

Lord ^{Of} The Lakes

We are a family of faith, celebrating Jesus Christ at work in our lives and actively inviting others to do the same.



February 2023

It seems like Christmas was just yesterday and now we're moving quickly toward Lent, with Ash Wednesday happening early this year on February 22nd. 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

LENTEN *Schedule*

February 22nd: 6:30 - Wednesday Lenten Service
March 1st: 6:30 - Wednesday Lenten Service
March 8th: 6:30 - Wednesday Lenten Service
March 15th: 6:30 - Wednesday Lenten Service
March 22nd: 6:30 - Wednesday Lenten Service
March 29th: 6:30 - Wednesday Lenten Service

Palm Sunday - April 2nd: Services at 8:00 am & 10am
Maundy Thursday - April 6th: Service at 6:30pm
Good Friday - April 7th: Service at 6:30pm
Easter - April 9th: Services 8:00am and 10:00am

Lenten ^{SOUP} Suppers

The tradition continues and we will have a "Soup Supper" prior to Lent services each week from Ash Wednesday, February 22 thru March 29. Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30PM. Sign up sheets will be on the kiosk for each week. Soups, sandwiches, and desserts are welcome. If you don't care for soup, bring a salad! It is a great opportunity to fellowship and the food is fantastic!

Pam Ulness is the lead on this activity; however, she could use some extra help with prep and clean-up. We would like to have a volunteer to help get the beverages out, desserts portioned etc. starting at 5PM. We need two people to assist with washing the tabletops each week, emptying the trash cans, and sweeping the floor following the dinner. Please sign up so that we know we have help we can count on! All help is appreciated.

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OUR SCHEDULE!

Youth Group meets:
Wednesdays 6-9

Team Reach Code
60900

The New Year is off to a great and fast start and I'm looking forward to all that 2023 has to offer.

First of all, I truly have come to appreciate the commitment and interest our congregation has in our Youth. I've felt that as a parent, but working closer with the congregation, staff and council, it is truly heartwarming, soul filling and energizing to know how much each of these amazing kids mean to all of you, Thank You!

The Youth Program was and continues to be in good shape with consistent attendance along with new faces. I would like to remind our wonderful youth, the "door" is open. Spread the word. Invite a friend. If you have attended 1 time or 100 times, please come and check out our Wednesday nights or meet with us between services on Sundays. To the adults, parents and congregation, If you have a desire to spend some time with our youth group, I am seeking volunteers. I can promise 3 things: You will have fun. You will learn. You will be inspired. Email me if you have any questions or interest please. youth@lordofthelake.net

Our fundraising is strong and steady with on-going candy bar sales. (50% profit!), Bingo nights and Pizza Sales. Pizza sales began already with March 4th being our Pizza Making Day. All orders and Funds are due at Youth Group February 15th. Please mark your calendars. The fund raising has multiple benefits. In addition to the monetary resource to help fund our Youth Group as they go places and do great things, it also gets them engaged with the church, their community, family and friends. So thank you for sharing the word about these ongoing youth fundraisers. Food and Fellowship is a winning combination!

Some key dates to make you aware of:

- Jan. 28th is faith and fellowship and the GB Gambler Hockey Game. (16 kids /6 adults attending).
- Our next community night will be February 8th 5:30 to 7:30. This will be a Free Movie Night, with soda and popcorn on sale for all to enjoy. All ages are invited. The featured movie is *Evan Almighty*.
- Our Youth Group will have the opportunity to attend camp this summer July 23-28th. We will be heading to Pine Lake, in the Waupaca area. This will be a Sunday to Friday Camp with a family lunch planned for Friday at pick up. I have personally been to this camp as a volunteer and can share it is a beautiful location, has wonderful staff and creates a space for each camper to connect, learn and grow in God's Word and in fellowship.

We welcome prayers! Consider praying for our youth, the volunteers and myself as we learn to keep our hearts and minds open to the Word of God and to receive Jesus Christ and His Love for each of us.

Thank you again on you support and prayers!

Ryan Otto
Youth Ministry Leader



February 8th 5:30-7:30

This is a free event and all are welcome to attend this community event. We will be watching *Evan Almighty*. Popcorn and soda will be for sale.

Youth Summer Camp - Crossway Camping Ministries

Date: July 23rd - 28th.

Location: Pine Lake, 5707 Akron Ave, Waupaca, WI 54981,

Cost: \$650 (This cost will be reduced through youth's fundraising)

Register at: <https://crossways.campbrainregistration.com/>

There is a \$100.00 deposit due at the time of registration. If the down-payment or total cost is too much, and you have not had time or the means to fund raise, please message, email or call Ryan. It will be confidential. There are also scholarship opportunities on the Crossways website. The most important step is to get registered asap!



T.W.I.G.'s kicked off 2023 with a Ladies Brunch held on Saturday, January 14 from 10-Noon at Lord of Lake's Church. The event opened with prayer by Deb Ruedinger, followed by a devotion. To get to know one another on a more personal level we played "Get to Know You Bingo." After a delicious brunch provided by members, we discussed activities we had done this past year and how we might make them better. Surveys on tables around the room permitted members and guests the opportunity to vote for the ones they would like to pursue this year.

Jan Trow volunteered to schedule and organize luncheons once a month at a restaurant in the Winneconne/Oshkosh area. She will put notice of the activity in the church bulletin and on the kiosk located in the narthex. We hope to have an additional monthly activity held in the evening or on the weekend so that those working may join us if they wish.

Using the TeamReach app on our smart phones we created a TWIG's-Lord of Lakes group which will offer another way for us to keep up with planned activities and events as well as news and information that may be of interest to those in the group. All Lord of the Lakes ladies young and older may join this group. Our group code is TL0L.

Anticipated service projects this year include continuing to serve a meal occasionally at the Day-by-Day warming shelter, continued visits with our shut-ins, providing meals for new moms in our congregation as well as those who may have to have serious surgeries that make it difficult to prepare meals for themselves, and assistance at VBS this summer. Since our meeting, Michelle Petersen has already created and developed a darling "welcome bag" for new moms.

Ladies will take turns hosting the special activities in the coming months. These MAY include a Kentucky Derby themed party, June Pontoons, July Garden Walks, August Pool Parties, \$5 Movie Days and \$6 Fridays for Young at Hearts (over 60), Progressive Dinner Parties, Bunco Game Night and September Firepits, Appetizers and Conversation. Our events are open to all ladies of Lord of the Lakes as well as their guests. Stay Tuned!

Thank you to all who helped with the Day by Day Shelter. Our youth donated Christmas stockings and filled them with goodies and hand warmers. At the shelter's belated Christmas party 1/9 the guests were very touched as many of them had never received a stocking before. The youth also made blankets and will be used @ the new shelter opening in April. Thank you to our servers, bakers, cooks, grocery shoppers who have helped to provide meals for the shelter guests these last months. We are hoping when the new shelter opens in April LOL will be able to provide a monthly meal. Sign up on the kiosk and when more details are known I will let you know Sally Patterson.

CPR Class: If you are interested in learning CPR our TWIG ministry will be having a CPR class, hosted by Barb Wachtendonk. The class will be on February 11th at 2:00 at Barb's home, 5225 White Pine Dr, Winchester. The cost is \$20. After completion of the class the instructor will be giving you a card stating that you completed the CPR class. Please bring an appetizer, snack or other goodie to share. This is a fun, low stress class. Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to attend.



Church Council News

The first meeting of the new Fiscal Year for Lord of the Lakes Council was January 17, 2023, and they held an election of officers. Your officers for the new year are Deb Ruedinger- President; Wayne Ludkey- Vice-President, Pam Ulness-Secretary and Tennille Peterson-Treasurer. In addition to the election of officers the president appointed Team liaisons and they are as follows: Tennille Peterson – Business Management, Wayne Ludkey – Communication and Stewardship, Pam Ulness – Worship, Kristen Bjornstad – Youth, John Macho – Community Outreach, Mary Beth McKee – Building and Grounds, Betts Nikolai – Church Directory and Deb Ruedinger – Life and Growth/Women's Ministries and Volunteers. We pray for God's guidance, direction, clarity, and wisdom as we navigate through the year ahead.

A date for our Annual Congregational meeting was set and it will be on **Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 am** between our 8AM and 10AM services.

EASY VALENTINE TRIFLE RECIPE

An simple yet fancy Valentine dessert. Pink and red trifle to celebrate Valentine's day!

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups cheesecake flavor pudding (instant works fine, also vanilla flavor is okay) — color pink with food coloring or use strawberry flavor
- 3–4 cups whipped cream (fresh is best!)
- 2–3 cups of cake cubes (about a 9x13 size cake)
- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 cups strawberries (sliced)
- Optional: you can add more berries if you like—the more the better!

INSTRUCTIONS

Wash and pat the berries dry. Let them air dry while you prep the rest. Cut your cake into cubes, whip your cream, and make your pudding. Then start layering in a medium size bowl or trifle dish. Start with the pudding, then add cake cubes so they can soak in the pudding. Add the fruit and whip cream. To make it look pretty, stick the outer-edge row of to the glass in a nice line, alternating with strawberries, cake, raspberries etc. Continue layering until all the ingredients are gone, finishing with whip cream on top. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Enjoy!

Find it online: <https://makinglifeblissful.com/2015/02/easy-valentine-trifle-desser.html>



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trusting. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
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February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 8:30am Bible Study	3	4 Thrift 10-2
5 8 & 10am Worship	6 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 AcaBellas	7	8 5:30 Youth Group Community Movie Night 6:00 Choir 6:45 Guitar Band	9 8:30am Bible Study	10 Youth Nordic Mountain	11
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19 8 & 10am Worship 11am First Communion Class	20 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm AcaBellas	21 6:30pm Council meeting	22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Lenten Service 7:15 Chior Practice 8:00 Guitar Band	23 8:30am Bible Study	24	25
26 8am - Worship 9am - Annual Meeting 10am - Worship & 1st communion	27 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm AcaBellas	28 9:00 am - Busy Hands				

Do you have a special birthday, anniversary or family celebration coming up this year?

Consider honoring the event with flowers on the altar. The **2023 Flower Chart** is in the Gathering Area near the office windows.

Celebrate February Birthdays (over 70)

2/4 - Jerry Bruss
2/7 - Chuck Riese
2/8—Dave Klemp
2/17 - Kay Lettau
2/25 - Judy Brooks
2/28 - Diane Bunck & Gloria Cartwright

Contact the office for any changes



February Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
February 5th 8:00am Greeters: Mark & Teri Henry Reader: Betts Nikolai Communion: Pam Ulness & Jill Templin Usher: Chris & Jim Rescheske Coffee Fellowship: Pam Ulness*, Cindy Binder, Lorraine Papke, Nancy Abraham	February 5th 10:00am Greeters: Jenni Groholski & Lorraine Papke Reader: Mara Schell Communion: Barb & Mark Jorna Usher: Luke Fuller & Will Nigl
February 12th 8:00am Greeters: Sheila Gurkowski & Victoria Waters Reader: Tammie Volkel-Fox Communion: Marie Walsh & Kim Zehner Usher: Everette & Layne Fox Coffee Fellowship: Diana Donner*, Chris & Erin Forer, Beverly Raatjes	February 12th 10:00am Greeters: Barb & Mark Jorna Reader: Kay Lettau Communion: Kimberly Radtke & Andrea Schell Usher: Joe Groholski & Michael Stopar
February 19th 8:00am Greeters: Jill Templin & Hattie Engeldinger Reader: Barbara Wachtendonk Communion: Joanne Dallmann & Jamie Bliske Usher: Brian & Trevor Bliske Coffee Fellowship: Judy & Bob Felberg*, Kay & Tom Lettau, Tammy Wright	February 19th 10:00am Greeters: Jeremiah Jahnke & Mara Schell Reader: Jan Faust Communion: Wayne Ludkey & Ryan Otto Usher: Ken & Mary Mueller
February 26th 8:00am Greeters: Mary Brefeld & Dick Schallert Reader: Dana Hartel Communion: Betts Nikolai & Janet Veith Usher: Pam & John Ulness Coffee Fellowship: Ann Zillges* & Zillges Family	February 26th 10:00am Greeters: Tom & Kay Lettau Reader: Kimberly Radtke Communion: Gail Gardner & Ray Zegers Usher: Barb & Mark Jorna



March Ushers 8:00am

March 5 - Chris & Jim Rescheske
 March 12 - Layne Fox & Ron Miller
 March 19 - Ron Miller & Rick Pierre
 March 26 - Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner

March Ushers 10:00am

March 5 - Kay & Jim Lettau
 March 12 - Beth & Jim Melby
 March 19 - Ken & Mary Mueller
 March 26 - Barb & Mark Jorna



AmazonSmile update: As of February 20th 2023, Amazon will not longer have their AmazonSmile program. To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, Amazon will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.

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: **February 4**

Contact Becky Jahnke at beckyjahnke920@gmail.com if interested in volunteering

Scrip: Just a reminder that scrip gift cards make great gifts to remind your Valentine that you are thinking of them this month. 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. In case you missed it, on January 9th the transaction fee for orders placed using your bank account increased from \$0.15 to \$0.29 per order. This change is reflected in the mobile app and on RaiseRight.com during checkout when selecting Bank Account as your payment option. Scrip has not adjusted this fee since 2011 and remain committed to keeping their fees as low as possible while they continue to enhance their gift card offering and develop new features to grow our earnings. If you have any questions regarding scrip please Contact Tammy Wright at 920.420.3755 or wisupermom@gmail.com Shop today at www.raiseright.com

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BUSY HANDS: Busy Hands will meet on Tuesday mornings, February 14th and February 28th We will be assembling quilts, tying quilt layers and sewing borders. We invite anyone interested to join us at 9:00 am. No sewing experience needed. We break for devotional and refreshments around 11:00 am As a reminder we follow the Winneconne School District Closing for inclement weather, therefore when Winneconne School District closes busy hands will be canceled as well.



There is no stuff In Heaven
You can't take it with you.

When it's time, Lord of the Lakes can make good use of a portion of your investments, property and insurance to fulfill God's mission in our community.

Mark your calendars! Directory pictures will be May 15th-17th. More information to come. We will be looking for volunteers to help with setting up appointments and checking people in.



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HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?

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*

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