



## Lord of the Lakes, December 2019

### Candle-Lighting Prayers for Advent

#### Hope

Dear God, As we begin our Advent pilgrimage,  
grant us the courage to hope.  
Hope for your presence,  
Hope for your peace,  
Hope for your promise. Amen.

#### Peace

Dear God, As we journey down this Advent road,  
grant us the courage to make peace.  
Peace in our hearts,  
Peace in our homes,  
Peace in our communities. Amen.

#### Joy

Dear God, In the height of our Advent walk,  
grant us the courage to experience joy.  
Joy in the face of apathy,  
Joy in the face of sorrow,  
Joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.

#### Love

Dear God, As our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion,  
grant us the courage to share your love.  
Love for the unexpected challenge,  
Love for the vulnerable one.  
Love for the presence of God. Amen.



Merry Christmas from the Heffernan family!  
Roman, Carol, Pastor, and Eavie

### Join Us This Christmas—Our Savior is Born!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship ∞ Tuesday, December 24 4pm & 6pm  
Christmas Day Worship ∞ Wednesday, December 25 9am

# advent

Starts Wednesday, December 4  
5:30pm Soup Supper  
6:30pm Worship



Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation.  
Advent is meant to awaken in us a yearning for the Messiah.

For unto us a  
*Child*  
is  
*Born*

Isaiah 9:6

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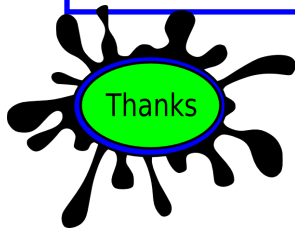
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## Sunday School Christmas Program

December 15 ~ 10am Service

Practice will be on Sunday, December 8 in the classrooms and on Saturday, December 14 from 9am-10:30am at church.



Thank you to all who were able to help with the Sunday School Community Service Project—for the homeless shelters.



During this season of giving, there are two opportunities for us to share our gifts.

### **Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, Oshkosh: Due December 15th**

Share Christmas with the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services. This center provides items to meet basic needs for their clients. In addition to shelter needs the Giving Tree program is unique to provide materials to their clients while they are staying in the shelter or transitioning out of the shelter. All gifts should remain unwrapped.

### **Ronald McDonald House Charities: due December 15**

When the (Kell) twins were transferred to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee, I was fortunate to get a room at the Ronald McDonald House. I never had to worry about food or how I would pay for my room - every family is treated as such that their priorities can remain with their child/ren in the hospital. In addition to all the wonderful offerings at the house, each child is allowed to choose one toy and one book to take home with them. I know of several people within our congregation who have stayed at the Ronald McDonald house. This year, after staying there several different times, I would love if our church could help give back! There are tags available for toys and books, and as always, money is also acceptable (payable to RMHC).

On December 17th, we will happily take any goodies collected down with us then.  
Merry Christmas ~ Jody & Craig Kell

## Youth News December

This month has been one of incredible growth! With our youth group ever expanding, it is nice to see new relationships forming and kids getting excited about coming every week. It makes me so proud to see groups of our youth kids sitting together on Sunday mornings learning about God! We are becoming more and more comfortable praying in front of each other and for each other! It is hard to break routines for anything, but the youth are learning to take moments throughout each day to pray for a fellow youth member which is an amazing addition to their usual day! We had an amazing turn out at our latest shenanigan, the lock in! We had a great time of games, a movie that made us all cry (sorry guys), and of course food! We won't mention that only 3 people stayed awake the whole time including one of our fearless leaders Tom! I would also like to say a huge shout out to all the parent volunteers that make these events possible! You guys rock! To finish up, we again had the opportunity to do our annual filling of the Operation Christmas child boxes! We filled a total of 53 boxes and were able to ship these with the support of some amazing anonymous donors!

Wow, our church family is awesome, and God is good! The kids did have a hard time parting with some of the things that were donated to Operation Christmas childlike, the fuzzy ears and huge hot pink sunglasses, but in the end, they gave them up for the greater good! On top of all the amazing things God is doing with our youth, we have been blessed with our church family supporting us again in our latest pizza fundraiser that will help get all 35 of us to Wind River, Wyoming next year! Thank you all for your love and support! Go Lord of the Lakes!

*Amy*





# Shop. Donate. Volunteer.

## Thrift News

A heartfelt THANK YOU for all that have volunteered for Thrift in 2019. We had a good year with some new volunteers and we are SO appreciative of the people who volunteer month after month. We'd love new volunteers! Please consider if you have 4 hours a year to give for volunteering. We have a lot of fun and it benefits our community as well as our church. We're looking forward to more good times in 2020! For more information, please call Cindy Hendren at 920-594-2580 or sign up on the kiosk at Lord of the Lakes.

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*

*"A place of refuge in a troubled world"*



## Financial Peace

We have just completed our recent Financial Peace University series and the results speak for themselves. Here are a couple of comments that a few of our attendees shared about the experience: "After FPU, my credit cards are paid off, cut up and the accounts are closed! This freed up \$528.00 a month!" "Rock solid and straight forward information. It all makes sense. We now have tools we can share with our children."

"We strongly encourage anyone and everyone to go through this class if they get the chance as it will benefit everyone in some way, regardless of their age or economic status. We are so happy that we decided to go through this program and know that one day we will be debt free."

We had a fun, informative, and productive 9-week course. We learned about the 7 Baby Steps as well as how to protect our financial assets with insurance, investments, real-estate and giving. Everyone, regardless of his/her own financial situation, learned something valuable and was able to apply the information immediately.

If you would be interested in participating in a future class, or simply want to know more about Financial Peace University, please feel free to contact me at [tennillepeterson@gmail.com](mailto:tennillepeterson@gmail.com). The next class—pending interest of course, would be January 12th at 6:30pm-8pm.

## Christmas Staff Gifts

At this time of year, we usually receive questions from the congregation members about giving a gift to the staff that works at the Lord of the Lakes. For those of you who are not familiar with who makes up our team that includes:

Pastor Kevin Heffernan, Jill Templin & Ellen Smolinski, Office Administrators, Amy Penza, Youth Director, Jody Kell, Music Director, Brad Gasper, Buildings and Grounds, and Doris Kreuziger, Financial Clerk

These people work very hard, oftentimes behind the scenes, during the year to assure the ongoing success of our church. What a wonderful time of the year to show our appreciation for all of their efforts. If you are inclined to donate a monetary gift for them please direct your check to the church, in a separate envelope labeled **"staff gift."** You can put it in the collection plate on Sunday. We ask that all gifts be turned in **before December 22nd**. If you prefer to have your gift distributed in a certain manner, please include a note with your check. Otherwise, all gifts will be shared proportionately among the team. All congregation gift checks will be cashed and one check given to each team member for the total gift amount collected.

We know that our staff really appreciates this each year. On behalf of the Lord of the Lakes Church Council.

Merry Christmas! Jeff Jahnke, Council President



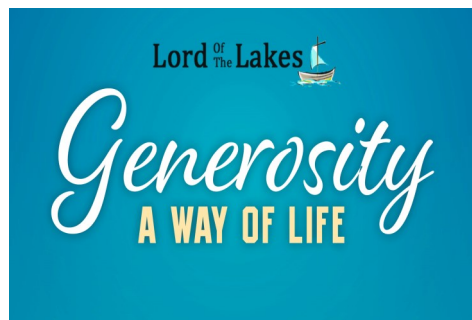
Did you ever wonder how the coffee cups, plates, plasticware, creamers, etc arrive Lord of the Lakes?

I'm going to guess; probably not. Hats off to the Baumgarts and the Dallmanns for going to Sam's Club for us for many many years. Your efforts have been truly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and willingness to do this work. God bless you.

**Busy Hands** meet at  
church 9am - noon  
**December 10**

Please come when you are able!  
No sewing experience is  
necessary.





**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Our congregation is truly blessed with generous people! We've received 80 intent pledges so far and 73% increased their giving! Thank You to those who returned their cards, supporting our goals of making our youth director full-time, mentoring a pastoral intern and maintaining our ministry excellence with funding for our church staff and building. We are still looking for 90 more giving pledges. The church office has more intent cards if you need. Or you can mail it in, email a giving message to [office@lordofthelakes.net](mailto:office@lordofthelakes.net), or call the church office at 920-582-2622.

*The Stewardship Team*

### "Journey Through Matthew"

The first book of the New Testament makes it abundantly clear who Jesus is. Immanuel (God with us), the Savior of the world. This Advent season, please join us in this study: Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 7pm-8:15 (after Advent worship). Contact: Rick Pierre, 920-410-3230



Get deliciously festive with us on Saturday, December 14th. Each participant should bring 6 dozen of one type of cookie and the recipe. Also bring a large container to take your cookies home in. All are welcome! More details / kiosk sign up will be coming soon.



### A Special message for winter travelers

If you are planning to miss worship due to travel of other family commitments, Lord of the Lakes would like you to consider a recurring giving schedule. Your consistent support is very much appreciated, especially during the winter months. Contact the church office for more details. 582-2622 or [office@lordofthelakes.net](mailto:office@lordofthelakes.net)

***You are Invited! Community Meal  
Thursday December 5  
Served: 5:30pm-7:00pm***

**Guest speaker: Oshkosh Food Co-op  
Join us at: First Presbyterian Church, Winneconne.  
Lord of the Lakes sponsors this dinner!**

If you are able to help out with cookies/bars and or can assist with the cleanup detail, we would truly appreciate that! Just let Pastor or the office know. Thanks!

### **SCRIP gift cards available: order by December 15 for pick up on December 22**

Looking for a way to increase your giving to church ... but don't have extra \$\$ in the budget? Use Scrip cards to buy your gas and groceries! It's something you'd be buying anyways, but now a % goes back to church!

Remember Scrip for your holiday shopping! Try these for that hard to buy for person on your list:

- VISA Five Back Gift Card: \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.25% back)
- American Express: \$25, \$100, \$200 (1.25% back)
- Discover Universal Gift Card: \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.25% back)

To order, contact Tammy Wright at [wisupermom@gmail.com](mailto:wisupermom@gmail.com) or 920.836.3007. [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) or stop by at the SCRIP table Sundays from 9-10am.



# December 2019

## Worship Assistants Schedule



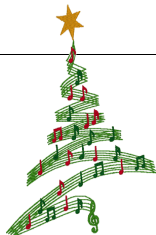
December Ushers: 8am Dave Klemp, Russ Kohl*, Rick Pierre, Warren Winter		December Ushers: 10am Ken & Mary Mueller, Joe Groholski, John Slesar*	
<b>December 1 8:00am Service</b> <b>1 Advent</b> <b>Reader</b> Marge Kohl <b>Greeters</b> Kari Nigl & Betts Nikolai <b>Communion</b> Marsha Phillips & Janet Veith <b>Coffee</b> Nancy Abraham, Michelle Petersen, & Judy Wright		<b>December 1 10:00am Service</b> <b>Reader</b> Ken Mueller <b>Greeters</b> Steve & Trudy Resnick <b>Communion</b> Trudy Resnick & Jan Olson	
<b>December 8 8:00am</b> <b>2 Advent</b> <b>Reader</b> Audrey Bishop <b>Greeters</b> Rick Pierre & Judy Ramlow <b>Communion</b> Audrey Bishop & Tammie Voelkel Fox <b>Coffee</b> Mary Brefeld & Dick Schallert, Trudy & Steve Resnick, Tammy Wright		<b>December 8 10:00am Service</b> <b>Reader</b> Trudy Resnick <b>Greeters</b> John & Kathy Slesar <b>Communion</b> Kim Radtke & Gina Nikodem	
<b>December 15 8:00am</b> <b>3 Advent</b> <b>Reader</b> Ben Brantley <b>Greeters</b> Jim & Chris Rescheske <b>Communion</b> Lisa Curtis & Ellen Smolinski <b>Coffee</b> Karen & Lou Zwicky, Judy Ramlow, Beth Sommer		<b>December 15 10:00am Service</b> Children's Christmas Program <b>Reader</b> Andrea Schell <b>Greeters</b> Tim & Ann Zillges <b>Communion</b> Gail Gardner & Cheryl Prosek	
<b>December 22 8:00am</b> <b>4 Advent</b> <b>Reader</b> Rhonda Bricco <b>Greeters</b> Janet Baumgart & Joanne Dallmann <b>Communion</b> Marsha Phillips & Chris Rescheske <b>Coffee</b> John Macho, Darlene & Larry Paulson, Becky Jahnke		<b>December 22 10:00am Service</b> <b>Reader</b> Pastor Kevin <b>Greeters</b> Ken & Mary Mueller <b>Communion</b> Kathy & John Slesar	
<b>December 24 4:00 pm</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Reader</b> Dana Hartel <b>Greeters</b> Betts Nikolai & Janine Brantley <b>Communion</b> Kristen Bjornstad & Janine Brantley		<b>December 24 6:00pm Service</b> <b>Reader</b> Pastor Kevin <b>Greeters</b> Nancy Abraham & Dave Klemp <b>Communion</b> Dennis Cartwright & Jenni Groholski	
<b>December 25th 9:00am</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Reader</b> Marge Kohl <b>Greeter</b> Ellen & Dave Smolinski <b>Communion</b> Ellen Smolinski & Janet Veith			
<b>December 29 8:00am</b> <b>Reader</b> Rhonda Bricco <b>Greeters</b> Harold & Sheila Gurkowski <b>Communion</b> Betts Nikolai & Pam Ulness <b>Coffee</b> Mark & Teri Henry, Kristen Woods		<b>December 29 10:00am Service</b> <b>Reader</b> Cheryl Prosek <b>Greeters</b> Steve & Trudy Resnick <b>Communion</b> Jim & Deb Williams	
<b>January 5, 2020 8:00am</b> <b>Reader</b> Pam Ulness <b>Greeters</b> Betts Nikolai, Marge Kohl <b>Communion</b> Janet Veith, Tricia Koch <b>Coffee</b> tbd		<b>January 5 10:00am Service</b> <b>Reader</b> Kenny Mueller <b>Greeters</b> Anne Zillges, Mary Mueller <b>Communion</b> Cindy Hendren, Kathy Slesar	

\* Please pick up your 2020 schedules mid-December in the Gathering



# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>1 ADVENT</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 am Worship</b> 9:00 Sunday School, Coffee, Youth Devos	<b>2</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 5:30pm Bells 6:30pm Womens' Group Planning Mtg	<b>3</b> "We Care" Meeting, Dec 4 @ 7:15pm	<b>4</b> 5:30 Soup Supper <b>6:30 Worship</b> 6pm Youth Group 7pm Advent Bible Study	<b>5</b> 8:30a Bible Study Lord of the Lakes 5:30 1st Pres Supper 6:30 Speaker	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10am-2pm Thrift & Gift Youth Pizza making
<b>8</b> <b>8 &amp; 10am Worship</b> 9:00am Kids Christmas Prg practice, Coffee Devos, Youth Devos Youth Pizza pickup	<b>9</b> 5:00 NA 5:30 Bells	<b>10</b> 9am Busy Hands 6:30 Bldg & Grds meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Soup Supper <b>6:30pm Worship</b> 6pm Youth Group 7:00 Choir 7:45pm Guitar Band 7:00 Bible Study	<b>12</b> 8:30am Bible Study at Lord of the Lakes	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal Christmas Cookie Exchange!
<b>15</b> <b>8 &amp; 10am Worship</b> 10am Kid's Christmas Program 9:00am Sunday School, Coffee, Youth Devos	<b>16</b> 5:00 NA 5:30 Bells	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Soup Supper <b>6:30pm Worship</b> 6pm Youth Group 7:00pm Choir 7:45pm Guitar Band 7pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 8:30am Bible Study at Lord of the Lakes	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8 &amp; 10am Worship</b> 9:00am Sunday School, Youth Devos, Coffee	<b>23</b> 5:00 NA 5:30 Bells	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve <b>Worship</b> 4pm & 6pm Candlelight	<b>25</b> 9:00am Christmas Day Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> <b>8 &amp; 10am Worship</b> No Sunday School, Coffee, Youth Devos	<b>30</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>31</b>	<b>January 1</b> No Music No Youth Group	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



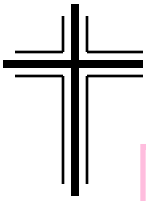
## Kid's Music

We will have (2) Christmas Program rehearsals: Sunday, December 8th during Sunday School and Saturday, December 14th from 9am -10:30am.

All children are encouraged to come to both practices if they are able.

Thank you, parents & teachers!





We extend our sympathies to  
the families of:  
Jim Lesnick,  
the Janine Brantley Family  
& the David Wein Family

**Need Help?** Don't let stigma stand in your way.

**Call 2-1-1 [www.21now.org](http://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,**

## MyConnectionNEW.org

Your one-stop shop for mental health and substance abuse information, resources, and service navigation in Brown, Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.

**Mental Health Awareness:**  
Suffering from anxiety, depression, substance abuse or another mental illness?

CLICK on MyConnectionNEW.org.

- ◆ Navigate mental health and alcohol/other drug abuse services
- ◆ Take an anonymous mental health screening
- ◆ Search on-line library of resources

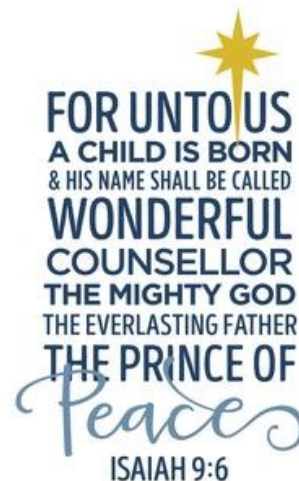
## Prayer: God's Timing

O God of all seasons and senses,  
grant us the sense of your timing  
to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the  
turn of the  
seasons.

In this season of short days and long nights,  
of grey and white and cold, teach us the lessons of endings;  
children growing, friends leaving, loved ones dying,  
grieving over, grudges over, blaming over, excuses over.

O God, grant us a sense of your timing. In  
this season of short days and long nights, of  
grey and white and cold,  
teach us the lessons of beginnings; that such  
waiting's and  
endings may be the starting place, a planting  
of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to  
be born—something right and just and different,  
a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love—  
in the fullness of your time.  
O God, grant us the sense of your timing.

~ written by Ted Loder, in *Guerrillas of Grace*.





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## ADVENT IS . . .

~~“WAITING—~~ANTICIPATION, PATIENCE”

ADVENT STARTS DECEMBER 1

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP, STARTS DECEMBER 4

5:30PM SOUP SUPPER

6:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE