

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
last day is 5/10/26

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

YOUR PRESENCE HERE MATTERS

We have so much in the works right now at Lord of the Lakes – and so much to celebrate!

We have our Ladies Luncheon and Tea coming up on May 9. Every first Saturday of the month there is a consistent opportunity to serve at the Winneconne Thrift and Gift. And an opportunity to help at the Day by Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh (May 21).

Our youth are getting ready for their summer mission trip to Lake Charles, LA. and a Crossways summer camp at Pine Lake just ahead. Seeing our youth invest in their spiritual lives in this way is amazing, and I want to thank Ryan and Mandy and our leaders for the love and time they devote to helping our kids grow as people and Christians.

There is also a new pavilion under construction. And VBS is upcoming.

This is only the beginning of what promises to be a fun and exciting summer!

With all of this activity we continue to see more new faces at our church. Please be sure to go out of your way

on Sundays to meet them. It helps to remember what it was like to be greeted when you were new here. A warm hello goes a long way.

As our community grows, I'm reminded of Paul's words in the book of Romans about rejoicing with those who rejoice and mourning with those who mourn. This is the church's purpose.

We will all inevitably go through great times and not-so-great times in our lives, and God designed the church to partner with us in life, to be there as a support system. But it takes involvement in other's lives to know when we can help.

With warm-weather months right around the corner, I'm making a personal request to continue to make church a priority this summer even as other things compete for that time on Sunday mornings.

Your presence here matters!

Please know I am here for you too. God does not want us to go through life alone. This is what Lord of the Lakes is all about.

Pastor Kevin



Pastor Kevin Heffernan

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by the numbers

March/April Number as follows

Advising- 11
Meetings- 2
Baptism-2
Funeral-1
Confirmed students- 8
Bible Study- 3
Home/Hospital- 7
New Members- 16 adults, 5 children



THANK YOU

Putting on an event the size and scale of “Tulips and Tea” would not be possible without many helping hands in planning and carrying it out. Thank you to the Team led by Deb Ruedinger with assistance from Nancy Hereford, Mary Mueller, Jackie Neuman, Sally Patterson, Beverly Raatjes, Judy Riese, Pam Ulness, Marie Walsh and Kim Zehner. Ladies, we appreciate the giving of your Time and Talents to make this activity a success. Thank you to Carol Heffernan for developing and presenting the devotional “Holding On To Joy in Every Season” and to Eavie and Pastor Kevin for providing the beautiful music again this year. A special thank you goes out to “Corn Palace on Poverty Shores”, a Donor Advised Fund under the management of Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, for sponsoring the event this year.

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!



RED, WHITE, & BLUE

Senior Funday May 29th Noon-3pm!

Senior Fun Friday will be celebrated on Friday, May 29 this month! This is an activity open to anyone from ages 50-105! You do not need to be a member of Lord of the Lakes to participate. Please join us from Noon until 3PM for food, fun, conversation and games! We start gathering at Noon and a potluck lunch is served at 12:30pm. We are close to Memorial Day, so this month think in terms of red, white and blue! You may bring your favorite snack, entrée, salad or dessert to share. We always have an abundance of food. Guests from near and far are always welcome! We hope to see you here!

HERE'S WHAT WE ARE DOING!

Sunday, May 3, will be Volunteer Appreciation Sunday! Thank you to everyone who gives of their Time and Talents throughout the year to make Lord of the Lakes a better place! Please join us for cake on this day!

Our team will be packing brown bag lunches for the Youth Mission trip on June 5. If you would like to help with this endeavor, please let Deb Ruedinger know or sign up at the kiosk. We only need 4 or 5 people for this project.

The Time & Talents Survey has been revised. We will be presenting these at a church service soon. We are asking everyone who worships at Lord of Lakes to please complete one of these so that your personal information is updated. Please complete one survey per individual, not family. Thank you for your understanding.



TWIGS Invites you to Tulips & Tea



Let's get fancy!

Once a year TWIG's get a little fancy and treat the women, teens and guests of Lord of the Lakes to a special luncheon & tea featuring a guest speaker. We are so happy you are joining us for our Tulips and Tea event. You will be served a light lunch of crudité, chicken salad with sliced fruit and assorted crackers, fancy desserts and of course English tea served in English china teapots from the collection of our tea specialist, Mary Mueller.

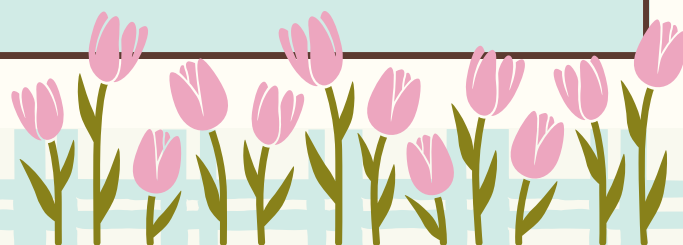
Entertainment

Guest Speaker: Carol Heffernan

Carol is a dynamic speaker with the ability to engage audiences of all ages. The topic for her devotion this year is "Holding on to Joy in Every Season".

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 were necessary to adequately prepare. Thank you to everyone who signed up for it. If you made a reservation and your circumstances change and you find you are unable to attend, please kindly call the office 920-582-2622 or Deb Ruedinger at 863-634-9794 and let us know. We have a waiting list and there are those who will be happy to take your spot. We welcome 72 women of Lord of the Lakes and their guests with open arms!

YOUTH NEWS

RYAN OTTO, YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER

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ANCHORED IN CHRIST

SWAG youth group continues to build momentum this season, and it's been exciting to see how God is at work in the lives of our students!

Our mission trip fundraiser was a success! Thank you to everyone who has supported our pizza sales—your generosity is helping make it possible for our group to serve this June in Lake Charles, Louisiana. We are grateful for a church family that invests in the faith and growth of our students. Please continue to keep this trip in your prayers as we prepare to serve and share the love of Christ.

Beyond fundraising, our students have been enjoying meaningful time together Wednesday evenings thru

fellowship, games, and hoops! It's been encouraging to watch relationships grow, faith deepen, and students become more confident in who they are in Christ.

SUMMER CAMP AT PINE LAKE



We are excited to offer the opportunity once again for students to attend summer camp at Pine Lake! Camp is always a highlight of the year—a time for students to step away from the busyness of life, grow in their faith, and build lasting friendships.

Information about camp, including available weeks, dates, and scholarship opportunities, can be found on the kiosk in the church lobby. The registration link has also been shared through TeamReach. Families are encouraged to choose the week that works best for their schedule and get signed up soon!

NEW BASKETBALL HOOP

We're blessed with the addition of a new basketball hoop! This has already become a great way for students to connect, have fun, and build community. Sometimes the best ministry moments happen in simple ways—like a game of basketball and time spent together.

IMPORTANT MISSION TRIP REQUEST – CHAPERONE NEEDED

We are currently looking for one more adult chaperone to join us on our June mission trip. This is a great opportunity to invest in the lives of our students and be part of what God is doing through this experience. There is no driving required and no expenses involved.

If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to me asap.

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Ryan - SWAG Youth Ministry



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.



Our congratulations to all 2026 graduation students. We wish you happy and prosperous futures. There will be a variety of quilts located on a table/shelf in the gathering area with an instruction sign. Please help yourself and remember you will always have friends at Lord of the Lakes.

Busy Hands Quilt Group

Ways to help our church & community



Day By Day Shelter - May 21st

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 **May 21st**. 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 **May 2nd** 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. This month we have a few of our regular volunteers who are unable to help so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Becky Jahnke at beckyjahnke920@gmail.com if you are interested.

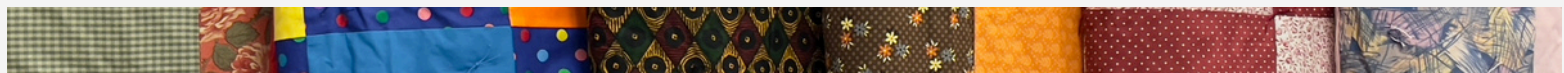
If you can't volunteer, please stop by and shop. Lord of the Lakes earns 50% of the profit for the day. Thank you all our shoppers and volunteers.



Scrip Ministry - Gift Cards for the Grads

Gift cards are a great gift for graduates to help with moving into school or starting out in their career. And with options for stores all over the U.S. you can even purchase gifts cards for the out of state graduates. Congratulations to all our graduates!

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, May 12 and May 26 (2nd & 4th Tuesdays). We press fabric, lay out, pin, and tie quilts. We welcome anyone interested to join us for any of the steps, including sewing squares together at home or joining us to sew at our meeting--there are sewing machines to use at church or bring your own. We start about 9:00 am and work until about 11:15am. Then break for fellowship and refreshments. Anyone interested, feel free to join us. Check out our chart on the door near the rollup kitchen window to see how we are progressing this year!

**NEXT B&G
MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 6TH AT
4:00PM**



LORD OF THE LAKES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Spring Cleaning - Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped with our Spring Cleaning event on April 19th. Much was accomplished both inside and outside. Thank you to Betts and Rick for organizing it and being there to give direction. The extra help is sooooo appreciated. If anyone else could not make it, but wishes to help us with clean-up when you're able to, let Betts, Rick or Jan know and we will let you know how you can help.

Pavilion Update

We are continuing the process of the Pavillion, playground, and landscaping on the south side of the building, with various individuals playing a huge role in that, working with vendors, etc. Drying type weather will hopefully occur and by the time you read this, the Pavillion will be in the process of being erected. Timeline on this entire project is weather dependent so prayers for that.

As a reminder, please do not go out the back doors to the paviollion area. With all the mud and soon to be construction we do not want anyone using this area. Thank you.

Next Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Next B&G meeting will be Wednesday, May 6th at 4pm. We are doing a road trip to see and observe a possible item for the future. Team members will have more details but see Jan Olson if you wish to attend or have an interest in joining B&G Team.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN MAY

May 9th 9am - 4pm - Mother's Day Celebration at Schmalz Custom Landscaping & Design Center, W2484 CR-KK, Appleton, for a Mother's Day celebration designed to slow things down and make it meaningful. Bring the whole family out for a day filled with fresh air, local vendors, and hands-on experiences—perfect for celebrating the moms, mother figures, and caregivers in your life. Free make and take potting station for kids.

May 9th 10am - 1pm - Free Mother's Day Planting Event for Kids at Theisen's of Neenah Garden Center, 999 Winneconne Ave, Neenah Kids can plant their own flower, decorate a pot with stickers, and create a one-of-a-kind gift for Mom. They provide everything needed —pots, soil, flowers, and stickers.

May 10th - Mother's Day Flea Market 8am - 2pm at Originals Mall of Antiques in Oshkosh, 1475 S. Washburn St outdoor flea market featuring local vendors, antiques, vintage décor, collectibles, and unique handmade gifts—perfect for Mother's Day shopping in the Fox Valley.

May 15-17th - Winneconne Spring Village Wide Rummage Sales

May 16th 9am - 4pm - Festival of Spring at the Paine Art Center & Gardens, Spring Plant Sale Throughout the day, enjoy free admission to the Paine mansion and gardens, an art activity for kids, tasty food, and live entertainment.

May 25th - Winneconne Memorial Day Parade 10:00am



We Need You On The BMT

submitted by: Tim Fuller

Help Wanted! - The Business Management Team (BMT) is looking to add a couple of new voices to our phenomenol group. The pay is horrible, but it is a great way to give your time and talents to Lord of the Lakes.

Per the LOL Constitution: BMT's purpose is as an advisory group to Council and to the Treasurer relative to business and financial functions of the church. Volunteers of the BMT should have a business background or business acumen and a passion for the business side of the church.

If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to me at fullertp1018@yahoo.com.



Super Sunday of Music May 3rd Both Services



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

- 5/2 - Cal Fuller
- 5/3 - Taylor Bliske & Trevor Bliske
- 5/5 - Judy Wright
- 5/6 - Archie Hawkinson
- 5/7 - Lillie Schell
- 5/13 - Dimitri Penza
- 5/14 - Tillie Billman & Judi Greenfield
- 5/19 - Briana Mueller
- 5/21 - Gary Stanek
- 5/23 - Tom Zillges
- 5/25 - Doug Nelson
- 5/26 - Will Nigl
- 5/29 - Jack Hawkinson & Barry Christianson

Treasurer's Report

submitted by: Tim Fuller



Fellow Lord of the Lakers:

I hope this finds you well. I've been praying your sump pumps held their own against all that rain. Maybe the church should add a line item for "Building an Ark" in the 2027 budget!

We've officially cleared the first quarter, and the numbers are encouraging. So far, our income is slightly ahead of projections while expenses remain under budget. This puts our bottom line about \$6,000 ahead of where we expected to be. That's the good news. The flip side, of course, is that we're heading into the months where attendance usually dips with vacations and sports.

Believe it or not, it's already time to look toward 2027. We'll begin the budget process over the next few months. Last year went fairly smoothly (in my opinion, anyway). To start, the Business Management Team will review previous years to identify trends. We'll also be sending out budget requests to our various teams soon. We truly appreciate everyone getting those requests in on time; it makes a world of difference for the planning process.

On another financial note: by the time you read this, our May mortgage payment should bring our balance under \$600,000. We've made steady strides in reducing this loan. We still have a ways to go, but it's important to celebrate how far we've come and the milestones along the way.

Thank you all for such a strong start to the year. I'm feeling very optimistic about the rest of 2026!

Tim Fuller
Treasurer



May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am-2pm Thrift & Gift
3 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School Super Sunday of Music & Volunteer Appreciation	4 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	5	6 4:00pm - Buildings & Grounds Meeting 4:00pm - Guitar Band 6:00pm SWAG	7 8:30am Bible Study	8	9 TWIG Ladies Luncheon & Tea 11am-1pm
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17 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship Graduate Recognition	18 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *Newsletter Articles due*	19 6:30 - Council Meeting	20 4:00pm - Guitar Band 6:00pm SWAG	21 8:30am Bible Study LOL serves meal at Day by Day	22	23
24 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship	25 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Office Closed Due to Memorial Day	26 9:00am Busy Hands	27 4:00pm - Guitar Band 6:00pm SWAG	28	29 Noon-3:00pm - Senior Friday Funday	30
31 8am & 10 am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship						

APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS



May Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
May 3rd 8:00am Greeters: Tim & Kate Fuller Family Reader: Tammie Voelkel-Fox Communion: Lisa Curtis & Pam Ulness Usher: Jeff Janson & Paula Thurber Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Judy Felberg*, Bev Raatjes, Dana Hartel, Mary Alice Klemp	May 3rd 10:00am Greeters: Earl, Andrea & EJ Peterson Reader: Ray Zegers Communion: Barb & Mark Joma Usher: Ken & Mary Mueller
May 10th 8:00am Greeters: Sally Patterson & Jill Templin Reader: Arial Haemerle Communion: Ellen Smolinski & Jill Templin Usher: Tom & Brianna Carter Coffee Fellowship: John Macho*, Barb Wachtendonk, Jamie Bliske, Janet Kunde	May 10th 10:00am Greeters: Barb & Mark Joma Reader: Paige Nikodem Communion: Barb Jorna & Ray Zegers Usher: Jan & Verne Olson
May 17th 8:00am Greeters: Sheila Gurkowski & Barb Wachtendonk Reader: Tennille Peterson Communion: Betts Nikolai & Sally Patterson Usher: Todd & Nancy Hereford Coffee Fellowship: Sally Patterson*, Marsha Phillips, Laurie Behm, and Dorothy Bain	May 17th 10:00am Greeters: Mimi Petereson & Greta Wortman Reader: Cherly Prosek Communion: Jan Olson & Cheryl Prosek Usher: Jim & Beth Melby
May 24th 8:00am Greeters: Marie Lesnick & Greg Pasch Reader: Tom Carter Communion: Todd Hereford & Janet Veith Usher: JoAnn Gehler & Mel Koneman Coffee Fellowship: Jan Olson*, Victoria Waters, Trudy Strand, Sherry Gardner, and Kimberly Radtke	May 24th 10:00am Greeters: Allys & Wayne Rudisill Reader: Wayne Rudisill Communion: Jenni Groholski & Andrea Schell Usher: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson
May 31st 8:00am Greeters: Phil Ruedinger & Ron Zehner Reader: John Ulness Communion: Deb Ruedinger & Pam Ulness Usher: Brian & Trevor Bliske Coffee Fellowship: Kim Zehner*, Pam Ulness, Lorraine Papke and Jackie Neumann	May 31st 8:00am Greeters: Ken & Mary Mueller Reader: Kimberly Radtke Communion: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson Usher: Ginny & Joe Potter



May Counters: Jeff Jahnke & Dave Smolinski
June Counters: Holly Nelson & Jill Templin

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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.