Living. There are several individual and series novels of inspirational/romance and historical fiction. The library also has a selection of Christian children's books for all ages and reading levels. The library offers audio and video tapes of each week's Sunday service.

Over the past year, this ministry has been faithfully lead by Caryn Block who has continued to grow and develop this ministry. Due to various family and other demands, Caryn has stepped down from heading this ministry. We appreciate her service and she will be missed. We will be looking for a person to head this significant and well-used ministry.

## CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY REPORTS

### ADVENTURE CLUB

There is an awesome responsibility as a church to help parents train up boys and girls to “love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.” The Lakeview Church family takes this responsibility seriously. It is evidenced through the willingness of so many individuals who sacrificially give of their time and energy to this ministry.

*“We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*

The theme for 2005-2006 was “Empowered by the Spirit – Guided by the Helper.” The following individuals were actively involved with this ministry from January - May:

Chris Thompson, Director

Pastor Martin, Co-director/Teacher

**Volunteers:** Dave Martin, Kathy Christiansen, Beth Riesterer, John Clark, Alina Turcu, Jeff Stanley, Laurie Clark, Judy Larson, Monica Clark, Erika Willkomm, Dana Martin, Cyndi Furo, Rita Lucy, Judy Davis, Regina Ingram, Geneva Stanphill, Sue Stanley, Lisa Isaac, Katie Galloway, Diana Palinca, Jean Bowie, Dan Lucy, Tim Hanson, Gavin Sheridan, John Swartz, Sylvester Marinca, Woody Ingram, Pete Saenim, Jeanetta Lambert, Craig Anthony, and Blythe Anthony

The average attendance on Wednesday evenings was 54, with a high of 60, and a low of 45.

Special events that occurred were Every One Every Word, the annual Grand Prix – “Solar Powered Cars”, the Pancake Breakfast, the Secret Pal Party – “Under the Big Top” with Apples the Clown, Carol Valentincic, as our guest speaker, Closing Ceremony, 6th grade ‘Movin’ on up Night’, 6th grade miniature golf and ice cream outing, and a Mystery Dinner outing for those who joined one of the achievement clubs.

The theme for 2006-2007 is “Learning from those who went before us”. H.E.R.O.E.S. HIS \* EVERLASTING \* RIGHTEOUS \* OBEDIENT \* EXCELLENT \* SERVANTS. The following individuals were actively involved with this ministry from September – December:

Chris Thompson, Director

Pastor Martin, Co-director/Teacher

**Volunteers:** Dave Martin, Kathy Christiansen, John Clark, Jeff Stanley, Laurie Clark, Dawn Korpi, Judy Larson, Monica Clark, Erika Willkomm, Julie Scott, Dana Martin, Rita Lucy, Regina Ingram, Judy Davis, Gloria Jackson, Geneva Stanphill, Sue Stanley, Wanda Smith, Lisa Isaac, Virginia Inman, Diana Palinca, Jean Bowie, Dan Lucy, John Ingram, Dan Martin, Chris Hall, John Swartz, Woody Ingram, Leslie Stanley, Shelley Martin, Tim Hanson, Pete Saenim, Jeanetta Lambert, Blythe Anthony, Crystal Hall, Shirley Upchurch, Marti Korpi, Charlotte Matson, and Arin Duty.

The average attendance on Wednesday evenings was 68, with a high of 79, and a low of 48.

Special events that occurred were the Labor Day Parade/Float, Every One Every Word, Taffy Apple Family Night, Craft Night, and Jesus Birthday Party Family Night. Approximately 21 family members joined us for our family nights.

As I reflect over the past year, I see how God has used this ministry for His honor and glory. Last year, it was very difficult for me to take on the complete responsibility of Adventure Club as a volunteer. At times, I would need to put in more than 20 hours a week in order for all of the “details” that were important to the ministry to be accomplished. After much prayer over the summer months, asking God to renew my strength, God showed his faithfulness by providing not an ample but an abundance of workers. As a result, my load has been lightened and I am able to see His goodness; in addition, more of the Lakeview family has an opportunity to serve God with their gifts and talents.

We have also seen God’s hand in the creation of our disability ministry, Ed’s Kids. It was amazing to see how the Holy Spirit prompted me to talk to Leslie Stanley about ministering to special needs children and their families. Leslie had already been praying about starting a ministry at Lakeview, but didn’t know how to go about starting one. Through several discussions, Leslie’s desire to begin and coordinate this ministry, a willingness by Shelley Martin and Tim Hanson to assist Leslie in the classroom, and Penny Keith and Tim Hanson to transport a child with Cerebral Palsy, God has allowed Lakeview Church to show God’s love and truths to 5 children with special needs.

Lastly, we were challenged this year to find a way that all kids of all ages could be successful at memorizing scripture. Through collaboration, the leaders recognized the need to restructure our requirements to be a part of the various Achievement Clubs and allocation of points for past verses memorized. As a result, there are clubbers who can recite every verse that we have memorized this year. There are clubbers who are eager to pass sections in their books. Boys and girls are hiding God’s Word in their hearts. This is a true measurement of success.

We continue to pray that God will use our leaders to disciple the boys and girls that have been entrusted to us. Pray that God’s Word will permeate the clubber’s lives. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and minds to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Lastly, pray for the many volunteers who faithfully serve each week, that God will allow us to be His instruments in His master plan.

Submitted by,

Chris Thompson, Director

## 2006 SUMMER CAMP REPORT

This year marked the end to a long Lakeview tradition. After many years of attending CDYC and Camp Mack, the decision was made to attend Silver Birch Ranch in White Lake, Wisconsin.

- Junior Camp (3rd – 5th Grade)
  - 6 girls
  - 5 boys
  - 3 counselors (Chelsea Thompson, Elly Rankin, Tim Hanson)
- Junior High Camp (6th-8th Grade)
  - 4 girls
  - 1 boy
- Senior High Camp (9th-12th Grade)
  - 6 girls

In order to offset the camp fees, three fundraisers were held.

- Pancake Breakfast
  - Served 49 people
  - Raised \$661
- Spaghetti Dinner
  - Served 110 people
  - Raised \$785.27
- Car Wash at Precision Roofing
  - Raised \$495
- Total funds raised: \$1942.27
- Scholarship \$ Received: \$495.93

Church members volunteered to transport campers in the church van, personal vehicle, and a rented vehicle: Larry Dube, Gene and Mary Clark, Pastor Martin, Dan Stanley, Blythe Anthony, Dana Martin, John Korpi, Pete Saenim, Carol Valentincic, Bill Harju, and Chris Thompson.

Submitted by,

Chris Thompson, Director

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our Sunday morning children's and youth programs exists solely because of the dedicated staff who have been leading and directing these ministries over the past years. From the nursery through to the Sr. High Sunday School, the efforts, devotion and dedication of our teachers and volunteers provide the energy that keeps this ministry going. Their seemingly tireless commitment to provide a vehicle for formal instruction to our children and youth in the truths of our Faith is greatly appreciated. I hope to develop a closer working relationship with this team in order to support them, and to help evaluate and address areas in our current program, to make any adjustment for improving the Christian education we offer here at Lakeview. It is also my hope that we can expand our volunteer base to strengthen the current ministry.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

The year 2006 started out testing our patience, with not one, but two buses breaking down en-route to Winter Retreat '06. Once resolved a good time was had by all.

The rest of the year can be summed up in one word "Change"! The first being the resignation of Associate Pastor Galloway. The sponsors met the challenge of continuing with the ministry and forged ahead with a successful summer of House2House. Each Wednesday traveling to a church family home for an evening of fellowship and sharing. We won't soon forget the bon fire at John and Judy Swartz's and John sharing a wonderful object lesson, to an evening at the Martin's with Pastor sharing his testimony, to scraping a pizza off the patio at John and Judy Wright's.

As time went on several of our sponsors coordinated a new look in each of the areas we meet in. Fresh paint, some new rugs, in the junior high area, new paint, new this and that, with a rearrangement of furniture in the senior high area and we were ready for Fall.

We continued our café night, on the first of Wednesday of every month, giving the young people an opportunity to share with each other what God has laid on their heart with an extended worship time and fellowship around what else food! This Fall brought another change, the addition of our new Associate Pastor Jim.

A large thank you has to go out to each and every sponsor that keeps this ministry on track 52 weeks out of the year. I personally want to express my thanks and appreciation for each one who serves. I learned from someone many years ago, that "many hands make light the work", so thank you to Dan, Christen, Angie, Jake, Kathy, Bob, Dustin, David, Sarah, Dustin, and Kevin. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank the young people who lead us in worship each week, Paige, Colin, Jackie, Ariel, Shane, Wesley, and Dan.

Finally, I would like to express on behalf of all of us in youth ministry, our thanks, that you as parents, allow us the great privilege of sharing in your young person's life. It is a trust that we do not take lightly.

Submitted by,

Tom Rich

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

I would personally like to thank all of the youth sponsors for their dedication to this ministry. Their effort during this time of transition was central in keeping Lakeview's Student Ministries moving forward. I would also want to thank the Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School teachers who take the time to ground our youth in the fundamentals of the Faith. Your service is greatly appreciated.

I see this upcoming year of 2007 as continuing to be a time of "change" and "transition" as I continue integrating myself into this ministry. It is my plan to institute a youth leadership program with the intent to give our youth the opportunity to mold and shape their youth program in a manner that will fit their needs. It will also provide some of them the opportunity to develop necessary leadership skills.

As for activities, we will be heading to Sunburst Ski Resort for our 2007 Winter Retreat and our summer camp ministry will have us returning to Silver Birch Ranch. I am also planning to introduce service/day mission projects to the high school students in order to develop an awareness of the needs and situations of various communities.

*In His Service,*

*Jim Ulrich*

## MINISTRIES FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

It is our hope that 2007 sees a growth in both the spiritual and relational dynamics of our church body. In February 2007, we will begin a new ministry for our young adults, ages post-high to upper twenties. The purpose of this ministry will be to provide an environment where young adults can strengthen their personal faith, develop godly relationships, and to discern a God honoring direction for their lives.

In 2006 there were several special events that were meant to provide opportunities for those in our church family to get together for fun, community and relationship. We honored our graduates and their families in our annual Graduate Recognition Dinner; we hosted a summer cookout and a fall hayride. Along with these events there were several other all-church events, and many opened their home to host dinners and parties and other get-togethers demonstrating our love to each other.

Our challenge is to expand our individual reach in 2007. Let us consider reaching out and getting to know those in our church family with whom we do not have a close relationship. While we all have our close friends and confidants, our body will only grow stronger when our personal network of relationships widen. So during this upcoming year, challenge yourself by seeking out someone from our congregation whom you don't really know, and get to know them by opening your home, sharing a cup of coffee or a meal, or just simply sharing in a conversation. Let us all make an effort to deepen our ties to one another.

## **ADULT MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The WInGS ministry (Women In God's Service) supported various functions to encourage fellowship and spiritual growth among the Lakeview ladies during 2006. The events sponsored by WInGS included the following:

February 3	Care Packages to College Students
February 18	"Baby, It's Cold Outside" Cooking Seminar
March 31	Fondue and Game Night
April 29	Papercraft Workshop
May 14	Distribute bookmarks for Mother's Day
June 18	Distribute bookmarks for Father's Day
August 13-28	Diaper and Formula Drive for Carenet Pregnancy Center
September 23	Craft Fair Outing
October 7	Fall Luncheon
November 4	Holiday Hors d'Oeuvres Cooking Seminar
December 2	Christmas Brunch

In addition, WInGS coordinated meals for families with new babies throughout the year. Vivian Bruton hosted Busy Needles, a weekly knitting club; and a monthly Breakfast Club, coordinated by Rhenda Pilarski, began in November.

The women's Every One, Every Word group met every month to encourage each other as they read through the Bible this year.

Karen Barr facilitated discussion of the book, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life". Weekly Bible studies were led by Chris Thompson, Karen Barr and Sarah Hanson.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Our men ministry in 2006 continued with its two core events. Our monthly men's breakfast continues to be a time of encouragement and relationship building as we meet and share a meal at a local Zion restaurant. Our Men's Theological Forum completed its seventh year of reading and discussion various books on prayer, theology, apologetics, missions, evangelism as well as some great biographies. While these two monthly events play an essential role for the men who attend, we would like to see a more well rounded Men's Ministry begin to form here at Lakeview in 2007. It is our hope that we can offer a more robust selection of events for the men of our church.

### **ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS**

We currently offer three different Adult Bible Fellowships on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our ABF offerings are designed to provide individuals an opportunity to grow in their knowledge and love of God by studying His Word, and sharing and growing with their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. It is also an opportunity for attendees to prepare their hearts, minds, and spirits prior to entering into corporate worship on Sunday morning. I want to thank John Barr and Pastor Martin for the time they dedicate to their study and for their solid and faithful teaching.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**January 1 - December 31, 2006**

Balance on hand 12/31/05

Investments	75,843.30	
Savings	2,764.87	
Checking	<u>21,732.92</u>	
		\$100,341.09
<u>Income January - December, 2006</u>		
Contributions	384,213.16	
Miscellaneous Income	49,083.97	
Iglesia El Buen Pastor Rent	2,210.00	
Memorial Fund	5,646.24	
Investment Income	<u>1,554.16</u>	
		<u>\$442,707.53</u>
TOTAL		\$543,048.62
Expenses January - December, 2006		<u>\$413,860.95</u>

BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/2006

Investments	77,377.39	
Savings	2,784.94	
Checking	<u>49,025.34</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$129,187.67</u></b>

## 2007 APPROVED BUDGET

Expense Type	2006 Budget	2007 Budget
Base Salary	170,448	163,518
Business Expense	3,000	3,000
Workman's Comp	2,031	2,011
Pension	3,600	4,776
Benefits	16,212	15,582
Employer Share Social Security/Medicare	8,728	13,199
<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>204,019</b>	<b>202,085</b>
Children	6,750	8,200
Student Ministries	12,000	9,900
MTI	1,000	900
Curriculum	6,000	6,000
Music	5,500	5,500
Library	1,000	1,250
Men's Ministries	500	500
Women's Ministries	500	1,000
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	<b>33,250</b>	<b>33,250</b>
Undesignated	-	540
Peterson	2,100	2,100
Erdell	6,400	7,360
McDeavitt	3,000	3,000
Duran	3,600	3,600
Loshbough	200	200
Kuehl	1,800	2,400
Missions Exp	500	200
Child Evangelism	1,200	600
Missions Conf	200	200
Missions Misc	200	200
Care Net Pregnancy	900	900
Paul Mbamdi	8,400	8,400
Nathan Moser	8,400	8,400
<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>36,900</b>	<b>38,100</b>
Denominational Expense	20,866	18,949
Maintenance/Janitorial	10,000	8,000
Office/Church supplies/equip	15,000	20,000
Utilities	30,000	30,000
Building Insurance	3,300	4,412
Conference/Staff Training/Seminars	1,500	1,500
Flowers/Cards	700	700
Kitchen Expense	1,500	2,500
Vehicle Exp/Insurance	4,100	3,500
Special Events/Speakers/Decorations	2,000	1,000
Misc Expense	2,500	2,000
<b>CHURCH EXPENSE</b>	<b>91,466</b>	<b>92,561</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 365,635</b>	<b>\$ 365,996</b>



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**GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 2006**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Total (Active & Inactive)	160
Membership Active	121

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Baptisms	0
Baby Dedications	8
Funerals	6
Weddings	2

**AVERAGE TOTALS**

Sunday School Average Attendance	102
Worship Service Average Attendance	215

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