

Lord Of The Lakes



December 2022



Merry Christmas

From The Heffernans

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Many, many people give of their time and special talents at Lord of the Lakes. We have those who work to keep our building and grounds looking clean and beautiful. Others are busy sewing together quilts to ship to many destinations around our country and in the world. Members of the prayer chain pray faithfully every day for those in need. We have women who give of their time setting up the Adopt a Child program during Christmas and do the same for our Back to School Adopt a Child in July. There are those who teach Sunday School classes each week and work with our youth on Wednesday evenings. Some volunteer at the

Thrift & Gift on the first Saturday each month in Winneconne. Many others bake, cook, wash and clean each time we have a special dinner, soup supper of coffee fellowship. Did you know we even have a special team to count our money each week? These are all very important duties and tasks. These tasks are all done by volunteers!

The volunteers that we all come face to face with and see the most are the Greeters on Sunday mornings that give you a smile and a hello as you walk through those big doors and of course there is Dave at the 8 o'clock service. When we don't see him out front holding the door open for us, something is wrong indeed! Next you have the aroma of that fresh coffee brewing that just fills the air when we walk in and then of course the array of treats and goodies that await us when the worship service is over! The Readers and the Communion Assistants are volunteers. So are the Ushers. Did you know that even the folks in the choir, playing the bells and members of the guitar band are all volunteers? Take a look at the people just like you in these roles. We can all do a little something. If you feel you would like to give Ushering, Assisting with Communion, Coffee Fellowship, Reading or Greeting a try, just let Deb Ruedinger know. She will be honored to find a spot for you! If music is your thing, get in touch with Jody Kell. If you want to help with Building and Grounds, see Jan Olson.



**Youth Group Schedule:** Please keep coming! Get signed into the new TeamReach group (Code 60900) for announcements and upcoming events. Wednesday nights are going to look different, but that's ok. We are still going to come together to praise God, learn about Jesus's love and have some fun while doing it ( and maybe play the couch game every now and then ☐ ). So if you have some friends that have disappeared- please invite them back. The door is ALWAYS open and no matter how long it's been, you are always welcome! And Parents- if you have kids grade 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, please encourage them to either come back, or come check us out! We meet Wednesday nights from 6-8. (LOTS of snacks are provided)!



*Search in your phone and see how many items you can find that match the list below. The person with the most points wins!*

**1 POINT**

- Alarm clock set
- Holiday event on your calendar
- Text using Christmas emoji
- For each person texted today
- A holiday shopping list

**10 POINTS**

- A red or white phone case
- Cracked screen
- Music app
- Picture of snow
- Pinterest app

**5 POINTS**

- Netflix app
- Christmas wallpaper
- Code to unlock
- More than 75% battery
- A selfie in a Christmas sweater

**20 POINTS**

- Less than 10% battery
- Christmas ringtone
- 500+ Photos
- 250+ Contacts
- Text with "Merry Christmas"

**TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Trip Fundraiser:** This month the youth will be starting their Vandewalls Candy Bar Sale to raise money for their mission trip. The sale will be on-going, meaning there is no set end date, which allows for selling to be done throughout the year and be done at a time that works best for youth. As long as the candy bars are selling we will have them available (no end date) There will be a box outside the kitchen window for church members to purchase at their convenience. Candy Bars will be \$1.50/bar, and the Youth will get 50% of the sales.



**Christmas Party**

December 21<sup>st</sup> we will be going Caroling! We will be meeting at 5:30- dressed warm and festive (maybe even lite up! ) to go caroling around the Church Neighborhood. If anyone lives in the neighborhood please spread the word. Come out and watch and listen for our Group! After spreading the some Christmas Cheer, we will come back for Hot Coco and our Christmas Party.

**No Sunday School on December 25th**

**No youth group on December 28th.**



Individually,  
we are one  
drop.  
Together,  
we are an ocean.

**Upcoming Events:**

December 3rd: Painting Class  
December 15th: Serve at Day by Day Shelter  
January 14th: Planning session & Brunch


The month of November was fabulous for T.W.I.G.'s and we were quite busy! On November 6, despite the fact there was a Packer's game at the same time, a mixed group of 19 traveled to the UWO Theater for Grease. It was a light-hearted fun activity, and everyone enjoyed it! Our November luncheon at Jackie's Parkside was the best attended ever with 12 ladies present. Several of these ladies were first timers. As always, it was lots of fun, and we continue to get to know one another and make new friends!

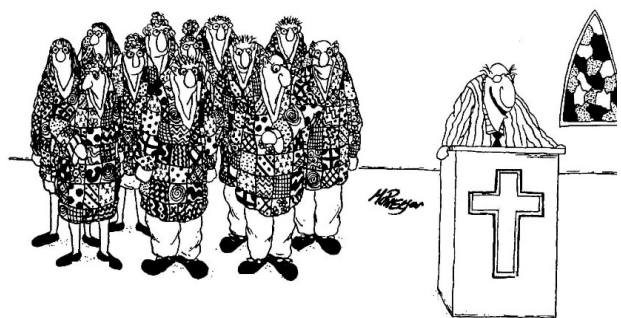
December will be a very busy month for everyone! We have a painting class at Rooster Dreams in Neenah on December 3 from 5pm-8:30pm. We will be preparing and serving a meal at the Day-by-Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh on December 15. Instead of setting a luncheon date, please plan to join us for Soup Supper each Wednesday before our Advent services at 5:30 pm on November 30, December 7, December 14 and December 21. It is not necessary for every person to bring a pot of soup. You may sign up for soup, salad or dessert. Soup Suppers are a great way to fellowship and get to know people in a smaller group setting. We will resume our service work and social activities in January.

We will have a T.W.I.G.'s Brunch combined with a planning session at Lord of the Lakes Church on Saturday morning, January 14 from 9:30-11:30. Check the kiosk for sign-up information. We encourage women of all ages to join the fun!

**Day by Day Warming Shelter:** The Day by Day Warming Shelter is starting their 12th season, and they are in the process of building a shelter for year around services. Last year 620 people were turned away as there was not enough room. As part of our women's outreach ministry, the TWIGS will have signed up to serve meals at the shelter. They have three scheduled and the first was Thursday, October 23. The next scheduled day to serve is December 15th and we are in need volunteers to cook and bake, grocery shop, and 3 servers to serve the meals 5:30-7:30. They TWIGS are also collecting items in marked bins to donate to the shelter. Please see the list on the kiosk and if you can, support their worthy cause. This is a cause near and dear to Sally Patterson and thank you, Sally for heading that up. Lots of TWIGs are helping Sally with this. For questions or information on either project please call or text Sally Patterson at 920-279-2388 or email [sallyrobpatt@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrobpatt@gmail.com)

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<p><b>WAAC Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taco Seasoning</li> <li>Sweetened Cereal</li> <li>Corned Beef Hash</li> <li>Stuffing</li> <li>Oatmeal</li> <li>Syrup</li> <li>Hamburger Helper</li> <li>Pancake Mix</li> <li>Canned Potatoes</li> <li>Canned Chicken</li> <li>Gravy</li> <li>Rice</li> <li>Tomato Sauce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomato Paste</li> <li>Broth</li> <li>Chili Beans</li> <li>Apple Sauce</li> <li>Kleenex</li> <li>Toilet Paper</li> <li>Paper Towels</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Food Pantry Needs</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Winneconne Area Assistance Center is open: Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm Saturday 9am-10:30am</p> </div>
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"Many thanks to the Ladies' Quilting Club for the new choir robes."

**Youth Director:** Lord of the Lakes is in search of a new youth director. If you are interested please see the kiosk for the job description. Resumes can be sent to: [office@lordofthelakes.net](mailto:office@lordofthelakes.net).



**Buildings & Grounds:** The next meeting for the Buildings & Grounds Committee will be on December 13th at 4:30pm. As a reminder, if you are interested in knowing more information on what is presented/discussed at these meetings, the minutes of the Buildings & Grounds meetings are posted on the bulletin board by the men's bathroom.

### Thrift Partner Program



A huge thank you to those that volunteer on our Thrift Saturday's. We always have a great time, and it is a great way to get to know each other while serving others. If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up for the entire time or just an hour or two, any time you are willing share is welcomed. As always, if you unable to volunteer please come and shop and don't forget to bring your friends, family and neighbors to shop as well!

Reminder Next Thrift Days: **December 3rd**  
sign up is at the kiosk or contact: Becky Jahnke at [beckyjahnke920@gmail.com](mailto:beckyjahnke920@gmail.com)

**Scrip:** Just a reminder that scrip gift cards make great stocking stuffers, gifts for your gift exchanges, teachers gifts, etc. There are a wide variety of stores, including stores from all over the United States so you don't have to limit yourself to shopping for people who just live in Wisconsin. Place your order early so that you can get your cards in time for Christmas. If you have any questions regarding scrip please Contact Tammy Wright at 920.420.3755 or [wisupermom@gmail.com](mailto:wisupermom@gmail.com) Shop today at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)



The Sunday School program is looking for Substitute Sunday school teachers- our great group of Sunday School teachers are all volunteers. We currently have 2 teachers per class room (PreK-K, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). But as we know, things come up, kids get sick, or you just need a break! It would be great if we had a few people we could call on when we are in need of a Substitute. Don't be scared, the Sunday School curriculum we have in place is very user friendly and requires zero preparation. This would even be a great opportunity for some of our high school students who are looking for different ways to get involved in the church. If you are interested in being a substitute please reach out to Mandy Otto.

Who makes our church a successful growing light of the Lord in our community? You do. We also have a very talented group of staffers who work hard to manage everything from our worship experiences to our finances, daily operations, and making sure our facility is in good repair. This time of the year we like to appreciate their efforts with a Christmas gift to the staff:

Pastor Kevin Heffernan  
Becky Janke, Ellen Smolinski & Gail Gardner, office administrators  
Doris Kruezigler, finance clerk  
Jody Kell, music director  
Brad Gasper, buildings & grounds maintenance  
Darlene Larson, housekeeping

If you feel inclined, please put your staff thank you check or cash into an envelope (at the ushers table) and place it in the offering plate. Please designate staff gift on the envelope. All gifts will be pooled and distributed equally. Please get your Christmas staff gift in by December 19th.

Merry Christmas!  
Wayne Ludkey, Council President

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Thrift 10-2 Youth: Tasha Layton Concert
<b>4</b> 8 & 10am Worship	<b>5</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 AcaBellas	<b>6</b> 9:00am Busy Hands	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Advent Service 7:15pm Choir	<b>8</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am - Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
<b>11</b> 8am Worship 10am Children's Christmas Program	<b>12</b> 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm AcaBellas	<b>13</b> 4:30pm Buildings & Grounds 6:30 Council meeting	<b>14</b> 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Advent Service 7:15pm Choir 8:00 Guitar Band	<b>15</b> 8:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Twig serving at day by day shelter	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas</b> 8 & 10am Worship	<b>26</b> 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Do you have a special birthday, anniversary or family celebration coming up this year?				Celebrate December Birthdays (over 70) 12/18 - Wayne Rudisill Contact the office for any changes		

Consider honoring the event with flowers on the altar. The **2022 Flower Chart** is in the Gathering Area near the office windows.





**Christmas Eve "Sweet Treat" Fellowship:** Between the 4 and 6 pm services we will serve cookies (or other sweet treats) easily picked up with the fingers! We have several people who sing and play in both services as well as those who don't particularly have any place to go and enjoy the friendship and company of others during this special time of the year. All are welcome! If you would like to bake or make something for this, please sign up on the kiosk and drop it off anytime Saturday, Dec. 24 from 2:00-3:30. Leftovers will be served Sunday morning, Dec.

25 between those 2 services. If you would like to assist with serving coffee, etc. during this time, please text Deb Ruedinger at 863-634-9794 and let her know.

**Christmas morning Coffee Fellowship:** We will have Coffee Fellowship/ Christmas Brunch between services Christmas morning, December 25. If you plan to be here and would like to bring something to add to this, please sign up on the kiosk. We all look forward to this special time and again, all are welcome! Deb Ruedinger will be hosting, and we welcome Rob and Sally Patterson back during the holidays to assist with the coffee! If you have any questions, please text Deb Ruedinger at 863-634-9794.



**Adopt A Family this Christmas:** Following our Lord of the Lakes Christmas tradition of giving, we will once again assist the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Service & Emergency Shelter.

**Start date:** mid November, pick a tag off the tree! You will notice many different items on the tags from clothing to household goods. There is not a particular family that we sponsor as clients transition through the shelter. Many clients do not qualify for financial assistance (on paper) yet because their abuser controlled the money. They cannot afford to buy prescriptions or groceries. Family who stay at the shelter prepare and provide their own food which can sometimes be financially challenging.

**End date:** please bring your item(s) back to church, unwrapped, by Sunday, December 11. If you prefer to donate money, please note on the check or on an envelope "Adopt a Family". Cash will go towards gift cards for clothing. Contact for questions: Jill 920-427-0055 or Lani 920-594-3036

children's  
program



Sunday School  
Christmas  
Program  
December 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am service

The Children will need to meet at 9:00 in the Sunday school rooms to get ready for the performance. Final practice will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.



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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 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"*