

## of the Serving God's people with hope.

**JULY, 2018** 

I recently started reading a book about happiness called "The Happiness Trap." One thing I've found most surprising in my reading is this: Accepting the hard parts of life actually give us *greater* happiness than avoiding the hard parts of life. In fact, many of the problems we face begin and continue because we avoid feelings of pain, suffering, or discomfort.

For example, rather than facing an issue (a hot button issue in a marriage, an ongoing dispute with the inlaws, a disagreement with a child) that needs to be dealt with, many people opt to spend time and considerable money to avoid the problem. On the other side of this time and money, the problem still remains.

This isn't that surprising, I suppose. Or maybe it's something I've never thought about often. I do know that it can feel easier to escape than to enter into a struggle. It is easier to be entertained and distracted than to take the time and effort to right a wrong. It takes energy to correct things. Over time, this kind of avoidance becomes easier than healthy living choices.

I recently heard a professional counselor say people almost always choose a known dysfunction over an unknown change - even if the change leads to better places.

The Scriptures are full of stories just like this. People who are entrenched in sin and selfish decisions know there is a better way. Heck, they even want a better way. But the reality of choosing it, fighting for it, and changing things becomes too uncomfortable. Think about when the Israelites were set free from Egypt. Rather than embracing their freedom and the admitted challenges that would come with it, they grumble and wish they were back in Egypt. Of course, being back in Egypt would mean being slaves again. Talk about a horrible situation – but at least they know what to expect.

The Apostle Paul says sinners are slaves to sin - and like everyone else who is alive, I know what it means to choose the known and comfortable even if it's not the best way. It may feel easier to hold a grudge than to humbly sit down and look for reconciliation with another person. It can feel easier to avoid than to forgive.

Easier - but not better! These hard conversations can lead to renewed relationships that are deeper and more satisfying on so many levels.

On that light note . . . I hope you'll take time this summer to evaluate where your life is heading. In that, I'd encourage you to set aside time on Sunday mornings to join us in worship. One hour (or less if my children have anything to say about it - and maybe my wife too . . .) can do so much for the soul. And your soul is worth the investment. Pastor Kevin



JOHN 14:6



Come join us July 15th for our "outdoor" service (in the Gathering Area) and picnic. Due to the road construction of Winneconne this year we are holding our annual outdoor service at the church. Worship is at 8am & 10am with the picnic at 11:00am. Hot dogs! Lemonade! Potluck the sides: signup sheet is on the kiosk.



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# Women Retreat: Save the Date !!!



One day Women's retreat is in the plans for September 8th at Beth Sommer's place in Pine River. Details to follow.



## Sovereign's Day Parade

Lord of the Lakes is having a float for the parade! (the parade is on July 21st at 10:30am) If you are interested in participating in or helping build the float. Please contact Tammie 582-0213 or Courtney 419-1031



## What's going on in July...

4 no youth group

11 youth group

18 mission trip group building

25 no youth group

29 leave for Twin Cities mission trip!

Heads up!
MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING
Sunday, July 22 at 9 & 11 am (only need to be at one)

Save the date: August 22, 6-8 pm Super Awesome Summer Extravaganza! Get ready for a fun-filled evening to end summer @ LOL

Also, thanks for all the Youth Group snacks that were donated! Any tootsie rolls & starbursts are ALWAYS appreciated; the box is above the coat rack. :)

**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 . . . July 7th 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!



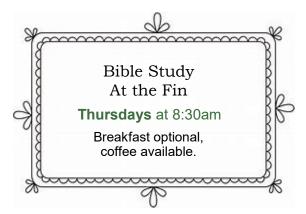
## Giving disadvantaged youth a fair start on the school year

## How You Can Help:

- 1. Pick a tag off of the kiosk 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 Amy Davies 379-9355, Judy Wright 582-7789 or contact the church, 582-2622 or office@lordofthelakes.net.



Pastor's Corner Home/Hospital visits- 13 meetings-3 community supper-1 Ordination-1 Baptism-1 Bible study-7 Advising-6



## Clean out your closets.

There's nothing like seeing all the stuff you've accumulated to remind you of how much you already have. Give away good used clothing and other useful items to the Thrift! Let someone else enjoy what's been hiding unused in you closet.

## Clothes Closet

"I needed clothes and you clothed me."

Matthew 25:38

Excerpt from "The Art of Abundance", Candy Paull

## **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.



Welcome our newest Members to Lord of the Lakes:

Cheryl Prosek Jakob Bandstra Erick Bandstra Audrey Bishop

We are glad you are here!

## NEW MEMBERS

May we enjoy the privilege of spending time together to share joy, celebrate happy occasions and to be there for each other when there is need for comfort. May there be ever-present faith in God's mercy and grace.

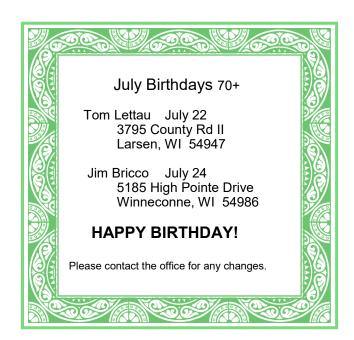
# SHARING BRINGS JOY



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son ond of the Holy Spirit

## Baptism

Our prayers and congratulations to the Tony & Alicia Tofari family on the baptism of their new daughter, Eden Elizabeth Tofari



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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 the helpers at Stacy Pethke's Ordination service and reception. Your being there made the day extra special!





## July Scrip Ideas

**Summer projects???**Zillges Material, Lowe's, Menard's

#### Vacations????

Gas, Airline and Restaurant cards.

## **Summer Sports????**

Scheels, Dicks Sporting Goods, Fleet Farm

Gift cards for Christmas in July! Supporting our community event

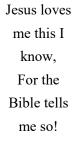
The possibilities are endless! Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a Scrip Retailer list. Supporting our Scrip program puts \$\$ in our General Fund which helps our church function

## Only God Can Write This Story by Simple Hope, June 24, 2018

These are the photos taken this past spring of the Tanzanian school (note the mosquito nets we furnished), shoes, watching the Jesus Movie, baptisms. Please continue to pray for God's children in Tanzania.











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| July Ushers 8:00am Ben Brantley, Dave Klemp, Russ Kohl*, Pam Ulness   | July Ushers<br>10:00am Dennis & Gloria Cartwright,<br>Kay* & Tom Lettau   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| July 1 8:00am  Reader Joleen Downs Greeters Andy & Holly Case Communion Lisa Curtis, Pam Ulness Coffee Valerie Gulke*, Janet Veith, Judy Felberg  | July 1 10:00am  Reader Wayne Ludkey Greeters Tim & Anne Zillges Communion Ken & Mary Mueller  |  |  |  |
| July 8 8:00am  Reader Holly Nelson Greeters Dick & Janet Baumgart Communion Joanne Dallmann & Marsha Phillips Coffee Marsha Phillips*, Mary Brefeld & Dick Schallert, Tammy Wright  | July 8 10:00am  Reader Dick Schallert Greeters Ken & Mary Mueller Communion Kristen Bjornstad & Gail Gardner  |  |  |  |
| July 15 8:00am Church outdoor service  Reader Bruce Hergert  Greeters Harold & Sheila Gurkowski  Communion Chris Rescheske & Betts Nikolai  Coffee Karen & Lou Zwicky*, Nicole King, Terri Radtke                             | July 15 10:00am Church Picnic  Reader Kathy Slesar Greeters Mike & Kari Nigl Communion Amy Davis & Lillie Rosendahl   |  |  |  |
| July 22 8:00am  Reader Tammie Fox Family Greeters Mark & Teri Henry Communion Tricia Koch & Gina Nikodem Coffee Sally & Rob Patterson*, Judy Kohlmann, Kimberly Radtke  | July 22 10:00am  Reader Jan Faust Greeters Don & Dorothy Zeinert Communion Becky Jahnke & Andrea Schell   |  |  |  |
| July 29 8:00am  Reader Ben Brantley Greeters Chris & Jim Rescheske Communion Chris Rescheske & Bruce Hergert Coffee Trudy & Steve Resnick*, Sherry & Jack Stephans, Jan Olson   | July 29 10:00am  Reader Amy Davis Greeters Kathy & John Slesar Communion Barb Schultz & Jan Olson   |  |  |  |
| August 5 8:00am Reader Rhonda Bricco Greeters Ellen Smolinski & Val Gulke Communion Janet Veith & Ray Zegers Coffee Marge Kohl*, Dorothy & Don Zeinert, Kristen Woods  Ushers Bruce Hergert, Rick Pierre*, Chuck & Judy Riese | August 5 10:00am Reader Dorothy Zeinert Greeters Betts Nikolai & Chris Forer Communion Don & Dorothy Zeinert  Ushers Ken* & Mary Mueller, Jan and LaVerne Olson |  |  |  |

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.





# July 2018



| Sun  | Mon                         | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                                | Sat   |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1<br>8 & 10am Worship<br>9:00am Coffee & friends,<br>Youth Devos & Donuts  | 5pm Narcotics<br>Anonymous  | 3  | no Youth Group  God Bless  AVERICA  Office Closed       | 8:30am Bible Study 10am Guitar Band                      | 6                                  | 7 Thrift! 10am-2pm  |
| 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee & friends, Youth Devos & Donuts BP/BS checks  | 5pm Narcotics<br>Anonymous  | Worship<br>Team meets<br>6:30pm<br>No B&G<br>Meeting     | 11 6pm-8pm Youth Group Middle School 6:00pm Guitar Band | 8:30am Bible Study 10am Guitar Band                      | 13                                 | 14  |
| 15<br>8 & 10am<br>"Outdoor" Worship<br>11:00 Potluck picnic  | 5pm Narcotics<br>Anonymous  | 6:30 pm<br>Council<br>Meeting                            | 18 6pm Mission Trip Group Building 6:00pm Guitar Band   | 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin  10am Guitar Band          | 20                                 | Church Float<br>Winneconne<br>Sovereign<br>Day Parade,<br>10:30am |
| 22<br>8 & 10am Worship<br>9:00am Coffee & friends,<br>Youth Devos & Donuts<br>Mission Trip Parents<br>Meeting                | 23  5pm Narcotics Anonymous | Don't forget:<br>Christmas in<br>July: due<br>August 8th | 25  No youth group 6:00pm Guitar Band                   | 26 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin  10am Guitar Band       | 27 Prathel                         | 28<br>aise<br>ord   |
| 29<br>8 & 10am Worship<br>9:00am Coffee & friends,<br>10am Blessing for Youth<br>Mission Trip, Depart<br>For the Twin Cities | 30 5pm Narcotics Anonymous  | 31  Pray for our mission trip group                      | August  1 6:00pm Guitar Band                            | August 2 8:30 am Bible Study at the Fin 10am Guitar Band | August 3 Youth Mission Trip Return | August 4  |





For many years, our Lord of the Lakes Youth have gone on mission trips through a group called YouthWorks. "YouthWorks provides Christ-centered mission trips for more than 20,000 teenagers and adult leaders in over 60 communities across the U.S. and beyond. We believe that these kinds of mission trip experiences positively impact the communities we partner with, the teenagers who are stretched and challenged through a week of service, and the adult leaders who build mission trips into the ongoing discipleship of

their teenagers. Our staff has been creating mission trip experiences for teenagers and adult leaders for more than 20 years, and in that time, the Holy Spirit has led us to be about these things:

#### Jesus: Everything we do points to Jesus.

In case you couldn't tell, we create mission trip experiences because we want to point all sorts of people to Jesus. We seek to restore relationships, love others and serve communities because Jesus set that example for us. Everything we do comes out of our desire to follow the greatest commandment that Jesus gave us to love God and love others. When we get this right, we help people experience unconditional love and care for one another through the lens of Jesus Christ.

#### **Teenagers**

We want teenagers to understand who God is, how God sees them, and how God may use them to impact our world. We love teenagers and we know mission trip experiences can be a powerful discipleship tool for your youth ministry. We believe that God is at work in the life of every teenager, even in ways that we can't see, and our responsibility is to help create an environment where the Holy Spirit can continue that work. So, we welcome you to bring every teenager who is willing to join us for a mission trip and we'll equip you with what you need to support what God is doing in their lives along the way."

Excerpts from the YouthWorks website.

Please pray for our youth, our leaders, and Courtney, our Youth Director, as they experience God's love in Minneapolis, the week of July 29th.



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