



Lord of the Lakes

Serving God's
people with
hope.



Is your life right now everything you thought it would be? Your health, your family, your living situation, finances, work – are they what you had envisioned years ago for yourself? I think almost everyone has some area of life that isn't living up to their expectations. That's not always an easy thing to make sense of, is it? In much of my reading and research, experts always recommend gratitude as a way to combat the "not-enough" feelings we all run into from time to time.

Of course, in November, thankfulness is on everyone's mind. Wouldn't it be great if it became more than a once-a-year attitude? The apostle Paul reminds us to be thankful "in all things." I'm guessing that was just as challenging for Paul as it is for us!

Today, what are three specific things you're thankful for? I'm not talking general stuff here. I'm talking about looking at life and selecting detailed ways you're grateful.

Personally, Thanksgiving will be a little different than in years past. Most of you know my dad died in August, and this will be one of the many "firsts" without him. There will be an empty chair at the Thanksgiving dinner table. When we sing our special prayer before the meal, his booming baritone will be noticeably absent. I'm sure many of you can relate to the feelings of loss that are especially sharp at holiday time.

Hope

There's something about grief, though, that is helping me understand the deeper meaning of gratitude. God loves us enough not to leave us here. God realizes things on earth are far from perfect – but gives us HOPE in what's to come. One day, we'll all get to go home to a place God has prepared for us; a place so far beyond what we could ask for or imagine. That's the kind of hope we get from knowing Jesus and spending time reading God's Word.

This year, I have a whole lot to be thankful for. But most of all, I'm grateful for the hope I can have that death is not the end. That one day, we'll be reunited with loved ones and meet Christ face to face. What a day that will be!

Pastor Kevin



ALL SAINTS' DAY
November 4

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Winneconne gives a moment of thanks

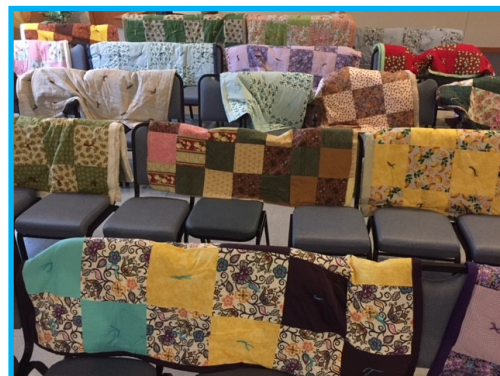
Please join us on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 pm
at **Lord of the Lakes**, as we give our thanks.

A canned good offering is greatly appreciated for our
local food Pantry.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

(86) quilts were made with love at Lord of the Lakes.
Would you like to help for the 2019 Mission relief program?
Please bring in 1 7/8 yard of fabric—drop off in the kitchen please.
This will make 24 squares! Thank you all.



It's getting close to snowy winter weather again. Like and follow us on Facebook for first and updated weather closing/delay information all season!

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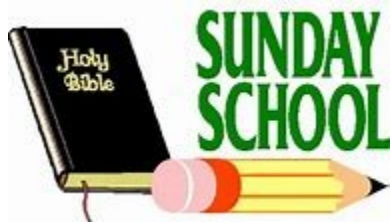
Office: Mon—Wednesday, 8am-3pm, Thursday until noon
www.lordofthelakes.net

Welcome to our New Members!

Jeremy and Stacy Pasholk, Elise and Ethan
Alison McFarland, and Ellie
Barbara Ruggles & Dave Wachtendonk

*We are so blessed to have you
worship with us!*

Sunday school meets November 4, 11, &
18 at 9:00am. All kids are welcome!



Sunday School (3rd-5th grade) Projects
For November:

We will be making Harvest Cornucopias—a
symbol of abundance and working on a
Food Pantry Donation project!

Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

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**



What's going on in November ...

**Youth group meets all Wednesdays in
November! *Note change to schedule:
all Wednesdays Middle School & High
School meet - 6pm.**

*November 14 is when we pack the
Operation Christmas Child boxes. We are
also asked to donate \$9 for each box to help
with shipping costs. Please place cash in an
envelope along with your donated items if
this is something you are able to help out
with.

This experience is to give youth an
understanding of those in
the world who are living
without what we often
consider necessities and
those who may never
have received a gift.



(about) 17 days left before . . .

**National collection week for *Operation
Christmas Child***

The Lord of the Lakes Youth participate in this
project of giving annually. "This is one of the kids'
favorite events of the year. This is how it works . . .

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with
the Youth packing the shoebox with items (our youth
supply these things) such as stuffed animals, other fun
toys, hygiene items, school supplies. The Youth then
pray for the child who will receive the box & include a
personal note. The boxes are then taken to a collection
site during the week of November 13.

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting
and preparing the boxes for international shipping.
More than 100 countries receive these boxes.
Leadership teams train pastors & community leaders to
share the message of the Gospel and bless these
children. Pastors host shoebox distributions in places
where people may not know Christ and invite them to
follow Him. Other churches use the boxes as
resources for outreach in orphanages and other at-risk
areas. In many places, they also offer "The Greatest
Gift", a Gospel story booklet. As a result, kids grow in
Christ and share with friends and family.

Busy Hands ~ November

Thank you to our Busy Hands group who sent off (79) quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Special thanks to Judy and Bob Felberg for transporting the boxed-up quilts to Appleton where they are combined with other church donations and then taken to the St. Paul LWR distribution center. Boxes were barcoded so we can track their final destination—LWR serves worldwide in emergency situations. The group very much appreciated the funds donation to help with shipping costs. (\$320.00) Busy Hands also donated quilts to Oshkosh emergency centers.

As Busy Hands begin a “new year” of quilt sewing and tying, we invite anyone interested to join in helping every other Tuesday morning.

Start time is 9am and we break for a coffee/snack/inspirational time at 11am.

Giving options

Lord of the Lakes is blessed with a congregation that strongly supports the church and our missions. We have several giving options to support the Lord's work. There are paper envelopes and several e-giving options like direct drafts from your savings/checking account and via credit or debit cards. Would you like to change your giving method? Secure e-giving options are at lordofthelakes.net or download the **Give+** app for your phone.

Cheers, Wayne Ludkey



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Our sympathies to the family of Eleanor Helm. God's peace to you.

Our sympathies to the Terry and Kathy Korus family on the passing of Kathy's mom, Dorothy Peterson.

Fall Festival was a huge Success!

Our Fall Festival held on September 29th was a huge success, thanks to many helping hands. We set out to make it a fun event for kids and adults, a day of fellowship, and to earn funds to buy the AcaBella Choir new bells and also for debt reduction. From all reports, those attending had a good time and those volunteering their time found fellowship with others! After all expenses were accounted for, we earned \$8,687.40. Definitely a success! Our event was supported by Thrivent Action Team process and we received \$250 to purchase the miscellaneous items needed for an event like this.

A huge thank you to all who donated items for our Raffles, Silent Auction, and the Gift Cards. We had a beautiful display of generous gifts and thank you Kate for coordination of this. This section brings in the most profit and thank you to those who bid and participated. The great food as well as home baked pies were enjoyed by all while listening to the Winneconne High School Polka Band. Thank you to the servers, the bakers and Mr. Jerabek and his band. Thank you to those coordinators, Karen, Holly, Cindy, and Jenni.

Corn Hole competition was a new event this year and we had 8 teams of both Adult and Youth participate. Thank you Sarah Walsh for coordinating this. Looks like an area we can grow in the future. Kid's games were multiple with Face Painting by Katie Hale, Tex the Balloon Artist, and games directed by Jody Kell and Sarah Miller – thank you. Did you notice the almost full page of pictures of our event in the Winneconne News—pictures taken by our photographer extraordinaire, Kimberly Radtke? Thank you our volunteer Greeters and Ticket takers and the clean-up crew and counters of funds after the event. God blessed us with many helpers, donators, and participants.

A date has been set for our next fundraiser for our local Food Pantries – Sunday, August 18, 2019. This will be our Ecumenical Golf Outing--mark your calendars! Reporting on the event, Jan Olson

Decorate the
church for
Christmas!

When: Thursday,
November 29
Starting at 10:00am

All are welcome!



Adopt-a-family Program

During this season of giving, there are many opportunities for us to share our gifts. We continue our tradition of giving to local families this coming Christmas via the Christine Ann Center in Oshkosh.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. provides safe and secure emergency housing for families and individuals escaping violence in their homes. This shelter was temporary home to 260+ women and children last year. They rely on the generosity of our community members to supply the basic and ongoing needs for their agency.

Starting November 18, there will be tags with specific items for you to buy for the needs of this center. Feel free to collect a tag or two and bring back the item(s) on the tag **unwrapped** by Dec 11th. If you wish, any cash donations received will be put toward a larger item of need (exact item is pending). Thank you for sharing!

Contacts: Kathy Slesar 920-740-9586, Judy Wright 582-7789



Special opportunity: Last-Minute Adoption

Every year families seek shelter and other assistance during the month of December—after the completion of the Adopt-a-Family Program. We are in need of community members to adopt these families on short notice (usually within 5 days). Please consider being a part of this group of special adopters who are willing to help those in crisis during the holiday season. Please contact the office or sign up on the kiosk, if you would like to be on the list of "Last-Minute Adoption".

ADVENT, 2018 STARTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Wednesday Advent Services: December 5, 12, & 19

5:30PM SOUP SUPPER

6:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE



An Advent wreath is an evergreen wreath featuring 4 candles. Often, a fifth candle is placed in the center of the wreath. The Advent wreath is used during the 4 weeks of Advent, just prior to Christmas, as Christians prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

Lord of the Lakes: Endowment Fund

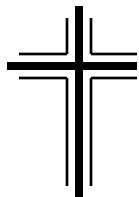
Lord of the Lakes currently has an endowment fund which was crafted with the assistance of a ELCA planning/giving minister. It was created with great intentions to benefit our missions but the fund has not seen much funding since it was created in 2013.

Our Church Council is in the process of asking the congregation to vote on redrafting the current fund to provide for better growth. The Council is recommending our endowment to become a part of the Winneconne Area Community Foundation. It is a collection of dozens of local funds from area schools, churches, and charitable foundations.

Should you have questions, please contact our Council. God bless.



Thank You, LORD!



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 3rd  Time to fall back Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.			* Youth Group is now all Middle School and High School students	1 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin 10am Choir 11am Guitar	2	3 10am-2pm BE a Thrift volunteer
4 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Devos & Donuts All Saint's Day	5 5:00 Narcotics anonymous 5:30 Bells Practice	6	7 6pm Choir 7pm Guitar Band 6pm Youth Group*	8 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin 10am Choir 11am Guitar	9 	10
11 8 & 10am Worship 9:00 coffee, Youth Devos & Donuts, Sunday School. BP/BS Testing today	12 5:00 Narcotics anonymous 5:30 Bells	13 9am Busy Hands B&G 6:30pm	14 6pm Operation Christmas Child packing night 6pm Choir 7pm Guitar Band	15 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin 10am Choir 11am Guitar	16 	17
18 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am, Youth Devo & Donuts, Sunday School, Coffee Hour Adopt a Family Program	19 5:00 Narcotics anonymous 5:30 Bells	20 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship: Lord of the Lakes 7:15 Council	21 6pm Youth Group* 6pm Choir 7pm Guitar Band	22 Happy Thanksgiving 	23	24
25 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Youth Devos, Coffee	26 5:00 Narcotics anonymous 5:30 Bells	27 9am Busy Hands	28 6pm Youth Group* 6pm Choir 7pm Guitar Band	29 8:30am Bible Study at the Fin 10am Church Decorating	30	Advent starts December 2



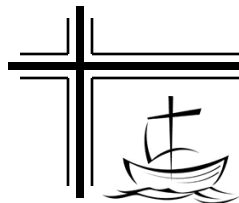
support the church while shopping

As Christmas approaches I hope you will remember our SCRIP program here at Lord of the Lakes. It's a great opportunity to get exactly what you want and benefit our church at the same time with no additional cost to you. Simply purchase a gift card here at the church on a Sunday morning and a percentage of your purchase comes directly to our church. Use the gift card just as you would cash. There are many stores and cards to choose from. You can even do this with your weekly gas and grocery charges. It's a great way to make your money go further and help the church at the same time.

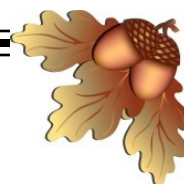


October Pastoral Ministry

meetings- 5
 home/hospital- 4
 advising- 4
 Wedding-1
 Council Retreat-1
 Bible Studies-4
 Wedding-1
 Baptism-2
 New family orientation -3



November Worship Assistants



November Ushers 8:00am Ben Brantley*, Owen Brantley, Alec Bricco, Bruce Hergert	November Ushers 10:00am Ken Mueller, John Slesar*, Jim & Debbie Williams
November 4 8:00am <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Reader Betts Nikolai Greeters Mark & Teri Henry Communion Ellen Smolinski & Lilianna Fox Coffee Terri Radtke*, Kim Radtke, John Macho	November 4 10:00am Reader Cindy Hendren Greeters Janine Brantley, & Amy Davies Communion Wayne Ludkey, & Kathy Slesar
November 11 8:00am Veterans Day Reader Pam Ulness Greeters Janet Baumgart & Audrey Bishop Communion Joanne Dallmann & Betts Nikolai Coffee Nicole King*, Karen & Lou Zwicky, Victoria Waters	November 11 10:00am Reader Kay Lettau Greeters Dennis & Gloria Cartwright Communion Don & Dorothy Zeinert
November 18 8:00am Reader Rhonda Bricco Greeters Joanne Dallmann & Valerie Gulke Communion Janet Baumgart & Lisa Curtis Coffee Rhonda & Jim Bricco*, Trudy & Steve Resnick, Donna Schuettelpelz	November 18 10:00am Reader Geoff Hendren Greeters Jenni & Joe Groholski Communion Amy Davies & Lillie Rosendahl
Tuesday, November 20 ~ Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Lord of the Lakes at 6:30pm	GRATEFUL
November 25 8:00am Reader Audrey Bishop Greeters Sheila & Harold Gurkowski Communion Tricia Koch & Dianna Donner Coffee Tamie Wallschlaeger*, Anne & Maria Zillges Becky Jahnke	November 25 10:00am Reader Ken Mueller Greeters Tom & Kay Lettau Communion Becky & Jeff Jahnke
December 2 8:00am 1 Advent Reader Ben Brantley Greeters Owen & Ben Brantley Communion Janet Veith & Mary Alice Klemp Coffee Teri & Mark Henry*, Michelle Petersen, Sue Rice December Ushers: Terry & Valerie Gulke, Dave Klemp Rick Pierre*	December 2 10:00am Reader Ray Zegers Greeters Steve & Trudy Resnick Communion Trudy & Steve Resnick December Ushers: Jody & Kevin Franz, Jan & LaVerne* Olson



Thrift Partner Program

Shop on **November 3!** (10am-2pm)
 Profits from this date are going to
 support our many worthwhile
 programs at church. Thank you

volunteers & shoppers!

Next Thrift Saturday is December 1st—sign up is at
 the kiosk or contact: Cindy Hendren 920-594-2580



Bible Study
 At the Fin

Thursdays at 8:30am

Breakfast optional, coffee available.
 Come and join us.



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray

We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing

We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold

But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head

I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure

That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace

So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided
And bless each and every person invited
Amen!

--Scott Wesemann

Theological Reflection: All Saints Sunday, November 4

The texts for this day all speak of the loss of loved ones and the tears that flow from all the grief, suffering, and injustice in the world. The texts speak of the day when tears will be no more, because God has wiped them away and ended the power of death and evil. Though we celebrate that in Christ God has conquered the power of death, we still live with death and the many griefs we must bear in life. For the sake of those grieving, and for those who have never done the hard work of grief, it is a time to share that the time for ending tears has not yet come. This is still the time for grief and tears, and we should not stop them until God has completed God's redeeming work for creation.



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

"A place of refuge in a troubled world"

Shop at AmazonSmile
and Amazon will make
a donation to:

Lord of the Lakes



Christmas Poinsettia Garden

If you would like to participate in helping to decorate our church with a Poinsettia plant, please place your order by **November 25**. Plants are \$14.00 each. A list of donors will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. If you wish, you may specify the person being honored or memorialized by your gift.

Please fill out this form & place it in the offering plate or drop off to the office by **November 25**.

_____ # Poinsettia plants @ 14.00

In memory/honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Please memo checks "poinsettia".



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...give thanks unto the Lord...
Psalm 92:1



Give Thanks
to the
Lord
for He is
good.

Psalm
118:1