

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.



July 2023

The last month went very quickly. Between graduation parties and summer schedule changes, to BBB and a family wedding, it felt like the month disappeared.

Overall things continue to go well around here. I like the continued enthusiasm I see all around. TWIG is going very well. (They meet today actually.) BBB was cold but fun. I suspect our next one will likely have more people attending. I personally enjoy being out on the lake with friends.

There have been quite a lot of advising situations over the last month as well. It hasn't been an easy summer for many. There have been quite a number of drop in meetings. There are a fair amount of health and wholeness issues that people are dealing with. I am glad that people come to me. And I hope (and pray) that I help.

I was able to catch up with some colleagues in the last month. That was nice too. Pastor's have a connection with each other that few others understand. I am thankful for their insight, support, and wisdom in my life.

On a personal note, my family is doing well. It is a transition year. One child moving to High School (how did that happen?) and one to middle school (same question). Time keeps on ticking. My own transitions in life are equally noticeable to me. I am now the oldest generation. Such is life I suppose. But through it all Jesus promises remain. God is with us. I can rest in that come what may!

Pastor Kevin

Wear Your Name Tag Every Sunday!

Please continue to wear your name tags every Sunday. They are provided at the front table as you walk in the narthex, or you are invited to wear your own. You may have an old favorite or one that represents a favorite interest group you are involved in or volunteer for outside Lord of the Lakes. We all seem to remember faces, but sometimes it takes us a while to think of the name that goes with that face. We are a very welcoming group of people at Lord of the Lakes but isn't it nice when we can walk up and add a name to that "Hello... (instead of scratching our head trying to remember their first name because we know we know them)". Name tags just add an extra touch!



Numbers for
June

Advising- 7
Home/Hospital-7
Meetings- 5
Bible Study- 5
Baptism-1

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
CALLED BY COUNCIL**

Sunday, July 16, 9:15am (between services).

PURPOSE: Ask members to vote YES to amend our 2023 General Operating Budget to reflect an increase in the budget deficit from \$12,639 (voted on and approved by the congregation on November 13, 2022) to \$39,139.

This is necessary due to an unbudgeted capitol expense of \$26,500* under Church Building & Grounds. The money is needed to replace 2 Furnaces, 2AC units, and the exhaust system on the roof. Work on the Proton Damper system to hold all dampers in the heating ducts open in the office/education wing will be included if sufficient funds remain. This will resolve the issue of some rooms being very cold and others too warm.

*Parking lot lights are not included in this ASK because a member came forward prior to this posting and gave a check to pay 100% of the cost of the lights (\$3500) The original unbudgeted amount was reduced by \$3500.

We **MUST** have a quorum (43) of voting members present in order to take a vote on this urgent matter!

**Debbie Ruedinger
Council President
Lord of the Lakes Church**

**DO NOT STORE UP FOR
YOURSELVES TREASURES ON
EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST
DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES
BREAK IN AND STEAL.**

- MATTHEW 6:19



**Treasurer
Report**

No report this month, but we ask that you continue to pray for our church and council and committee leaders as we work through the budget process over the next few months.

When we pray,
GOD hears more
than we say,
answers more than
we ask, gives more
than we imagine...
in His own time
and in His own
way. ☺

B&G Update:

We have been very busy over the last month and hopefully by the time you read this, we will have a determination on when we can give our vendor of choice, Oshkosh H&A the go ahead to replace 2 of the 3 basement furnaces and 2 of the 3 air conditioners. They are 18 years old, have some significant operational problems and have reached their life expectancy. Replacement of the 3rd furnace/AC in that bank will be delayed and put on the 2024 budget.

8 of the 10 Parking lot lights are not working and need to be replaced. B&G has done their due diligence and chosen Witzke Electric to do that and will install LED headlamps in all 10. With that we will receive a Focus on Energy Rebate plus gain a 50-70% energy savings. We have had a member come forward with the money to do that (Thank you!!) so you will see that work in the near future.

The Subdivision Sign on the west side of the pond is in very poor shape. Ben has made a concerted effort to find the owner of that from the neighborhood and has learned they do not have an HOA. Our trees/shrubs have overcrowded it. The sign will be taken down and the shrubs trimmed or perhaps taken out entirely.

With very dry conditions, watering flowers and new plantings in the Prayer Garden has been needed every other day – a shared responsibility by Rick Pierre, Sharon Doyle, and Beverly Raatjes. When you see those folks, thank them! Beverly has started up the Weed Patrol again. If you have an interest in helping with that, contact Beverly. It's a program where an individual or couple or family are assigned to a section of our gardens or landscaping to weed for the season.

Cleaning the Steeple was discussed again – we're awaiting an individual to take pictures via drone so we have a better idea of what we're dealing with. Once done, a date will be set for the Billman family to bring in an aerial truck high enough to get up there.

Kevin Franz had offered to do an analysis of our building (inside and out), furnishings, mechanical equipment, and grounds. THANK YOU KEVIN and we appreciate your expertise. With this now done we can include the first priority items in our 2024 budgeting process. We feel some items can be done by Brad, our Maintenance Man, some as a B&G Team project, and some will have to be contracted out. The document will be posted on the Kiosk along with an explanation. We hope members read that and if you have an interest in helping with any of the projects or have expertise in certain areas, please contact Ben (Chairman) at 920-540-8814 or Jan (Secretary) at 920-420-3897.

Thank you to Wayne Rudisill for the beautiful wood-turned furniture for the altar area as well as various tables. Pastor Kevin would like to change those out seasonally with our nautical themed furniture as well as items previously built by Bob Dallmann and Dick Baumgart. That means finding storage for all that and we have formed a team to work on reorganizing and finding space.


B&G Team will not be meeting in July and August but work will continue throughout the summer. Look for a date in Sept. for next meeting. We have a hard working and active team of people with varying areas of interest and expertise. And you are welcome to join us!! If you have an interest in reading more detailed minutes, they are posted on the bulletin board by the bathrooms as well as on our website. Reporting, Jan Olson




Vacation Bible School is landing at Lord of the Lakes once again this summer and registration is now open. Join us August 14th - 17th 9am-12 for an out of this world week of fun and faith filled activities. Cost for VBS is \$10/child or \$25/family with 3 or more children. Deadline to register is July 21st. Watch future bulletins and Facebook for volunteer and donation opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Walsh, high school students in need of volunteer credits are welcome to help out.

Help our VBS take flight—volunteers needed!





VBS is looking for donations. Check out the kiosk with donation tags. Take a tag or two and return items to the VBS donation box. If you are willing to donate a monetary amount please put VBS in the memo and place it the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Thanks for helping our children "Shine with the light of Jesus"



Shine Jesus' Light VBS registration form

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Completed: _____ Age: _____



Parent/Guardian _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Special Needs/Allergies:

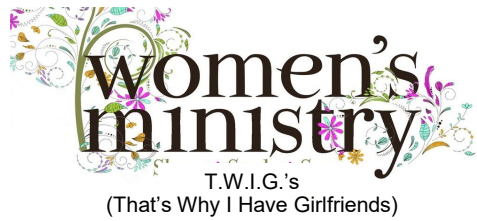
Is there a special friend your child would like to be with? _____

Who will be picking up your child from VBS?



For Church Use:
Crew Name/Group: _____

Registration Cost: \$10/child or \$25/family 3 or more
Registration fee paid: _____



Summers are always busy for TWIG - full of opportunities to get out and about in our beautiful, natural surroundings and enjoy all that we have around and near Winneconne, Wisconsin!

On June 20, we met at Becket's restaurant on the Fox River in downtown Oshkosh and enjoyed devotion time, fellowship, and good food outside on the deck. Approximately 20 ladies attended. Our devotion this month was entitled "Rocking Chair Prayers" – sacred time in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, Jan Trow, for making these arrangements for our group.

On July 13, from 5:30pm until 7:30pm, we will meet at the home of Deb Ruedinger for a porch and garden party. The address is 419 S. 1st Street, on the Wolf River in the Village of Winneconne. We plan to enjoy good company, meditation by the water (if so desired), walks about the yard, and once again, good food! All women, all ages are invited, and you are always welcome to bring along a friend. A light supper of salad, a nacho bar and desserts will be served. You are asked to bring your favorite beverage to enjoy if you wish; otherwise, bottled water will be provided. To allow us to do a better job of planning food, please sign-up at the kiosk, on the Team Reach App or message Deb Ruedinger at 863-634-9794 to confirm your attendance.

A pool party hosted by Barb Jorna and Jan Olson at The Landings Condominium in Winneconne will be in August. These ladies are working on securing a date during a weekday late afternoon/evening for that event through their condo association. Please watch the bulletin and kiosk for more details.

Debbie

Busy Hands will be taking a break during July. We will resume our quilt projects and fellowship time on Tuesday, August 1. Happy vacation time off ! Thank you to all who donate to our cause. (Donations are welcome anytime!)



In June we donated 15 quilts to Day by Day Warming Shelter, 15 quilts to Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, and 10 quilts to King Veterans' Home. In addition, 11 quilts were given to graduates in May. Coming this September we hope to have additional quilts for Lutheran World Relief's annual "InGathering." More info on this annual event is shown on LWR website. If anyone knows of other local organizations in need, please let us know by contacting the church office at 920-582-2622.

Lord of the Lakes will be providing the Day by Day Shelter meal Thursday July 20. Please sign up on the kiosk if you can shop, cook, bake or serve. Thank you. Sally Patterson. 920-279-2388.





OUR SCHEDULE!

Youth Group meets:
Wednesdays 6-9

Team Reach Code
60900

Wow, June flew by! School is out, summer activities are in full swing, and we are so lucky to have been blessed with some much-needed rain! Our SWAG kids are doing some amazing things! On our regular Wednesday nights, we enjoy our video series along with snacks, games, and breakout discussion time. Other nights have been spent preparing meals for the Day-by-Day warming shelter and we are also organizing and preparing our shoes for our shoe drive.

As a reminder, this year's summer event our SWAG youth will be spending a week at Crossways Camp at Pine Lake (July 23-28th). In February 2024, we will attend the Quake event in the Dells, a weekend Youth Conference and our 2024 Summer will be focused on a Mission Trip with Praying Pelicans supporting disaster relief.

The on-going fundraising you are all so supportive of is an effort to both engage our SWAG kids in their mission trip preparation as well as connect with the congregation, their families and community. Together we are blessed to see the generous and creative giving that happens (IE Can Drive, T shirts sales or Shoe Campaign) as it helps us serve others and God. Thank you!

So far, we have cashed in 274 pounds of cans with another load going in soon. We have almost 25% of our Shoe Drive Goal met. Our candy bars are always available to satisfy the sweet tooth out there and our Father's Day Pancake Breakfast filled some hearts and bellies! We also will have some t-shirts, polos and tank tops with LOTL/SWAG logos if you would like to purchase. Thank you for participating, for praying, for sharing our story, for thinking of and most of all LOVING our SWAG kids and each other. God has shown up so many times in so many ways and continues to guide us moving forward.

Please pray for safety, peace, and wisdom to be felt and received in our SWAG kids' lives and as we move forward each day, know our SWAG kids inspire HOPE, they have kindness in their hearts and are truly a blessing to those who know them or meet them.

Christ in us, the HOPE of Glory! - Ryan

Summer

with SWAG

Join Us

Our church is prayer conditioned

ANYONE IS WELCOMED TO COME

SCHOOL MAY BE OUT BUT GOD NEVER GOES ON VACATION

SWAG

Wednesdays 6:00

Team Reach Code 60900



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10-2 Thrift
2 8 & 10am Worship	3 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 4 th of July <small>WE WILL BE CLOSED</small>	5 6:00 Youth Group	6 8:30am Bible Study	7	8
9 8 & 10am Worship	10 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	11	12 6:00 Youth Group	13 8:30am Bible Study 5:30—TWIG Garden Party	14	15
16 8 & 10am Worship	17 *Newsletter Articles due* 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	18 6:30pm Council meeting	19 6:00 Youth Group	20 8:30am Bible Study Day by Day Shelter Meal Serving	21	22
23 8 & 10am Worship Youth leave for camp Back to School items due	24 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	25	26 6:00 Youth Group	27 8:30am Bible Study	28	29
30	31			Celebrate July Birthdays (over 70) 7/2 - Mary Mueller 7/19 - Bette Lee 7/22 - Tom Lettau Contact the office for any changes		





July Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
July 2nd 8:00am Greeters: Kim & Ron Zehner Reader: Betts Nikolai Communion: Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Usher: Mel Koneman & Rick Pierre Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Judy Felberg*, Sally Patterson, and Dana Hartel	July 2nd 10:00am Greeters: Sarah & Jon Walsh Reader: Ray Zegers Communion: Ken & Mary Mueller Usher: Janine Brantley & Bette Lee
July 9th 8:00am Greeters: Marie Lesnick & Betts Nikolai Reader: Marge Kohl Communion: Betts Nikolai & Lisa Curtis Usher: Debbie Ruedinger & Nancy Hereford Coffee Fellowship: John Macho*, Tammy Wright, Barb Wachtendonk, and Joanne Dallmann	July 9th 10:00am Greeters: Beth & Jim Melby Reader: Wayne Ludkey Communion: Beth & Jim Melby Usher: Lauren & Molly Otto
July 16th 8:00am Greeters: Mary Brefeld & Dick Schallert Reader: Sally Patterson Communion: Marie Walsh & Pam Ulness Usher: Karen & Lou Zwicky Coffee Fellowship: Sally Patterson*, Jan Olson, Sherry Stephans, and Dorothy Ziernert	July 16th 10:00am Greeters: Bill Gardner & Sherry Stephans Reader: Andrea Schell Communion: Barb & Mark Jorna Usher: Tom & Kay Lettau
July 23rd 8:00am Greeters: Sheila Gurkowski & Barbara Wachtendonk Reader: Dana Hartel Communion: Jim Ruskaup & Sally Patterson Usher: Chuck & Judy Riese Coffee Fellowship: Ann Zillges* and Zillges Family	July 23rd 10:00am Greeters: Allys & Wayne Rudisill Reader: Darlene Larson Communion: Kimberly Radtke & Andrea Schell Usher: Ginny & Joe Potter
July 30th 8:00am Greeters: Jim & Kay Raskaup Reader: Jolene Downs Communion: Betts Nikolai & Janet Veith Usher: Pam & John Ulness Coffee Fellowship: Deb Ruedinger*, Bette Lee, Janine Brantley, and Kristin Woods	July 30th 10:00am Greeters: Ken & Mary Mueller Reader: Ken Mueller Communion: Joe & Jenni Groholski Usher: Joe Groholski & Mary Beth McKee Coffee Fellowship:



July Offering Counters: Jill Templin & Rick Pierre
August Offering Counters: Pam Billman & Holly Nelson



August Ushers 8:00am

August 6 - Jim & Chris Rescheske
 August 13 - Debbie Ruedinger & Kim Zehner
 August 20 - Rick Pierre & Ron Miller
 August 27 - Brian & Trevor Bliske

August Ushers 10:00am

August 6 - Jan & Laverne Olson
 August 13 - Beth & Jim Melby
 August 20 - Michael Stopar & Ann Zillges
 August 27 - Barb & Mark Jorna



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 \$560.85 in May

Reminder Next Thrift Day is: **July 1st**

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

Scrip: Don't forget to purchase your scrip cards. There are a lot of store options at the Raise Right/scrip website to meet your shopping needs. If you prefer ecards, or the convenience of having cards on your mobile device, the Raise Right app is the perfect solution for you. The app allows you to purchase and immediately use , ecards while dining at your favorite restaurant or waiting in line to check out at your favorite store. 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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This summer Lord of the Lakes is participating in a wonderful program assisting the children in our school district through the "Back to School Fair". Last year the Winneconne district helped (74) students. This program runs on donations and grants, and provides low-income students supplies needed in order for them to start the new year prepared to achieve academic success.

Last year They were supplied a backpack, school supplies, winter hats/gloves, a shoe voucher, haircut, and many other items. This year clothing vouchers (from Old Navy, Under Armour, Kohls), hygiene products and socks are being added.

Would you like to help out? Please pick a tag off the Christmas tree in the Gathering Area and return the item(s) in the drop off box by **July 23**. For money contributions, write the check to Lord of the Lakes, memo "back to school fair". Thank You!

Contacts: Kate Bahr 608-239-4293, Nancy Hereford 920-420-2984, Lani Stanek 582-7459, Jill Templin 920-427-0055

Attention Parents of 6th -12th graders

The office needs your help. We are trying to do a better job of tracking youth for confirmation classes, graduation recognition, etc. If you can please let the office know what year your child will be graduating from high school that would be greatly appreciated. You can send an email to the office or add the information next to their name on the pew pads as the office looks at these each Monday. Thank you! (and for any parents of younger children that know graduation dates feel free to let us know)



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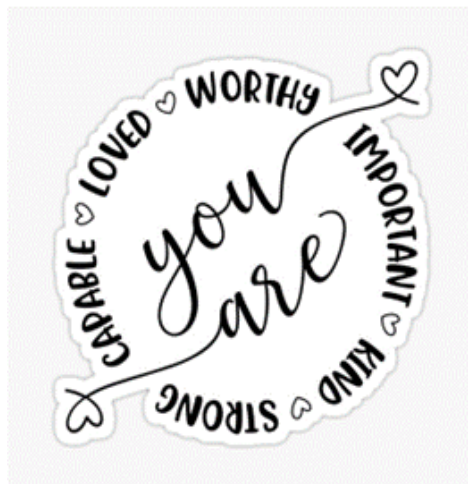
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233-7707, Neenah: 722-7707



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"