

Lord of the Lakes, April 2019



Many years ago, my goal in life was to make the high school basketball team. I was that kid out shooting hoops at all hours in the driveway, annoying the neighbors late into the night. I worked hard to get in shape and did everything possible to refine my skills. Then you know what happened? I made the team only to ride the bench all season long. It was a heartbreaker to watch my teammates look like they were having the time of their life on the court while I waited and waited and waited to see any game time.

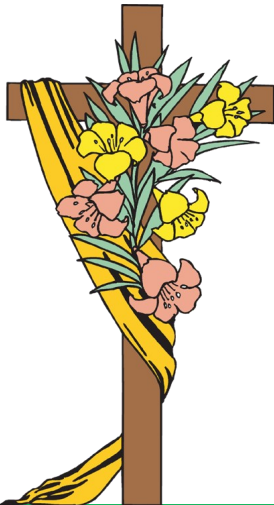
After two years of this, I'd had enough. I decided to let that dream go, and instead, joined an intermural league with a bunch of buddies. Funny enough, I soon rediscovered the joy in the game! It was no longer about jockeying for a position or pushing myself to become better and better. Instead, I had fun with my friends, fun playing the game, fun being a kid! That year was the highlight of my "basketball career."

It's interesting that my dream was squashed but something wonderful came after it. I've learned that lesson dozens of times during adulthood. We think there's one way to do things. We think we know exactly what we want. We think we have to have it our way. And when that doesn't happen, we often discover something new – and sometimes better – while learning about ourselves along the way.

The same can be said in our spiritual lives. We pray and pray about something and think we know what's best, only to discover God had a different idea in mind. Jeremiah 29:11 summarizes God's role, saying, "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

No matter what is going on in our lives, we can hang onto the fact that God is walking with us, always.

Pastor Kevin



Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 18 service at 6:30pm

Good Friday service, April 19, 6:30pm at **First Presbyterian**

Easter Sunday, April 21—worship services 8am & 10am

Easter Egg Hunt: donation request

Our Egg Hunt is on Easter at 11am. If you would like to contribute small toys or candy for the Hunt, there is a crate above the coat rack to drop off your items. Money donations are also appreciated to help fill the eggs. Thank you!

Donation due date: April 14



Kids: join us for the spectacular Children's message—EVERY Sunday!

Helping Children Learn

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Confirmation Schedule

April 3—The Lord's Prayer

Week of April 1-4

Meetings to review your personal creed with Pastor.

Sunday, April 7

Confirmation Sunday

10:00am Service

Lord of the Lakes New Members, Welcome!

Polly & Peter Anderson, Alexander, Pierce
Kristan Fischer
Jezra & Lucy Hazelwood
Erin & Caylee Standley
Beth & Jim Melby, Madelyn, Lydia
Jeff & Kelly Barkovich, Gwen, Brisa
Megan & Kraig Western, Ayla

We are so happy to have you join us in our ministry at Lord of the Lakes.



Lord of the Lakes extends our deepest sympathies to the Hale family, the Melby family, and the Felberg family.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. *John 14:27*

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Ben Brantley is a father of 2 and has been married 15 years. Ben has attended several mental health seminars and training's, and is looking forward to using this knowledge for our congregation and community. 920-836-9978

Additional Team member . . .

Andrea Schell
920-479-1671



Maybe you heard??? There is a new team at Lord of the Lakes. We are the "We Care" Team.

Our mission is to serve as a resource of peer support for congregation members who have questions or challenges that may be helped by resources within our church or community.

Vision: To enhance our community peace and well being by encouraging practices that empower wellness of the spirit, mind and body of our neighbors.

Goals: Introduce team and concept so that church members are aware that we exist as a support option.

"We Care" support team:

Drew Jaeger has been a firefighter paramedic for the Oshkosh Fire Department for 20 years. He has received additional training in mental health support and leadership, is a father of 3, and loves to hunt and fish. 920-420-4497

Jill Templin is our church office staff member at Lord of the Lakes since June, 2008. Jill has attended Wellness seminars over the years; the latest being the Youth Mental Health First Aid certification program. Jill is mom to two millennials and has a love for nature, photography, and quilting. 920-427-0055

Pastor Kevin has been at Lord of the Lakes almost ten years. In that time he has continued his training in mental health awareness and spiritual advising. He is a father of two and loves music and travel. 920-224-5922

Tammie Voelkel has been a 911 dispatcher on second shift for Winnebago County for over 20 years and has training in mental health awareness for both youth and adults, as well as crisis training. Tammie also teaches Sunday School and volunteers at the Winneconne Public Library and also the Winneconne Elementary School. Tammie enjoys hiking, biking, running, reading and art. 920-582-0213

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Congratulation to the Jody and Craig Kell family on the birth of twins, Sylvia and Oliver, March 18.

God's love and blessings to your new family!



We would like to thank Zach Pingel for his time spent as our youth director. Zach resigned in March and although it was a short time, we appreciate his contribution with his teachings and musical influence. Steve, Tom and Anne will continue to keep our youth program strong as the search for a new youth director continues. March was a busy month as we started to prepare for spring and summer. We started the month by making over 700 pizzas to help fund our mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee in July. We had a great turnout of youth and parents and were able to get the job done a lot quicker than we expected!

The youth were able to learn the meaning of Ash Wednesday as they attended this service together. They also attended the 2nd week of Lenten church services together. The 3rd Wednesday of Lent was spent being educated about mental health from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). April will be spent learning more about the time period of Lent within the church and preparing for Easter. We will be helping to serve the Easter breakfast with free-will donations going to our youth program. We will also be working toward doing some community service type of items this summer. We have a great group of youth who spend each Wednesday evening together learning the teachings of the Bible, playing some games and sharing with each other. It's a lot of fun!

Anne Zillges

March Pastors Ministry:

Bible Studies	4	1st Communion	9
Spiritual guidance	2	Funerals	1
Meetings	4	Baptism	2
Lenten Services	4	Ending the Silence NAMI	1
Hospital/home visits	9	Confirmation Class	4

SCRIP Gift Card Program

Thinking ahead about the upcoming graduations? Mother's Day? Shop at www.ShopWithScrip.com to see hundreds of participating retailers. A percentage of the cards benefit our church—so, thank you for participating in this program!



First Communion participants were nourished at the Lord's table on Sunday, March 3rd with their families.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Psalm 51



Kids! Join us at 9am at Sunday School—it's awesome.

April 7th—lesson, Creation Day 6 & 7

April 14—Easter skit is planned!

April 21 (Easter) Join us for breakfast, no classroom today

April 28—Music, "Seven Days of Creation Song"

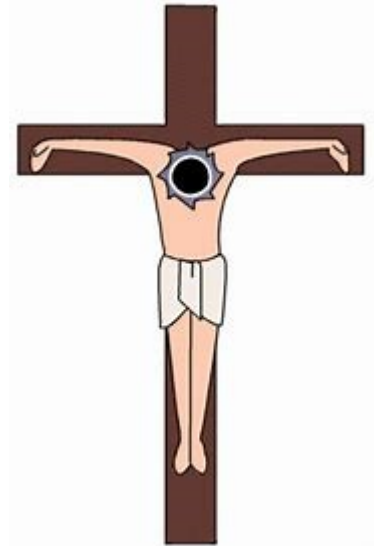
Return God's blessings

WHEN WE FOCUS ON WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US,
HOW CAN WE NOT WANT TO BE GENEROUS TO SHOW
OUR THANKS



PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR
CURRENT OFFERING. WITH MORE,
LORD OF THE LAKES CAN DO MORE
TO FURTHER GOD'S MISSION FOR US

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Join Us For Breakfast

**EASTER
SUNDAY!**

You are invited for our traditional Easter Breakfast at Lord of the Lakes! Breakfast is served between services—9:00am.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs and Sausage

Donations of: Salads, fruit, muffins, bagels, cheese/sausage trays, deviled eggs, etc. are gratefully accepted. Free-will offering will support our Youth Mission projects.



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

PRAYER is a crucial part of our faith lives and support of each other. Please call the church office or contact Pastor Kevin if you have a prayer request and would like it added to the prayer chain. All concerns on the prayer chain are kept confidential. *Pastor Kevin*

Easter Garden Flowers

This season you have the opportunity to participate in our joyous Easter services by honoring a loved one with an Easter Lily placed at the altar. Please fill out this form & leave by the office door or put it in the offering plate.

Due date: April 8th. Thank you.

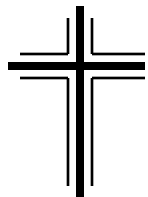
_____ # Easter plants each \$15.00*

In memory/honor of: _____

Given by: _____

*Checks can be made out to: Lord of the Lakes, memo "Easter flowers"





Worship Assistants Schedule



April

April Ushers: 8:00am Alec Bricco, Mark* & Teri Henry, Bruce Hergert		April Ushers: 10:00am Ken* & Mary Mueller, Jan & LaVerne Olson	
April 7 8:00am Service Reader Audrey Bishop Greeters Mark & Teri Henry Communion Audrey Bishop & Tammie Voelkel Fox Coffee Darlene & Larry Paulson, Nancy Abraham, Beth Sommer		April 7 10:00am Service Confirmation Reader Trudy/Steve Resnick Greeters Ken & Mary Mueller Communion Kim Radtke & Gina Nikodem	
April 14 8:00am Service Palm Sunday Reader Ben Brantley Greeters Kari Nigl & Betts Nikolai Communion Lisa Curtis & Ellen Smolinski Coffee Janine Brantley*, Joanne & Bob Dallmann, Janet & Dick Baumgart		April 14 10:00am Service Palm Sunday Reader Andrea Schell Greeters Steve & Trudy Resnick Communion Gail Gardner & Cheryl Prosek	
April 21 8:00am Service Easter Reader Rhonda Bricco Greeters Rick Pierre & Judy Ramlow Communion Pam Ulness & Chris Rescheske Coffee Trudy & Steve Resnick*, Teri & Mark Henry, Michelle Petersen, Janet Kunde (food)		April 21 10:00am Service Easter Reader Lillie Rosendahl Greeters Lillie Rosendahl & Kathy Slesar Communion Kathy & John Slesar	
April 28 8:00am Service Reader Dana Hartel Greeters Jim & Chris Rescheske Communion Tricia Koch & Dianna Donner Coffee Russ & Shirley Graunke*, Nicole King, Mary Alice Klemp (food)		April 28 10:00am Service Reader Dave Williamson Greeters Tim & Anne Zillges Communion Dennis Cartwright & Kristen Bjornstad	
May 5 8:00am Service Reader Darlene Larson Greeters Janet Baumgart, Joanne Dallmann Communion Betts Nikolai, Tammie Voelkel Fox family Coffee tbd		May 5 10:00am Service Reader Kay Lettau Greeters Ken and Mary Mueller Communion Becky Jahnke, Amy Davies	

Lutheran World Relief/ National Quilt Day Celebrated with quilt cake



For nearly 70 years, compassionate people have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world--not just a few quilts, but hundreds of thousands of quilts every year. These gifts of love make life brighter and more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster or conflict. Join our Busy Hands to help with this effort (see calendar).



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april

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 5:30 Bells Annual Reports due to the office	2 9am Busy Hands	3 5:30pm Soup 6:30pm Worship 6-8pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm Guitar	4 8:30am Bible Study at church Community Supper At First Presbyterian 5:30pm	5	6 Volunteers welcomed: Thrift 10am-2pm
7 8 & 10am Worship Confirmation at 10am 9:00am Coffee, Sunday School, Youth Devos	8 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 5:30 Bells	9 6:30pm B&G	10 5:30 pm Soup 6:30 pm Worship 6-8pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm Guitar	11 8:30am Bible Study at church	12	13 
14 8 & 10am Worship Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School, Youth Devos, Coffee BP/BS checks available	15 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 	16 9am Busy Hands 6:30pm Council	17 6-8pm Youth Group  Holy Week	18 8:30am Bible Study at church Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Worship 7:00pm Choir	19 Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian 6:30pm	20 Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart.
21 8 & 10am Worship Easter Sunday 9:00am Easter Breakfast 11:00 Egg Hunt Annual Report is available	22 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 5:30 Bells	23	24 6-8pm Youth Group 6pm Choir 7pm Praise Team	25 8:30am Bible Study at church	26	27
28 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Sunday School, Coffee, Youth Devos	29 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	30 9am Busy Hands	May 1 6:00pm Choir, Guitar, & Bells		Reminder: May 5, Annual meeting/brunch	

April Birthdays (over 70)

Barb Harrison April 5
 Janine Brantley April 6
 Dorothy Zeinert April 10
 Howard Beck April 12
 Ellen Ellenbecker April 12
 Marie Lesnick April 22
 Rich Carlson April 24
 Contact the office for any



*Let your hearts be glad,
 shout with joy and celebrate
 this great day. Easter is
 here, and so is new life and
 hope.
 Have a blessed Easter.*

Maundy Thursday: Greatness Redefined

Here's a thoughtful meditation and prayer of response inspired by the events of Maundy Thursday
John 13:1-17

Why did you wash their feet? I don't understand, it makes no sense.

Why did you do something so demeaning, so distasteful,
when you did not have to?
Why humble yourself and wash the feet of your own disciples?
You are the Messiah,
it makes no sense for you, of all people,
to do something that should be done by the least of all people,
not by the greatest.
It is not what we want our Messiahs to do.

Unless...
unless we have got it wrong and that,
somehow this is a measure of what Messiah means?
Not that it is defined in greatness
but that somehow, in your world the first will be last,
and the greatest, least and servant of all?

But if we are to follow you,
does it mean that we must follow your example too?
Are you suggesting that we too should make ourselves humble?
That we must wash the feet of the people whom we would rather ignore,
or scapegoat,
or deride?

Must we too become the servants of the least among us?
the refugee, the disabled, the homeless, the addicted, the anti-social, the child?

Was that what all of this was about?
To try and put us in our rightful place,
not at the center of our own world,
but at the center of yours,
where we are no longer the most important person?
Is that it? Were you trying to teach us this simple truth,
that other people, all other people, should matter too?

Is that why you washed their feet?

A prayer of response

Messiah I come,
Brought to my knees by astonishing grace.
In the presence of such humility
From one so great
What can I do but kneel and praise?

Messiah I come,
Challenged to bow to the King who kneels.
I want to pour out mercy and bring tender healing,
But I am proud, judgmental, and self-absorbed
And you are the only one
who can lead me to first-becoming-last greatness.

I would wash and serve, wash and love,
Like you do.
But first Lord Jesus,
Wash my feet, cleanse my heart
Till I am – like you –
Humble and ready on my knees.



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