

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.



August 2023

In the book of Romans, we're advised not to conform to the patterns of the world, but to "renew our minds." Paul tells us in the book of Philippians to think about what is "true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable."

How are you viewing your life these days? Your family, community and world? Sometimes I let bleak news stories get to me, wondering where God is in this mess. It's then that I need to remind myself to hold onto hope. In those moments is so important to spend time with God and check my perspective.

I've always been drawn to Jesus words saying, "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks." Our hearts, our attitudes, our words deeply affect others.

So as the summer progresses, I'm going to make an extra effort to make sure I keep God and God's hope continually in my mind. I don't want to dwell on the negative and focus on everything going wrong around me, but rather to renew my mind with what is good. The future is always bright for those who are in Christ. That is just a fact.

Pastor Kevin

Seeking Members to Run for Lord of the Lakes Council

In November of this year, we must replace three of our Council members whose terms are expiring in December. Do you have good leadership skills? Do you want to see Lord of the Lakes continue to Grow? Do you like to think outside the box? Do you enjoy working with members of a Team? Do you desire to make a difference? Are you actively involved in programs at Lord of the Lakes (i.e., Youth, Women's Ministries, Life & Growth, Community Outreach programs, Worship team, Building & Grounds, Worship Assistants, Music, etc.)? If you can answer yes to any of these, then you may very well be a good candidate to fill one of these vacancies. John Macho, Jill Templin, Kristen Bjornstad and Debbie Ruedinger are serving on the nominating committee. If you think you would like to serve, have questions, or would like to know more about what a Council member does, please see one of them.



Numbers for
July

Meetings 3
Baptism-1
Advising-5
Funeral-1
Bible Study-6
Home/Hospital-5
First Communion- 1

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From the
**Council
President**

WOW!!! Thank you for enthusiastically showing up on Sunday, July 16 for our Congregational Meeting! We communicated with you that your presence was needed and a vote of YES was needed and you did not disappoint! Prior to this meeting we had been praying fervently about our situation asking God to give us guidance and wisdom in making our decisions throughout the process. Ninety-four votes were cast, and the decision was unanimous in favor of funding the \$26,500 needed for capital projects! You are amazing and God does answer prayers!

The big question is always how are we going to pay for this? We did have a plan. We are in a stronger financial position this year than we were at the same time last year because our income has increased, and we have been very conservative with our spending, yet we do not want to become over-confident because we still have six months left in this budget year! Our plan is to pay for half of the cost of this capital project out of our General Operating Account. Oshkosh Heating and Air, our chosen vendor, was gracious enough to offer to finance the remaining balance at zero interest if we had it paid in full by the end of December. Our plan is to make monthly installment payments.

At the meeting I had the pleasure of making a very unexpected, exciting announcement! An extremely generous donation of \$5,000 was anonymously given by a member to initiate the campaign to raise additional money for this project. They further demonstrated their love for Lord of the Lakes by having it announced that they will match any additional amount that comes in for the project, up to \$5,000 for the possibility of at least \$15,000! Wayne Ludkey, our Stewardship Chair, immediately added an additional tile to our Vanco Giving tab on our website (www.lordofthelakes.net) and members can go online and donate to this special cause. Thank you, Wayne! You can also scan the QR Code below to donate today!



The generosity of our membership is overwhelming! We would be remiss if I did not once again mention the \$3500 donation from Tom Zillges to fund the parking lot light project. Those lights are much needed and no doubt our snowplow man, Dave, will appreciate them this winter! Had Tom not done this, our ask would have been \$30,000 today.

I look forward to joint meetings with leaders of Buildings & Grounds as well as the Business Management Team as we assess our needs and prepare budgets for the coming year. We have accomplished so much, yet there is more to do. With your continued generosity and loving support, it will all happen if He thinks it should.

God's Blessings to You All –
Debbie Ruedinger, President, Lord of the Lakes Council



**Treasurer
Report**

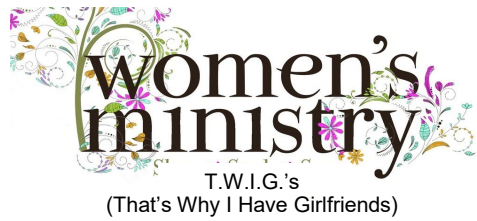
Hello! We are half-way through 2023, which means we are half-way through our 2023 budget. Earlier today, our congregation overwhelmingly approved a budget amendment to fund much needed capital improvements. Several members have already come forward with financial pledges, and even a match offer, to help fund these improvements. Thank you!!! These generous gifts assist us in protecting and growing our operating fund. A healthy operating fund helps us create an emergency fund, fund future projects, and ultimately allows us to be proactive with our budgeting. With continued congregational support, these financial goals will be achieved. Thank you all for your tremendous support!

As of June 30, 2023, our operating fund has a balance of \$133,605.67. Based on our budget, we were anticipating a deficit of \$6,318 at mid-year, but due to the awesome outpouring of financial support by our congregation, we are currently ahead of budget by \$29,875! This is fantastic news!!! Please keep in mind that much of this abundance is a result of one-time gifts being made earlier in the year. We still have 6 months to go, and our operating fund must go the distance.

Our financial challenges are far from over (future projects, mortgage, etc) but if we learned anything from today's congregational meeting, it's that we can accomplish much if we 1.) seek God's help and wisdom, 2.) communicate, and 3.) work together as a team.

Thank you all for being part of the Lord of the Lakes team!

Respectfully,
Tennille Peterson - Treasurer



We are growing! What a wonderful turnout we had for our Garden party held on Thursday, July 13 at the home of Deb Ruedinger in Winneconne. Twenty-four beautiful ladies enjoyed several Mexican dishes as well as traditional salads, fruits, and desserts. Guests had an opportunity to mix and mingle or just sit and enjoy conversation and Mother Nature at her finest!

Before the summer ends and the cool weather greets us, please plan to join us on August 15, at 4:30PM for a pool party at The Landings Condominium in Winneconne. This activity will be hosted by Barb Jorna and Jan Olson. The event will be rain or shine. If it rains, we will move to Barb's condo close by. Please wear your swimsuit so you can enjoy the water, or not! We will start the fun at 4:30 PM! You may bring an appetizer or munchie to share and if so desired, your favorite beverage. Water and diet soda will be provided. All women are welcome. If you have never attended one of our activities, now is the time to start!

On December 2, at 2 PM, we plan to join Busy Hands to see The Looney Lutherans in *Hold the Lutefisk, Its Beginning to Smell a lot like Christmas*. Please watch the kiosk and bulletins for information on how to pay and sign-up for the show. The more the merrier, so join us if you wish.

Many of our TWIGs are involved in helping with the Day-by-Day Warming Shelter meal that volunteers from Lord of the Lakes Church prepare and serve once a month at the new facility in Oshkosh. Some shop, some cook, some deliver the goods, and some serve. It is a very rewarding experience according to those who have participated. We are happy to be able to provide and be of service to those in need. Thank you, Sally Patterson, for being our leader for this cause. Let's keep this going!

We also want to take the time to remember a few of our ladies who once were very active at Lord of the Lakes but are not able to participate in our activities and even church services any longer because they are in Assisted Living or confined to their homes. You are not among us, but you are still in our hearts, Nancy, Jean, Judy, and Donna.

Busy Hands: After taking July off, Busy Hands will once again be meeting every other Tuesday at 9:00am starting on August 1st and continuing on 8/15 and 8/29. No sewing experience is necessary to participate.



Worship Assistants

We are currently developing the Worship Assistant and Coffee Fellowship schedules for September through December. These will be available for pick-up by mid-August. If you are already a volunteer on our schedule, please help us out by letting Deb Ruedinger know if you have a date or dates that you know you will not be available during these months. Her cell phone number is 863-634-9794 and it is ok to send her a text message. Otherwise, when the schedules come out, if there is a conflict, please plan to trade with someone else on the list. This will help tremendously! We will need Ushers, Communion Assistants, Readers, and Greeters for both our Christmas Eve Services (on a Sunday this year) as well as our service on Christmas Day (Monday). If you know you are going to be here and enjoy helping with these special services, please let Deb know and she will find a spot for you!

We will plan for "Sweet Treats" between the Christmas Eve services again this year. This was new last Christmas Eve, but those participating in both services truly appreciated them!



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. 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. Registration deadline has been extended to August 4th.



Mark Your calendars: The first day of Sunday School will be September 17th! We will be having a Meet & Greet for parents and children to meet the teachers and see their classroom. Sunday school staff are planning other fun activities for that day so be watching the bulletins and Facebook for more information as we get closer to the day. Cost for Sunday School will be \$10/child or \$25/family of 3 or more children.

Teachers are needed to assist with the Sunday School Program. We would like to have enough people to have substitutes for teachers when needed. High School students are encouraged to come and be classroom teachers or helpers, and these hours can be used for volunteer credits for high school. If you are interested please contact Sarah Walsh (920)410-2516 or skunde9@gmail.com

We are also in need of some supplies, including new markers and markers (please no crayons as we have an abundance of boxes). Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated to buy additional supplies that come up. If you wish to donate money please indicate "Sunday School" on your check or envelope.

10 REASONS to bring your child to Sunday School

1. **Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
2. **Friends:** In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
3. **It's Fun:** Our teachers work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
4. **Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
5. **Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
6. **Caring Teachers:** Our teachers care about your children.
7. **Big Reward For a Small Investment:** Your child receives 45 minutes of biblical instruction to help build the foundation for a lifelong relationship with Christ.
8. **Send a positive message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that their faith development is important to you.
9. **Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults.
10. **Learn about giving/generosity:** Children can bring an offering to Sunday School to help learn about giving to church and what it means to be generous to others.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Lord of the Lakes Church

Program Fee is \$10/child or \$25/family with 3 or more children.

CHILD #1 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
DOB: _____ Grade: _____ Allergies: _____
Special needs or medical needs teacher should be aware of?

CHILD #2 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
DOB: _____ Grade: _____ Allergies: _____
Special needs or medical needs teacher should be aware of?

CHILD #3 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
DOB: _____ Grade: _____ Allergies: _____
Special needs or medical needs teacher should be aware of?

CHILD #4 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
DOB: _____ Grade: _____ Allergies: _____
Special needs or medical needs teacher should be aware of?

The success of the Sunday School Program is dependent upon involvement of parents and other volunteers. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School please provide your contact information for the coordinator to contact you:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ **Doctor's Phone Number:** _____

I understand that, in the event medical treatment is required, every effort will be made to contact me. However, if I cannot be reached, I give permission to the adults in charge of Sunday School to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the care necessary for my child's well being. I, the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above, also release Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church, as well as any adults in charge, from any and all claims resulting from injury or damage that may be sustained by my child while participated in Sunday School.

Signed: _____
(parent or guardian signature)

Date: _____



OUR SCHEDULE!

Youth Group meets:
Wednesdays 6-9

Team Reach Code
60900

Although we have had a drop in Wednesday night attendance in July with a lot of families traveling and kids being involved with summer sports, SWAG still has a regular group of kids attending. As we gather together in prayer and youth fellowship, we have also been taking time to work on our Shoe Fundraiser and of course play a few games.

My main focus for July was working with families and Crossway to get each of our SWAG kids ready for camp and make sure their paperwork, transportation and communication was all up to speed. Please pray with me for safe travels to and from camp and that each of our SWAG kids gets to experience the power and goodness of God's love at camp. The SWAG group will enjoy classic recreational activities while also building self-esteem and problem-solving skills and work together. They will build faith-based friendships and deepen their relationship with our steadfast God.

Our Shoe drive has been going strong so far and we have met over half our goal of 100 bags. We will continue to look for donations, and hope to meet our goal by August. Our can collection is also producing consistent results and will be a nice source of fundraising going forward.

I was informed over the phone that SWAG will be receiving grant money from the Winneconne Thrift and Gift as well. I'm so humbled, grateful and honored that so many of our Lord of the Lakes volunteers are earmarking our ministries as recipients of these funds.

As we grow, I will continue to look for, and invite, a few more volunteers to help us. This is to give our current volunteers flexibility as well as giving us some help during the winter months when some of our beloved volunteers head to warmer climates. Please let me know who you feel would be a good fit and I can reach out one on one.

Together in Christ, Ryan, SWAG Leader

Attention Youth!!!

Just a reminder that SWAG still meets every Wednesday 6pm-8pm throughout the summer. Any changes will be shared through our Team Reach app.



Summer may be ending soon, but we are just getting started. SWAG has lots of things planned for this school year and you don't want to miss out. Make SWAG part of your weekly routine and join us each Wednesday!

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!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00am Busy Hands	2 6:00 Youth Group	3	4	5 10-2 Thrift
6 8 & 10am Worship	7 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	8	9 6:00 Youth Group	10 8:30am Bible Study	11	12
13 8 & 10am Worship	14 9:00-11am VBS 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	15 9:00-11am VBS 9:00am Busy Hands 6:30pm Council meeting	16 9:00-11am VBS 6:00 Youth Group	17 8:30am Bible Study 9:00-11am VBS	18	19
20 8 & 10am Worship	21 *Newsletter Articles due* 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	22 6:30pm Council meeting	23 6:00 Youth Group	24 8:30am Bible Study 6:30 Worship Team Meeting	25	26
27 8 & 10am Worship	28 5:00 Narcotics Anonymous	29 9:00am Busy Hands	30 6:00 Youth Group	31 8:30am Bible Study		
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 August Birthdays (over 70) 8/6 - Ken Mueller 8/9 - Ron Zehner 8/27 - Richard Baumgart Contact the office for any changes			





August Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
August 6th 8:00am Greeters: Chuck & Judy Riese Reader: Holly Nelson Communion: Jill Templin & Ellen Smolinski Usher: Jim & Chris Rescheske Coffee Fellowship: Lorraine Papke*, Kim Zehner, Cindy Binder, & Pam Ulness	August 6th 10:00am Greeters: Gail Gardner & Mary Beth Mckee Reader: Jody Kell Communion: Wayne Ludkey & Jeff Jahnke Usher: Jan & Verne Olson
August 13th 8:00am Greeters: Jim & Kay Ruskaup Reader: Pam Ulness Communion: Pam Ulness & Marie Walsh Usher: Debbie Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Coffee Fellowship: Ann Zillges, Chris & Erin Forer	August 13th 10:00am Greeters: Bill & Sherry Gardner Reader: Mark Kunde Communion: Kristen Bjornstad & Kimberly Radtke Usher: Beth & Jim Melby
August 20th 8:00am Greeters: Sally Patterson & Barbara Wachtendonk Reader: Jody Kell Communion: Betts Nikolai & Janet Veith Usher: Rick Pierre & Ron Miller Coffee Fellowship: Sally Patterson*, Gail Gardner, Judy Behm, & Mary Alice Klemp	August 20th 10:00am Greeters: Lorraine Papke & Beverly Raatjes Reader: Ken Mueller Communion: Gail Gardner & Ray Zegers Usher: Ken Mueller & Ann Zillges
August 27th 8:00am Greeters: Mark & Teri Henry Reader: Jamie Bliske Communion: Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Usher: Brian & Trevor Bliske Coffee Fellowship: Jamie Bliske*, John Macho, Dana Hartel & Beverly Raatjes	August 27th 10:00am Greeters: Ginny & Joe Potter Reader: Kay Lettau Communion: Ken & Mary Mueller Usher: Barb & Mark Jorna



August Offering Counters: Pam Billman & Holly Nelson
September Offering Counters: Dave Klemp & Jerry Bruss



September Ushers 8:00am

September 3 - Debbie Ruedinger & Kim Zehner
 September 10 - Nancy & Todd Hereford
 September 17 - Chuck & Judy Riese
 September 24 - Rick Pierre & Mel Koneman

September Ushers 10:00am

September 3 - Janine Brantley & Bette Lee
 September 10 - Beth & Jim Melby
 September 17 - Mary Beth McKee & Michael Stopar
 September 24 - Barb & Mark Jorna

If you are not currently volunteering in one of these areas and would like to be added as either a Communion Assistant, Reader, Greeter, Usher or serve on a Coffee Fellowship Team, please let Deb Ruedinger know as soon as possible so you can work you in the next rotation.



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 Day is: **August 5th**
Contact Becky Jahnke at beckyjahnke920@gmail.com if interested in volunteering


Scrip: The first day of school is just around the corner, which means school shopping. Get ready for school while helping church by purchasing scrip gift cards to use at your favorite stores. 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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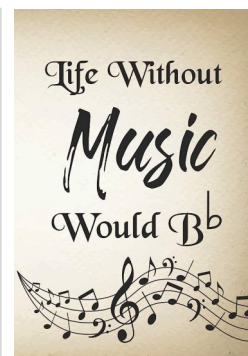


You may have noticed a new giving graphic in the bulletin. Many of you may struggle when it comes to giving an offering to our church because you don't carry cash or checks. The new bulletin graphic highlights the many ways you can donate to support Lord of the Lakes and our many community missions. The e-giving options for credit and debit cards are secure, managed by Vanco our financial service partner.

Mark your calendars Music Practice Resumes in September

Monday - September 18th
6:00pm - AcaBellas

Wednesday - September 20th
5:00 Guitar Band
6:00 Choir



Timber Rattlers Game: Faith & Family night at the ballpark is August 11th. Right now LOL does not have a formal outing planned for this event, but wanted to pass the information along to families who may be interested in attending on their own. The game will feature post-game fireworks and kids run the bases, as well as a pre-game mascot kickball game!

Below is a link to get discounted tickets for the game that night! A flyer with a QR code and additional information is also on the kiosk.

<https://fevo.me/trfaithandfamilynight>



Lord of the Lakes will be serving a meal at the day by day shelter in August. Please watch the bulletin and Kiosk for details. Please contact Sally Paterson if you have any questions. 920-279-2388.

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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"