

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday January 26, 2026 - Psalm 34: 8

**8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who
takes refuge in him..**

Read Psalm 34 for meditation and inspiration.



WHAT A GRRRRREAT ANNUAL MEETING!

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

A few years ago, at a Maryland livestock auction, a young woman named Susan rescued a newborn calf, which she affectionately named Bucket. Within minutes of bringing the calf home, Bucket discovered the family dog's bed, where she immediately laid down and fell asleep. It was as if the calf said to herself, "This looks comfortable," Susan recalled.

The next day, Colton, the family's St. Bernard, and the calf began running and playing together like dogs. And the next thing Susan noticed amazed her. The animals were snuggling together. "It was so cute," she said, "they were like two peas in a pod." Five years later, the two are best friends, bonded for life. Bucket, now a full-grown adult cow, weighs more than 1,200 pounds. To see "eye-to-eye," she kneels to get down on the St. Bernard's level so they can nuzzle and groom each other. And just like the family dog, Bucket comes when Susan calls. She thinks of Bucket as her "grass puppy" because the cow behaves just like the family dog. "They truly love each other. It's so special to witness," she marvels. "It really has been a beautiful friendship."

Think of all the marvels we have conceived, the homes we've built, the families we've nurtured, and the beautiful friendships we've helped create. We have books to read and music to listen to. We have faith to express and love to give. And all because the Divine Creator has given us a share of His creativity.

Knowing and experiencing this reality, it is foolish to think of creation as something that happened only in the past. We know we have an ongoing role and that is where our church comes in.

We have just experienced our 2026 ANNUAL MEETING, and it was a time for us to celebrate how we have come together as a family. Coming from a wide range of cultures, many different geographical locations, a vast spectrum of ages, we are a kaleidoscope of a grand color scheme of God's glory but knit together by the power of the Holy Spirit's design in love and grace.

Lakeside Presbyterian is God's family unified in action.

This is a grand place to be as it has been fashioned by God's glorious design, and we are so greatly privileged to be a part of it.

Blessings to you and yours as we continue into God's beautiful future.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

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