

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

A SEAT SAVED FOR YOU

It really does feel like Christmas was just yesterday, and yet we are already moving quickly toward Lent, with Ash Wednesday arriving early this year on February 18.

One of the true highlights of December was our Wednesday night Advent services and community meals. There is something powerful about sharing a meal together. It creates space to slow down, connect, and get to know one another in ways that simply do not happen otherwise.

Our Lenten services and meals offer that same opportunity. They are a wonderful way to get to know others at our church.

For some, coming to an event like this feels easy, natural, and enjoyable. For others, it can feel like a real stretch. You might be more introverted, new to Lord of the Lakes, or uncomfortable walking into a situation where you do not yet know many people.

This Lent, I want to gently challenge you to take that step. Try coming on a Wednesday night. All it really takes is a simple introduction and a question like, "What brought you to this church?" or "Did you grow up in this area?"

There is no substitute for being part of a Christian community, for raising your family in the church, and for intentionally investing in your own spiritual growth.

After being part of Lord of the Lakes for many years, I can say without hesitation that this church is filled with friendly, down-to-earth, sincere people who want to follow God and be part of something larger than themselves.

I hope you will join us this February and March as we prepare to celebrate Easter, the reason we can live with joy, peace, and hope not only on Sundays, but every day.

Pastor Kevin



Pastor Kevin Heffernan

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by the numbers

JANUARY

Home/Hospital visits- 5
Bible Study- 4
Spiritual Advising-8
Meetings- 2

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 March 5th at 5:30pm in the narthex.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating a year with Lord of the Lakes

Congratulations to Matthew and Kelsey Hughes and children Daniel and Grady, Rob and Sally Patterson, Blake and Timber Scalise and son Bellamy, John Schroeder and Susan Boldt. On March 9th they will be celebrating one year as officially becoming members of Lord of the Lakes! We are happy you chose Lord of the Lakes for your church home. We hope your worship experience continues to be meaningful and that you are finding additional ways to fellowship and be involved as well. Once again, the Life & Growth Team will be hosting a special lunch following the second worship service in your honor during the month of February. Check your weekly bulletin for more details!



CHASE THE BLUES AWAY

February 27th Senior Fun Friday!

Mark your calendars! Friday, February 27 starting at Noon and going until 3PM will be Senior Fun Friday! Our theme is "Chase the Blues Away" with your favorite comfort food or chocolate treat! Everyone from 55 to 105 is invited! This is for men, women, singles, widows, widowers and married folks! You are always welcome and encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor! Potluck lunch served at 12:30pm. Following lunch, some play cards, some do other games, some just talk and some eat and leave! It is your day, your way! Hope to see everyone there!

LENT SOUP SUPPERS

It is hard to believe Lent is just around the corner! February 18th is Ash Wednesday and will be the first service of Lenten season. Lenten services will be held each week starting at 6:30 pm.

Prior to Lenten services we will have our traditional Soup Suppers served at 5:30pm. Everyone is invited! You may bring your favorite pot of soup, a salad, sandwiches or dessert to share. A sign-up will be posted each week to give you an idea of what others plan to make so that we have variety.

The dates for soup suppers and Lenten services are February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25. Please consider joining us!



YOUTH NEWS

RYAN OTTO, YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER

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Great Start

Our SWAG Youth Group is off to an exciting start in 2026 as we head into a busy and meaningful new year together! Our attendance averages 15 to 20 kids every week, although the blustery cold and finals kept our numbers low this past Wednesday, we still see new faces and have a core group of kids showing up excited to learn and connect! Wednesday night youth group being in full swing has us diving back into our bible study, The Story. We are so

grateful for the new Smart Tv in our youth room. I know Mandy uses it on Sundays with the 5th grade as well, so a "Big Thank you!" to Deb R. when you see her for helping us get that accomplished and to Brad for hanging it up! As the new year began, we celebrated with a wonderful Christmas party, filled with gift exchanges, pizza, laughter, and great memories. It was a joyful way to wrap up the year and celebrate the community God has built within SWAG.

As far as our schedule goes, our youth group is preparing to attend the Quake Youth Conference in Wisconsin Dells, February 13th -15th, where they will grow in faith, worship together, and build strong relationships with other youth from around the region. We are looking forward to how God will work in their hearts through this powerful weekend experience. This is our 3rd year attending Quake and we are so incredibly grateful for the support we receive from the Thrift n Gift grant to make it possible.

At the same time, SWAG will begin fundraising to support our mission trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana, June 6th – 14th which is also our third year serving this community. Fundraisers will include pizza sales and a bingo night, and we are so grateful for the continued encouragement and participation from our congregation that makes these trips possible. Your support truly helps our students learn the value of service, generosity, and teamwork.

We are also looking forward to returning to Crossways/Pine Lake summer camp, a highlight of the year where students grow closer to God and one another through worship, outdoor activities, and fellowship.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, parents, council and church family for your prayers, time, and support. We are excited for what lies ahead and grateful to walk this journey of faith together.

I look forward to updating you next month on how our Quake event turned out! Until then....warmest blessings!

Ryan, Youth Ministry Leader



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.

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Do you want to join Lord of the Lakes?

submitted by: Debbie Ruedinger

For those of you who have been considering making membership at Lord of the Lakes official, our first spring New Member Class will be offered on Sunday, March 1 following second service at 11:00am in the church office. In the event this day is not good for you, an alternative day is available on Tuesday March 3rd at 6pm.

New Member Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, March 8. New members will be introduced during the worship service of their choice. In addition, we will have a special cake during coffee fellowship hour, in your honor, for all to enjoy!

Let's Tackle Hunger Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Event



Souper Bowl of Caring began in a church in 1990 with a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy this Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Lord of the Lakes will once again be participating in this annual event with our noisy offering and food drive collection. Bring your change and food items to church on February 8th, and let's see if we can top last year's donation amount of \$922.92

Together we can Tackle Hunger! Food and Proceeds from this event will go to the Winneconne Area Assistance Center.



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| 2/1 - Luke Fuller & Jack Otto | 2/16 - Roman Heffernan |
| 2/4 - Jerry Bruss | 2/17 - Carson Reese & Kay Lettau |
| 2/7 - Leah Hale | 2/28 - Diane Bunck & Gloria Cartwright |
| 2/8 - Dave Klomp | |
| 2/10 - Lydia Melby | |
| 2/11 - Grant Schell | |
| 2/13 - Neala McVeigh | |

Treasurer's Report

submitted by: Tim Fuller



Fellow Lord of the Lakers:

Q: What's the difference between the Green Bay Packers and the congregation at Lord of the Lakes?

A: The people at our church come through when it matters!

Too soon?

I don't want to spoil my whole talk at the annual meeting in a few weeks, but due to a strong November and December we finished 2025 at a positive \$27,553. We passed a budget with an anticipated deficit of \$29,252. Not only did we finish in the black, we ended with \$56,805 more than projected. This was a combination of higher than estimated income as well as expenses coming in under budget.

Thank you to everyone that continues to support our church with your donations, big and small. And thank you to all the groups and teams for living within your means.

The old phrase of "Plan for the worst and hope for the best" seems to be the unwritten, unspoken motto of the Business Management Team. Although, if anyone has said it, it really seems like a Tennessee-ism. The last few years at Lord of the Lakes have been financially healthy. While we remain grateful for that fact, we refuse to remain complacent that it will always be that way. Knowing how uncertain the future can be, we continue to scrutinize and stretch every penny as much as possible. And when they finally get rid of the penny, we'll move our focus to the nickels.

Hopefully I'll be able to write something similar a year from now, minus the Packers part.

Have a great 2026!
Tim Fuller

Ways to help our church & community



Day By Day Shelter - February is Sloppy Joe Night

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.

We will be preparing the meal on February 26th and the meal is Sloppy Joes. Please check the sign up sheet on the kiosk to see what is needed. Food items can be dropped off ahead of time at church for our volunteers to take to the shelter.

Not everyone is a cook or a shopper, but they like to give of their time for a good cause. If you would like to learn how to operate the dishwasher, we encourage you to join us on one of these nights to learn. It is not difficult at all! Contact Deb Ruedinger (863-634-9794) for information about dishwashing!



Thrift & Gift - Volunteer Saturday

The next volunteer Saturday will be on **February 7th 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” we are looking for people that are interested in helping run the donation door and working a noon to 2pm shift. Please contact Becky Jahnke at 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

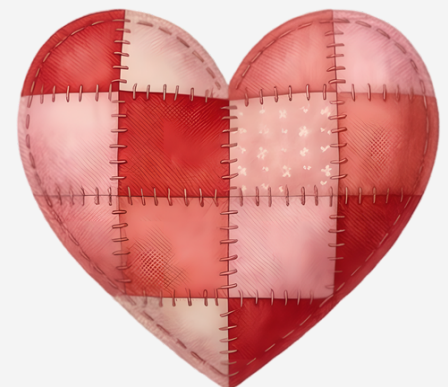
Use Scrip Gift Cards to buy your Valentine something special, or get a restaurant gift card for a night on the town. Not only are you showing your Valentine how much you care about them, but you are also sharing your love and generosity with our church too.

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 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 Tuesday mornings, February 10 and February 24. We will be assembling quilts, tying quilt layers and sewing borders. We invite anyone interested to join us at 9:00 am. No sewing experience needed. We break for devotional and refreshments around 11:00 am.



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 11:00 - 1st communion Class	2 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	3	4	5 8:30am Bible Study	6	7 10-2 Thrift & Gift
8 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School First Communion and Souper Bowl of Caring at both services	9 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	10 9:00am Busy Hands	11 4:00pm Buildings & Grounds meeting 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm - Choir 6:00pm SWAG	12 8:30am Bible Study	13 Youth at Quake Conference	14 Youth at Quake Conference
15 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School	16 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *Newsletter Articles due*	17 6:30 - Council Meeting	18 Ash Wednesday 3:30pm - Guitar Band 4:30pm - AcaBellas 5:30pm - Soup Supper 6:30pm - Lent Service 6:00pm SWAG 7:00pm - Choir	19 8:30am Bible Study	20	21
22 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School *Annual meeting between services	23 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	24 9:00am Busy Hands	25 3:30pm - Guitar Band 4:30pm - AcaBellas 5:30pm - Soup Supper 6:30pm - Lent Service 6:00pm SWAG 7:00pm - Confirmation Class 7:00pm - Choir	26 8:30am Bible Study LOL Prepares Meal at Day By Day Shelter	27 Noon-3:00 - Senior Friday Sunday	28

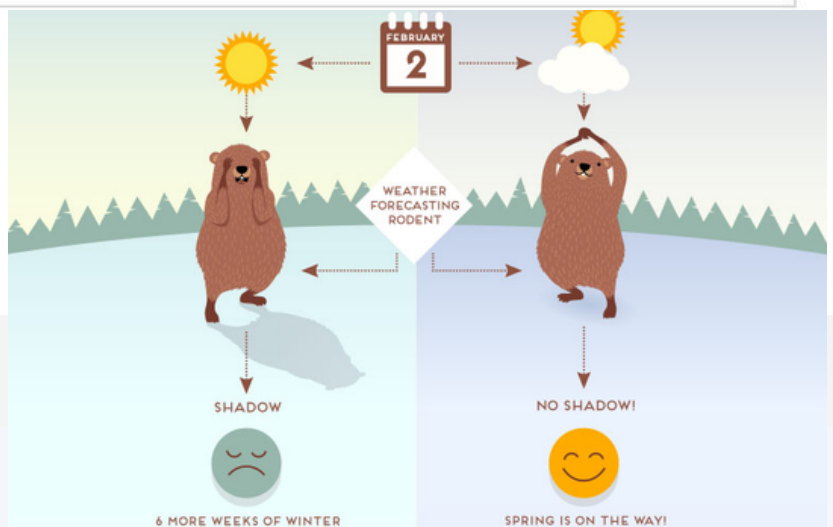


February Worship Assistants

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February 1st 8:00am Greeters: Janet & Dick Baumgart Reader: Betts Nikolai Communion: Marsha Phillips & Chris Rescheske Usher: Ron Miller & Debbie Ruedinger Coffee Fellowship: Kim Zehner*, Pam Ulness, Lorraine Papke, & Jackie Neumann	February 1st 10:00am Greeters: Earl, Andrea, and EJ Peterson Reader: Ken Mueller Communion: Kristen Bjornstad & Jenni Groholski Usher: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson
February 8th 8:00am Greeters: Sheila Gurkowski & Victoria Waters Reader: Sally Patterson Communion: Betts Nikolai & Joanne Dallmann Usher: Todd & Nancy Hereford Coffee Fellowship: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson*, Gail Gardner, Lori Schmeling & Tammy Wright	February 8th 10:00am Greeters: Mark Kunde Family Reader: Kristen Bjornstad Communion: Ken Mueller & Andrea Schell Usher: Jim & Beth Melby
February 15th 8:00am Greeters: Marie Lesnick & Greg Pasch Reader: Barb Wachtendonk Communion: Brian & Jamie Bliske Usher: JoAnn Gehler & Paula Thurber Coffee Fellowship: Deb Ruedinger*, Greta Wortman, Mimi Peterson, & Janet Kunde	February 15th 10:00am Greeters: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson Reader: Jenni Groholski Communion: Jenni Groholski & Ray Zegers Usher: Ken & Marry Mueller
February 22nd 8:00am Greeters: JoAnn Gehler & Barb Wachtendonk Reader: John Ulness Communion: Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Usher: Tom & Brianna Carter Coffee Fellowship: Beverly Raatjes*, Judy & Bob Felberg, Dana Hartel, & Mary Alice Klemp	February 22nd 10:00am Greeters: Jenni Groholski & Dorothy Bain Reader: Jan Faust Communion: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson Usher: Paige Nikodem & Ryan Otto



February Counters: Jenni Groholski & Kim Zehner
March Counters: Deb Ruedinger & Jon Walsh



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24/7 Mental Health Crisis Intervention
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.