

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 September 20th

SWAG - YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Leader Ryan Otto
Wednesdays 6pm-8pm

Team Reach Code
60900

MUSIC MINISTRY

Wednesday Practices

Guitar Band 4pm

AcaBellas 5pm

Choir 6pm

RENEW YOUR MIND WITH WHAT IS GOOD

Hard to believe it's already September. Summer truly flew by, and I'd like to thank so many people here for an amazing summer.

It was also able to get in a little vacation. It is wonderful to get some time of renewal, study, and changed perspective. It is easy to forget how big and wonderful the world around us truly is. It is also easy to get stuck in problems and lose sight of God's hope and encouragement.

I love this passage from Psalm 42:5:

Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul?

Why are you crying the blues?
Fix my eyes on God—
soon I'll be praising again.

He puts a smile on my face.
He's my God.

What a great reminder of where to focus attention when the going gets tough.

When you feel discouragement creeping in, remember to invite God in. You can say a prayer as simple as, "Help me, Jesus. Fill me with your peace. Show me Your way."

I am excited to get back into the swing of things this fall at the church and excited to see you on Sundays! Rally Sunday is September 13th.

We have a great fall ahead of us here at Lord of the Lakes. Be sure to be a part of it.

Pastor Kevin



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PASTOR'S CORNER

by the numbers

Numbers for August are as follows:

No numbers to report this month.

News from

LIFE & GROWTH TEAM

A Life & Growth Team meeting is planned for Tuesday September 22nd, at 5:30 p.m. to continue planning for Fall Fest.



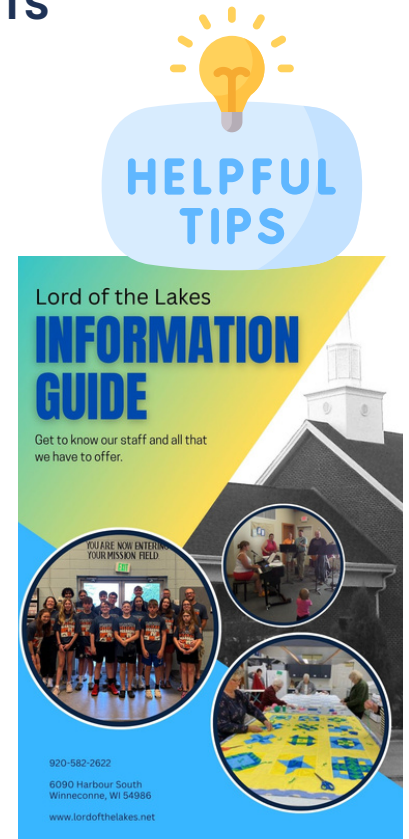
RALLY SUNDAY POTLUCK September 13th

September 13, 2026, we will kick off the new Sunday School Year! What better way to do it than have a potluck breakfast featuring Belgium waffles and pancakes provided by our awesome Life & Growth Team! We will have the toppings to make them complete – berries, chocolate chips, and whipped cream. We want you to bring other breakfast items to complement them such as egg bakes, cheesy potatoes, fruits, muffins, cheese and sausage, deviled eggs, coffee cake, desserts and perhaps link sausages or bacon! Please have your food items at the church by 8:50 a.m. The potluck breakfast will be served during coffee fellowship from 8:50-9:50 a.m. If you would like to give us a hand with assistance in the kitchen, we would love to have you! A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk if you would like to let us know what you plan to bring. All are welcome! Please plan to join us.



LOL INFORMATION BOOKLETS

the Life & Growth team continues to work on ways to improve the church experience for our visitors and new members. One area we felt we could improve on was how to inform people about all the things we have to offer at our church. To address this, we developed our new Lord of the Lakes Information Guide. This booklet has information on our staff, teams to get involved with and other general information about our church. We hope that this booklet will help answer any questions for new members and give them some insight into opportunities to enrich their faith journey here at Lord of the Lakes. Copies are available for anyone who would like one. Thank to Pam and John Ulness for printing our new informational guides.



SENIOR FUN DAY

September 25th Noon – 3PM

Fall is in the air! Come join us and see what all the buzz is about! All Seniors ages 50-105 will get together once again on Friday afternoon, September 25th for an afternoon of social interaction that revolves around food, card games, conversation and other activities. This time of year our thoughts run to football and apple orchards! Therefore, our theme this month will be Tailgate and Game-day finger foods or your favorite dessert made with apples. If you can only come for lunch-no problem! Please join us! Bring a friend – invite your neighbor! All are welcome!



November 7, 2026 2-5pm

FALL FEST



FOOD

October 18, we plan to start pre-selling meal tickets for a pulled pork sandwich meal that will include chips, a side of either cowboy beans or mac n cheese, and a drink or a Hot Dog meal that will w the sandwich, chips, a side of either cowboy beans or mac n cheese, and a drink. Of course, you will also be able to purchase these meals or as ala carte items on the day of the event. Stacey Schoonover has done a tremendous job of gathering information and helping organize this piece.



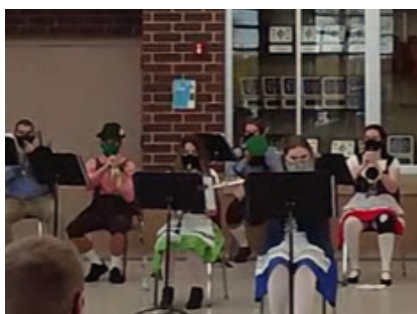
PIE CONTEST

Thanks to input from some of our congregation's best pie makers and tasters, the much-anticipated Pie Contest is returning! Watch the October newsletter for categories and rules. Ribbons—and two years of bragging rights—await the winners! Pies will be sold by the slice after judging, along with cookies, bars, cakes, and candy. Kim Zehner and Pam Ulness will organize the baked goods and meal sales, with help from church volunteers.



ENTERTAINMENT

The Winneconne High School Polka Band will be joining us at 2:45 p.m. Saturday! We're excited to have some of our youth members performing with this talented group. DeMarcus McDaniel will emcee the afternoon, with additional musical entertainment planned by him and Sarah Walsh. Tables and chairs will be available in the sanctuary for dining and listening. Stay tuned!



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Children's Ministry Team is organizing activities for our younger crowd, and this is being headed up by the very creative and talented Carissa Reese. These activities will be free for the kiddos!



RAFFLE BASKETS

One of our favorite parts of Fall Fest are the beautiful and creative raffle baskets that you come up with! This year we will be implementing a new system for filling out your ticket stubs which will be fast and efficient! No more address labels or writer's cramps! Drawing will be at 4:45 p.m. on Nov. 7. You do not have to be present to win! Assisting with the raffle will be Jan Olson and Andrea Peterson.



DO YOU NEED AN IDEA for a RAFFLE BASKET?

Fall Fest will be on November 7, 2026, from 2 pm till 5 pm. We are accepting Raffle Baskets, or donations for them, up until Sunday, October 18. If you do not feel creative, donations of SCRIP Gift cards are great and can be incorporated into themed baskets.

Movie Night at Home: microwave popcorn, gift card for streaming movies, theater type candy, flavored salt, popcorn bowl.

Family Experience Basket: Gift card to enjoy an activity everyone can do together such as Night Golf, Mineshaft Game Room, tickets to Gamblers hockey game, Herd game, etc.

Taste of Italy Basket: pasta, oils, sauces, pasta bowl, pasta Strainer, Italian chocolates, asst. olives, Italian cookies, etc.

Chocolate Lovers Basket: Candy Bars, individually wrapped Candies, chocolate covered nuts, etc.

Date Night: Gift cards to a restaurant, event ticket, box of chocolates, bottle of wine for a nightcap, etc.

Pet Lovers Basket: Asst. treats for dogs (or cats), toys, Grooming tools, gift card to pet store.

Children's Baskets – by age group, boy or girl, etc.

HOME CANNED ITEMS: vegetables, jellies, jams, salsa, fruits, etc.

Coffee Lovers Basket – Starbucks gift card, asst. coffees, flavored creamers, mug

Garden Lover's Basket: Assorted small tools, gloves, gardener's apron, container recipes book, plant food, garden markers, etc.

Seasonal kitchen basket: **decorative** dish towels and wash cloths, Scrubbers, hand soap dispenser, hand lotion, kitchen candle.

Chef's Basket: kitchen tools, vinegars, dishcloths, dish towels, citrus squeezer, mortar & pestle, flavored oils, wooden spoons, etc.

Baking Basket: asst. baking pans, measuring spoons, measuring cups, apron, boxes of brownie mix, cake mixes, etc.

Pamper Yourself Spa Basket: fuzzy blanket, spa socks, bath bombs, body lotion, body wash, hand cream, scented candles

Love & Hugs Care Basket: Sweet treats, artisan tea, candles, soft throw blanket, mug

Favorite Snacks Basket: Gourmet popcorn, chocolate bars, asst. nuts, trail mix, crunches, chips, crackers, cheeses

Road Trip Basket: Gas gift card, wipes, gourmet snacks, small flash lite, roadside emergency kit, unique canned drinks, tumblers, atlas (in case cell service fails!)

Grilling Basket: Asst. sauces, rubs, grilling tools, unique chef's apron, spices, certificate for meat, grilling cookbook

Wine & Cheese Lover's Basket: Asst. wines, cheeses, wine glasses, interesting cocktail napkins

Fast Food Lover's Basket: Asst. gift cards (like Culvers, Subway, Chick Fil a, Taco Bell) paired with fun branded merchandise, bottled soda, dipping sauces, snack-sized chips, movie-style candies

Cozy at Home Basket: warm fuzzy throw, scented candle, hot chocolate mix, soup starters, mugs, etc.

The Jet Setter Travel Raffle Basket: packing cubes, neck pillow, TSA approved toiletry bottles, universal plug adapter, portable power bank

Badgers Themed Basket

PACKERS themed Basket

Winneconne Wolves Themed Basket

Seasonal Holiday Basket (Thanksgiving or Christmas)

YOUTH NEWS

RYAN OTTO, YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER

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What a Summer!!!!

Summer has been busy for SWAG, and we have so much to be thankful for! From serving others to building friendships, our students have been living out what it means to be the church—not just inside our walls, but wherever God sends us.

Louisiana Mission Trip

In June, our SWAG youth traveled to Louisiana for another incredible mission trip. This year was filled with opportunities to serve, learn, laugh, and grow together.

One of the highlights was spending time serving on a ship and working with a Ministry known as Friend Ships that supported local hunger

and homeless needs as well as internationally sending food to areas where people are being displaced due to war. Our youth group also had the pleasure of spending time at an equestrian center, called Reins of Hope, where our students had the opportunity to work, serve, and experience something different from their everyday lives. We also spent time building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, helping provide a safe and comfortable place for children to sleep.

We are incredibly grateful for everyone who supported this mission trip through prayers, donations, fundraising, and encouragement. Your support made it possible for our students to serve others and experience God's love in action. Hopefully you were able to attend our Youth Service Aug 2nd as that really summed up our trip.



SUMMER CAMP AT PINE LAKE

In July we also spent an amazing week at Pine Lake Camp. Camp is always a special time for our students to unplug, have fun, build friendships, and grow in their faith.

From activities and adventures to conversations, worship, and simply spending time together, camp gives our students an opportunity to experience Christian community in a whole new way. We are thankful for the memories made and for the ways God continues to work in the lives of our young people.

VBS & LOCK-IN

August had 14 of us spending time together for a Friday night "lock in" as well as a bunch of SWAG kids volunteering in the VBS program which just wrapped up!

We can't wait to see what God has in store for SWAG this fall!

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Ryan - SWAG Youth Ministry

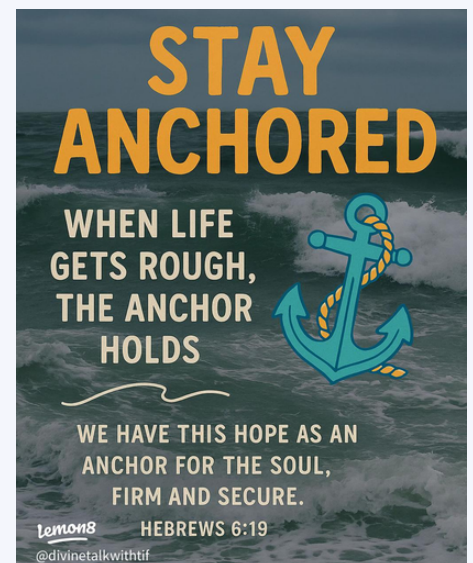


SWAG youth, make sure you have the team reach app downloaded on your phone. This is where we send all communication for our group through. Our access code is 60900



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.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

How can I help my church and community?

Busy Hands - September 8th & 22nd

Busy Hands will meet on Tuesday, September 8 and September 22. We will be finishing up this past year's quilt projects. We are on track to complete over 200 quilts. We will celebrate "quilt blessing" on Sunday, September 27. Our quilts will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief (their midwest distribution center is in St. Paul) who shares them around the world to those in need. LWR estimates their shipping costs at \$4.00/quilt, and we want to make a monetary gift to LWR to cover this expense. Donations to help defray this cost are greatly appreciated. Sponsor 10 quilts = \$40.00, 20 quilts = \$80.00, etc.



Luke 3: 10-11 ...What shall we do then? He answered them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none.

Sunday, September 27, 2026



Day By Day Shelter - September 10th

Providing one hot meal a month for the Guests at Day by Day is an important ministry of our church. Lord of the Lakes will be serving the evening meal at the Day by Day warming shelter on September 10th. The guests and shelter are grateful the delicious meals that warm their hearts and spirits. Thank you to everyone who have donated monetarily, shared their baking and cooking talents, their gifts of hospitality and service and lifted up the guests with their prayers and hope. If you are not already on our DbD volunteer list and would like to donate please call Sally Patterson. 920-279-2388.



Thrift & Gift - Saturday September 5th

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. **Since this is a holiday weekend we may need new/additional volunteers.** Thank you to all our shoppers and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Becky Jahnke at beckyjahnke920@gmail.com

Blessings to You – The Day by Day Team



Scrip Ministry (RaiseRight)

It is back to school time and that means school lunches and after school snacks. Consider buying scrip cards to take with you on your shopping trips to the grocery store. Scrip continues to be a great way to support our church while you are out shopping, dining, or traveling. Our Scrip volunteer coordinator, Tammy has a wide variety of gift cards for immediate purchase on Sundays between services. You can also visit the Raise Right/Scrip website to see all the participating retailers and purchase additional cards from the website. Ecards are also available through the Raise Right. The app allows you to purchase and immediately use, cards while dining at your favorite restaurant or waiting in line to check out at your favorite store. If you have any questions regarding Scrip please Contact Tammy Wright at 920.420.3755 or wisupermom@gmail.com Shop today at www.raiseright.com

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 to everyone who gave to the back to school fair. We had another successful year. Here are the totals from this year's donation drive:

41 backpacks, 22 headphones, 54 pairs of pants/jeans, 68 shirts, 11 pairs of leggings, 7 Hoodies, 33 pairs of underwear, 12 packs of socks, \$65 in gift cards, and \$650 in cash gifts

Music Practices Resume

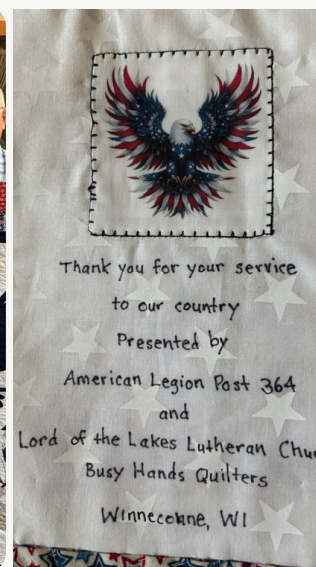
Practices Wednesdays (September 2, 9, 23, 30)

September 2nd

4:00pm Guitar Band

5:00pm Bells

6:00pm Choir



Quilts for Hospice Veterans

submitted by Linda Green, Busy Hands

A special thank you to Gary and Lani Stanek, Winneconne Legion members, who are working with Winneconne Legion Post 364 and Kelly Klemm, a hospice nurse and also a Legion member, to supply lap quilts to veterans on hospice care. This is an ongoing project that Busy Hands hopes to continue doing and it's a way we can express 'Thank You' to our veterans for their service to our country.

Happy Birthday

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

9/2 - Kegan Powell

9/3 - Grace Miller

9/4 - Grady Hughes & Lily Neumann

9/8 - Shirley Graunke

9/9 - Jordan Schmeling

9/10 - Everly Behm & Tia Henry

9/11 - Keegan Marquardt

9/12 - Aiden Van Allen, Bill Gardner &
Kay Ruskaup

9/13 - Darlene Paulson

9/18 - Zane Cartwright

9/22 - DJ Leyh

9/23 - Raelyn Volp

9/25 - James McKee

9/29 - Lindsie Kunde & Mia McDaniel



September Worship Assistants

*indicates chairperson for coffee fellowship	
September 6th 8:00 Greeters: Phil Ruedinger & Ron Zehner Reader: Arial Hammerle Communion: Ellen Smolinski & Pam Ulness Usher: Deb Ruedinger & Kim Zehner Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Judy Felberg*, Bev Raatjes, Dana Hartel, and Mary Alice Klemp	September 6th 10:00am Greeters: Bill & Sherry Gardner Reader: Kimberly Radtke Communion: Barb & Mark Joma Usher: Jan & Verne Olson
September 13th 8:00am Greeters: Ken & Jackie Neumann Reader: Tennille Peterson Communion: Todd Hereford & Janet Veith Usher: Tom & Brianna Carter Coffee Fellowship: Rally Sunday Pancake & Waffle Breakfast	September 13th 10:00am Greeters: Ginny & Joe Potter Reader: Wayne Ludkey Communion: Kimberly Radtke & Ray Zegers Usher: Jim & Beth Melby
September 20th 8:00am Greeters: Marie Lesnick & Greg Pasch Reader: Tammie Voelkel-Fox Communion: Betty Nikolai & Jill Templin Usher: JoAnne Gehler & Mel Koneman Coffee Fellowship: Sally Patterson*, Marsha Phillips, Laurie Behm, and Dorothy Bain	September 20th 10:00am Greeters: Barb & Mark Joma Reader: Cheryl Prosek Communion: Jan Olson & Cheryl Prosek Usher: Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson
September 27th 8:00am Greeters: Mark & Teri Henry Reader: Tom Carter Communion: Sally Patterson & Chris Rescheske Usher: Brian & Trevor Bliske Coffee Fellowship: Jan Olson*, John Macho, Jamie Bliske, and Barb Wachtendonk	September 27th 10:00am Greeters: Dorothy Bain & Lorraine Papke Reader: Ray Zegers Communion: Jenni Groholski & Wayne Ludkey Usher: Barb & Mark Joma



September Counters: Holly Nelson & Ellen Smolinski
October Counters: Michelle Engeldinger & Jenni Groholski

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm - Choir 6:00pm SWAG	3 8:30am Bible Study	4	5 10:00am-2:00pm - Thrift & Gift Volunteer Saturday
6 8am & 10am Worship Services 9am Coffee Fellowship Blood Pressure Clinic	7 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Office closed LABOR ★DAY★	8 9:00am Busy Hands	9 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm - Choir 6:00pm SWAG	10 8:30am Bible Study	11	12
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20 Super Sunday of Music 8:00am Worship Service 10:00am Worship Service	21 5:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *Newsletter Articles due*	22 9:00am Busy Hands 5:30pm - Life & Growth Meeting	23 4:00pm - Guitar Band 5:00pm - AcaBellas 6:00pm - Choir 6:00pm SWAG	24 8:30am Bible Study	25 Noon-3:00pm - Senior Fun Day	26
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Call 2-1-1 www.21now.org

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.