

# 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.

6090 Harbour South, Winneconne, WI 54986



## SUNDAY SERVICE

Worship Services  
8:00am & 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship  
9:00am

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School  
Between Services -  
9:00am

## SWAG - YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Leader Ryan Otto  
Wednesdays 6pm-8pm

Team Reach Code  
60900

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Wednesday Practices  
Guitar Band 4pm  
AceBellas 5pm  
Choir 6pm

## HE IS RISEN

April showers will come this month. And then Lord willing May will follow. And then this dead world I see outside today, will bloom to life. I don't think it is coincidence Spring lines up pretty nicely with the resurrection of Jesus. This is the season of life. It's the season of goodness, and beauty and especially the love of God. Our God who reaches into the darkness of a tomb and brings back life. Our God who reaches into the darkness of our world and brings back hope.

So may April bring us the hope the earliest friends of Jesus knew. May the showers that surround us today, remind us of the beauty that is yet to come. It will come. Until then please pray for each other and our world. And know His peace. He is risen!

*Pastor Kevin*



## Pastor Kevin Heffernan

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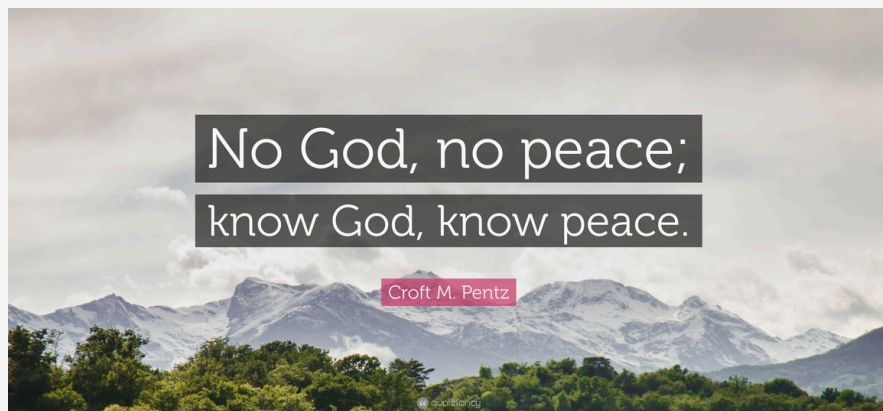
## PASTOR'S CORNER

by the numbers

Numbers will be reported next month

No God, no peace;  
know God, know peace.

Croft M. Pentz



# 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!

## WHO ARE WE??

The Life & Growth Team is a group of people in addition to those we consider consultants representing specific Teams, Programs and Committees of Lord of the Lakes that come together to help promote and develop a sense of community in our organization. To do this we solicit help from many individuals and groups as possible within the congregation. Organizing and conducting church-wide fellowship activities, dedicated events, and activities to assist new members to become integrated into the life of the Congregation takes a large group of people. We provide compassion and assistance to the ill, aged, and underprivileged. Every time you sign up as a volunteer to help set up tables or break things down, cook, buy or bake something or serve a Day by Day meal, provide snacks for Sunday coffee fellowship, make something for a potluck or Easter breakfast, provide an item for the New Members Luncheon, go as a team member to visit those who are homebound, help make the lunches for the SWAG road trip, help with the women's ministry events, or serve on a of team to assist with funerals when needed, you are actively involved in the Life & Growth of Lord of the Lakes! To keep you informed and give everyone opportunities to help, we promote the activities of Lord of the Lakes on social media, through our monthly newsletter, the bulletin and information posted on the kiosk at the front entrance of the narthex. Check it out!



## EASTER BREAKFAST

April 5<sup>th</sup> between services

Members of the Life & Growth Team are planning our traditional Easter Breakfast. The food is delicious and is second to none! Lord of the Lakes has fabulous bakers and cooks! It will be Easter Sunday, April 5, starting at 9:00 am between services. We will set up seating in the narthex and in the rear of the sanctuary as soon as the first service is over.

Lord of the Lakes will provide sliced ham, sausage and beverages. We are asking members of the congregation to bring side dishes like egg bakes, cheesy potatoes, fruits, French Toast bakes, Coffee Cakes, etc. to share.

We will set up tables, slice ham, and any other preliminary preparations on Saturday, April 4 starting at 9:30 am with the tables. We will need additional volunteers to clean and take down the tables following breakfast on Sunday. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and a sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Pam Ulness and Deb Ruedinger are the Leads for this event.



## YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY

Senior Funday April 24<sup>th</sup> Noon-3pm!

Calling all Seniors from 50-105 to join the fun! April's Senior Friday Funday theme is Mexican. Bring your favorite Mexican appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert. Potluck lunch served at 12:30!

If the weather cooperates, maybe we can have a little friendly axe throwing competition along with the usual Sheepshead, Cribbage, Pay Me! or Rook! If you don't want to play cards or board games, just come and enjoy the fellowship and conversation! Remember it is your day, your way!

# TWIGS Invites you to Tulips & Tea



## Let's get fancy!

Once a year TWIG's get a little fancy and treats the Women, Teens & Guests of Lord of the Lakes to a Luncheon & Tea. Join us for our Tulips & Tea Event. A light lunch of Chicken Salad on a bed of Mixed Greens will be served with Fruit, Fancy Desserts, and Pastries, Hot Tea served from beautiful China Teapots! Special activities and door prizes!

## Entertainment

### **Guest Speaker: Carol Heffernan**

Carol is a dynamic speaker with the ability to engage audiences of all ages.

### **Special Music: Eavie Heffernan**

Eavie is a student at Valley Christian and a member of the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program.

## Event Details

**Saturday, May 9, 2026,**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

**Lord of the Lakes Church**

Due to the nature of this event, Reservations are necessary for a count. Please call the office - 920-582-2622 - or sign up at the kiosk. There is no cost to participate. All are welcome.



# YOUTH NEWS

RYAN OTTO, YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER



## SUMMER CAMP

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Join some of your SWAG friends and plan a trip to summer camp. If you are interested in, or planning on, attending please go to the link below or scan the QR code to register.

SWAG youth, both middle school and high school, are currently signing up for the week 8 camps (aka Timbers or Foresters) July 26-31.

If this week doesn't work for you, anyone who wants to go to camp can sign up for any week that works for your family. I will be available to answer any questions, guide you thru the process and be onsite during camp. Other than the registration fee, there is both scholarship and financial support to offset the balance of camp through our Youth Group, Church and Pine Lake..... so please do not pay the full payment if you wish to apply for assistance. Get registered ASAP as cabins fill up fast.

[www.crosswayscamps.org/pinela\\_kecamp](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/pinela_kecamp)



## MISSION TRIP NEWS

Mission trip families, please make sure you are signed up with the mission families team reach. This is where we will be posting all mission trip related information. Team Reach code



YOUTH@LORDOFTHELAKES.NET

is LakeCharles2026.

Also make sure to check team reach for the updated cost as they have been adjusted due to a generous donation.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SWAG



SWAG's Wednesday Night group resumes again on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a night full of games snacks and fun so you won't want to miss out.

Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to come, and you do not need to be a member of Lord of the Lakes to participate in SWAG.

Ryan - SWAG Youth Ministry



Busy Hands sewing group would again like to make graduation quilts. There are forms on the kiosk that can be filled out and turned into the office, or you can simply call or email the church and let us know your name and any special interest/theme you would like your quilt to be such as Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers, music, hunting, fishing, cooking, horses, cats, dogs, cows, golf, military, etc (we will try, but no guarantees). Please respond by April 14, 2026 or sooner

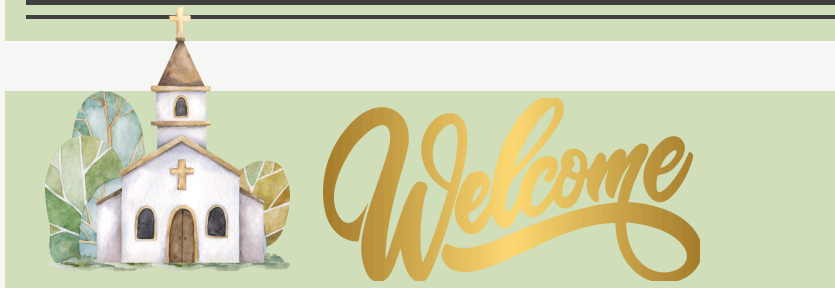


SWAG youth, make sure you have the team reach app downloaded on your phone. This is where we send all communication for our group through. Our access code is 60900



## GROUP NIGHTS

Just reminder that SWAG meets every Wednesday from 6pm - 8pm throughout the year. Please come as often as possible, and inviting friends is always welcomed.



## Welcome New Members!

submitted by: Debbie Ruedinger

On March 8, 2026, we introduced and welcomed the following new members into the congregation of Lord of the Lakes:

**Dale Bahr, Michael & Gabriel Bird and daughter Hazel, Rob & Tammy Berghuis, Zach and Nicole Loftus and children Riley and Zane, Ken & Jackie Neumann, Chad & Nicki Paulus, Greg Pasch, Judy Riese, Lynn Thorpe, and Zach & Myriah Waechter and their daughters Ellie & Olivia.**

During the coffee fellowship hour held between services, a special cake was served to celebrate them. After the 10am worship service, they received an invitation to attend a New Members' Luncheon hosted by the Life & Growth Team that included Pastor Kevin, Alex Schoonover, current president of Lord of the Lakes Council as well as those celebrating their 1<sup>ST</sup> Anniversary as official members of Lord of the Lakes. This allowed an opportunity to get to know each other in a small group setting and ask questions if they desired.

## Celebrating April Birthdays (kids 1-17 & adults 70+)

- 4/1 - Leo Kuehnl
- 4/2 - Ralphie King & Lauren Otto
- 4/6 - Janine Brantley
- 4/10 - Dorothy Bain
- 4/11 - Marlin Greenfield
- 4/14 - Rhett Pruetz
- 4/15 - Lainey Pruetz & Zachary Schoonover
- 4/16 - Brynn Western
- 4/22 - Marie Lesnick
- 4/23 - Emerson Schleif
- 4/25 - Bentley McDaniel & Madison Stopar
- 4/26 - Chirs Rescheske & Cora Marquardt
- 4/29 - Jolene Downs & Sydney Ostroth



## Hospice Volunteers Needed

ThedaCare at Home needs volunteers for their Hospice programs. They reached out to Lord of the Lakes and asked if we would put the following information in our newsletter.

Thank you!

ThedaCare At Home, a partner of Froedtert and Holy Family Memorial, is seeking hospice volunteers in our community to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team as they visit patients in their homes and at long-term care facilities. Volunteers help to meet the emotional, spiritual and family needs of those on hospice by providing companionship and respite. They really are the heart of hospice! Training is provided and helps build on a volunteer's experience and skills to learn about hospice philosophy, comfort care, and communication with patients and their families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Shana Farrell via phone at 920-422-7583 or email at [shana.farrell@thedacareorg](mailto:shana.farrell@thedacareorg) to learn about this opportunity and upcoming trainings. You can also begin by filling out their application at <https://thedacare.org/about-us/volunteers/>.

# Ways to help our church & community



## Day By Day Shelter -

Sloppy Joe/Coney Dogs  
April 23rd.

The Day by Day Team appreciates the support you have given us the past several months. With your contributions of time, money and food items we have been able to provide a hot meal once a month for the Guests of Day by Day in Oshkosh.

Lord of the Lakes will be serving the evening meal on **April 23rd**. We need, shoppers, cooks, bakers and servers and also your prayers as we are giving hope and a meal to a vulnerable population in our county.

Also, consider joining Day by Day Warming Shelter's "**Suds Club**". For just \$5 per person or \$275 to cover the entire shelter for one day you can help provide clean laundry for the guests and shelter. The campaign donation helps supply staff time, laundry detergent, water, electricity, dryer sheets and LOVE to each load.

DbD team. Sally Patterson. 920-279-2388

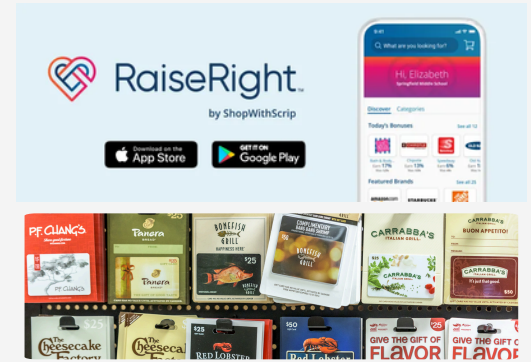


## Thrift & Gift -

Volunteer Saturday

The next volunteer Saturday will be on **April 4th** 10am-2pm. 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. With several volunteers "snowbirding" and it being Easter week we are looking for people that are interested in volunteering. Please contact Becky Jahnke at [beckyjahnke920@gmail.com](mailto:beckyjahnke920@gmail.com) if you are interested.

If you can't volunteer, please stop by and shop. Lord of the Lakes earns 50% of the profit for the day. Thank you all our shoppers and volunteers.

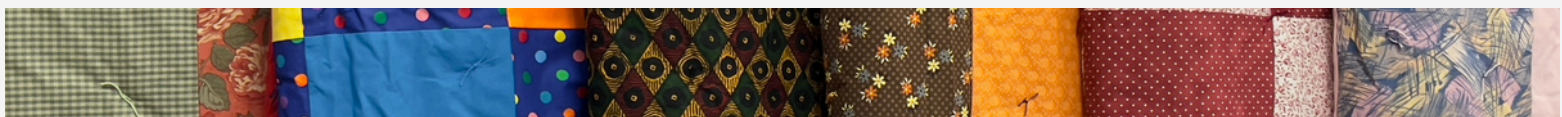


## Scrip Ministry -

Spread some Love with Scrip

Have you tried the Raise Right app to make your scrip/gift card purchases. Make March you commit to trying it out. You will love how easy it is to use.

If you still aren't comfortable with using the app stop by the scrip table and pick up physical gift cards. 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.



## Busy Hands Quilting Group

Busy Hands will meet on Tuesdays, April 14 and 28. We start assembling and tying quilts at about 9:00 am and stop for our snack/fellowship time at about 11:00 am. Anyone is welcome and no experience is needed. Curious about what we do, stop in and see; and then stay for a snack and hear our devotion.

# **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**



## **Spring Cleaning - April 19th**

Lots of help and much appreciated help wanted and needed to help us do the cleaning projects that our hired cleaning person can't get at. Once or twice a year projects to keep our church building appealing and comfortable. Lots of inside work and possibly some outside work, depending on weather and the Spring ahead, We start at 11, immediately following second service, come to service in your 'cleaning' clothes if you want, and depending on the number of people helping, we are done in 1 - 1 1/2 hrs. Thank you in advance!!!!

We are planning on having the ceramic tile floors steam cleaned, after getting a couple quotes and waiting for the dirt of our south yard to be cleared this Spring. This will be done on a later date.

## **Pavilion Update**

Our new pavilion project is moving along and framing is expected to arrive in April but that will be weather dependent, considering we just got 20+ inches of snow as I am writing this. But once that arrives it will take a month to further construct the actual Pavilion. And during and after that, the ground will be re-worked and completed. Also during and after that, B&G and Children's Ministry are working on playground equipment. Likely that will not be put in place till the above is completed and we have grass growing. This is a walk in faith -- thankfulness for the benefactor that is making this happen, faith in God that He will bring us great weather to help us get this done on a timely basis, and patience for those anxious to use this space.



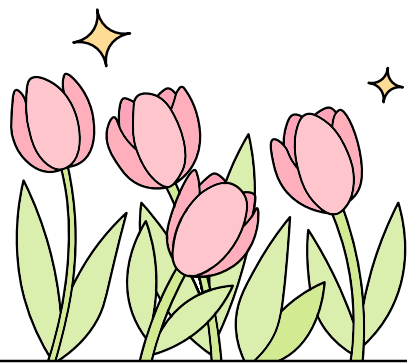
## **Use Caution**

Due to cracks on our stained glass a rail has been installed as an added safety precaution.

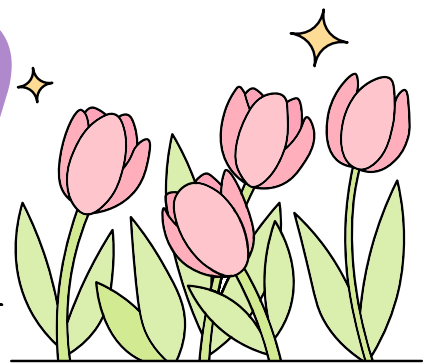
Even with the new railing please continue to use caution and refrain from using things such as balls in these areas. In addition, parents of young children please provide close supervision to children in this area as the railing can be very tempting to little ones to hang and swing from.




## **Projects in Process**

- Plaques will be placed on the rails in front of the stained glass windows about the windows; also a plaque at the Sailor in our west landscaping.
- Have you noticed the small library being created? It's a shelving unit at the end of the coat rack and there will be future information of use when it is completed
- We had a leak in the roof (we thought) that leaked inside to the narthex. We had ARC (last roofing vendor) in and it appears it is not a roofing problem but rather an issue of wind/rain coming in through vents in our steeple. Brad and Rick will be working with how to correct this problem, weather permitting.
- We've had difficulty with a toilet in the handicap stall in the Ladies bathroom running over. We believe it has been corrected.
- There has been an issue with complaints of the lights over the alcoves in Narthex being too bright; it is being addressed with Precision Electric, our electrical vendor.
- We have researched two other companies to inspect, etc. our Fire Protection equipment and likely will be making a change. It looks like we can save about \$1,800 per year



# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm - Choir	<b>2</b> 8:30am Bible Study <b>6:30pm—Maundy Thursday Service</b> 	<b>3</b> 6:30pm—Good Friday Service 	<b>4</b> 10-2 Thrift & Gift
<b>5</b> 8am & 10am Easter Services 9am Easter Breakfast 	<b>6</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:00pm - Buildings & Grounds Meeting 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm SWAG 6:00pm - Choir	<b>9</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School	<b>13</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous  *Newsletter Articles due*	<b>14</b> 9:00am Busy Hands	<b>15</b> 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm SWAG 6:00pm - Choir	<b>16</b> 8:30am Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 11:00am - Spring Clean up	<b>20</b> 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>21</b> 6:30 - Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm SWAG 6:00pm - Choir	<b>23</b> 8:30am Bible Study LOL serves meal at Day by Day	<b>24</b> Noon-3:00 - Senior Friday Funday	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School	<b>27</b> 5:00pm - Narcotics Anonymous	<b>28</b> 9:00am Busy Hands	<b>29</b> 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm SWAG 6:00pm - Choir	<b>30</b>		



# April Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
<b>April 5th 8:00am (Easter)</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Todd & Nancy Hereford <b>Reader:</b> Tom Carter <b>Communion:</b> Betts Nikolai, Chris Rescheske, and Jill Templin <b>Usher:</b> Karen & Lou Zwicky <b>Easter Breakfast Organizers:</b> Deb Ruedinger & Pam Ulness	<b>April 5th 10:00am (Easter)</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Barb & Mark Joma <b>Reader:</b> Ray Zegers <b>Communion:</b> Jan Olson, Ryan Otto, and Andrea Schell <b>Usher:</b> Ken & Mary Mueller and Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson
<b>April 12th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> JoAnn Gehler & Barb Wachtendonk <b>Reader:</b> Tennille Peterson <b>Communion:</b> Joanne Dallmann and Marsha Phillips <b>Usher:</b> JoAnn Gehler & Paula Thurber <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Beth Melby*, Anne Zillges, Betts Nikolai, Mark Kunde	<b>April 12th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Earl, Andrea, and EJ Peterson <b>Reader:</b> Cheryl Prosek <b>Communion:</b> Jenni Groholski & Ken Mueller <b>Usher:</b> Jan & Verne Olson
<b>April 19th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Phil Ruedinger & Ron Zehner <b>Reader:</b> Betts Nikolai <b>Communion:</b> Ellen Smolinski & Pam Ulness <b>Usher:</b> Nancy & Todd Hereford <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Karen & Lou Zwicky*, Trudy Strand, Beverly Raatjes, Mary Alice Klemp	<b>April 19th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Jenni Groholski & Lorraine Papke <b>Reader:</b> Andrea Peterson <b>Communion:</b> Kristen Bjornstad & Kimberly Radtke <b>Usher:</b> Mark & Barb Jorna
<b>April 26th 8:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Marie Lesnick & Greg Pasch <b>Reader:</b> Sally Patterson <b>Communion:</b> Todd Hereford & Sally Patterson <b>Usher:</b> Chris & Jim Rescheske <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Lorraine Papke, Pam Ulness, Jackie Neuman, Kim Zehner	<b>April 26th 10:00am</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Katie Kunde & Phoenix Wentzel <b>Reader:</b> Paige Nikodem <b>Communion:</b> Gail Gardner & Paige Nikodem <b>Usher:</b> Beth & Jim Melby



**April Counters:** Pam Billman & Lani Stanek  
**May Counters:** Jeff Jahnke & Dave Smolinski

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Help Line:  
Oshkosh: 233-7707  
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.