

# Lord of the Lakes 2020



seems like Christmas was just yesterday and now we're moving quickly toward Lent, with Ash Wednesday happening this year on February 26th. One of the real highlights of the month of December was the Advent services and community meals held on Wednesday nights. There is nothing like sharing a meal with other people to get to know them better.

Our Lenten services and meals hold the same value. What a wonderful way to strengthen the bonds in our church family. I know for some of you, coming to an event like this is easy and fun and within your comfort zone. But for others, it's more of a challenge. Maybe you're an introvert or don't know many people at Lord of the Lakes very well or feel uncomfortable walking into an unfamiliar situation.

I'd challenge you this Lenten season to take a step and try coming. Try talking to someone new. All it takes, really, is an introduction and a "So what brought you to this church?" Or a "Did you grow up in this area?" There is absolutely no substitution for being a part of a Christian community, for raising your family in a church, for investing in your spiritual life. And after being part of Lord of the Lakes for quite a few years now, I can say without hesitation that this church is made up of incredibly friendly, down to earth, sincere people who want to follow God and be a part of something bigger than themselves.

I hope you'll join us this February and March, as we prepare to celebrate Easter -- a commemoration of the reason we can live with so much joy and peace and hope not just on Sundays, but every day. *Pastor Kevin* 

**Help make our church a more awesome place to worship and grow!** Half of those who attend our church regularly have returned commitment cards. These folks overwhelmingly pledged offering increases to make our youth director full-time and add a seminary intern. We are at 82% of our goal!

If you have not made your commitment yet, we are asking for at least \$5 per week above your current offering. If the Lord is calling you to give more that that, great! Return your card or call the church office (920-582-2622) to get us to our funding goal. Don't think someone else will be there.

We want everyone in the congregation to participate in, and celebrate the growth of our church as we enter this new decade. Wayne Ludkey, Stewardship Team

WOW! This is our 10th year of our **Souper Bowl Hunger Appeal** collection for Winneconne Area Assistance Center (food pantry).

On **Sunday**, **February 2** we will be collecting for our food pantry and a "noisy offering". Most "useful" items:

- Breakfast cereals (big boxes preferred)
- Canned meats (tuna, salmon, Spam, chicken)
- Beef Ravioli
- Hamburger Helper
- Chunky Soups



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# Ash Wednesday, February 26

5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:30pm Worship

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the

practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".



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# SUNDAY MORNING: COFFEE CREW



Isn't it wonderful when we can connect with others between services? (It's a nice time to get to know who you are sitting next to during Worship—what an incredible gift this is)

Guess what . . .

We sure could use a few "extra" people to lend a hand setting up for the coffee hour. Even if you could help once or twice a year, that would be wonderful. Please sign up on the kiosk and try it out. If it doesn't work for you, no worries.

#### Weather cancellations

Please watch the local TV stations for weather related Lord of the Lakes cancellations. During the week, if the Winneconne School District cancels classes, Lord of the Lakes will be closed.

## **Popcornopolis:**

Our next mission trip fundraiser is almost here! Starting Sunday, February 2nd the youth will be selling popcornopolis! Get ready to enjoy gourmet popcorn & help a good cause all at the same time! This fundraiser will go until March 1st.



#### **First Communion Class:**

Sunday, February 16 @ 11:00



Participants will receive their First Communion on Sunday, *March 3* at both services. Children are usually ready to receive communion around 4th grade; we leave it up to the parents to decide if your child is ready. Please sign up at the kiosk, contact the office, or speak to Pastor Kevin.

# "Date Night" Opportunity

On *Friday, February 14*, our Youth Group would like the parents of Lord of the Lakes Church to have the chance to take that special someone out on the town! From 5pm-10pm, the youth will watch your kids here at the church so mom's and dad's can go out for Valentine's day! Free will donations will be excepted and used towards the mission trip this summer! Sign up is on the kiosk.



# Youth Group at Lord of the Lakes

I don't know if you guys are aware of this but holidays can get a bit..... messy, busy, crazy... you name it! This was not the case with our first annual secret Santa gift exchange!!!!! 28 kids get involved and it was great to see the kids thinking of others and their likes and dislikes when it came to the gifts. The youth also had the opportunity to serve at the community Thrift and Gift! A huge shout out to all the youth that came and took the time to come serve! I also want to put out a few other shout outs! To Cindy Hendren for arranging the volunteering event for us (and answering a million emails from me)!!! To Jill Templin for coming in to be our cashier in our moment of need!!! And, last but not least Andrea Schell and the two little Schell's for coming in and being huge helpers! We are very blessed to have so many supporters!!! On a different note, I must say that overall, last month was the hardest month for me so far as youth director. You don't realize how much these youth kids are a part of you, in every sense of the word, but when you have two weeks of no youth it's like a big part of you is missing. I think I'm going to call that one big BLESSING! I am blessed that I get to be apart of that! I am blessed that I get to be here at Lord of the Lakes, and I am blessed to have the coolest youth group ever!!!! The two weeks away from them was not easy (thank goodness for seeing some of them on Sunday's) but I must say, it made me stop and reflect on how much love I have for this youth family of mine!!!! Can't wait to see what God has in store for us in 2020!!! God is good!

Amy Penza



**COMMUNITY DINNER** 

#### You Are Invited February's Community Supper!

Thursday, February 6th Community Supper 5:30pm Speaker: First Responders here in Winneconne.

Meal: Shepherds Pie

This month is sponsored by St. Mary's. Please join us!



# MANY HANDS make WORK

#### **Thrift News**

Thanks so much to the volunteers that helped with the December and January Thrift Saturdays. We've had very, very busy Saturdays and everyone pitched in and made a go of it. Many hands make light work.

We are still working the first Saturday of the month in 2020. We could always use volunteers - especially men - but are especially short for February and March. The sign up sheets are on the kiosk. Please consider volunteering a couple of Saturdays during the year. We always have a good time & a few chuckles!

Need more information? Call Cindy 920-594-2580 or church

## Pastor's January

meeting-4 advising-5 home/hospital visits-10 funerals-2 bible study-4 youth services-2

#### SCRIP

Don't forget a treat for your favorite people this Valentine's Day! How about a Starbuck's, or Subway gift card? Or, maybe give the gift of a dinner out.... Fin 'N Feather, Whitehouse Inn, or Jackie's? Get a great surprise for your valentine and support Lord of the Lakes at the same time!



Shop at <a href="www.ShopWithScrip.com">www.ShopWithScrip.com</a> to see hundreds of participating retailers. Questions about Scrip: Tammy Wright 920.836.3007 or <a href="wisupermom@gmail.com">wisupermom@gmail.com</a>.

Place your order by February 2nd for card delivery before February 14th.

#### **Sunday School News**



In February, Sunday School students will be talking about The Ten Commandments; God gives us Rules to follow, let's review the rules and why.

We will also talking about Prayer. What is prayer? Prayer is talking to God.

We will discuss the Lord's prayer and will be singing in church soon! See you at church!

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.

"A place of refuge in a troubled world"



#### Keep Praying, but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than your Prayers.

#### The Brand New Kitchen Committee

Thank you to all of you who where able to attend our new "Kitchen Team" meeting! "Kitchen Team" is our name—catchy, right?? :)

We will only meet as needed. Anybody is welcomed to attend our meetings—just keep your eyes out for meeting dates (bulletin/newsletter/Facebook).

If you have any questions, please contact the church office and we will try to help you out and/ or bring it up at our next meeting! Your Kitchen Team, Mary Mueller, Betts Nikolai, Ellen Smolinski, Jill Templin, Judy Felberg, Sally Patterson



#### T Will Rise

# Facing Bullying Through Faith and Music Keynote Speakers

Frankie Moscato-17 year old singer/songwriter and Cindy Czarnik Neimeyer MS-Mental Health Specialist at Catalpa Health Please join the Appleton Conference of Women of the ELCA for our Spring Event March 21, 2020 at Prince of Peace Appleton from 8-1 pm.

All women and girls are invited to attend.

(further information and registration forms for this event in early February) Cost will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 18 and under and includes lunch. Childcare will be available.



#### **Lutheran School of Theology Chicago \$300 Courses**

You're ready to go deeper into scripture, go further in your ministry, go beyond your comfort zone into new ways to engage your community? Join the diverse community of learners at LSTC. You'll gain new insights, new energy, and maybe even a new direction for your ministry. As a non-degree student, you qualify for a special tuition

#### Lord of the Lakes

New Member Class schedule:

March 1, at 11:00am or Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00pm

If you are interested in being a member at Lord of the Lakes, please let pastor or the office know & attend one of the above classes

New Member Sunday: March 10th Our deepest sympathies extend to the families of:

Therese Ann Witzke Bob Dallmann Keith Kohlmann

We wish you God's peace.



#### A Special Lenten Fast

Give up harsh words: use generous ones. Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God. Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.



Please join us for our
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 23
Meeting & potluck begins
at 11:00am



Bible Study Wednesday evenings

5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study at church

We will meet up until Lent, February 26, when Wednesday Lent Services start.

All are welcome!



# **Buildings and Grounds Team**

We continue to work diligently to keep our church home in good shape. Thanks to Brad for all of the projects that he continues to do and for the many members that donate their time and resources to the task!

We were able to determine that the new Bunn coffee ahtbulb. Change can be uncomfortable and modification

maker uses the same electricity as a 50-watt lightbulb. Change can be uncomfortable and modifications continue as we adjust to the new flow of coffee and treats. Please be patient and enjoy the fantastic coffee!

The new back door was installed by Albright Construction, paid for by donation. Many thanks to all involved in getting the much needed door installed properly. Work will continue as the plaster needs to be repaired and the door painted.

The painting of the hallway west of the office is complete thanks to Ray Zegers. Thanks Ray!

We continue to focus on emerging needs of our church, including but not limited to:

The sound system: repair or replacement is necessary

The condition of the sanctuary ceiling and the possibility of painting

Electrical system updates

Installation of railings at the altar steps

Plans for spring cleaning

We are so thankful for our church and our team. God bless.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Pfaendtner



What if camp is the **single best investment** you can make in your child's faith life? We at Crossways are so excited to open registration for our 2020 Summer Camp season. Experiencing camp at one of our three Crossways sites will be your summer's highlight. With programs for K-12, Families, and Grandparents, we hope to see everyone at camp this summer.

For more info, there are brochures in the Gathering Area or check out www.CrosswaysCamps.org. \*Early-Bird Discounted Rates are available before March 15th.

Bringing People Together in Christ so Lives are changed & Communities enhance.

May God give you:
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
And or every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.





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#### "We Care" team is here for you!

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

Drew Jaeger	420-4497
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Good Morning God! You are ushering in another day, untouched and freshly new. So here I am to ask you, God, if You'll renew me too.

Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday and let me try again dear God to

walk closer in Your way.

But Lord, I am well aware, I can't make it on my own. So take my hand and hold it tight, for I cannot walk alone. Amen.



Thrift Partner Program . . .

February 1 & March 7 are our next shifts at the Thrift!

(1st Saturday of the month)

Please see the signup sheet on the kiosk.

Dear Friends,
Greetings in the new
year! We pray that God's
mercy, grace and blessings will surround you
each day.

2019 was a busy year spent preparing each of our projects for growth in 2020.

What's New? **Ushindi Center** (formerly known as The Foundation of Hope)

Simple Hope established the Foundation for Hope Center in order to help the Hadzabe people incorporate "new ideas" into their natural way of living. Now they have found a balance between their tribal traditions and necessary changes for them to survive into the next generation.

They became established as a Tanzanian Cooperative Business, operating fully under Tanzanian regulations and law in October of 2019. They chose the name "Ushindi Center", meaning "victory" in Swahili, to indicate that they had triumphed in hardship. We will continue to support them prayerfully, educationally and financially as they build their business in the Lake Eyasi area.

We praise and thank God for the amazing journey toward sustainability that he has led the Hadzabe people on over the last 8 years. In 2011 they were nomadic hunters and gathers suffering from long term drought conditions. Today they are settled business owners growing fruit and crops, raising chickens and harvesting honey, all of which will be able to be sold commercially going forward. God's love, Pam and Karen



Your love, shown through prayer and support, continues to encourage and motivate the Hadzabe people, Tumaini Women's Group and children at Matonyok Orphanage in their journeys toward sustainability. Thank you for investing in their lives and bringing hope for a future.

# February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 2 bring a canned good and a Noisy offering!	Noisy Offering = Bring your coins from home & a special metal pan will be passed around. The pantry will receive our coins!		SCI GIFT CAR Thank yo	support the church while shopping ou SCRIP team!		1 Shop the Thrift 10a-2p
Souper Bowl Sunday  8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Sunday School, Coffee Devos, Youth Devos "Popcornopolis" fundraiser	5:00 NA 5:30 Bells	4 9am Busy Hands	5 5:30p-6:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Group @ WHS gym 6:00pm Choir 6:45 Guitar Band	6 8:30am Bible Study at Lord of the Lakes	7	8
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First Communion 8 & 10am Worship 9:00am Sunday School, Coffee, Youth Devos 11:00 Church Annual Meeting & lunch	24 5:00 NA 5:30 Bells	Peace With God  While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  Romans 5:1-8	26 Ash Wednesday 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 6:00 pm Youth Grp 7:15pm Confirmation Class 7p Choir 7:30pm Guitar Band	27 8:30am Bible Study at Lord of the Lakes	Create in me a clean heart, O God. Psalm 51:7	29 LENT



#### **Altar Flowers**

The 2020 chart is available near the office windows or contact the office if you wish to sign up for flowers on a particular Sunday. What a great way to honor a special day or to place in memory of a loved one.

# Thank you for your kindness

# **Busy Hands**

9am - noon February 4 & 18

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

# February 2020

# Worship Assistants Schedule



February Ushers: 8am Ben Brantley* & Owen Brantley, Dave Klemp & Pam Ulness	February Ushers: 10am Joe Groholski, Xavier Penza, Debbie & Jim Williams			
February 2 8:00am Souper Bowl of Caring	February 2 10:00am Service			
Reader Barb Wachtendonk Greeters Rick Pierre & Samantha Adams Communion Dianna Donner & Chris Rescheske, Coffee Mary Brefeld & Dick Schallert*, Barb Wachtendonk, Kimberly Radtke	Reader Jan Faust Greeters Tim & Anne Zillges Communion Steve & Trudy Resnick			
February 9 8:00am	February 9 10:00am			
Reader Barb Wachtendonk Greeters Russ & Marge Kohl Communion Tammie Voelkel Fox, & Mary Alice Klemp Coffee John Macho*, Beverly Raatjes, Janet Kunde	Reader Jody Franz Greeters Dennis & Gloria Cartwright Communion Jenni & Joe Groholski			
February 16 8:00am	February 16 10:00am			
Reader Marge Kohl Greeters Betts Nikolai, & Vicky Waters Communion Marsha Phillips & Lisa Curtis Coffee Marsha Phillips* Nancy Abraham, Kristen Woods,	Reader Jenni Groholski Greeters Janine Brantley & Brooke Zillges Communion Dennis Cartwright & Cheryl Prosek			
February 23 8:00am First Communion	February 23 10:00am			
Reader Drew Jaeger Greeters Valerie Gulke & Judy Ramlow Communion Tricia Koch, Betts Nikolai Coffee Judy & Bob Felberg*, Michelle Peterson, Mary Alice Klemp	Reader Ray Zegers Greeters Tom & Kay Lettau Communion Janine Brantley & Cindy Hendren			
February 26 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm Service	++			
Communion Kristen Bjornstad & Gail Gardner	LENT			
March 1 8:00am 1-Lent	March 1 10:00am			
Reader Darlene Larson Greeters Ellen & Dave Smolinski Communion Lisa Curtis & Audrey Bishop Coffee Nicole King*, Tamie Wallschlaeger, Samantha Adams	Reader Linda Wein Greeters Kathy Slesar, & Tom Zillges Communion Ken Mueller & Kari Nigl			
March Ushers 8:00am Russ Kohl*, Layne Fox, Marsha Phillips, Warren Winter	March Ushers 10:00am Kevin Franz*, Steve & Trudy Resnick, Mara Schell			

# Celebrate February Birthdays (over 70)

happy birth)ay

Jerry Bruss Feb-4 Chuck Riese Feb-7 Dave Klemp Feb-8 Kay Lettau Feb-17 Judy Brooks Feb-25 Diane Bunck Feb-28 Gloria Cartwright Feb-28 WHAT GOD GAVE UP FOR LENT





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Oshkosh:

### 2020 Confirmation

Confirmation Class begins on Wednesday, **February 26, 2020** after the 6:30pm Lent Service. 9th grade Students/Parent(s), older students and adults who have not been confirmed are more than welcome to attend.

Our program is not simply scholastic. It is as much learning by doing as by studying. By teaching what it means to serve others and work together in community we are demonstrating how to live lives in faith—perhaps for your entire life! I look forward to seeing you for what promises to be an exciting and wonderful Confirmation.



Confirmation

Please sign up on the kiosk or contact the church office. Confirmation Sunday: April 5, 2020 at 10am

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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



Welcome new members!

We welcome the Dreas family to Lord of the Lakes!

Lee and Beth, Olivia & Anna

We pray that together with you they may continue to grow in the knowledge of God.

# Save the Thrift Date & 2019 recap

Just a short note to have you mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb 11 at noon. The Grant committee will be presenting information on the 2019 grant application process. Everyone who has completed at least 48 volunteer hours in 2019 is eligible to participate in the program. New volunteers are also encouraged to attend and learn about the program to aim for grant eligibility in 2020.

Lunch provided. Save the Date: Tuesday, Feb 11, 12:00 noon.

Here's some fun facts from 2019 Together, we sold (see box on the right)

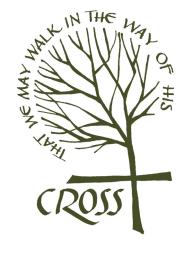
With over 12,700 Volunteer Hours! Lets make it a great New Year in 2020. 26,500 pieces of clothing 3,000 accessories 640 furniture items 900 games and puzzles 6,000 Holiday items 5,000 Home Decor items 7,900 Houseware pieces 2,400 pieces of Jewelry 3,000 Linens 5,000 ManCave items 4,500 Party, Office and Craft items 2,300 Shoes/Boots 3,500 Toys

Please stop in if you are interested in volunteering for the Winneconne Thrift & Gift! (920) 582-3932

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# Ash Wednesday Worship

February 26 6:30pm Worship with communion 5:30pm Soup Supper

# HE DIED FOR ALL

THAT THOSE WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE DIED AND WAS RAISED.

