



Lord ^{of the} Lakes
Serving God's people with hope.

April 2018

Daylight savings means the darkest day are behind us! And with that comes Easter, a reminder that hope has come. Similarly, the darkness of Good Friday gives way to the light of the resurrection on Sunday morning. The old saying, "He is risen. He is risen indeed!" continues to echo through Lutheran congregations around the world. And this reality never gets old; it never loses its importance in our lives.

Easter is God's way of setting this messy world right. Nothing will stop God -- not even death. And though you and I live in an imperfect world, God continues to bring new life and hope every day to each of us. Spring is a wonderful time to see this fact. The grey, brown earth around us comes back to life.

This Easter may the resurrection of Jesus go beyond Sunday morning services for you. May you awaken every day to this new reality that God has come and changed us and our world until one day He will set all things right for all of us. Happy Easter

Pastor Kevin



He has been raised.
—Mark 16:6

Easter Sunday Worship
April 1, 8am & 10am

Continental Breakfast 9am
Annual Egg Hunt 11am

REJOICE!

Busy Hands

Thank you to all of the contributions of fabric, thread, donations and hands that come together for the good of many! You are always welcome to join in—you can even sew from home if that works best for you!

Feel free to join us on: Tuesday, April 3rd & 17th at 9am
Come when you can!

Thoughts on the resurrection...

Jesus could have died like the rest of us - he was human, right? If he had not risen from the dead, we could have still understood that he died for our sins. However, his resurrection sets him apart as the Son of God. He wasn't JUST human and he had a specific purpose to fulfill. We need to see Jesus in God to understand the full picture of God's dedication and love for us. His death and resurrection go hand-in-hand and make up both his sacrifice (which was a gift for us) and the promise that he continues to walk with us and live in us.

Jesus' death and resurrection helps to eliminate our fear of what happens in and after death. We know if we turn toward Christ, we will be saved and be with God. We LIVE in death when we make our lives about Christ. He makes death something other than a consequence for our sin.

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A Time and Talent Survey is coming . . .



"We have a vibrant church community here at Lord of the Lakes and hope YOU can take an active role in our enthusiasm of sharing God's word."
Pastor Kevin

The stewardship of our time and talents is the wise and responsible use of the special gifts that God has entrusted to each of us. It is in believing that God has created each one of us with unique abilities and attributes — including our personalities, interests, motivations, life experiences, talents and skills, hopes and dreams — that makes us who we are. Our lives have real meaning only when we use our gifts in accordance with God's will. Our lives are God's gift to use; how we live is our gift to God.



Confirmation Creds

Our Confirmation students profess their faith by composing their own personal creeds that were shared at the March 18 Worship service. (excerpts from the bulletin below)

- * Faith is believing in God and trusting that he is real and that he is watching over me and guiding me through life.
- * I believe that he has faith in me and he has designed a path in which I will venture throughout my life.
- * To me, the Holy Spirit is a part of God that guides us to do good things.
- * My plan of putting faith into action within my life is to live my life to the fullest because I know God would want that for me. I will give to those who do not give back, I will try to open other's eyes to God's Kingdom.
- * I know that when I feel alone and unheard, I know that I can talk to God and know that he is hearing me.

Thank you Confirmation students for sharing your statements of faith with the congregation as we all move forward in our journeys in our risen Lord's name.

SCRIP

Celebrate Spring or do some Spring Cleaning with a Scrip Gift Card.



Have a remodeling or painting project going on at your house this spring? A Menard's, Lowe's, Home Depot, and Zillges Scrip card would come in handy!

Stop by our Scrip table on Sunday and say hi to our new volunteers for 2018!

So, broaden your Scrip horizon and try some different types of cards other than grocery. Check it out on www.ShopWithScrip.com or see Tammy for a retailer list. Scrip Coordinator: Tammy Wright, wisupermom@gmail.com, 920.836.3007



Mark you Calendar

Annual meeting and brunch
May 20th . . .

Hear of the wonderful plans for our next church year!!

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Maren Geiger
Izzy Gmeiner
Christian Groholski
Dane Jacobson
Tyler Koch
Jaci Kunde
Dane Kutnink
Reeve Peterson
Alexandra Wood
Payton Wright



Letter from Karyn Kost (Lord of the Lakes seminary student)

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I first must apologize as I have not kept in contact with all you as much as I would have liked. Internship has kept me busy. I continue to appreciate your prayers and financial support. I am amazed at how quickly this time has gone by. I am finishing up my internship at Trinity Lutheran in Mt. Morris, IL and will graduate from Trinity Lutheran Seminary on May 19.

Last week at my internship site's midweek worship service, we talked about Abraham and Sarah as we are focusing on God's covenants during Lent. Pr. Josh noted that Abraham laughed. He laughed at the thought of himself and Sarah conceiving a child at their ages. Abraham laughed at God's daring idea.

When I first considered a call to seminary to be a pastor, I too, laughed. I laughed at God's daring idea that a person who loves math and struggles in English could be a pastor who reads and writes for a living.

I recently found out that I have been assigned to the Northern Illinois Synod (Region 5) to serve my first call. I will begin reading congregational profiles soon and will eventually begin the interview process. It is possible that I could receive a letter of call by graduation, but the process usually takes three-six months. My ordination will follow my letter of call. I will update you all, as I can, throughout the process.

I still find myself laughing at God as I am formed and reformed as a candidate for rostered ministry and am working to be more open to recognizing what God is trying to communicate to me in those moments. God continuously amazes me by what can be done through the work of the Spirit. I have been inspired by all of you and your willingness to listen to God and trust in God's love. Thank you! Karyn Kost

Welcome new members!

Ron and Darlene Miller
Joe Kuehnel
Carol Allen

We are so blessed to have you join us in mission at Lord of the Lakes.



First Communion Class

This year's class included . . .

Diesel Haemmerle
Layne Fox
Eavie Heffernan,
Noah Liljegren,
Andrew Sperling,
Brennan Jaeger
Everett Unmuth

Blessings to you all as we all commune together in His name

Thrift Saturday is . . . April 7 2018!

Lord of the Lakes has participated on Thrift Saturdays—the first Saturday of every month from 10am-2pm over the last few years. What a journey this is to be able to help in the community with this program. Please continue to volunteer and shop! Sign up is on the kiosk.

PRAYER

Prayer is a crucial part of our faith lives and support of each other. Please contact the church office or Pastor to add your request to the prayer chain. All concerns on the prayer chain are kept confidential.

Pastor Kevin

Church is a place of refuge in a troubled world.



Need Help? Don't let stigma stand in your way.

Call 2-1-1 www.21now.org

Find resources for: suicidal thoughts, Alcohol/drug abuse, stress, depression, eating disorders, family counseling, anxiety, bipolar disorder and much more.

No Health without Mental Health

24/7 Mental Health Crisis Intervention Help Line:

Oshkosh: 233-7707, Neenah: 722-7707



Sarah Miller has volunteered to be our new church social media coordinator! Follow Lord of the Lakes on Facebook to see all of the activities happening here. Got church news for our page? Contact Sarah: mrssarahmiller@gmail.com

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Once upon a time there was a wise man
who used to go to the ocean
to do his writing.
He had a habit of walking on the beach
before he began his work.
One day he was walking along the shore.
As he looked down the beach,
he saw a human
figure moving like a dancer.
He smiled to himself to think
of someone who would dance to the day.
So he began to walk faster to catch up.
As he got closer, he saw
that it was a young man
and the young man wasn't dancing,
but instead he was reaching
down to the shore, picking up something
and very gently throwing it
into the ocean.
As he got closer he called out,
"Good morning! What are you doing?"
The young man paused,
looked up and replied,
"Throwing starfish in the ocean."
"I guess I should have asked,
why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"
"The sun is up and the tide is going out.
And if I don't throw them in they'll die."
"But, young man, don't you realize that
there are miles and miles of beach
and starfish all along it.
You can't possibly make a difference!"
The young man listened politely.
Then bent down, picked up another starfish
and threw it into the sea,
past the breaking waves and said-
"It made a difference for that one."

You make a difference!



by Loren Eiseley


Time and Talent Survey . . .

**Please consider how you can make a difference at
Lord of the Lakes!**



April Worship Assistant Schedule



April Users	April Ushers
8:00am Terry & Valerie Gulke, Russ Kohl* Rick Pierre	10:00am John & Nick Wallschlaeger, Debbie* and James Williams
April 1 8:00am Easter Sunday Reader Dave Williamson Greeters Dave & Ellen Smolinski Communion Janet Veith & Ray Zegers Coffee Kristen Woods*, John Macho	April 1 10:00am Easter Sunday Reader Dorothy Zeinert Greeters Kay & Tom Lettau Communion Don & Dorothy Zeinert 
April 8 8:00am Reader Courtney Still Greeters Chuck & Judy Reese Communion Lisa Curtis & Marsha Phillips Coffee Gail Gardner, Dorothy & Don Zeinert, Dana & Ramakka Hartel	April 8 10:00am Reader Andrea Schell Greeters Gina & Dean Nikodem Communion Dennis Cartwright & Gail Gardner
April 15 8:00am Reader Darlene Larsen Greeters Jim & Chris Rescheske Communion Bruce Hergert & Chris Rescheske Coffee Tamie Wallschlaeger*, Marge Kohl, Sue Rice	April 15 10:00am Reader Kimberly Radtke Greeters Brooke Zillges, Tom Zillges Communion Kathy & John Slesar
April 22 8:00am Reader Pam Ulness Greeters Mark & Teri Henry Communion Joanne Dallmann, Betts Nikolai Coffee Jan Olson*, Becky Jahnke, Meridith Jaeger	April 22 10:00am Reader Jody Franz Greeters Joe and Jenni Groholski Communion Becky Jahnke, Kristen Bjornstad
April 29 8:00am Reader Joleen Downs Greeters Andy & Holly Case Communion Pam Ulness & Janet Veith Coffee Amy Davis*, Lillie Rosenthal, Sarah & Jon Walsh	April 29 10:00am Reader Geoff Hendren Greeters Tim & Anne Zillges Communion Jenni & Joe Groholski

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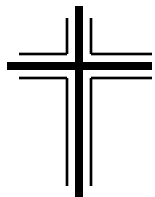
Adult Mission Trip to Nicaragua July 14-22, 2018

Program cost is roughly \$1000-\$1400 plus airfare. Program fee and registration due date: May 30th

Taking a mission trip is a perfect opportunity to serve, love and grow together. So, give this some thought and prayer.

If you have some interest and would like additional info, please sign up at the kiosk and or contact Kathy Hergert, 920-582-4721, or mpymequon@yahoo.com

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April 2018

"always pray,
and never give up"
-Luke 18:1

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Easter 8 & 10am Worship 9:00 Continental Breakfast 11:00 Egg Hunt	2 2019 church fiscal year begins 5:30pm Bells	3 9am Busy Hands	4 6pm-8pm Middle School Youth Group	5 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin 7pm BetterMENT men's grp @ Brennand Airport	6	7 Thrift 10am-2pm
8 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Youth Devo, BP/BS Screening	9 5:30pm Bells	10 B&G 6:30 pm	11 6pm-8pm Youth Group	12 8:30am Bible Study 	13	14
15 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Youth Devo	16 *Annual Reports are due to the office 5:30pm Bells	17 9am Busy Hands 6:30pm Council	18 6pm-8pm Middle School Youth Group	19 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin pm: youth team	20	21 It is more Blessed to give than to receive.
22 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Youth Devos Time & Talent Surveys	23 5:30pm Bells	24 6:30 Worship Team	25 6pm-8pm Youth Group Movie Night	26 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin	27	28
29 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Youth Devos Time & Talent Surveys Due	30 5:30pm Bells	Psalm 107:1 "Oh give thanks to the Lord"	A look ahead . . . May 20 is our annual meeting (& brunch)	 <p>Bible Study At the Fin Thursdays at 8:30am Breakfast optional, coffee available. Come & join us.</p>		

FAITH

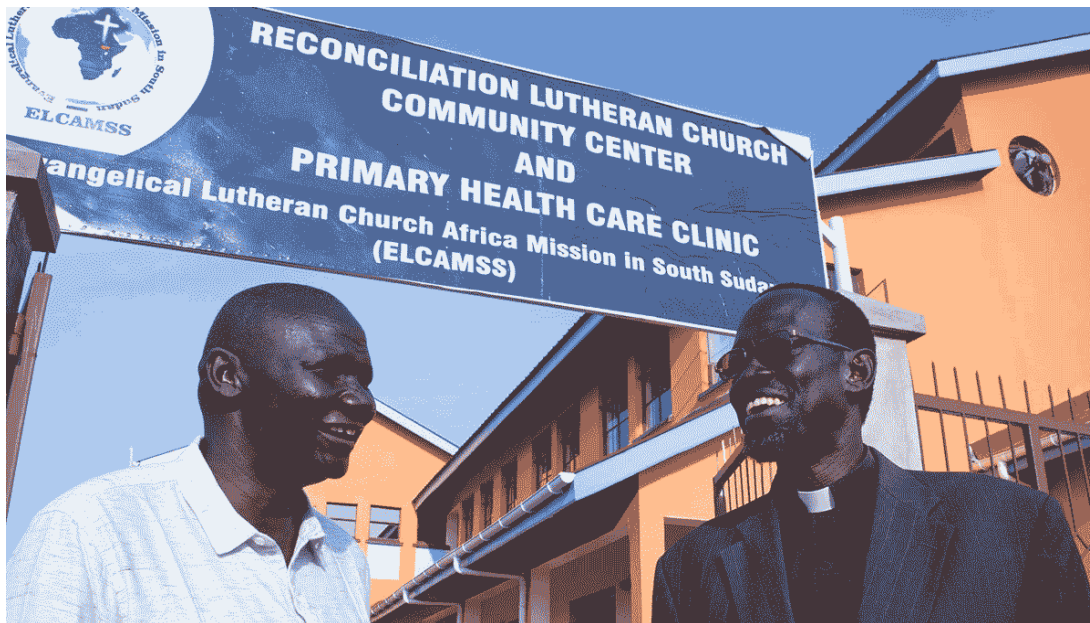
is giving up
everything to
God and receiving
everything from Him.

BetterMENT Men's group

Thank you very much, men, for
the great amount of interest and
ideas for our future get togethers.
Soon, we will be setting the
schedule—so please watch the
bulletin announcements coming
up. *Phil Sperling*



ELCA GLOBAL LINKS



Updates on the South Sudan global ministry project

Since its official dedication in November, the new Reconciliation Lutheran Church in Juba, South Sudan, has become an important center for the community, with over 1,000 people attending weekly worship and many more receiving skills training and health care through the community center and clinic. Your gifts to the South Sudan global ministry project have brought us this far, but Reconciliation still needs your support to provide necessary resources and programming. Thank you for your offerings to help support the ELCA missions!

Stories of lives transformed

Gifts to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship and ELCA World Hunger support programs around the world that impact lives daily. In his blog, the Rev. Viking Dietrich, an ELCA missionary, shares [stories](#) of the lives touched and transformed through ELCA-supported programs in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Read about refugees who have found safety and community at StARS in Cairo, activist organizations in Serbia working among Roma settlements to empower community leaders, and a Food Safety project in Lebanon that has secured livelihood in areas of plight.

Mission immersion donor trip to Tanzania and Rwanda

Do you want to see ELCA ministries and God's work in action around the world? Are you interested in making an increased investment in ELCA ministries? Join the ELCA on a mission immersion donor trip to Tanzania and Rwanda this fall! We are inviting current and prospective donors to see the work that gifts to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship and World Hunger are making possible. We will visit with ELCA missionaries in Tanzania, as well as leadership from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. In Rwanda, we will visit with Young Adults in Global Mission participants and leaders of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda. The trip includes three days of safari at Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park. Trip dates: Sept. 20-Oct. 4. Cost: \$5,000 (including flight, food, accommodation, transportation). For a trip brochure, application and more information, email Andrew Steele, director for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship at andrew.steele@elca.org.

These and other stories are available on the ELCA website or contact the church office.

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Rejoice in the Lord!



DEUTERONOMY 15:10

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

