

# 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.



## March 2023

The other night we sat down for dinner and were shocked to see that it was still light outside. Granted, it was an early dinner, but still – we’re so used to it being pitch black early in the evening that the extra light was a real gift. I always struggle a bit during these long, dark days of winter. A couple of years back, I found a mood lamp at a thrift store that I have sitting next to my desk in my office. Anything to add a little extra Vitamin D!

Now that we’re entering Lent, it means that spring is coming. The word “Lent” actually means “lengthen,” as the days are getting longer. Lent is also a time set aside for reflection and prayer as we walk through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Some people choose to sacrifice something tangible each Lenten season. Chocolate, coffee, Facebook, extra purchases – whatever it is, perhaps it will give you more time to spend with God. Perhaps it will give you more money to give to help people in our world.

Some people ask God what they can do to enrich the lives of others. One of the many things I admire about our church community is that people want to help – and we put our time and money “where our mouth is” when it comes to doing this.

You don’t have to look far for ways to serve at our church or in our community. Perhaps you could enrich the lives of others this way? Through volunteering at the thrift store, or helping in a new capacity at church. My prayer for you this Lenten season is this: That you’ll take time out of your “regular life” to talk to God about how God can use you. This Lenten season may we work together to make the world a bit more like He would like it to be.

Pastor Kevin

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### LENTEN Schedule

**\*\*Soup Supper before Wednesday services at 5:30\*\***

- 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

### Pastor's Corner

Pastor Kevin continues to provide services both in church and in the community. Here is a review of February’s services provided:

- home/hospital visits- 6
- spiritual advising-6
- baptism-1
- 1<sup>st</sup> communion- 7
- Annual meeting- 1
- Meetings- 4



The first thing I wanted to do when I became Council President was to meet with the office staff including pastor, youth leader, office administrators, financial secretary, and our music director. I was interested to know exactly what their individual roles were and how they are connected, the barriers they run into when it comes to getting their work done efficiently, their expectations of me as Council President and finally what Council could do to assist them in performing their jobs more efficiently.

The result of that meeting was an eye-opening experience! Historically, if you go back and look at year end financials, you will notice that the Personnel and Office Expenses always come in under budget. There is an old saying, "the squeaky wheel gets greased". These folks enjoy being a part of the church staff, they realize their roles as church financial secretaries and office administrators are a little different and feel different than what one would find in the private sector. They do whatever it takes to make things work and they don't make a lot of noise. Interestingly, they all shared similar hindrances with their jobs and those revolved around the lack of up-to-date technology and frustration with the inconsistency of the Internet performance. What we have for hardware, software, and everything associated with the Internet effect not only them but pastor, our youth ministry leader, and our pianist!

Council members will come and go. Members of Teams and Committees will change over time. Office administrators and financial secretaries will change with retirement. The one constant is stored within the walls of our church offices and on the website. This includes our church records, financial records, membership records, inventories, meeting minutes and our constitution. The software and hardware for maintaining these records should be up to date and functioning properly. We need to be assured that no matter what personnel changes occur, the next person can pick up and run with it. If they have a problem, there is a "contact" to get them up and running again! We need to know that when the worship service begins, the computer connected to the projector that casts our worship service outline on the screen, will most likely work.

We are blessed to have a Business Management Team made up of very smart, talented individuals with a business background. In 2023 as unbudgeted needs are presented from B&G and now Technology, they are working diligently to assist Council with a plan to prioritize and financially take care of these needs. The items were not a part of our 2023 Budget because Budget work began in the summer of 2022. It had to be ready for Council to approve in October and presented to our congregation and voted on in November. No one was aware of these needs at that time.

The lesson learned from this is that sometimes rather than assume everything is okay because we haven't noticed a "squeaky wheel", we need to check on it anyway. Measures have been taken to avoid future high dollar surprises. A Capitol Equipment/Furnishings Inventory has been created so that items can be analyzed for determination of what may need to be replaced and the approximate cost over the next 5 Years. These items will appear in future budgets as needed. Many volunteers have given and are currently giving generously of their Time and Talents as we work through and identify our needs. We ask for God to continue to give us wisdom and guidance in this process.

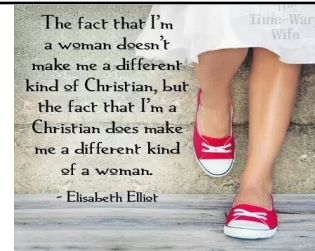
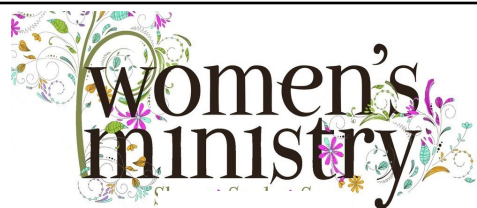
Debbie Ruedinger

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Thank you to the 7 Ladies who came and helped with the Deep Clean project in our kitchen. We cleaned out all cupboards and cabinets, removed no longer used or needed supplies and items. We cleaned ovens, stove-tops, refrigerators and defrosted freezers. Many of you may not be aware, but we have a huge set of the traditional green and white dishes with about 12 services. They were originally donated to us from an Appleton church when we built our church and new kitchen. However they have never been used at Lord of the Lakes and we also have a set of white Corelle dishware. If anyone has an interest in or knows of another need for those dishes, please let Jan Olson know.

Busy Hands also has a New Home portable sewing machine that is for sale -- includes cover, 6 bobbins, various attachments, instruction book, etc. It is in good working order and they feel it is worth \$45 or best offer. That money would go to the Busy Hands fund for their quilting supplies or shipping plus will free up a cabinet in our kitchen. If interested, please contact Linda Green or Jan Olson.

Please read the 2022 Annual Report and the B&G report of projects accomplished in '22 and some projects we have going in 2023. Our projects are ever-ongoing! We have lost a couple volunteers from our Team and we are always open to whoever else wants to join us. It is a hard working group who work well together. We meet monthly Sept. thru May on the first or second Tues at around 4 pm. If you have questions or an interest in helping us you'd be very welcomed! Contact Ben Manning, Chairperson or Jan Olson or Rick Pierre.



TWIG was on the move this cold, wintry month of February! They enjoyed a luncheon at The Mineshaft in Oshkosh with an added twist! One of our TWIG's, ReNae Stopar is expecting an addition to her family in March. There will be a beautiful baby boy to go along with her and Michael's three daughters. Since everything in their household has been pink for quite some time, we decided to shower her with some little boy clothing and necessities. After lunch the group was invited back to Betts Nikolai's place for some celebration cake. All had a fun time!

Our goal is to mix things up a bit to give all an opportunity to participate in an activity once in a while. Ladies, please mark your calendars and save the date of Thursday evening, March 23! We will meet at 5:30pm at the Fin n Feather in Winneconne for a little socializing and dinner. The more, the merrier, so please join us if you can! A special thank you to Jan Trow for planning these outings. A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk.

TWIG is open to all age groups of women at Lord of the Lakes. We are a group of women who not only enjoy one another's company at social events, but we do service projects throughout the year as well. If you have not heard and are interested in keeping up with our activities, there is an app called Team Reach for smart phones. The app is free to download. We have a page and the code to join is TLOL which stands for Twigs Lord of Lakes. We can post pictures of our activities, announcements and basically communicate with one another. All are invited and encouraged to join this Team! Of course we will continue to announce our events and activities in the Lord of Lakes Newsletter and weekly bulletins. If you have any questions at all, please contact Debbie Ruedinger at 863-634-9794 and she will be happy to talk with you and answer them.

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*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.



Busy Hands will meet this month on March 14th and 28th at 9:00am. If you are interested in joining us for some quilting, food, fellowship and devotional we would love to have you. No sewing experience is needed.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen.



## OUR SCHEDULE!

Youth Group meets:  
Wednesdays 6-9

Team Reach Code  
60900

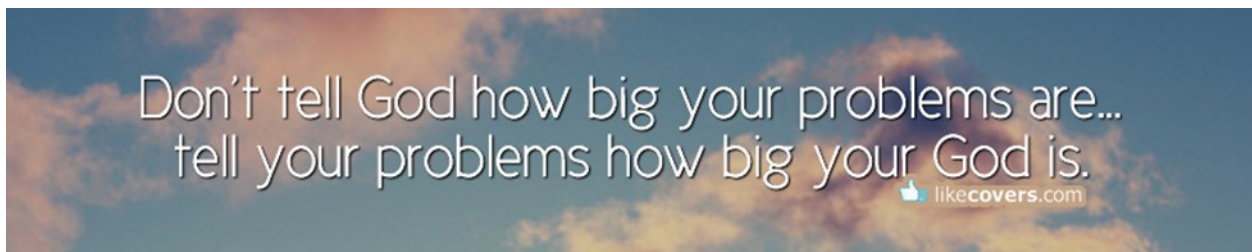
The year is off to a great start, and with the sunshine poking thru and the days getting longer, Spring cant get here soon enough. We are slowing getting our Sunday doughnuts and devotions going again. Any Youth Group kids that want to join us, please stop by the youth group room between services and grab a doughnut and join the conversation.

As we prepare for our Summer Youth Camp at Crossways/Pine Lake, I would like to thank each of you for your candy bar, pizza, bingo and movie night participation. Our youth program is alive and well, and that is because of the love, support and prayers from our congregation as well as the parent involvement. Thank you!

Our Youth Group will be announcing their new name very soon and it is awesome! We have been discussing, voting and developing a unique name that the YG can identify with that is meaningful, colorful and long lasting for future generations. Stay Tuned!!

Ultimately I welcome anyone interested in volunteering to join us on Wednesday Nights and check it out. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Youth@lordofthelakes.net](mailto:Youth@lordofthelakes.net).

Ryan

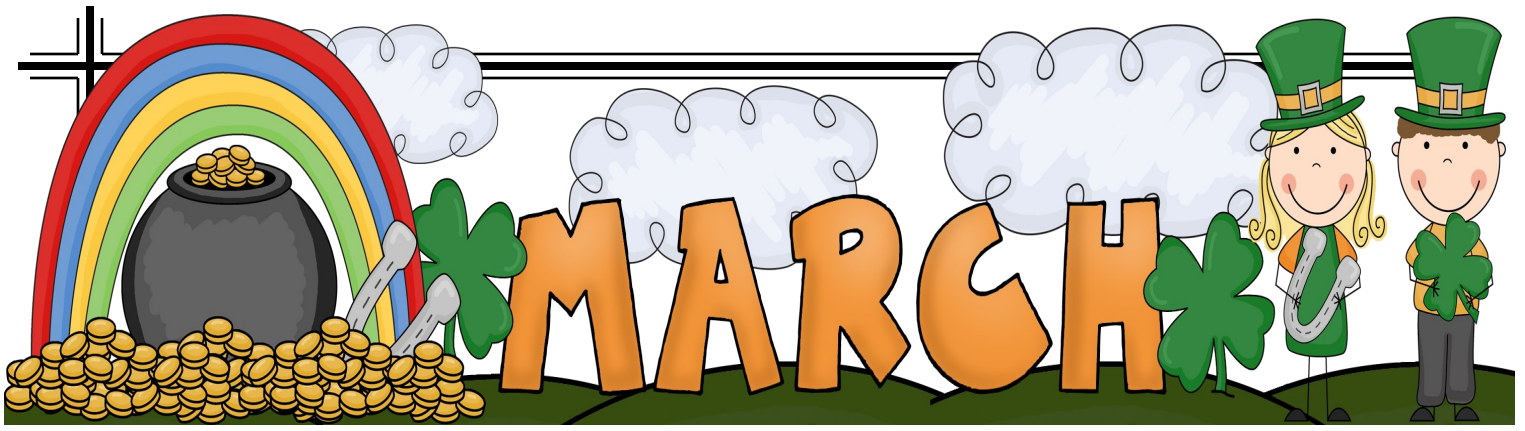






Lord of the Lakes, along with the Winneconne Men's Club and Giles-Luce American Legion Post 364 are sponsoring a pair of assemblies for the elementary and middle school students on March 13th. These assemblies will feature Bob Lenz and the Life Promotions Team delivering a program called Dignity Revolution that focuses on self worth and anti-bullying.

The assemblies will be followed that evening from 6:30 to 8pm with a community event that will include similar concepts along with a faith based message of hope. The public is invited, the event is free to attend, and will include a slice of pizza. We could use a few volunteers during the day and evening events to pass out flyers and pizza. Please contact John Macho if you can help, and please come and join us on the 13th. Doors open at 6pm at the Winneconne Community Arts Center at the high school.

**Reminder!! Youth Pizza making day will be Saturday morning March 4th and Pizza pick up day will be March 5th.**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Lenten Service 7:15 Chior Practice 8:00 Guitar Band	<b>2</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9am-12 - Youth Pizza making day 10-2 Thrift
<b>5</b> 8 & 10am Worship 11:00 New member class Pick up Pizzas	<b>6</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 AcaBellas	<b>7</b> 4pm—Buildings & Grounds meeting 6pm - New Member Class	<b>8</b> 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Lenten Service 7:15 Chior Practice 8:00 Guitar Band	<b>9</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8 & 10am Worship New Member Sunday	<b>13</b> 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm AcaBellas <b>6:30 - Designed by Love presentation</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am - Busy Hands	<b>15</b> 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Lenten Service 7:15 Chior Practice 8:00 Guitar Band	<b>16</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>17</b>  HAPPY St. Patrick's -DAY-	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> 8 & 10am Worship Name Tag Sunday 	<b>20</b> <b>*Newsletter Articles due*</b> 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm AcaBellas	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Council meeting	<b>22</b> 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:15 Chior Practice 8:00 Guitar Band	<b>23</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8 & 10am Worship	<b>27</b> 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm AcaBellas	<b>28</b> 9:00 am - Busy Hands	<p align="center"><b>Celebrate March Birthdays</b> (over 70)</p> <p align="center">3/4—Dick Schallert 3/5 - Tom Bunc 3/12 - Mary Alice Klomp 3/21 - Verne Olson 3/22 - Joanne Krueger 3/25 - Beverly Raatjes 3/29 - Jean Krans 3/31 - Lorraine Papke &amp; Nancy Sleik</p> <p align="center">Contact the office for any changes</p> 			

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.



# March Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
<b>March 5th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Nancy Abraham & Jill Templin <b>Reader:</b> Jamie Bliske <b>Communion:</b> Audrey Bishop & Lisa Curtis <b>Usher:</b> Chris & Jim Rescheske <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Barb Wachtendonk*, Larry & Darlene Paulson, Joanne Dallmann	<b>March 5th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Sarah & Jonathon Walsh <b>Reader:</b> Ray Zegers <b>Communion:</b> Ken & Mary Mueller <b>Usher:</b> Kay & Tom Lettau
<b>March 12th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Betts Nikolai & Marie Lesnick <b>Reader:</b> Marge Kohl <b>Communion:</b> Ellen Smolinski & Jill Templin <b>Usher:</b> Layne Fox & Ron Miller <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Jamie Bliske*, John Macho, Gail Gardner, Dana Hartel	<b>March 12th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Anne & Maria Zillges <b>Reader:</b> Wayne Ludkey <b>Communion:</b> Jenni & Joe Groholski <b>Usher:</b> Beth & Jim Melby
<b>March 19th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Nancy Abraham & Joanne Dallman <b>Reader:</b> Audrey Bishop <b>Communion:</b> Brian & Jamie Bliske <b>Usher:</b> Ron Miller & Rick Pierre <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Pam Ulness*, Bette Lee, Janine Brantley, Lorraine Papke	<b>March 19th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Janine Brantley & Bette Lee <b>Reader:</b> Andrea Schell <b>Communion:</b> Kristin Bjornstad & Allys Rudisill <b>Usher:</b> Ken & Mary Mueller
<b>March 26th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Barbara Wachtendonk & Shelia Gurkowski <b>Reader:</b> Pam Ulness <b>Communion:</b> Joanne Dallmann & Pam Ulness <b>Usher:</b> Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Karen & Lou Zwicky*, Kay & Tom Lettau, Trudy Strand	<b>March 26th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Allys & Wayne Rudisill <b>Reader:</b> Darlene Larson <b>Communion:</b> Ken & Mary Mueller <b>Usher:</b> Barb & Mark Jorna



## April Ushers 8:00am

- April 2 - Ron Miller & Rick Pierre
- April 9 - Karen & Lou Zwicky  
Brian & Trevor Bliske
- April 16 - Pam & John Ulness
- April 23 - Everette Fox & Mel Koneman
- April 30 - Chris & Jim Rescheske

## April Ushers 10:00am

- April 2 - Joe Groholski & Mary Beth McKee
- April 9 - Barb & Mark Jorna  
Jan & Verne Olson
- April 16 - Ginny & Joe Potter
- April 23 - Brennan Jaeger & Ryan Otto
- April 30 - Kay & Jim Lettau

## Name Tag Sundays Coming in March!

The third Sunday of each month is going to be deemed Name Tag Sunday! As you come in the front door, please take a tag out of the basket and write your first name on it. As we get more and more visitors we need a way to identify ourselves to them and vice-versa. It is a simple way to get to know our congregation. So, remember, March 19 is officially our first Name Tag Sunday! If you have your own personalized name tag and would like to wear it instead, then by all means you are welcome to do so!





We have a contract with John Harmann Studios for three photo sessions May 15-17, 2023, starting at 1:00pm until 7:45pm each day to take photos of our congregational members for inclusion in our new Church Directory. They will only do family photos (no pets). All members who have their picture taken will receive a free directory. This is an important project for Lord of the Lakes because the last time we had a directory produced and printed was over six years ago! Nothing stays the same. Our membership has changed. Phone numbers and addresses have changed. We do not look the same as we did six years ago! Betts Nikolai is chairperson of this project, but it takes more than one individual to successfully pull it off. She is looking for two or three people to assist her in scheduling photography sessions and checking people in. This is an opportunity for you to give of their Time and Talents! Please let Betts know directly if you are willing and able to assist with this very important activity! Let us help make it a success!

### 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: **March 4**

Contact Becky Jahnke at [beckyjahnke920@gmail.com](mailto:beckyjahnke920@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering

**Scrip:** Just a reminder that scrip gift cards make great gifts to fill your Easter Baskets. 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. 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)

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Hello from the land of finance! I am Tennille Peterson, the newly appointed treasurer for Lord of the Lakes. As treasurer, it is my responsibility to keep Council, our Business Management Team and you, our congregation, up to date on all things related to finance. It's a big job for just one person - fortunately, I work with an amazing team of people to accomplish this.

In the office, Gail Gardner and Doris Kreuziger handle all our accounting needs and financial reporting for Council and the Business Management Team. Our Business Management Team (made up of Andy Kutnink, Jeff Jahnke, Vern Olson, Barb Jorna, Michael Stopar and Gail Gardner) provide budgetary guidance to Council. Lord of the Lakes is fortunate to have these talented individuals guiding us financially!

Finally, the most important member of the finance team is you, the congregation. Without your generous tithes and offerings, Lord of the Lakes would not exist!

I am here to serve you. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Tennille Peterson, Treasurer  
920-540-8282

### Congratulations

to  
Amy Penza. Our Synod officials recently did a Service of New Beginning at Amy's two assigned churches—Mt Morris West Holden Lutheran and Holden Lutheran, Wautoma. Amy is now the Vicar at both churches as well as continuing her studies through Warburg Seminary and on her way to becoming a fully rostered Pastor. Best wishes!



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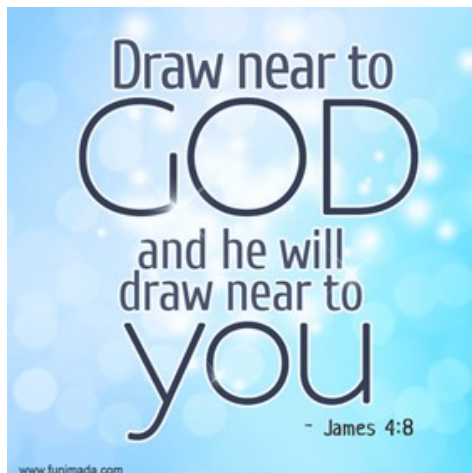
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**Prayer** is a crucial part of our faith lives and support of each other. Please contact the church office or Pastor Kevin to add your request to the prayer chain. All concerns on the prayer chain are kept confidential. *Pastor Kevin*

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