



Lord of the Lakes

Serving God's people with hope.

MAY 2018

I'm not sure if this type of April showers (snow!) will bring May flowers . . . but I guess time will tell! As I write this, I'm looking out my office window – wave if you drive by! --- at the remains of the largest snowfall on record for this late in April. It brings mixed emotions, for sure. It is kind of pretty, right? But it is also time for snow to go away!

So much of how we perceive the world around us affects our outlook. Over the weekend, I watched my kids absolutely rejoice in the snowfall and spend hours outside playing. They couldn't get enough! They tromped around our yard, built a little sledding hill, made a snow fort, and even helped me shovel and shake snow off our drooping trees.

It's a reminder that I can either be grumpy about the snow or settle in and enjoy it, maybe – hopefully, one last time this winter.

Making a choice about how I react to the weather isn't so different from making choices in my spiritual life. I can choose to focus on the sad parts of life,

the junk and the darkness and the situations that seem so bleak, OR I can see those realities YET remain filled with hope and anticipation of what is yet to come. The Apostle Paul talks a lot about hope.

Hebrews 6:19, says, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast . . ."

I love that phrase, "anchor of the soul." A modern paraphrase could be that we are going to be OK. Hope reminds us of that fact.

By the time this newsletter is in your hands, I'm hoping you look out the window at green grass and NO SNOW! But no matter what you see, remember that your hope isn't in this world. There's so much more to come.

Pastor Kevin



SPRING
cleaning

THANK YOU! For helping out at our April Spring Cleaning at church. You all are a treasure!!

Mother's Day

May 13, 2018

Mother's Day is May 13th
Come join us for worship:
8 or 10am!

Love is always supportive, loyal hopeful and trusting. 1 Corinthians 13:7



BetterMENT Men's group

Upcoming event. May 3 at 7pm is Game planning meeting at Brennand Airport. We will be creating our game plan, dates and priorities to help out the Winneconne Area Assistance Center for the next BetterMENT Event. They have several maintenance projects they need help with and we're just the unskilled labor kinda guys to do it. Plus, I'm sure there are some skilled labor guys in our ranks that can help the rest of us along.

So bring your ideas and invite other men who are looking to build better friendships, a better community and in the process build themselves into better men!



Thanks MEN!!
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2018 Awesome Egg



Thank you to the Egg Hunt Coordinators, the Zillges girls, for making this the best Egg Hunt ever!

What's going on in May...
 May 2 - middle school youth group
 May 9 - no youth group
 May 16 - art night
 May 23 - middle school youth
 May 30 - mission trip group building

In Peace, Courtney



See you at the Youth Devos & Donuts! Sundays at 9am

Courtney



Bible Study
At the Fin

Thursdays at 8:30am

Breakfast optional, coffee available.

Medical Info at Church

Have you ever thought about what to do if someone in our church had a medical problem? We have had a process in place & now it was just recently updated! We have many Registered Nurses in our congregation who have agreed to be on the Emergency Contact list – thank you to them. The updated list has been posted in key places around our building. Likely there are others of you who have CPR and AED training and are also qualified to be on this list— I am just not aware of others. If you have that desire, please contact me.



Medical Equipment: the Zoll AED is in the alarm cabinet next to the kitchen door with all batteries and pads recently updated. Miscellaneous medical equipment is located in the cabinet above the small sink as you enter the kitchen.

Orientation to Equipment
 two sessions are available:
May 6th – 9:00am and 9:40

I encourage all to attend, especially ushers, the RNs and other key people who may need to know how to respond in an emergency. I will go over our Zoll AED – those with training may be used to a different AED as there are several out there. And I will also explain what other medical equipment we have available.

Please contact me for questions, concerns, or suggestions. Jan Olson 920-420-3897

**** USHERS—PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS.** Russ Kohl, Usher Coordinator

Lay School Ministry Graduate

Congratulations to Valerie Gulke—Val graduates from the Eastern Lay School of Ministry on May 5, 2018

Congratulations to our 2018 High School Graduates!

Faith Franz
 Josh Jaeger
 Nick Wallschlaeger

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 20, both services. If your name is not listed above & you are a High School graduate, please



Sunday School

May 13: It's our end of the year celebration

Our last lesson will be May 6 and our end of the year picnic will be May 13 at 9:00am. Games, prizes, and ice cream treats! Come celebrate!



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Your Time and Talent Survey . . .

Please complete your survey in May so that we may know your interests in serving at Lord of the Lakes.

Questions: contact the office. 582-2622, office@lordofthelakes.net



Thank you Sunday School Teachers for making a difference in the lives of our children!

Kristen Bjornstad
Jody Franz
Faith Franz
Apryl Brantley
Kristen Woods
Marie Walsh
Jenni Groholski
Tammie Voelkel-Fox
Trista VanAllen
Sarah Walsh

Please join us on Sunday, May 13, for a special thank you to our special teachers.

“For every lesson you’ve prepared the love of God has been shared”



Photo taken April 16, 2018
“A GREAT place for a fort”, 5 ft drift

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It is simple for you and it stabilizes the income of the church throughout the year.

Go to: lordofthelakes.net for more information or download the **Give+ Church** mobile app from your phone’s app store.



Annual meeting
(& lunch) May 20th . . .
11:00am

Hear of the wonderful plans for our next church year!! Sign up at the kiosk is available to bring a salad.



You will see these new sheets in the pew pad holders. Feel free to use them to place in the Offering plate.

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

Thrift Saturday is . . .
May 5 2018

Lord of the Lakes participates on Thrift Saturdays—the first Saturday of every month from 10am-2pm. Help in the community with this program. Please continue to volunteer and shop! Sign up is on the

Community Event



Giving disadvantaged youth a fair start on the school year

The **Back to School Fair** assists nearly 1000 disadvantaged youth in Oshkosh, Winneconne and the surrounding areas. Children receive items such as backpacks stuffed with school supplies and personal care items, hair cuts, and clothing, to prepare them to start the school year. Families participating in this event are referred to the Back to School Fair by an associated organization.

How YOU Can Help

- Be the coordinator/helper for the Lord of the Lakes *Back to School Fair* team— starting mid-June
- Setting up on August 15th and 16th at North High School, Oshkosh
- Guiding families through the fair on August 16th
- Overseeing the tables and restocking on August 16th
- Donating supplies—starting the end of June
- If you would love to help with this great event, please contact the church office, 582-2622 or office@lordofthelakes.net.

THANK *You*
 IN APPRECIATION OF YOU, AND ALL THAT YOU DO.

*A very special **Thank You** to all of our council members who serve Lord at Lord of the Lakes!*

Pastor's April:

- meetings-5
- spiritual advising-4
- home/hospital-6
- baptism-1
- bible Study-4



Summer is not far away and I'm sure vacations, sports schedules and other fun summer activities are already being planned. While we take a break from our regular schedules, lets NOT take a break from God. Our faith shouldn't be set aside in the summer, like we do with other parts of our lives. This summer at Lord of the Lakes there are ongoing summer activities being planned for the youth to be involved with - so look for more info and dates coming soon!

In Peace, Courtney



May kindness return to you in the same beautiful way that it was given.

Kind person,

Imagine our surprise to so a lovely Easter Lily given in Marv's and my name! What a lovely thing to do. It means so much to be thought of. There are not words able to describe the heart-warming feeling of love, care, and support that came over us with the recognition that someone wanted us to know we were on his/her/their mind(s). Thank you. Grateful for the embodiment of Christ in you, Jan and Marv Faust

Worship Assistant Schedule



May Ushers	May Ushers
8:00am Marsha & Zach Phillips, Daryl Ramlow, Warren Winter	10:00am Joe Groholski, Jan & LaVerne Olson, John Slesar
May 6 8:00am Reader Ray Zegers Greeters Dave Klemp & Ramakka Hartel Communion Chris Rescheske, Pam Ulness Coffee Tricia & Scott Koch*, Kay & Tom Lettau, Judy Brooks (food only)	May 6 10:00am Reader Linda Wein Greeters Marsha Phillips & Chris Forer Communion Kathy Slesar, Becky Jahnke
May 13 8:00am Mothers Day Reader Tricia Koch Greeters Pam Ulness & Joanne Dallmann Communion Tricia Koch, Tyler Koch Coffee Nancy Abraham*, Samantha & Troy Hawkinson, Mary Mueller (food only)	May 13 10:00am  Reader Courtney Still Greeters Dennis & Gloria Cartwright Communion Dennis Cartwright, Kristen Bjornstad
May 20 8:00am Graduate Recognition Reader Rhonda Bricco Greeters Dave Klemp & Judy Ramlow Communion Dave Klemp, Lisa Curtis Coffee Joanne & Bob Dallmann*, Janet & Dick Baumgart, Jane Beck (food only)	May 20 10:00am Graduates Reader Dave Williamson Greeters Gina & Dean Nikodem Communion Amy Davis, Cindy Hendren
May 27 8:00am Veteran Recognition Reader Betts Nikolai Greeters Dick Baumgart & Joanne Dallmann Communion Betts Nikolai, Joanne Dallmann Coffee Michele Petersen*, Rhonda & Jim Bricco, Linda Green (food only)	May 27 10:00am Memorial Day Reader Kay Lettau Greeters Ken & Mary Mueller Communion Gail Gardner, Ray Zegers
June 3 8:00am Reader Ben Brantley Greeters Dave & Ellen Smolinski Communion Gina & Dean Nikodem Coffee Russ & Shirley Graunke*, Barb Ruggles, Anne Zillges June Ushers Mark & Teri Henry, Chris & Jim Rescheske*	June 3 10:00am Reader Sarah Miller Greeters Kay & Tom Lettau Communion Kathy & John Slesar June Ushers Barbara & Jerry Schultz, Don & Dorothy Zeinert*

Stacy Pethke Ordination

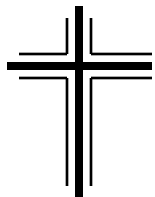
◆ Save the date! Saturday, June 16th, 1:00pm at Lord of the Lakes

We gather on this afternoon to give thanks and praise to God and to celebrate the call and ordination of Stacy Pethke into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We speak on behalf of the whole Church, recognizing that ordination is a service of the whole Church, not merely for the local congregation of the assembly gathered here on this day.

◆ If you would like to make a financial contribution for the meal, please make the check out to Lord of the Lakes and memo "Ordination"

Greetings from Stacy;

Thank you continuing to support me in my journey to Ordination. Such an exciting time for Tom and I! I can't believe it's almost here! I have accepted a call to Faith and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Ishpeming, MI. We are still working out start date details but Ordination is set for June 16th. Thank you for opening up, my faith home, Lord of the Lakes for this important celebration. I wouldn't want to have it any other place!



May 2018



THANK YOU,
Sunday School & youth
teachers!!!!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>grateful</i>	Note: Busy Hands meet every Tuesday this month	1 9am Busy Hands 	2 6pm-8pm Middle School Youth Group 6:00pm Choir 6:45pm Guitar	3 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am Choir 11:00am Guitar 7pm BetterMENT games @ Brennand	4	5 Thrift 10am-2pm
6 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Youth Devo's 9am & 9:40am: medical equip orientation	7 5:30pm Bells	8 9sm Busy Hands B&G 6:30 pm	9 No Youth Group 6:00pm Choir 6:45pm Guitar	10 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am Choir 11:00am Guitar	11 Reminder: fill out your time & talent survey, please	12
13 Mother's Day 8 & 10am Worship Teacher Appreciation: Recognition, 8 & 10 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School/Youth celebration, BP/BS checks	14 5:30pm Bells	15 9am Busy Hands 6:30pm Council	16  6pm-8pm Youth Group Art Night 6:00pm Choir 6:45pm Guitar	17 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin 10:00am Choir 11:00am Guitar pm: youth team	18 Synod Assembly, Oshkosh	19
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Busy Hands
You may notice above, the Busy Hands are meeting every Tuesday this month. You are always welcome to join in—you can even sew from home if that works best for you!

Feel free to join us at 9:00am
Come when you can!



p.s. Dessert donations are always welcomed!



ps. ps. *Simple Hope* will be our guest presenters this evening



ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

'Education for the people'

Members from two Minnesotan congregations recently visited the Chilean-based organization Educación Popular En Salud (EPES, Popular Education for Health), a nonprofit directed by ELCA missionary Karen Anderson that promotes health through experiential learning. In this [Living Lutheran article](#), read about how the trip opened the eyes of the visitors to the possibility of new ways of doing things at home. (interesting article ~ posted on the kiosk)

Renewal in Nigeria

The [Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria](#) is in the midst of a renewal campaign to revitalize the church's educational ministries and welcome members and youth to better understand their faith as Lutheran Christians. The ELCA has been invited to be a part of this renewal process, helping raise \$350,000 toward evaluating and restructuring education initiatives and increasing youth engagement in creative new ways. Click to learn more about this [global ministry project](#) (on the ELCA Global Link website or contact the office) and how to support it.

LWF delegates speak at U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women

At this year's 62nd session of the U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women, a panel of representatives from The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and other faith-based organizations discussed the significant role that faith-based organizations play in advocating for women's rights. Learn more about the [faith coalition](#) on the LWF website.

Community needs

ThedaCare at Home seeks volunteers for the Hospice Program in the Valley—Appleton, Menasha, Neenah and the surrounding communities to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Contact: Jane Shea 920-716-6387

Christian Caregivers/Companion Needed
ARC Angels—Senior Home Care is seeking compassionate caregivers who provide the best care possible to a generation of people who deserve to stay in their homes as long as possible. For more info, please call 877-832-8032.



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.
SUMMER CAMP 2018
at Crossways

Summer camp registration is warming up! Visit the Crossways website to learn all about the quality, faith-empowered programs for children, youth, families, and adults coming to Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost in 2018.

IF you only **pray**
When you're in trouble
... **You're in trouble.**



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