God's Always Been There!

When the donkey was walking to Bethlehem, what a privilege God had bestowed.

Yet how could he know that He carried God's son when he humbly travelled the road?

And how could he know as he stubbornly walked that God was the one that He served?

The treasure He carried, so heavy a load, was more than He surely deserved!

And when, at the stable, they all took their rest and Jesus arrived on the earth,

How could he have known that his humble home was chosen for God's son's birth?

But that is what happened; God chose him BECAUSE he was lowly, and humble and meek,

For God doesn't see us through human eyes. Humble, to God, isn't weak.

No! Humble is Godly. To Him, meek is strong. The way He was born is a sign.

That qualities that we think make us seem weak: in God's eyes, they make us divine.

So next time you think that you've suffered alone or feel like you're hidden away;

When something you've done seems un-noticed, unseen, remember this first Christmas day.

Remember the donkey who felt so unloved; who felt insignificant too,

Yet he had been chosen; he already had a special delivery to do!

And while He was feeling uncared for, unloved, Jesus was coming His way!

When he felt un-noticed, Jesus was there, laid in a manger of hay! So while he, at first, didn't know that God cared, finally he was aware That all through his journey God saw what He did; for Jesus had always been there!

And God has a purpose for all of our lives, whether or not we're aware.

So just like the donkey, try noticing God: You'll find that He's always been there!



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL Sunday, December 20, 2020 / Worship 10AM

Advent Wreath Titus 2:11-14

Invocation

Hymn # 105 O Come All Ye Faithful

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn # 124 We Three Kings of Orient Are Song Midnight Clear (Love Song)

Missions Moment

Prayer Pastor Dave Havener

Message HOPE – Past, Present, Future Pastor Dave Havener

Song Born Is The King (It's Christmas)

Song Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Benediction

Sermons are available online at:

https://www.lakeviewowego.com https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewowego

Events and Information

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</u> – Our Christmas Eve service will be held Thursday, December 24 at 6 PM. The Children's Bell Choir will play at the service.

<u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS</u> – Due to Christmas and New Year's our Wednesday night programs have been cancelled for December 23 & 30 and will resume January 6.

<u>C&MA 40 DAYS OF PRAYER</u> – Begins January 3, 2021 but you need to register now to receive daily devotional reflections with applications for all ages, livestream events and weekly virtual prayer gatherings. Signup at https://www.cmalliance.org. Please let Pastor Dave know if you are participating.

TRAINING GROUND 2021 / VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

This one-day online training event will be held on Saturday, January 30. For pastors, ministry leaders and volunteers. Cost \$25 per person. For more information and to register go to: www.TrainingGround NED.com. Registration scholarships are available upon request.

<u>C&MA YEAR-END OFFERING</u> – An offering will be received until December 27. Mark your gift "Year-End Offering" and place it in the Offering Box or give online at https://www.cmalliance.org/yearend.

COUPLE CHECK-UP - LVC is offering a free Couple Check-Up for every married couple as well as engaged and dating couples. It's a tool to help you be intentional about strengthening your relationship. This is NOT only for struggling relationships, it's for every couple who is serious about having the best relationship they can have. The pastor will receive a group summary, an anonymous snapshot of couples in our church family, to use in addressing trends and general topics in our congregation. The Check-Up will be available to access ONLY from December 27th through January 27th. The 'Instructions for Couples' insert in your bulletin includes instructions and the access code.

<u>ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING</u> – Our Annual Business Meeting will be held Sunday, January 24 at 11:15 AM. A fellowship dinner will follow.

<u>ANNUAL REPORTS</u> – Please have annual reports in the church office by Sunday, January 10 to allow enough time to make copies available before the annual meeting.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – 2021 offering envelopes are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Small Group Ministry

Small Groups

Adult Group (Led by Steve & Kristie)

Meeting Friday evenings at 7 PM at Steve & Kristie's home. For more information, call the church office (607)-687-3261.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study (Led by Anne)

The Women's Bible Study group will resume their meetings Tuesday, January 12, 9:30 AM in the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study (Led by Mickey)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the first-floor classroom by the stairs. Studying *'The Daniel Prayer'* by Anne Graham Lotz.

Prayer Group (Led by Art) Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the church office.

Wednesday Night Youth Programs (6:30-8 PM)

IMPACT (Teen Group 6th–12th grade) Meeting at Lakeview.

This Weeks Calendar

Thursday 6 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We're building a community of faith in God that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.