

# Lord<sup>of</sup> the Lakes

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

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

Worship Services  
8:00am & 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship  
9:00am

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School  
August 11-14

Sunday School  
Resumes in September

## SWAG - YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Pastor Ryan Otto  
Wednesdays 6pm-8pm

Team Reach Code  
60900

## SWAG MISSION TRIP

A Journey of Service and Growth



June 13th our youth group embarked on our 2nd mission trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where we had the privilege of serving a community still recovering from the aftermath of recent hurricanes. Our team of passionate young people, guided by faith and a desire to make a difference, worked together to support local families and organizations in need.

### A Purposeful Trip

The trip to Lake Charles was not only about providing physical help but also about deepening our faith and growing together as a community. The devastation caused by natural disasters in the area left many families struggling to rebuild their homes and lives. Through our work, we were able to assist with cleanup efforts, home repairs, built beds and organized a donors appreciation dinner. Each day brought new challenges and opportunities to serve,

but the impact of our efforts was felt far beyond the work we completed.

### Building Connections

In addition to the physical labor, our youth group spent time building connections with the people of Lake Charles. We were welcomed with open arms and, in return, had the opportunity to share stories, prayers, and laughs. Whether it was worshiping, sharing meals, or simply listening to their experiences, the bonds formed during this trip left an indelible mark on our hearts.



### Faith in Action

One of the most powerful moments of the trip came when we gathered for nightly reflection sessions. After a long day of service, we would come together to share what God had been teaching us. Many of our SWAG members expressed how their understanding of service and faith had deepened through their experiences. We saw firsthand the difference that faith in action can make—not just in the lives of those we helped, but in our own lives as well.

### Thank You for Your Support

This mission trip was made possible through the generous donations, prayers, and support from our Lord of the Lakes church family. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership in making this trip a reality. As a youth group, we are more committed than ever to being the hands and feet of Jesus, not only in our community but also beyond. The lessons learned and the relationships formed will continue to shape us as we move forward in our walk with Christ.

We ask that you continue to keep the people of Lake Charles in your prayers as they continue their journey of recovery. And, as always, thank you for supporting our SWAG youth group in this meaningful mission! To all those who prayed, made lunches, or just share a word of encouragement, thank you! I also need to say a special thank-you to my amazing team of chaperones- Kim, Molly, and Phil. Finally, without the commitment, vision, and passion for youth mission work from my lovely wife Mandy, this trip would not have been nearly as organized, successful, or fun. Thank you, Mandy.

Thank you all so very much!  
Ryan, SWAG Leader





## NATURE STROLL

Church Wide Event - All are Welcome

Please join us on Saturday, August 30, at 8:00 a.m. for a guided nature walk led by Dana Hartel. Dana is a Naturalist and is very knowledgeable about the location of our walk. Please meet us at Bohn Farms Glacial Habitat Restoration Area at 9500 County Road B. Rubber boots or waterproof footwear and insect repellent are recommended along with long pants. Parking is available in the small lot and on the side of Welsch Road. Last year we did this walk a month earlier and the wildflowers were starting to bloom. The vegetation will be taller at this time of the year. It will be interesting to notice how it looks a month later in the year! This activity is open to everyone – men, women and children. It is a very easy, slow-paced walk. We plan to go to Jackie's Parkside following the walk for breakfast/brunch! Again, all are welcome. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk so that we have an idea on how many to plan for at Jackie's Parkside.

News from

## LIFE & GROWTH TEAM

The Life & Growth team meets quarterly to plan activities for our church that both enrich and grow our congregation. If you would like to be a part of this exciting team, please join us! New ideas and participation are always welcome! Our next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm



## SENIOR FINAL FRIDAY FUNDAY!

Our next Friday Fun Day will be Friday, August 29 from Noon – 3PM. The theme will be “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”. Our Seniors (Citizens that is) have had a blast this summer getting together on the last Friday of each month for food, fellowship and games! Each month we choose a theme and everyone brings an appetizer, snack or favorite dish to pass. After our bellies are full, we have had a variety of activities including Cribbage, Rook, Sheepshead, Dominoes, Yahtzee, Axe Throwing, and Corn Hole to mention just a few. We want to continue this into the fall. It's a fun way to meet new people. We promise you will laugh a lot! So, get off the sofa, turn off the TV for a couple hours and join us! Everyone is welcome! If you don't play board games or cards, no worries! If you don't cook, no worries! We would rather have your presence than a dish to pass or your participation in a game! Just come out for the conversation and laughs!

## LET'S GET TOGETHER - TWIG EVENT

Please join us on Saturday, September 20, 2025, for a visit to the countryside and a couple of local wineries. First, we will go to the Rushford Meadery & Winery, LLC located at 8389 Liberty School Rd, Omro, WI for Vineyard Market Day that starts at 11:00 am! They will have over 25 vendors as well as mead, wine, cider, beer and spritzers! Then we will travel over to Vines and Rushes Winery at 410 County Road E Ripon, WI for lunch and more tastings if so desired. Pizzas and Salads are available. If you are interested, we will have a sign-up sheet on the kiosk so that we can get organized for the ride! We hope you can join us.





TIM FULLER, TREASURER

# TREASURER'S REPORT

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out. Contacting me via email at [fullertp1018@yahoo.com](mailto:fullertp1018@yahoo.com) is the easiest for me and will likely get the quickest response



## What Season Is It??

Fellow Lord of the Lakers (I feel we need to trademark that):

Tis the Season! Which season, you ask? Summer? No. Construction season? Always, but not what I mean here. Brewers season? It is never their season (Go Cubs!). I am of course talking about Budget Season here at the church. We do indeed start the budget process this early for the following year. By the time you read this, we're probably four to six weeks into the process.

The general flow goes something like this: Gail sends out budget requests to the different groups that represent Lord of the Lakes (ie Technology, Buildings and Grounds, etc). Once they have a chance to meet and deliberate, they pass their numbers along to the Business Management

Team. The BMT breaks it down section by section asking questions and looking for the rationale behind the dollars being requested. BMT will reach out to the different groups if clarifications or adjustments are needed. Next a rough draft will be presented to Council to add their questions, comments, and concerns. There may be a few rounds of going back and forth, but eventually the 2026 Budget will get recommended by the Business Management Team, approved by Council and then presented to the congregation for their vote in November.

Figuring out our church budget is a little different than doing a budget for your household. For most families, figuring out your income for 2026 is pretty straightforward. If you have a salary, maybe it is as simple as factoring in a raise. If you get paid hourly, you just need to multiply that figure by how many hours you think you'll work next year. Computing the income for Lord of the Lakes isn't so simple.

Donations ebb and flow throughout the year and no two years are alike. We base our numbers off of previous years totals, but must factor in how attendance is doing as well as the

overall economy. We will always lean toward a lower number and hope we exceed it.

Most of our expenses are pretty steady or only fluctuate slightly. Payroll and the mortgage usually end up right around where they are projected. Other items, specifically upkeep on the building, are a lot tougher to predict. I am starting to learn how tough it is to keep our building functional and constantly improving while staying within our means. As we have learned, you never know when a furnace (or multiple) will need replacing or a leak will start in the basement. Thank you to Buildings and Grounds for staying on top of these things.

That is a little behind the scenes look at how the budget goes from a bunch of projections to a final product that you get to vote on in November.

A special thank you to all the groups for getting your numbers in so quickly this year and to Gail for deciphering them. We have some good people doing great things.

## By The Numbers

At the halfway point in our year, according to our 2026 budget we were projected to be at a loss of \$14,626. We are in fact positive at \$11,854. That means we are ahead of projections by \$26,480 with six months to go in the year. Thank you to everyone for your offerings. Every bit helps.



## Volunteers – The heart of our church

We need you! Worship Asst. Schedules and the Coffee Fellowship schedule for September-December will be developed in the month of August. As always, it is helpful to let Deb know (863-634-9794) as soon as possible if you know of specific dates during this time that you will not be available. If you are willing to serve and would like to be added to any of these areas, please let Deb know that as well.

Serving as Greeters is a great opportunity for families. It is something that everyone can participate in! If "Hospitality" is your gig, then sign up to help with Coffee Fellowship between services! If you like to problem solve on the fly, help guests find their way around in the sanctuary for services, meet and speak to every person that comes through the doors for Worship on Sunday mornings, you can count, and you can laugh at your own silly mistakes, then it sounds like you would make a great addition to our teams of Ushers!

We welcome our teens who are eager and willing to serve to assist in these areas as well. We have had young people in the past who have done a beautiful job reading the Word of the Lord during Sunday morning worship.

Thank you to all of you who have faithfully served in these roles through the years and continue to do so today. We could not have our services and fellowship time without you.



***"Volunteers don't just do the work, they make it work"***

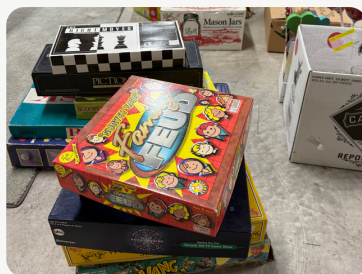
—Carol Pettit

## FREE! FREE!!

B&G Team has cleaned the basement of non-boy scout stuff. We have everything in the center of the basement floor so feel free to go down and look and just take!

Items: 2 Foosball tables, other sports equipment, books, pictures, vases, punch bowl, easels, carpet pieces, a set of blinds, miscellaneous items.

Everything will be removed and discarded or whatever by August 17.



## Live Generously

How do you live generously? Start by acknowledging the grand generosity God has bestowed on you asking nothing in return. Then pass on your generosity to others, asking nothing in return. It can be money for a cause, it can be helping your neighbor with a project, it can be compassion. Generosity is contagious, so live it with a "pass it on" mentality.

***"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"***  
—Mother Teresa

## Happy Birthday

Celebrating August Birthdays

8/6 – Oliver Kuehl & Ken Mueller

8/8 – Blake Geiger & Lani Stanek

8/9 – Ron Zehner

8/10 – Terry Korus

8/12 – Charlee Millard

8/14 – Adler Butt

8/17 – EJ Peterson

8/18 – Alex Manning

8/19 – Andrew Sperling & Teri Henry

8/20 – Abilgail Otto

8/22 – Henley Reinke & Rayden Scopp

8/23 – Boone Schafer

8/27 – Richard Baumgart

8/30 – Brendan Ostroth





# Ways to help our church & community

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## Day By Day Shelter

Lord of the Lakes will be supplying and serving the meal to the Day by Day shelter August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the kiosk if this ministry speaks to you and you have not already signed up yet. Sally Patterson will be contacting you.

Mark your calendar and be sure to attend one of the services on August 3rd. Molly Yatzo-Butz the executive director of the Day by Day Shelter, will be speaking. She will let us know more about Day by Day and the guests they serve.

Blessings to You –  
The Day by Day Team



## Thrift & Gift

The first Saturday of each month Lord of the Lakes provides the volunteers to work at the Winneconne Thrift & Gift. In return we receive half the profits for the day. By contract, we need a minimum of 6 volunteers, 2 of which must be at the donation door, to run the store. Jobs include cashier, donation intake, and a variety of other jobs. Our next volunteer day is:

**August 2nd 10am-2pm**

Thank you to all our shoppers and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Becky Jahnke at [beckyjahnke920@gmail.com](mailto:beckyjahnke920@gmail.com)

As of July we have earned \$3929.61 from the revenue sharing program with the Thrift.

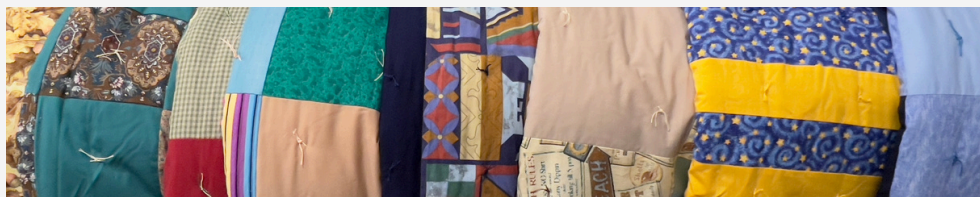


## Scrip Ministry

The first day of school is just around the corner and that means back to school shopping. Do your shopping while supporting Lord of the Lakes at the same time.

Our Scrip coordinator, Tammy Wright, and other volunteers are stationed by the entryway between services with their gift card display. The ones they have on hand are just a small sample of what is available. If you go to [Raiseright.com](http://Raiseright.com) and click on "Brands", you can view and browse all the different stores, restaurants, etc that you could order gift cards from. Be sure to use the enrollment code 37D492B534575 to register your purchases for Lord of the Lakes.

You can order either an electronic gift card that you can print out or a physical gift card that we all see every day. If you choose the physical gift card, you can have it sent to Tammy and she will have it for you at one of the next Sunday services. Every time you make a purchase, a small percentage goes to our church. Through June of this year, we have earned about \$1,900 for purchases our members were going to make anyway. If you have any questions please reach out to Tammy in person or at [wisupermom@gmail.com](mailto:wisupermom@gmail.com). If you know of other programs like this that could benefit us, please reach out to me at [fullertp1018@yahoo.com](mailto:fullertp1018@yahoo.com) or another council member.



## Busy Hands Quilting Group

Busy Hands will meet on Tuesdays, August 5 and 19 (changed from our regular schedule due to vacation Bible school) to continue making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Join us if you would like to help tie quilt layers together or sew bindings around quilt edges. No experience needed. We meet at 9:00 am and break for fellowship time around 11:00 am. Join us any time. We will be back to our regular schedule of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning in September.

(Donations of cotton fabric, flat bed sheets, yarn, etc. are always welcome)

Lord of the Lakes

# Kids' Zone

AUGUST EDITION

## Second Sunday Stay & Play

Parents do your kids miss the social time of being with their friends from Sunday school, or are you new to our church and want to get to know other families? Join us for an afternoon of snacks, playing, and hanging out with other families.

**August 10<sup>th</sup> - 11am (after second service) - 1pm**

Sandwiches and Drinks will be provided but feel free to bring a snack to pass.



Let's Play!!

August  
10th  
11am-1pm

## VBS start on 8/11



It is finally here!! VBS starts on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 - Noon.  
Get ready for the ultimate Alaskan adventure.  
We can't wait to see you and learn how Jesus is a friend we can  
always count on.  
He is our True North!



## Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday will be September 14 this year. We call it Rally Sunday because it marks the beginning of Sunday School classes for our youth, and we generally start up our choir practice and other church activities that week. It is equivalent to the beginning of football season in our church! In addition to our traditional decorated cake, we thought we would make it a little more significant by having a churchwide potluck Brunch between services that day (9:00-10:00 am). There is a rumor going around that we might have a waffle/pancake station if you can imagine that!! Watch the kiosk for sign-up opportunities! So welcome back from a busy summer and we hope to see you there!





# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## **AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> - GUEST SPEAKER - MOLLY BUTZ, DAY BY DAY SHELTER**

Molly is from the Day by Day Shelter in Oshkosh. You may recall that Day by Day is one of the missions Lord of the Lakes supports throughout the year. A team of workers provides one hot meal monthly for Guests at the shelter. Throughout the year we also participate in coat and cold weather gear drives as well as time to time providing hygiene kits to be distributed as needed. We will hear more about the organization and the people that it serves.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School planning for the fall is in the beginning stages. Adults and older youth are welcome to come teach our youngsters all about the word of God each Sunday. The curriculum is laid out and easy to follow. You will be working with a group of 1-2 other teachers so teaching every Sunday is not required. SWAG members who are interested can also get community service for their time volunteering. Please reach out to Sarah Walsh 920-410-2516 or [skunde9@gmail.com](mailto:skunde9@gmail.com) if you would like to help out. A meeting will be scheduled in August to be ready for our September 14 kick off!

## **SENIOR FUN FRIDAY - AUGUST 29TH**

The next Senior funday is August 29th from Noon until 3PM, and the theme is "Take me out of the ballgame". All people 55 and over are invited including men and women, single, married, widowed or divorced – it doesn't matter. We all just like to get together to socialize and have a good time!

## **YOUTH SERVICE - AUGUST 10TH**

The youth will be sharing their experiences on their mission trip to Louisiana at both services. It was trip filled with fun memories and building a stronger faith.

## **DAY BY DAY MEAL SERVING**

Lord of the Lakes will be preparing and serving the meal for the shelter on August 14<sup>th</sup>. If interested in helping please reach out to Sally Patterson.

## **VBS VOLUNTEER PLANNING MEETING**

VBS volunteers will be meeting the following times at 5:30pm to prepare for the week of VBS:

### **Wednesday, August 6th**

If you are not able to attend please reach out to Sarah Walsh (920-410-2516) so other arrangements can be made to connect with you about your responsibilities at VBS.

\* Meetings will last about one hour.

## **PASTOR KEVIN RETURNS FROM SABBATICAL**

Pastor Kevin returns from his sabbatical on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the first Sunday he will be preaching will be August 17<sup>th</sup>. Communion will resume that Sunday as well. Please continue to pray for Pastor Kevin and his family during this time.



# August Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
<b>August 3rd 8:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Nancy Abraham & JoAnne Dallmann <b>Reader:</b> Holly Nelson <b>Communion:</b> No Communion <b>Usher:</b> Todd & Nancy Hereford <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson*, Kim Zehner, Pam Ulness, & Lorraine Papke	<b>August 3rd 10:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Allys & Wayne Rudisill <b>Reader:</b> Jenni Groholski <b>Communion:</b> No Communion <b>Usher:</b> Verne & Jan Olson
<b>August 10th 8:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Kay & Jim Ruskaup <b>Reader:</b> Barb Wachtendonk <b>Communion:</b> No Communion <b>Usher:</b> Brian & Trevor Bliske <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Stacey Schoonover*, Trudy Strand, Jamie Bliske & Barb Wachtendonk	<b>August 10th 10:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Joe & Lindsey Jurgenson Family <b>Reader:</b> Ken Mueller <b>Communion:</b> No Communion <b>Usher:</b> Ken & Mary Mueller
<b>August 17th 8:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Rick Pierre & Barb Wachtendonk <b>Reader:</b> Betts Nikolai <b>Communion:</b> Sally Patterson & Todd Hereford <b>Usher:</b> Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Anne Zillges*, Beth Melby, Betts Nikolai, & Kristen Woods	<b>August 17th 10:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Earl & Andrea Peterson Family <b>Reader:</b> Jan Faust <b>Communion:</b> Barb & Mark Joma <b>Usher:</b> Jan & Verne Olson
<b>August 24th 8:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Phil Ruedinger & Ron Zehner <b>Reader:</b> John Ulness <b>Communion:</b> John Macho & Kim Zehner <b>Usher:</b> JoAnn Gehler & Paula Thurber <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Deb Ruedinger*, Victoria Waters, Mimi Petersen, & Janet Kunde	<b>August 24th 10:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Greta & Soraya Wortman & Mimi Petersen <b>Reader:</b> Darlene Larson <b>Communion:</b> Jenni Groholski & Jan Olson <b>Usher:</b> Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson
<b>August 31st 8:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Phil Ruedinger & Ron Zehner <b>Reader:</b> Sally Patterson <b>Communion:</b> Jamie & Brian Bliske <b>Usher:</b> Karen & Lou Zwicky <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Marsha Phillips*, Sally Patterson, Gail Gardner, & Dorothy Bain	<b>August 31st 10:00am</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Jon & Sarah Walsh Family <b>Reader:</b> Kristen Bjornstad <b>Communion:</b> Kristen Bjornstad & Wayne Ludkey <b>Usher:</b> Barb & Mark Jorna



**August Counters:** Holly Nelson & Ellen Smolinski  
**September Counters:** Debbie Ruedinger & Kim Zehner



# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10-2 Thrift & Gift
<b>3</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services Speaker: Molly Yatso-Butz	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>5</b> 9:00am Busy Hands	<b>6</b> 5:30pm VBS volunteer meeting 6:00pm SWAG	<b>7</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services  11-1 - Kids Potluck & Play	<b>11</b>  11am-1pm— VBS 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>12</b>  11am-1pm— VBS	<b>13</b>  11am-1pm—VBS 6:00pm SWAG	<b>14</b>  11am-1pm—VBS LOL Prepares Meal at Day By Day Shelter	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services	<b>18</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous  *Newsletter Articles due*	<b>19</b> 9:00am Busy Hands 6:30 - Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 6:00pm SWAG	<b>21</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>22</b> Noon-4pm - Senior Fun Day	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services	<b>25</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00pm SWAG	<b>28</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	Pastor Kevin will be on Sabbatical July 14 <sup>th</sup> - August 14th					

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Neenah: 722-7707  
Don't let stigma stand in your way



## Prayer List

Please contact the church office or Pastor Kevin to add your request to our prayer chain. All concerns are kept confidential.