

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.



May 2023

We have so much in the works right now at Lord of the Lakes – and so much to celebrate! Our youth are getting ready for Pine Lake summer camp. I want to thank Ryan and our leaders for the love and time they devote to helping our children grow as people and Christians.

We're thrilled to have vacation Bible school again this summer. Jody is also working hard on music and has talked about some interesting ideas for the coming year (stay tuned). Twig women's ministry continues to bring new opportunities for the ladies of the church and BBB (boats, beverages, Bibles) is looking promising for the men. This is only the beginning of what promises to be a fun and exciting summer!

As our community grows, I'm reminded of Paul's words in the book of Romans about rejoicing with those who rejoice and mourning with those who mourn. This is the church's purpose. We will all inevitably go through great times and not-so-great times in our lives, and God designed the church to partner with us in life. To be there as a support system.

With warm-weather months right around the corner (we hope! There is a little snow on the ground right now in late April!), I'm offering a personal request to continue to make church a priority even as other things compete for that time on Sunday mornings. Your presence matters! So often we can think things "aren't a big deal," but our community is only as strong as its members.

Please know I am here for you – to help, to serve, to listen, to come alongside – as you rejoice and mourn. God does not want us to go through life alone. This is what Lord of the Lakes is all about.

Pastor Kevin

As summer approaches, our music programs are coming to end and taking a break until the fall. We would like to say thank you to Jody Kell, our music director, for coordinating and directing such beautiful specialty music throughout the year. Thank you also to everyone that participates in the choir, guitar band and bell choir. We appreciate the time and dedication you give to our music programs. We are truly blessed to have so many talented musicians and singers in our congregation!!

To celebrate our music program please join us on **Sunday, May 7th at both the 8am and 10am services for a Super Sunday of Music!** Special musical selections by our Choir, Guitar Band, and Hand Bell Choir will be featured directed by our Music Director, Jody Kell. Don't forget to join us between services at Coffee Fellowship for a celebration of all those who make our worship services wonderful and memorable!

Pastor's Corner

Numbers for March/April

Meetings- 4
Advising- 12
Home/Hospital Visit-7
Baptism-1
Bible Studies- 4
Dignity Revolution- HS Assembly - 1
Special Events-(Eagle Scout- Excellence in Leadership)- 2
New Members- 26 (with children)

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From the
**Council
President**

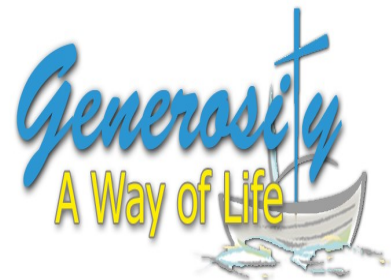
Recently I had a conversation with a friend, who also happens to be a Member of Lord of the Lakes Church. We were talking about how much we enjoyed attending worship services at our church in comparison to experiences we had at other churches in the past and how we think Lord of the Lakes is different. Of course, "the message" is always at the forefront of reasons to attend. Pastor Kevin is easy to follow, presents in terms we can all understand and usually there is some little tidbit in it that hits home to all of us in some life experience we have had! (Referred to as reality check) Others state he can relate to all ages – the youth, young adults, and senior citizens such as me.

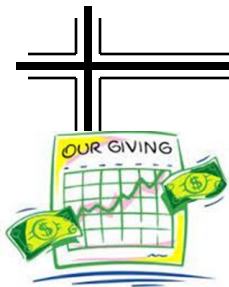
Besides the message of course is the music, the youth, Bible Study and the coffee fellowship between services which is phenomenal! One Sunday during coffee fellowship, I engaged in conversation with a person and the conversation turned to how our church is like a great big family. Families look out for one another, and they help one another not to seek recognition but because it is in OUR hearts to want to do it. When we are not in attendance for some reason, we get homesick. We miss our church family!

The generosity of YOU, members of our church family, is often overwhelming. You continue to faithfully give your hard-earned dollars, some of them are even retirement or foundation dollars. Beloved family members have passed away and left generous gifts to our church. In all situations, you have entrusted us as members of your Church Council under the advice from our very competent Business Management Team to wisely make decisions that impact how and when we use those dollars outside the budget.

We know that special needs have been identified that were not in our budget this year and these must be addressed. These include technology, replacement of the parking lot lights, furnaces and possibly even air conditioner units. We appreciate our B&G volunteers and our maintenance staff for the hours they have put into meeting, evaluating the situation along with the countless phone calls following up with vendors to get proposals etc. Your efforts are not in vain. As your Council President, I simply ask you to please be patient with us as we follow the process that is clearly outlined in our Lord of the Lakes Constitution. I am confident that with God's help, everything will get done. Please stay the course with us. May God continue to give us wisdom and guidance in every decision we make that impacts the future of Lord of the Lakes.

Deb Ruedinger
Lord of the Lakes Council President





Treasurer Report

“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” – Luke 14:28

Hello once again from the land of finance! We are making positive progress on securing funds for the three large, non-budgeted expenses for this year (technology updates, parking lot lights and furnace replacements). Several generous donors have come forward with donations for our technology enhancements, which is greatly appreciated and a relief to our operating budget! Thank you!!

Several members have asked if we have considered a fundraising campaign for the non-budgeted items. We have, but a fundraising campaign has a little-known challenge. History has shown that fundraising campaigns result in a decrease in our general giving (aka funds for our operating budget). We will reach our campaign goal, but inadvertently we end up straining the budget. How does this happen?

First, let's explain where the money collected during the offering goes. Monies given to “General” are deposited into our operating fund, which supplies the money needed to meet our budget demands. Monies given to specific funds (which we call “Designated Funds” – i.e. Adopt-A-Family, Xmas in July, Disaster Relief, etc) are deposited in a separate account and can only be used for its specific designation. One fund is not better than the other, they are both extremely important!

Our congregation does a fantastic job of giving to both types of funds! However, when we hold a fundraising campaign, we see giving shift away from the general fund and move towards the specific designated fund. This results in a double-edged sword – our campaign is funded (yay!), but we now face a challenge to fund our budget as our obligations (utilities, payroll, mortgage) do not go away (yikes!).

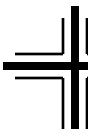
To solve our dilemma, we are opting to prioritize and “cash flow” these non-budgeted projects. While we have money set aside that could cover most of the costs, to go ahead with these projects now would deplete our reserves, leaving us vulnerable to other unexpected expenditures. We plan to use the next 5 months of longer daylight and warmer temps to continue to set money aside and space the completion of projects. We feel this measured approach will get us to the finish line with all the projects, without sacrificing the operating budget.

Our Buildings & Grounds team – Ben Manning, Brad Gasper, Mary Beth McKee, Jan Olson, Brian Bliske, Sharon Doyle, Rick Pierre, Dave Smolinski, Lou Zwicky, Tom Zillges, Kevin Franz, and Dave Klemp - has spent a great deal of time meeting with various vendors and discussing solutions for the replacement of our critical systems. When you see them, please thank them for their time and dedication in caring for our wonderful church. They have been given a monumental task and they continue to rise to the challenge.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Tennille Peterson, Treasurer



Your B&G Team has been working to gear up for spring and summer seasons. We have addressed our need to re-light our parking lot. We have chosen a vendor after getting 3 quotes. We intend to repair all lights (8 of 10 are burned out!) with higher technology and replace all 10 with LED lights to gain efficiency, to take financial advantage of a government program which rewards us for putting LED in and to gain longevity compared to our present lights. In the end this will cost close to \$4,000.

We also have 3 furnaces located in the basement that have outlived their life expectancy and are now 18 years old and have issues. Since air conditioners are tied in with furnaces those are also affected and 3 of those are also 18 years old. We have a quote of \$4,000 to do some fixes on the furnaces as soon as they go out. However, we don't feel fixing is the answer at this time since they are old and we acknowledge the need to replace rather than fix. Brad is in the process of getting 3 quotes but as of now, it will cost about \$15,000 to replace all 3 furnaces and another approximate \$15,000 for replacing 3 air conditioners. We hopefully will not have to replace all this year and can piece this out for a year or two in order to make it affordable for Lord of the Lakes.

We are well aware that the Council and office staff are looking at the need to upgrade the church's technology and that is also expensive. As you may or may not be aware, our church leadership is dealing with this and determining how we should go about affording all of the above. How can you help? The obvious is for your continuing financial support! We also need your prayers that good decisions are made and that we are not forced to do this all at one time!

The Prayer Garden and other landscaping was put in last summer/Fall through a private donation. You will see that come to completion this Spring and there will be a dedication of the Prayer Garden portion on June 11th. Mark your calendars and you will see more details in bulletins, etc. The dedication will include the shrubs, plantings, and benches that have been individually donated in memory or dedication to individuals. But there is room for more so please see the office if you still have that desire.

Thank you for the ongoing dedication of those addressing the various systems in our church. We always have room for more help on the B&G Team and anyone is welcome. See Ben, Jan, or Rick if you have that interest.

B&G Secretary, Jan Olson

P.S.: If you have, or know of someone who has a drone with picture taking capabilities, please call Ben Manning at 920-540-8814 or Jan Olson at 920-420-3897. Ideally we would like photos of our steeple and the blackening of it in order to be prepared with how to correct it when we have a lift truck with high aerial capability to go up there. Thank You





We changed it up a bit and met in the evening on March 23 at the Fin n Feather in Winneconne. We started out with 16 at the pre-social and had 14 sit down for dinner. This is the largest attendance we have had since the beginning for a sit-down lunch or dinner meal. Our next event was a Friday night Fish Fry held on April 21 at the Village Pub in Winneconne. Social hour began at 4:30pm followed by a sit-down dinner meal at 5:30p.m. Jan Trow took over arranging our lunch/dinner venues this year and that has been very helpful. We are finding that attendance is better if our activities are held in the evenings enabling those still working to join us if they wish.

The Team Reach app we set up on our smart phones seems to be working well for communication within the group. We use it not only to announce special activities, but to communicate special needs to one another such as prayer requests. If you are interested in having this app on your smart phone and need assistance with it, let Deb Ruedinger know and she will help you get on. Going into summer we hope to have the return of Pontoons in June, a Garden Party in July, and another Pool Party in August. Our intention was to have a Kentucky Derby party in May, but due to what seemed like a lack of interest that was tabled until next year. Spur of the moment activities such as attending free musical concerts together, art festivals, may continue to pop up as they become available.

On May 4, 2023, as a service project, we are once again will be coordinating and serving a meal at the Day-by-Day warming shelter in Oshkosh. Many helping hands go into this activity headed up by Sally Patterson. We are happy to see her back in Wisconsin!

Day by Day Warming Shelter: Day by Day will be opening their new shelter in late May. LOL is signed up to serve the dinner meal on May 4th, which will still be at the old shelter location. Please sign up on the kiosk if you are interested in serving, cooking, baking, or purchasing items needed for our meal. I will be contacting you as to what you would like to help with. Once the new shelter opens they will need meals for 55-60 each night. We need to decide if LOL would like to do the entire dinner on our own (@ the old shelter we prepared and served for 30 people) or combine with another team . We can be thinking and talking about how we want to continue our mission with the shelter. A ribbon cutting for the new shelter will be on May 11 4-7 pm. at 5:30. The new shelter location is at 420 Ceape Ave, Oshkosh.





Busy Hands will be meeting on May 9th and 23rd at 9:00am. If you are interested in quilting, fellowship and devotion please join us. No sewing experience is necessary.



OUR SCHEDULE!

Youth Group meets:
Wednesdays 6-9

Team Reach Code
60900

Our month has been filled with a variety of activities as we were preparing for Easter.

As a Youth Group we had the chance to attend Ash Wednesday service as well as spend time discussing the Lent season each Wednesday, the contrast of success vs. significance and John 3:16. The kids were also invited to assist PK with Easter Sunday candles which was awesome to see and meaningful for them to contribute.

We also had the opportunity to watch and discuss the movie "Uncommon" which walked us thru a variety of situations where disruptions and trials in the characters lives, thru prayer and pain were actually God's extension of Grace and Love. This illustrated a powerful invitation to follow Jesus and find our identity in Christ not crisis thru faith and forgiveness.

The Youth Group also had its first SWAG Gear sale. Not only is this an easy fundraiser, but also a cool way for the youth (and anyone who wants to order ;)) to share about LOTL and The good news of God's Amazing Grace as they sport their SWAG hoodies and t-shirts around town. Please feel free to order if interested.

As a recap our Pine Lake Summer Camp has 17 SWAG members attending.

Lastly, with the warm weather, we will be enjoying the outdoor space around church more and taking in the fresh air.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Ryan

Congratulations to all our 2023 High School Graduates!!



Alec Bricco
Hannah Engeldinger
Ariel Haemmerle
Jillian Jacobson
Ella Jaeger
Jeremiah Jahnke
Hannah Johnson
Kailey Koch

Norah Kutnik
Sydney Nikodem
Bennett Peterson
Brooks Peterson
Mara Schell
Paige Stephans
Brooke Zillges



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Acabells, Guitar, & Chior Music Party	4	5	6 10-2 Thrift
7 8 & 10am Worship	8 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	9	10 6:00 Youth Group	11 8:30am Bible Study	12	13
14 8 & 10am Worship 	15 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous Directory Photos	16 9:00 am - Busy Hands 6:30pm Council meeting Directory Photos	17 6:00 Youth Group Directory Photos	18 8:30am Bible Study	19	20
21 8 & 10am Worship Name Tag Sunday 	22 *Newsletter Articles due* 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	23	24 6:00 Youth Group	25 8:30am Bible Study	26	27
28 8 & 10am Worship	29 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous 	30 9:00 am - Busy Hands	31 6:00 Youth Group			
<div> <p>Celebrate May Birthdays (over 70)</p> <p>5/2 - Russ Graunke 5/5 - Judy Wright 5/14 - Judi Greenfield 5/21 - Gary Stanek 5/23 - Tom Zillges 5/25 - Doug Nelson</p> <p>Contact the office for any changes</p>  </div>						



May Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
May 7th 8:00am Greeters: Hattie Engeldinger & Betts Nikolai Reader: Sally Patterson Communion: Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Usher: Chuck & Judy Riese Coffee Fellowship: Ann Zillges* & Zillges Family	May 7th 10:00am Greeters: Mary Beth McKee & Kristin Woods Reader: Ken Mueller Communion: Wayne Ludkey & Kimberly Radtke Usher: Janine Brantley & Bette Lee
May 14th 8:00am Greeters: Marie Lesnick & Jill Templin Reader: Pam Ulness Communion: Ellen Smolinski & Sally Patterson Usher: Debbie Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Coffee Fellowship: Barb Wachtendonk*, Sally & Rob Patterson, Joanne Dallman	May 14th 10:00am Greeters: Ginny & Joe Potter Reader: Kay Lettau Communion: Jeff Jahnke & Jan Olson Usher: Beth & Jim Melby
May 21st 8:00am Greeters: Sheila Gurkowski & Victoria Waters Reader: Holly Nelson Communion: Audrey Bishop & Lisa Curtis Usher: Karen & Lou Zwicky Coffee Fellowship: John Macho*, Jamie Bliske, Beverly Raatjes, Mary Alice Klemp	May 21st 10:00am Greeters: Bill Gardner & Sherry Stephans Reader: Mara Schell Communion: Andrea Schell & Mara Schell Usher: Mary Beth McKee & Ann Zillges
May 28th 8:00am Greeters: Chuck & Judy Riese Reader: Barbara Wachtendonk Communion: Marie Walsh & Pam Ulness Usher: Rick Pierre & Mel Koneman Coffee Fellowship: Jan Olson*, Sherry Stephans, Sally Patterson, Dorothy Zienert	May 28th 10:00am Greeters: Beverly Raatjes & Gail Gardner Reader: Jenni Groholski Communion: Jenni & Joe Groholski Usher: Barb & Mark Jorna



June Ushers 8:00am

June 4 - Chuck & Judy Riese
 June 11 - Debbie Ruedinger & Kim Zehner
 June 18 - Karen & Lou Zwicky
 June 25 - Rick Pierre & Mel Koneman

June Ushers 10:00am

June 4 - Jim & Beth Melby
 June 11 - Janine Brantley & Bette Lee
 June 18 - Mary Beth McKee & Ann Zillges
 June 25 - Barb & Mark Jorna

Worship Assistant schedules have been printed and are available for pick-up in the Narthex. These are for the months of May through August. If you are not on the schedule this time and would like to fill in, let Deb Ruedinger know. Emergency situations do pop up from time to time and it helps to have back-up! When you see your schedule and you notice a conflict right way, please try and trade with someone on the list (phone numbers are on the back). If you need assistance, please contact Deb at 863-634-9794.

Church Photo Directory



On May 15, 16 and 17th from 1:00-7:45pm Harman Studios will be taking photos for the new Lord of the Lakes Church Directory. Betts Nikolai is chairman of this project, and she is being assisted by an outstanding team! We encourage and want every individual or family that comes to worship at Lord of the Lakes to participate! Our goal is to have at least 90 sittings! There is absolutely no cost to you for the photo shoot. If you want to order photos, then of course there is a charge for that. Each participant will receive a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 portrait of their directory pose. Please use the following link to schedule your photo session: <https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3x6/?> Employee id=6993 Please note that only open times will be displayed. Watch for an email confirmation. If you do not see confirmation in a day or so, text Sarah Walsh at 920-410-2516. Thank you, Sarah for assisting with this task. You may also schedule using your smart phones and scanning the QR code available on the poster in the Narthex of Lord of the Lakes.



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!

We raised \$349.90 in March

Reminder Next Thrift Days: **May 6th**

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

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What fun! We declared the third Sunday of each month Name Tag Sunday and what a wonderful way to get to know each other and put names to faces! We have no rules other than everyone was asked to identify themselves in some way. You could write your name on one of the peel and stick badges we provided, or you could use a name badge that represented something from your past! We had some who brought their badges from a recent special event, group travel and others who wore their badges from a previous church or club. We will do it again so if you want to dig in your drawer and pull out your identity from the past or use one of ours, the next Name Tag Sunday will be May 21, 2023.

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Intervention Help Line: Oshkosh:
233-7707, Neenah: 722-7707

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*

"A place of refuge in a troubled world"