

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
resumes in September

SWAG - YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Leader Ryan Otto
Wednesdays 6pm-8pm

Team Reach Code
60900

MUSIC MINISTRY

Wednesday Practices
Guitar Band 4pm

RENEW YOUR MIND WITH WHAT IS GOOD

There are so many things I hope for. And in that I am blessed. Hope is truly a gift from God.

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? What do you hope for with your family, community and world? Sometimes I let bleak news stories get to me. 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



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PASTOR'S CORNER

by the numbers

Numbers for July are as follows:

Advising- 7
Home/Hospital-5
Bible Study -3
Meetings-1
Birthday-1

News from

LIFE & GROWTH TEAM

A Life & Growth Team meeting is planned for Tuesday August 11th, at 5:30 p.m. to continue our discussion and plan for Fall Fest.



RALLY SUNDAY POTLUCK September 13th

September 13th is rally Sunday to kick off the new Sunday School year. To recognize this day we are having a potluck brunch. Please plan to whip up your favorite breakfast/brunch food and join other members and guests between services starting at 8:50 a.m. We will have a potluck breakfast featuring Belgian waffles. An array of toppings will be offered to make your waffle extra special! (like strawberries, blueberries, chocolate chips and whipped cream!) Please look for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk with suggestions and ideas of what you might bring. As always, if you are willing and able and would like to help in the kitchen that morning, we would like to have you!



PAVILLION DEDICATION & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 16th 9:00am

Please join us between services on Sunday, August 16, 2026, for an Ice Cream Social under the beautiful new pavilion as we celebrate its completion. Ice cream and a variety of toppings will be served so you can create your own special treat. The event is sponsored by the Life & Growth Team, with support from the Coffee Fellowship Team. If you would like to provide toppings, please sign up at the kiosk. Enjoy your ice cream on the pavilion benches or on additional seating provided for the occasion. Pastor Kevin will dedicate the new pavilion and playground at the end of the social hour, before the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The beautiful pavilion and landscaping are a generous gift to Lord of the Lakes and its members from the Sandhill Prairie Foundation. The structure is expected to serve for years to come as an alternative venue for weddings, celebrations, children's activities, outdoor Bible study, and outdoor worship services. Eternity Builders, Inc. constructed the pavilion, and Virtue Homes LLC served as the contractor. The pavilion will be the center of outdoor activities, including the children's playground, firepit, and games and activities for older youth.

SENIOR FUN DAY

August 28th Noon - 3pm

It's August and our minds turn to Corn Roasts and Harvest! Our Seniors at Lord of the Lakes think about the last Friday of the month and an old-fashioned potluck, along with card games, old and new games and conversation! Everyone is welcome! We say from 50-105, but just because you are younger doesn't mean you have to miss out on the fun! So please join us on Friday, August 28. from Noon til 3PM. Potluck lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. Besides the obvious, think about your favorite appetizer, snack or main dish that you enjoy when you attend a local Corn Roast and bring it to share! A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk!



Ways to help our church & community



Day By Day Shelter - August 20th

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 August 20th.** 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.

Summer is busy and schedules change but please consider volunteering to help with the meal that LOL provides the guests monthly. Sign up at the kiosk if you can help with cooking, baking, donating or serving. Food items can be dropped off at church prior to our scheduled date to serve. You will be contacted. Thank you DbD team.

DbD team. Sally Patterson. 920-279-2388



Thrift & Gift - Volunteer Saturday

The next volunteer Saturday will be on:

August 1st, 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 to all our shoppers and volunteers.



Scrip Ministry - Gift Cards for the Grads

It is that time of year again, school supply shopping. Get ready for the new school year and help our church by purchasing scrip gift cards to buy your supplies from all your favorite stores. From supplies to clothing there is a scrip card for all your needs.

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 Tuesdays, August 4 and 18 (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 2nd & 4th Tuesday morning in September.

(Donations of cotton fabric, flat bed sheets, yarn, floss or cording, etc. always welcome)

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 2:00PM – 5PM. The Life & Growth Team is working on plans to make it the best one yet with proceeds going towards enhancing our outdoor gathering area. Our beautiful pavilion and outdoor playset are just the beginning. We have set a lofty goal of making \$5,000. To make this happen, we need you!



Get Ready For Fun, Fall Fest Is Back

November 7th from 2:00pm – 5:00pm

submitted by: Debbie Ruedinger

We would like to have some awesome “experience” items to raffle off –we need some donations from you! For example, does anyone have season tickets for a Packers or Badgers game and maybe there is weekend you know you won’t use them? Please consider donating them for us to raffle off! What about a condo or cottage for a weekend or week getaway? Theater tickets, concert tickets? Family friendly activities Timber Rattlers or the Wisconsin Herd? These are just some ideas!

Our goal is to have between 30 and 35 high quality gift baskets to raffle off by mid-October. We will start sales of raffle tickets at that time. We are actively soliciting gift baskets from our congregation or groups within. If you don’t feel creative but are willing to donate some gift certificates for restaurants,

shopping experiences, etc. please see Tammy Wright and she can fix you up with gift cards from Scrip and Lord of the Lakes makes a little money on that too! We will post a list of “ideas” on the kiosk if you need some help “thinking”. We have a new system for filling out your “winning” raffle tickets that you will love! Saves so much time & energy! You only need to focus on what basket(s) you want to win!

The amazing WHS Polka Band will be featured (some of our own are members of this group), along with our popular pie contest. We will have desserts to sell from some of the best cooks and

bakers around! The decision on remaining food items to be offered is still a work in progress!

Our fantastic Children’s Ministry Team is brainstorming ideas for fun activities for our kids. We want them to have things to do while you are enjoying the music, food and other adult activities! This year they will have a beautiful new playset to utilize if they wish along with the re-installation of the climbing dome.

We are excited and we want you to get excited too! See you on November 7th and check future newsletters for additional details and opportunities to be involved!



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



A message from Buildings & Grounds

Submitted by Jan Olson

The B&G Team does not meet till August 26th but in spite of that, there has been lots of work going on.

You can't miss the fact that the Pavilion, landscaping of the south yard, and new playground has been completed. There are many, many parties to thank for this. I can't even begin to list all individuals as there have been many and likely I would miss some; just know that we really appreciate each person who has stepped forward: A true example of TEAM work!

Don't miss the dedication and Ice Cream Social on August 16 -- our first official use as a whole congregation of this beautiful facility!

Thank you from Buildings & Grounds

- Sandhill Prairie Foundation for the overall donation, the vision, and for getting the ball rolling for the Pavilion
- Eternity Builders and Virtue Homes for your quality work on concrete and the structure.
- Zillges Landscaping with Melanie as Project Manager -- for your quality work, understanding as we pieced together a multi-phase project, your contracted work as well as donations.
- Brad Gasper for creating the irrigation system and vigilance in seeing that it is working -- without it we would not have grass growing in the heat of the summer!
- Sarah and the Children's Ministry Team for researching and concluding with a very quality looking playground set and knowledgeable company as well as organizing the timing of installation and mulch. And certainly for the anonymous donations to purchase this equipment.
- For a crew of retired members who weathered the morning heat and the start of smoky air to spread mulch.
- For Ryan, our SWAG group, and some Boy Scouts, who completed the mulch project as well as cleaning up the old fire pit that will be recreated in 2027.
- For Rick, Tom, Sharon, Ben of B&G Team and all the 'behind the scene' workers to get us to this point.

Cleaning

The second large project is the deep cleaning of all carpets and tile floors of the entire building. It has been done in phases in order to not disrupt our usual operations if possible. Thank you to Brent with Accurate Cleaning for working with us to schedule and do the work. A huge thank you to the many who have helped with moving furniture, equipment, and supplies as we've gone along, and for waxing the vinyl tiling -- those attending 2nd service, Thursday AM Bible Study, Music ministry folks, B&G Team members, office staff and Pr Kevin, SWAG kids and Wednesday Fun night families. To wrap up this project, the ceramic tile in the Narthex, kitchen and large bathrooms will be completed right after VBS is done.

This project has shown the wear and tear as well as some irreversible staining of carpets and chipping of vinyl floor tiles. But I feel we have gotten 21 years of mileage from this flooring and the increased use points to our church becoming busier and more widely used---not a bad thing! B&G and Business Management Team will be working with a replacement plan in the future that you will hear about as that comes together.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ONE and ALL. God has and continues to bless us.



New Play Space

How Did We Fund the New Playground?

You may be wondering how the new playground was funded. Well, it came from the designated fund called Large Youth Project, special gifts and in-kind donations. The updated playground is a concept that had been in the development stages for several years. It began with a generous donation of \$22,000 from a family in 2020 with the stipulation that the funds be used for a large youth project. Even though it was a substantial amount of money, it, alone, wasn't enough to fund the cost of one of the new playground designs with rising inflation and the increased cost of goods and services. Approximately two years ago, we started getting serious about it, at the same time we got serious about updating our sound system in the sanctuary. But one major unbudgeted project at a time, please! The word spread and in the past two years we have had several Lord of the Lakes families collectively contribute an additional \$10,120, bringing the amount in the designated fund up to \$32,120. Last January when the Business Management Team met, discussion of the proposed playground project was on the agenda. Based on two preliminary estimates for the cost of new equipment, we knew we would not have enough money in the designated fund to completely pay for it. One idea for funding the remaining balance, keeping it out of the general operating budget, was to use proceeds from a fund established by Linda Zillges, at the time of her passing in 2017. A large portion of her gift was used for the much-needed repaving of the church parking lot in 2018 and 2019. The BMT Team thought, if necessary, the remaining amount of money needed for the playground equipment could be appropriately funded from Linda's gift money. The amount needed was \$6,780.

Purchasing the piece of equipment and having it professionally installed was the biggest expense. To complete the project and meet the needs of being adequately insured for liability, we had to excavate the area for the equipment to be mounted in and fill it with mulch. The special playground mulch was paid out of the 2026 Building & Grounds operating budget. It was spread by volunteers. The excavating was a generous donation by Zillges Landscape, Fire and Excavation.

We continue to be blessed every day by the generosity of all our members. So many give, not only financially, but by using their time and talents as well. We pray for wisdom and guidance for those in leadership roles so that all decisions made are good ones and will continue to foster the growth and development of our programs and missions at Lord of the Lakes for years to come.

Vacation Bible School

Just a reminder that VBS starts on August 10th at 9:00 am (please be a few minutes early to check in). The VBS children will also be performing songs they learned at VBS at the 10:00a.m. service on August 16th.

Sunday School Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday will be September 13th. 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 pancake and waffle potluck brunch between services that day starting at 8:50am. Watch the kiosk for sign-up opportunities! So welcome back from a busy summer and we hope to see you there!

Sunday School

Register by: September 6th

Registration forms are in the forms box by the back patio doors.

Back to School Fair Update

Thank you for all the donations coming in!

There are still a few tags left on the tree, which is located by the office window. These are some items needed yet:

- Boys clothing (joggers - any size)
- Headphones with wire (kids pug these into the school's tablets)
- Boys Underwear, any size

These items are greatly appreciated. Please return all items to church by August 2nd.

Music Practices Resume

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: AcaBellas will resume August 5th at 5:00pm. (Guitar Band is still at 4:00pm), and Choir will begin September 2nd.

Treasurer's Report

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We have our end of the month financials in for June. At the halfway point in the year, we are sitting in good shape. Thank you to everyone who has made that possible. Every donation, big or small, is appreciated and valued. And every volunteer hour helps keep our expenses down.

Lord of the Lakes is \$29,312 ahead of where we were budgeted through June. That comes from being approximately \$16,000 over our projected income for the first six months of 2026 and about \$13,300 under on our expenses. For a variety of reasons, either of those numbers could change in the second half of the year.

We have started working on the 2027 budget. The goal will be for Council to approve it by October so it can be presented in November for a Congregational vote. Thank you to all the groups and teams for getting your budget requests in so quickly. It really helps the process.

Tim Fuller
Treasurer



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

8/6 - Oliver Kuehn & Ken Mueller	8/19 - Teri Henry
8/8 - Lani Stanek	8/20 - Abigail Otto
8/9 - Ron Zehner	8/22 - Rayden Scopp
8/10 - Terry Korus	8/23 - Boone Schafer
8/12 - Charlee Millard	8/27 - Richard Baumgart
8/17 - EJ Peterson	8/30 - Brendan Ostroth
8/18 - Alex Manning	

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30am Guided Nature Walk 10:00am-2:00pm - Thrift & Gift
2 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship	3 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 9:00am Busy Hands	5 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm SWAG	6 8:30am Bible Study	7	8
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16 8:00am Worship Service 9:00am Pavillion Dedication & Ice Cream Social 10:00am Worship Service & VBS Program	17 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *Newsletter Articles due*	18 9:00am Busy Hands 6:30pm - Council Meeting	19 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm SWAG	20 8:30am Bible Study	21	22
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August Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
August 2nd 8:00 Greeters: Tim & Kate Fuller & Family Reader: Tom Carter Communion: Ellen Smolinski & Jill Templin Usher: Brian & Trevor Bliske Coffee Fellowship: Lorraine Papke*, Pam Ulness, Kim Zehner, Jackie Neumann	August 2nd 10:00am Greeters: Jenni Groholski & Beverly Raatjes Reader: Wayne Ludkey Communion: Kimbelry Radtke & Ray Zegers Usher: Jan & Verne Olson
August 9th 8:00am Greeters: Ron Zehner Reader: John Ulness Communion: Betty Nikolai & Janet Veith Usher: Karen & Lou Zwicky Coffee Fellowship: Deb Ruedinger*, Greta Wortman, Mimi Peterson, & Janet Kunde	August 9th 10:00am Greeters: Ginny & Joe Potter Reader: Kimberly Radtke Communion: Jan Olson & Andrea Schell Usher: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson
August 16th 8:00am Greeters: JoAnn Gehler & Paula Thurber Reader: Holly Nelson Communion: Brian & Jamie Bliske Usher: Jim & Chris Rescheske Coffee Fellowship: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson*, Lori Schmeling, Gail Gardner, & Tammy Wright	August 16th 10:00am Greeters: Earl, Andrea and EJ Peterson Reader: Ken Mueller Communion: Barb & Mark Joma Usher: Beth & Jim Melby
August 23rd 8:00am Greeters: Shelia Gurkowski & Victoria Waters Reader: Barb Wachtendonk Communion: Todd Hereford & Sally Patterson Usher: Marsha Phillips & Judy Riese Coffee Fellowship: Anne Zillges*, Beh Melby, Betty Nikolai, and Mark Kunde	August 23rd 10:00am Greeters: Allys & Wayne Rudisill Reader: Darlene Larson Communion: Kristen Bjornstad & Paige Nikodem Usher: Barb & Mark Jorna
August 30th 8:00am Greeters: Todd & Nancy Herford Reader: Jamie Bliske Communion: Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Usher: John & Pam Ulness Coffee Fellowship: Karen & Lou Zwicky*, Holly Nelson, Angie Carlson, & Kimberly Radtke	August 30th 10:00am Greeters: Dorothy Bain & Lorraine Papke Reader: Andrea Peterson Communion: Cheryl Prosek & Kimberly Radtke Usher: Ken & Mary Mueller



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

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Help Line:
Oshkosh: 233-7707
Neenah: 722-7707
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Prayer List

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