Call The Midwife Holiday Special (2017)

Join the midwives as they battle snow, ice, power cuts and frozen pipes to provide patient care during the coldest winter in 300 years. Valerie helps a young couple who experience a traumatic birth and Sister Julienne tries to reunite a family.

Monday, December 25 at 8pm
Also airs Thursday, December 28 at 3am; Friday, December 29 at 1am
The Beatles: Eight Days A Week - The Touring Years
Saturday, November 25 at 7pm; Sunday, December 3 at 3pm
Explore the history of the Fab Four from their early days in Liverpool to their last concert in San Francisco in 1966. The film, by Oscar-winner Ron Howard, reveals how the foursome united to become the global phenomenon that was "The Beatles."

60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music)
Wednesday, December 6 at 8pm
Hosted by Peter Noone of Herman’s Hermits (pictured) and the late Davy Jones of The Monkees, this concert features hits and favorites of the AM radio era including Paul Revere & The Raiders, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, and Jefferson Starship. Every song is a classic from the decade of peace, love and profound social change - sung by performers who represent a period of time that resonates through the generations.

Great Performances “The Moody Blues: Days of Future Passed Live”
Saturday, December 2 at 8:30pm
Experience the memorable 50th anniversary performance of the band’s seminal album, including "Knights in White Satin," recorded live with full orchestra from Toronto's Sony Centre. Jeremy Irons narrates.

Alan Jackson Precious Memories
Saturday, December 2 at 7pm
Recorded to honor his mother’s request that he release an album of gospel classics, Alan Jackson’s Precious Memories CD quickly made its way to the top of the charts. This concert that followed was taped at the historic Ryman Auditorium and features signature renditions of traditional hymns and gospel favorites. Selections include: ‘When We All Get to Heaven,’ ‘The Old Rugged Cross’ and ‘How Great Thou Art.’

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band: 50 Years and Circlin' Back
Wednesday, November 29 at 8:30pm; Saturday, December 2 at 7pm;
Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm
Celebrate the groundbreaking band’s musical milestones and hits along with special guests Vince Gill, John Prine, Jackson Browne, Alison Krauss, Rodney Crowell, Jerry Jeff Walker, Jimmy Ibbotson, Sam Bush, Jerry Douglas and Byron House.
Pictured, left to right - Bob Carpenter, Jimmie Fadden, Jeff Hanna, and John McEuen: the original core group of Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.
Happy Holidays!

Last year at this time when I was writing my Highlights article to you for December, it was 60 degrees and deer hunters were hunting in short-sleeve shirts. What a difference a year can make! Many of the area lakes are already frozen over and the indoor season is now upon us.

As we enter the holidays, I’d like to wish you all a very happy holiday season and a merry Christmas filled with family and friends. Coming up in December we have some great holiday programming for you and your family to enjoy with many choir concerts and Christmas music specials around the Christmas holiday. Christmas day in particular is packed with holiday music from choirs from around the region. It’s a holiday tradition for us to bring you this special music programming. Look over the Christmas day schedule in this edition of Highlights to make note of which holiday concerts may be of particular interest to you.

Our December pledge drive begins Thanksgiving weekend and we need your help more this year than ever before. This year has been very challenging for us and we have fallen short of our pledge drive goals throughout the year. You may not realize how important your $36 or $66 contribution is for us. Every dollar we raise locally helps us raise additional federal and state matching dollars, so your contributions go much farther than you realize and make the programs that you enjoy possible. Without your contribution, we leave this important government funding on the table. In addition, Lakeland Public Television’s expenses are replenished by your pledges.

This pays for all the national programs you enjoy like Nature, Antiques Roadshow, Masterpiece, the NewHour, and all the great educational children’s programs we air. Please consider making a generous investment in programs that educate, entertain, enrich, and enlighten you and your family. Also know that your contribution can help you reduce your tax burden. We’ve set aside a full page in this month’s Highlights to educate you on different ways you can help support the programs you enjoy and save money on your taxes. Thank you for your consideration.

Also since my last article, we debuted The Vietnam War series by Ken Burns. This powerful series did a great job of telling the story of this difficult time in our past. While parts of this series were difficult to watch due to the nature of the content, I felt that it really did a good job of telling not only the story that the general public was aware of at the time, but also helping us all better understand the war from behind the public scene and also from the view of the local Vietnamese civilians who were victims of this tragic war. I remember a north Vietnamese soldier who was interviewed say that even the winning side doesn’t win in a war. He had lost many of his siblings and family members and his entire world was destroyed. I hope all of the world’s leaders remember that there are no winners at the end of a war. If we don’t remember and understand the past, we’re destined to repeat our past mistakes. I also think that this powerful program will help to heal some of the remaining emotional scars that still exist from this tragic war.

In my last Highlights article I mentioned that we were working to bring in a few concerts for 2018. I had hoped by now that we would have an announcement for you. Unfortunately we are still in negotiations, so I don’t have details to share at this time. I will let you know when we are negotiating with three different acts with hopes to bring the first one in early this summer. I think that by the time you’re reading this, we will likely have at least one act signed, so stay tuned! I’m hoping that we can make this announcement during our December fund drive.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and as always, thanks so much for your support!

Bill Sanford - CEO
Lakeland Public Television

FREE Estate Planning Seminar in Bemidji!

We all know how easy it is to put off getting your estate in order. It seems there are always more important things to do. If you have been meaning to begin the process of getting your estate planning completed you may be interested in joining us for a seminar on estate planning.

The seminar is FREE and will be held at our Bemidji Lakeland Public Television offices on Tuesday, December 5th from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The afternoon will include the seminar as well as a chance to meet staff, bear about upcoming programming and take a tour of our new building. Seating is limited so we ask that interested attendees RSVP by December 1st by calling Kathleen at 218-333-3018 or via email at kmckinstra@lpvt.org.

Backroads “Jim Olson”

Thursday, December 21 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 23 at 8:30pm

Jim Olson (left) is an instrumental guitarist who plays both traditional guitar and harp-guitar. Originally from Hibbing, Jim was based in Nashville, TN where he toured with several groups and as a solo artist. In 2007, he returned to his home state to help with his dad’s health concerns. He relocated in the Brainerd Lakes Area and currently plays at local restaurants & resorts, along with wedding ceremonies around the state. Jim’s music provides a perfect ambiance for background easy listening.

Backroads “Anthony Lamb”

Thursday, December 25 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 30 at 8:30pm

Anthony Lamb (right) is an singer-songwriter from Fargo. A blend of simplistic guitar rhythms and empowering vocal melodies. Anthony has developed his musical style over a decade of playing in different musical groups from college choirs to metal bands. A former Bemidji State Choir member, Anthony is known for his powerful voice and moving lyrics. Lamb due to release his 2nd EP Album entitled ‘Just Fine’ this August. For more info go to www.facebook.com/AnthonyLambMusic

Lakeland Currents

Fridays at 8pm

Join hosts Ray Gildow and Bethany Wesley for stimulating conversation with local leaders, citizens and experts about the issues that affect central and northern Minnesota. Repeated on Saturdays at 5:30pm

Common Ground “Identifying Coniferous Trees of Northern Minnesota”

Thursday, November 30 at 7pm

Due to popular viewer response, this episode of Common Ground is a follow up to Common Ground 707 where retired teacher, biologist and ecologist Robert Knudson taught us how to identify the common coniferous trees of northern Minnesota. In this episode Knudson returns to teach us how to identify the common conifers, the evergreens of northern Minnesota.

Common Ground “Identifying Deciduous Trees of Northern Minnesota”

Thursday, November 30 at 7:30pm

Biology and Ecology teacher Rob Knudson comes out of retirement to take us for a walk in the woods, showing us how to identify the common deciduous trees of Northern Minnesota by their leaves. He demonstrates side-by-side comparisons of the different species’ traits and be talks of the importance of understanding one’s environment when one is enjoying our beautiful Minnesota outdoors.

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‘Tis the Season for Holiday Specials...

Christmas in Christ Chapel at Gustavus
Tuesday, December 19 at 8pm; Monday, December 25 at 11am

A tradition since 1973, this Christmas program is a time for the Gustavus Adolphus College community in St. Peter, Minnesota to celebrate the holidays with one another. More than 300 students, faculty, and staff bring the program to life each year through the use of music, dance, spoken word, and the visual arts.

Crane Candelight Concert: Laude!
Saturday, December 23 at 9pm; Monday, December 25 at Noon

Laude! means Praise, and The Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra come together to perform selections of praise, hope, and joy to celebrate the holiday season. Featuring over 300 carolers and musicians from the renowned Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, the concert includes traditional Christmas and seasonal hymns along with popular favorites.

Holidays at Murray State
Saturday, December 23 at 10pm; Monday, December 25 at 1pm

The Murray State University Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra and featured soloists highlight this annual seasonal special, 'The Holidays at Murray State,' a one hour sojourn in sight and sound through Murray State University and the Purchase area of western Kentucky.

St. Thomas Christmas: So Bright The Star
Monday, December 25 at 9am & 9:30pm; Tuesday, December 26 at 5pm

Recorded before a live audience at Orchestra Hall in downtown Minneapolis, this special celebrates the Advent and Christmas season by drawing from a songbook of familiar traditional carols and innovative contemporary selections. The festive one-hour concert showcases the University of St. Thomas’ internationally renowned vocal and instrumental ensembles in performance with inspired musical programming.

Christmas with Wartburg
Monday, December 25 at 2pm

As enchanting as fresh snowfall, the 68th annual Christmas with Wartburg concert celebrates the holiday season with a musical performance on the campus of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. This program features the Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, and Wind Ensemble as well as other Wartburg College choirs such as Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale, Kantorei and the Handbell Choir.

Wheaton College Christmas Festival:
Love Divine
Monday, December 25 at 3pm

This special draws viewers into the story of a long-awaited child a king of glory born into the humbllest of circumstances. This program of sacred Christmas music presented by the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music in Wheaton, Illinois celebrates ‘Love Divine’ the love of God, made manifest through the birth of Jesus Christ.

Purdue 83rd Anniversary Christmas Show
Monday, December 25 at 4pm

This one-hour condensed version of the 83rd anniversary Purdue Christmas Show features musical highlights from the full two-hour show. The first act of this fast-paced high-energy production features holiday favorites from Purdue Musical Organizations ensembles including University Choir, Purdue Bells, Heart & Soul, the Purdueettes and the Purdue Varsity Glee Club. The second half features sacred music performed by the combined choirs of Purdue Musical Organizations.

Last Tango in Halifax Holiday Special
Part 1 airs Sunday, December 17 at 7pm
Part 1 airs Sunday, December 24 at 7pm

Packed with surprises, the heartwarming drama continues the compelling story of childhood sweethearts, reunited after nearly 60 years apart, as they and their families negotiate the highs and lows of life and relationships.

Part 1 repeats on Tuesday, December 19 at 2pm
Part 2 repeats on Tuesday, December 26 at 2am

Christmas on the Danube
Thursday, December 14 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 16 at 8:30pm;
Sunday, December 24 at 10pm; Monday, December 25 at 5pm

This holiday special will fill your senses with warmth, touch your heart, and provide your mind with geography and history, as well. Traveling the majestic Danube river as it passes through stunning European landscape, history and culture, the program visits cities along the Danube that are particularly spectacular at Christmas.

Also airs Tuesday, December 26 at 6:30am

Live from Lincoln Center
New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve:
Bernstein on Broadway
Sunday, December 31st at 6pm

Ring in the new year with a celebration of Leonard Bernstein's best-loved works for Broadway, including West Side Story, featuring the New York Philharmonic.

Austin City Limits Hall of Fame
New Year's Eve Special
Sunday, December 31st at 9:30pm

Enjoy the 2017 Austin City Limits special as Roy Orbison, Rosanne Cash and the Neville Brothers are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Performers include Neko Case, Brandi Carlile, Trombone Shorty, Raul Malo, Ry Cooder and more. Chris Isaak hosts.

Christmas at Concordia:
Gather Us In, O Child of Peace
Monday, December 18 at 9pm; Monday, December 25 at 10pm

Concordia College re-imagines the Christmas message with music embracing peace and reconciliation. The concert marks the 125th anniversary of Concordia College, which was founded by Norwegian immigrants and is located in Moorhead, Minnesota. Under the artistic leadership of world renowned composer and conductor Rene Clausen, four hundred student musicians perform in front of an original mural measuring nearly 200 feet wide. The hour-long program explores through song the themes of virtue in the community, including tolerance, compassion, and unity. Music includes traditional favorites like “Silent Night” and “I Saw Three Ships” to an original composition by Rene Clausen.

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American Masters: This is Bob Hope  
Monday, November 27 at 8pm; Saturday, December 2 at 1pm  
Explore the entertainer’s life with unprecedented access to his personal archives including writings voiced by Billy Crystal, clips from his body of work, and interviews with Woody Allen, Margaret Cho, Conan O’Brien, Tom Selleck and Brooke Shields.  
Also airs on Saturday, December 30 at 1am

Ric Edelman's The Truth About Your Future  
Saturday, December 2 at 11am  
In the program, Edelman makes the information accessible to average viewers, and provides a road map for them to achieve their goals. Viewers will be inspired by the rapidly evolving technological changes they face, and will also be inspired to make actionable decisions based on the information they receive.

Memory Rescue with Daniel Amen, M.D.  
Saturday, November 25 at 1pm; Sunday, December 3 at 1pm;  
Saturday, December 4 at 7pm; Saturday, December 9 at 10am  
In this program, Dr. Daniel Amen will show you how to supercharge your memory and remember what matters most to you. Dr. Amen talks about how you can improve your memory and even rescue it if you think it’s headed for trouble. This simple idea to strengthen your memory is based on treating the 13 major risk factors that destroy your brain. Most of these risk factors are either preventable or treatable. Knowing your risk factors and how to overcome them is critical to rescuing your memory.

Ed Slott’s Retirement Road Map 2017  
Saturday, December 9 at Noon  
Greedy Wall Street Banks and Uncle Sam are out to grab your hard earned retirement savings. Ed Slott, America’s IRA Expert, shows you how to steer clear of the bumps, potholes and roadblocks in your retirement.

Great Performances  
“Hitman: David Foster and Friends”  
Sunday, November 26 at 5pm  
Legendary songwriter, producer, and maestro to the stars, David Foster has generated some of the world’s best known popular music, and collaborated with a “Who’s Who” of superstars in a career that spans more than three decades. In celebration of his remarkable achievements including fourteen Grammy Awards and a host of other accolades some of the biggest names in contemporary music gather for a one-night-only concert that brings down the house. From the stage of Las Vegas’ Mandalay Bay, Andrea Bocelli, Josh Groban, Michael Buble, Be Be Krags, Kenny G, Blake Shelton, Cheryl Lynn, Katharine McPhee, and Andre Agassi join in the celebration, along with a special performance by Celine Dion and some long-distance best wishes from Kevin Costner and Barbra Streisand.

Easy Yoga: The Secret to Strength and Balance with Peggy Cappy  
Saturday, November 25 at 11am; Sunday, November 26 at 12:30pm; Saturday, December 2 at 10am  
Discover how yoga can aid anyone, of any age, who wants to increase strength and mobility. Peggy Cappy shows how yoga poses can increase range of motion, improve awareness of the body, help prevent bone loss and keep metabolism running efficiently.

Human Nature: Jukebox In Concert from the Venetian  
Wednesday, November 29 at 7pm; Saturday, December 2 at 10:30pm  
Monday, December 4 at 8:30pm  
Travel in a time machine of 50s and 60s hits with this vibrant and dynamic musical foursome. Joined by special guest Darlene Love, a seven-piece band and world-class dancers, the group celebrates a mix of pop, doo-wop, bandstand and soul standards.

Anne of Green Gables (2016)  
Sunday, November 26 at 3pm  
Savor a new adaptation of the classic novel about the orphaned Anne, placed in the care of upright Marilla and her brother Matthew, played by Martin Sheen. Neither Anne nor Marilla could predict the profound effect they’d have on each other’s lives.  
Also airs on Monday, November 27 at 3:30am

Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars  
Sunday, November 26 at 3pm  
Join Anne Shirley as she turns 13 and faces complex situations with friends, adults and Gilbert. Her free-spirited nature is challenged by her perceived need to be sensible, a journey fraught with confusion and unfortunate-albeit amusing-mishaps.  
Also airs on Monday, November 27 at 2am
Victor Borge: 100 Years of Music & Laughter!
Sunday, November 26 at 1:30pm; Sunday, December 3 at 9pm; Saturday, December 9 at 3:30pm

This collection of Victor Borge’s funniest and most memorable skits contains such classic comedy bits as the timeless “Phonetic Punctuation,” “Inflationary Language,” “The Opera Singer” with Marylyn Mulvey and more. Rare archival footage from the Borge family vault enhances this memorable retrospective. Rita Rudner narrates.

A Cat’s Attic - Yusuf/Cat Stevens
Sunday, December 3 at 10:30pm; Saturday, December 9 at 8:30pm

Celebrate 50 years of the illustrious career of Cat Stevens as he talks about fame, the songwriting process, and performs some of his greatest hits, from “Morning Has Broken” to “Peace Train” to “Wild World.”

David Gilmour: Live In Pompeii
Saturday, November 25 at 9:30pm

Join the Pink Floyd singer-guitarist for a spectacular concert featuring lasers, pyrotechnics and stellar performances from an all-star band. Shot in the legendary Roman amphitheatre, the program highlights an artist at the top of his game.

Big Band Years
Saturday, November 25 at 3pm; Thursday, November 30 at 8pm; Sunday, December 3 at 7pm

My Music presents its first “Big Band” music retrospective featuring the biggest songs that got us through World War II and kick-started the baby boom with brassy legends that will take your members on a “Sentimental Journey.” This nostalgic program compiles the original hit makers and legends that define the GI and generations’ memories. Peter Marshall hosts this event, which for the first time mixes vintage live, rare, and unreleased footage from the Big Band days.

Lawrence Welk’s TV Treasures
Saturday, November 25 at 5pm; Sunday, November 26 at 10:30am

This documentary about the television series, “The Lawrence Welk Show,” features rarely seen footage from more than 50 years of the longest-running series on national television and outstanding never-before-seen archival performances by members of the Welk Musical Family, starting with the earliest days of the show. Fourteen members of the Musical Family vividly describe how the weekly show was produced and tell some “behind the scenes” stories. Costume designer Rose Weiss and Larry Welk, the son of Lawrence Welk, discuss the early days of the show and how it evolved from a “band” showcase into a full-fledged weekly series.

Lawrence Welk: Precious Memories
Saturday, December 9 at 5pm

This nostalgic special will lift your spirits, heal your heart and take you into the safe haven of your past with promises for a brighter tomorrow. Taped before a LIVE audience at the Welk Resort Theatre in Branson, Missouri, it features 15 stars from the Welk Musical Family, including Norma Zimmer, The Lennon Sisters, Jo Ann Castle, Ralph English, Gary Hovis, Mary Lou Metzger, Jack Insel, Tom Netherton, Ken Delo, Dick Dale, Gail Farrell, Bob Raulton, and Joe Feeney. Special guests include Chris Feeney and Tim Padilla. The special feature more than 20 songs of inspiration including “Precious Memories,” “Swing Low Sweet Chariot,” “How Great Thou Art,” “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho,” “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,” “Find Us Faithful,” “My Tribute,” “Ave Maria,” and “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You.”

Young Hyacinth
Sunday, November 26 at 11pm; Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm; Saturday, December 2 at 6pm

Chart the early life of the remarkable Hyacinth in this prequel to Britcom KEEPING UP APPEARANCES. Hyacinth’s desperate attempts to transform her sisters and darling Daddy into an altogether better class of family are not at all appreciated.

Christmas with Daniel O’Donnell
Monday, November 27 at 7pm; Saturday, December 2 at 5pm; Wednesday, December 6 at 7pm

Join O’Donnell and special guests for a winter wonderland of yuletide carols, classic hymns and seasonal sing-a-long favorites. Performed before an enthusiastic audience at Dublin’s Convention Centre, O’Donnell brings the spirit of the holiday season to life with theatrical sets, a talented cast of performers, and even a sleigh drawn by two ponies! Joining Daniel on stage to perform heartwarming Christmas songs is his long-time singing partner of 36 years, the talented Mary Duff, along with The Billie Barry Kids, the renowned Killarney Presentation Choir, the Rathdowney adult choir and the Daniel O’Donnell band.
Five Smart Year End Ways To Support Lakeland Public Television!

3. **Use your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA to make a direct gift to Lakeland Public Television.**

If you are age 70 1/2 and have an IRA you can direct all or a portion of your RMD to LPTV. This is sometimes called the IRA Charitable Rollover. In doing this, you will avoid having to pay income tax on the IRA distribution because it goes directly from your IRA to an IRS designated charity or nonprofit, such as LPTV. Using this technique can provide big tax savings for the donor since the amount directed to the nonprofit is not included in the donor’s taxable income in the year of distribution. Call LPTV for more details on this tax savvy strategy to support the high quality television you see daily on LPTV.

4. **Name Lakeland Public Television the beneficiary or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy.**

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5. **Consider leaving a gift to Lakeland Public Television in your estate plan.**

Many people welcome this idea as they can support LPTV without opening their wallet. An estate gift is a wonderful way to make your wishes known about the people and organizations that were important to you during your life. Additionally, there can be significant estate tax advantages to using a planned gift to a favorite nonprofit. Even if your estate is not subject to any state or federal estate tax at death, a planned gift provides a legacy that will serve to honor the organizations that provided meaning to you during your life. Many people are worried about outliving their resources. Since a planned gift does not take effect until after your death your resources (assets) remain available to you to use during your lifetime. Planned giving is a great way to leave a lasting legacy and many people are surprised to learn just how easy it is to incorporate an estate gift into their plans. If you would like additional information email Kathleen at kmckinstra@lptv.org or call her at 218-333-3018.

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**YES! I am interested in supporting the high quality television programming at Lakeland Public Television with a year end gift. I would like to find out more about the following:**

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**Notes:**
- All events are subject to change without notice.
- Check the website for the latest updated information.
- Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.
- Keep an eye out for special guest appearances and announcements.
- Parking is available in the adjacent lot.
- For more information, please contact the event organizers.