



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

JUNE 2018

Today, I wore my winter coat to work. Mind you, it's almost June. I'm not sure what to think about that and here's why: I've been learning a lot lately about perception and expectations.

For example, when I think about cold weather in late May, I have a choice: I can become annoyed and irritated because it should be warmer by now. OR I can look out my window at the vibrant colors – this is one of the “greenest” times I have ever seen! – and have a sense of gratitude that I'm surrounded by such beautiful country. Even my drive to and from the office is amazing.

Perception and expectations affect every area of our lives, from our relationships to our faith to the weather. The reason I've been learning about this is because of our church's role in a partnership with other Fox Valley churches to create a link between mental health and spirituality. Our hope is to bring healing to many people and overcome the stigma associated with mental health.

The statistics and numbers of people who deal with mental health issues like depression and schizophrenia are truly startling. This is not a small group, and no one is immune. In the coming year, our church will help make this a topic that can be discussed openly and honestly.

As we enter into a new season, I'd ask that you join me in trying to put expectations in check and rejoicing in the beauty that surrounds us. Gratitude will take us all a long way in life – and actually, a long way after this life too.

God has blessed us, Pastor Kevin

*Those who walk With God, always
reach their destination*



Fathers Day, June 17

Come and join us for Worship on
Father's Day, 8am & 10am

We give thanks for those fathers who strive to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. We pray for those fathers who have worked to become good fathers.



BetterMENT Men's group
June 7th, 7-8pm, Brennand Airport
3282 Breezewood Lane Neenah

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!! Phil@printco.com



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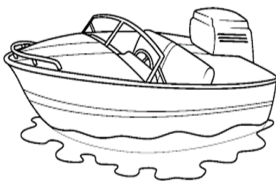


A Father of Faith brings Strength to his Family

2018 Boats, Bibles, & Beverages

This men's bible study will meet again this summer! The dates are:
June 13, 20 & 27 from 6-7:30pm.

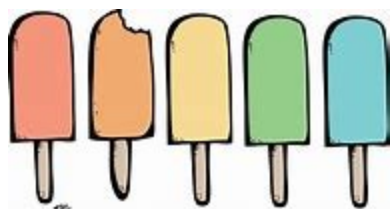
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Bible Study
At the Fin

Thursdays at 8:30am

Breakfast optional,
coffee available.



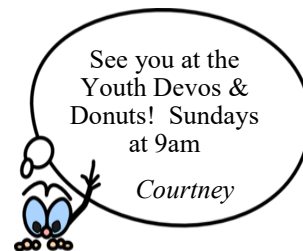
Youth Group Snacks

Would you be able to help supply snacks for our Youth Group gatherings? Youth grades 6-12 meet year around on Wednesday nights & could use help with the following: fruit snacks, already popped popcorn, tootsie rolls, and starbursts. Thank you for considering this opportunity to share!

What's going on in June... for our Youth

6 middle school youth group
13 art night
20 middle school youth group
27 mission trip group building

Watch for extra summer fun for 6-12th grade youth! (i.e. picnics, service project opportunities, game days, campfires)

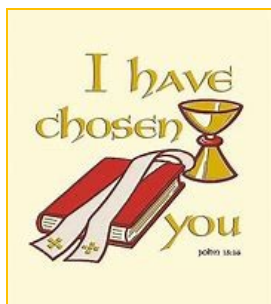


Giving disadvantaged youth a fair start on the school year

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:

1. Pick a tag off of the kiosk (starts June 24) and supply the item on the tag
2. Bring the item(s) back to church **unwrapped** by August 8th.
3. Tags include an optional cash donation with is used to supplement to donated clothing items or buy a SCRIP card from Old Navy—these are given to middle and high school students for jeans and a shirt. Cash/checks can be placed in the offering plate with a memo: Back to School Fair.
4. You have the opportunity to Volunteer for Set up on August 15th & 16th at North High School, Oshkosh— please see our contacts for more info on this.
5. If you have questions, please contact coordinators Judy Wright 582-7789 or Jill Templin 427-0055 or contact the church, 582-2622 or office@lordofthelakes.net.



Hello everyone,

It is now official...I have been called to be the pastor at Freedom Lutheran Church (Oregon, IL) and St. James Lutheran Church (Forreston, IL). I will graduate from Trinity Lutheran Seminary on May 19, be ordained on June 16 at Augustana College at Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, and begin my call on July 2.

Thanks, Karyn

On a side note, please use kostkl40@gmail.com going forward.



Dear Karyn,

We at Lord of the Lakes celebrate your hard work and your devotion to sharing God's love. Congratulations on your Ordination and God Bless You!

**LET
YOUR
HEART
SING**

"Transformed by singing"

Singing together is a powerful act. We are transformed by singing together.

By singing together of God's beautiful creation, we shape our lives as caring creatures among other beloved creatures. By singing together the Christ story, we acknowledge the joining of holy and earthly that shapes our lives as followers of Christ. By singing together of the coming of the Holy Spirit, we connect with a greater community that transcends space and time.

We become what we sing. We should be as careful of the words that we put into our mouths as we are of the food we eat. Singing together is a powerful, life-shaping act.

This message is an excerpt from "May all our songs be true" by Susan Palo Cherwien in the October 2017 issue of [Gather](#) magazine.



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.



**Find us on
Facebook**

Is there a church activity or event you would like to promote on our facebook page? Please contact Sarah Miller for more info: mrssarahrmiller@gmail.com

Find us @LordoftheLakesWinneconne

Pastor's May

meetings- 4
spiritual advising- 6
home/hospital- 9
Annual Meeting- 1
bible Study- 5
Sunday School meeting- 1
Synod Assembly- 2 days



Today's To-Do List

- #1 Practice kindness.
- #2 Let go of what I can't control.
- #3 Count my blessings.
- #4 Listen to the Holy Spirit.
- #5 Walk with God.
- #6 Live like Jesus.
- #7 Pass this on to encourage someone else.

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Lord of the Lakes says **Thank you!** to the members of our Council. Peace be with you as you serve your Lord.

Thank you to all who completed your **Time & Talent Interest Survey!**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10

(93) Surveys were completed. When we work together there is so much we can do. We are so grateful for all of your support. I'm excited about the year ahead and thanks in advance to all who are stepping forward. May God guide and bless you,
Pastor Kevin

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supporting the mission of Lord of the Lakes



Still writing weekly checks? Join the many members of Lord of the Lakes who find it easier to give their offerings electronically.

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.

Volunteering is
a work of heart



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



June Scrip Ideas



Summer projects???

Zillges Material, Lowe's, Menard's,

Vacations????

Gas, Airline and Restaurant cards.

Summer Sports????

Scheels, Dicks Sporting Goods, Fleet Farm

The possibilities are endless! Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a Scrip Retailer list

Supporting our Scrip program puts \$\$ in our General Fund which helps our church function smoothly!

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

Community Event

**Thrift Saturday is . . .
June 2nd 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 kiosk. Next month: July 2



Worship Assistant Schedule



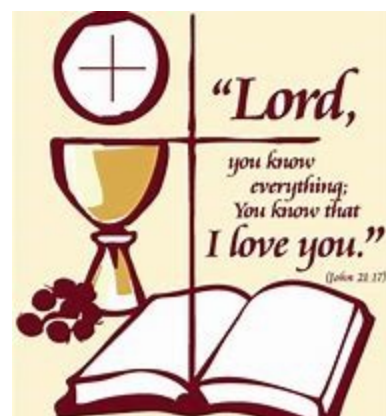
June Ushers		June Ushers	
8:00am	Mark & Terri Henry, Chris & Jim* Rescheske	10:00am	Don & Dorothy Zeinert Kevin and Jere Franz
June 3 8:00am	Reader Ben Brantley Greeters Dave Smolinski & Arial Haemmerle Communion Gina & Dean Nikodem Coffee Russell & Shirley Graunke*, Barb Ruggles, Anne Zillges	June 3 10:00am	Reader Sarah Miller Greeters Kay & Tom Lettau Communion Kathy & John Slesar
June 10 8:00am	Reader Bruce Hergert Greeters Chuck & Judy Riese Communion Lilianna Fox & Mary Alice Klemp Coffee Pam Billman*, Judy Wright, Judy Ramlow	June 10 10:00am	Reader Jenni Groholski Greeters Keith & Jude Kohlmann Communion Jenni & Joe Groholski
June 17 8:00am	Fathers Day Reader Marge Kohl Greeters Dave Klemp & Joanne Dallmann Communion Ray Zegers & Lisa Curtis Coffee Darlene & Larry Paulson*, Kay Ruskaup, Beth Sommer	June 17 10:00am	Fathers Day Reader Geoff Hendren Greeters Brooke & Tom Zillges Communion Janet Olson & Cindy Hendren
June 24 8:00am	Reader Pam Ulness Greeters Marsha Phillips & Marge Kohl Communion Janet Veith & Bruce Hergert Coffee Gina & Dean Nikodem*, Gail Gardner, Terri Radtke	June 24 10:00am	Reader Courtney Still Greeters Joe & Jenni Groholski Communion Debbie Williams & Becky Jahnke
July 1 8:00am	Reader Joleen Downs Greeters Andy & Holly Case Communion Lisa Curtis & Pam Ulness Coffee Karen & Lou Zwicky*, Nicole King, Janet Veith (food only) July Ushers Ben Brantley, Dave Klemp, Russ Kohl*, Pam Ulness	July 1 10:00am	Reader Wayne Ludkey Greeters Tim and Anne Zillges Communion Ken & Mary Mueller July Ushers Dennis & Gloria Cartwright, Kay Lettau* & Tom Lettau

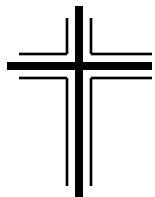
Stacy Pethke Ordination: Saturday, June 16

1:00pm at Lord of the Lakes
Reception* to follow

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.

* If you would like to help out at the reception please contact the office.





June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Thrift 10am-2pm
3 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee & friends, Youth Devos & Donuts	4	5	6 6pm-8pm Youth Group Middle School 6:00pm Guitar Band practice	7 8:30am Bible Study Lord of the Lakes hosts 5:30pm Community Supper@ 1st Pres 7pm BetterMENT @ Brennand Airport	8	9
10 8 & 10am Worship 9:00 am Coffee fellowship, BP/BS checks, Youth Devos & Donuts	11	12 9am Busy Hands	13 6pm Youth Grp Art Night 6:00-7:30 Men's Bible Boat & Beverage 6:00pm Guitar Band	14 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin	15	16 1:00pm Stacy Pethke Ordination 
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24 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee & friends, Youth Devos & Donuts "Christmas in July" starts! Simple Hope 8 & 10am	25 	26 9am Busy Hands	27 6pm-8pm Youth Mission Trip Grp Building 6:00-7:30 Men's Bible Boat & Beverage 6:00pm Guitar Band	28 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin	29	30
July 1 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee & friends, Youth Devos & Donuts	July 2	July 3	July 4 God Bless AMERICA 	July 5 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin	July 6	July 7 Thrift 10am-2pm



Church Outdoor Service and Picnic: July 15

In the rural village of Ketumbeine, Tanzania, a group of mothers sit shoulder-to-shoulder under a cloudless sky stitching intricate little crosses out of brightly colored beads. Heads bent over their beadwork, they share stories, advice, laughter and tears as they work into the afternoon.

They're friends, but they're also business partners. Their beautiful beadwork isn't a hobby—it's a means to feed their families and send their children to school in an environment where resources are increasingly scarce.

They are the artisans behind the Naapok Bead Project.

Founded by retired Lutheran schoolteacher Martha B. Laizer and ELCA missionary Bethany Friberg, Naapok has transformed the lives of Maasai women and their families for 18 years. "They honestly didn't have enough for their children to eat," Friberg said. But together, these women would change that.

How it started

Maria's and Kerea's cattle were dying. Land that was once grassy in northern Tanzania was now dusty and dry. Maria and Kerea are Maasai, a seminomadic tribal community that once lived off livestock and the land entirely, functioning without money. A prolonged dry season combined with overpopulation, land restrictions and environmental degradation now make that impossible.

"Before climate change, our cows used to have enough grass to feed on," Maria said. "If you do not have enough money to buy grasses or feed supplement, they die." With children to support, Kerea needed to do something. She began selling alcohol to survive until she learned about Naapok.

"Mama Kayeyo (Laizer) told me, 'Stop selling alcohol. Come to my house; I will find you better work to do to help your family,'" Kerea said. "From there, I started selling beads in the form of a cross."

Laizer, who is also Maasai, had been sharing maize flour with women like Maria and Kerea so they could feed their families. In exchange, they gave Laizer beaded crosses she hoped to sell. "The work is an art form [the Maasai] have long valued," Friberg said. "It's something they could do when they were truly nomadic."

Friberg got involved in 2000 when Laizer asked for help with finding a market for the beadwork. They were friends, connected through her family's missionary work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. At first, Friberg had some reservations: "I was feeling like I was barely coping out here. I didn't have any background in marketing. On the other hand, these were my friends, neighbors" Ultimately, the pull of community convinced her. They started out small. Friberg worked with the women to select and develop two ornament-sized items to sell. Their first customers were members of ELCA congregations.

The project started with six women artisans. Many were illiterate; some were widows; all were mothers. Each were being neglected in some way, Friberg said, adding, "They have one foot in centuries of tradition and no change. ... And one foot now where they have sons and daughters who have gotten through seventh grade, and a few who've gotten through high school. These women are straddling these two worlds."

Naapok, which means "a creation," became a way for them to bridge that divide and earn the supplemental income they needed for food, school fees and clothing. "We never knew that beads could be turned into food: by making them, selling, and hence getting money to buy food," Maria said. Over time, Naapok developed into a full-scale income-generating project with 55 artisans. "I believe this little group of women has had the Lord's blessing because his attention is turned toward the poor," Friberg said. "That became the place I was able to contribute [in my missionary call], but then you always receive more."

How it works

Each month, Friberg works with Naapok leaders to make a list of products to be made and supplies needed. Their products now include patterned necklaces, bracelets, earrings and whimsical beaded animals. Leaders assign work evenly among artisans, who do their beadwork at home and during twice weekly meetings.

"I often tell my bead ladies this: they are part of a chain. It's a simple picture, but if they aren't doing their bead ornament well, I can't sell it later on," she said. "[And] I have to do my work. We've all got this link."

Women are paid once a month based on work completed, and they set aside a portion of their income for a microloan program. In the project's 18 years, Friberg counts this as one of its greatest accomplishments. Microloans become available on a rotating basis so women can purchase livestock or start small business ventures, she said.

Kerea was able to start her tea business. "I give thanks to God because I came from a poor, difficult life," she said. "All of my children are educated because of this project."

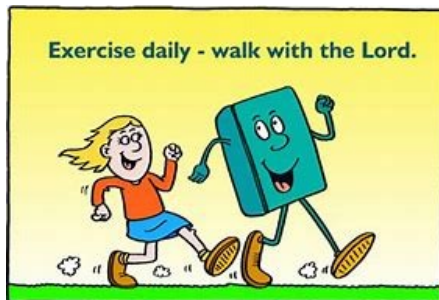
What is most remarkable, Friberg said, has been the difference in the women. Once thought of as dependents, they are now seen as whole contributing members of their communities.

"It's like they've been renewed," she said. "They've got clean clothes and they walk down through town with their head held high."

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