

# LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN NEWS

February 2023



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The ministry of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church is called by God to grow spiritually, welcome graciously, love unconditionally, and serve together faithfully as followers of Christ.


## Upcoming Events

Feb 01, 08, 15, & 22 -  
9:30 AM Bible Study

Feb 02 - 9:00 AM  
Community Quilting

Feb 07, 14, 21, & 28 -  
9:00 AM Mission  
Quilting

Feb 09 - 9:00 AM  
Mission Quilting Clean &  
Sort

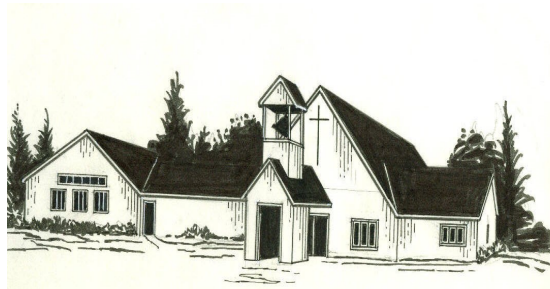
 Feb 14 Happy  
Valentine's Day

Feb 15 - 8:00 AM Volun-  
teers Yellow Lake Food  
Distribution

Feb 16 - 8:00 AM Volun-  
teers Yellow Lake Food  
Distribution

Feb 22 - 10:00 AM Ash  
Wednesday Service

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE



**Sunday School and  
Confirmation 9am**

**Service of Worship 10am**

**or**

**later on Sunday  
via our website**

**[www.lakesidelutheranwi.com](http://www.lakesidelutheranwi.com)**

**Holy Communion  
1st and 3rd Sundays**



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Lutheran Church**

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**Pastor's Office Hours  
Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

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Monday-Wednesday  
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## February



### **Commemoration of St. Valentine on February 12**

Hear the story of Valentine martyred for the faith on February 14, 270 AD and celebrate the gifts of love and devotion.

### **Jazz Service offered on Transfiguration of Our Lord on February 19**

Pat Barnett will be accompanying the assembly on the keyboard to such songs as Shine, Jesus, Shine; This Little Light of Mine; and We Are Marching in the Light of God as well as providing special music Taste and See. Jesus is transfigured before his disciples, and his countenance is made to shine with light.

### **Ash Wednesday Service on February 22 at 10am**

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

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### **Symbols of the Faith to be Focus of Mid-week Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 10am**

The mid-week Lenten services will focus on The Windows at Lakeside in Stained Glass. Ash Wednesday will focus on the cross. The five mid-week services will then focus on the Word, Trinity, Jesus, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion. Plan now to attend these services and take in the symbols in stain glass.

### **First Sunday of Lent on February 26**

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead. [SundaysandSeasons.com](http://SundaysandSeasons.com). Copyright @ 2022 Augsburg Fortress.

### **From the Pastor**

“Jesus said to him, Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.” Matthew 4:10

The temptation account for the First Sunday of Lent records how Jesus speaks of the purpose of worship. Martin Luther explains The First Commandment—You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We are to fear, love and trust God above all things.; The Second Commandment—You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.; The Third Commandment—Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy. *What does this mean?* We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.

When the assembly gathers for services of worship, the purpose is to live out the command to worship the Lord your God. This purpose is very different from giving in to the temptation of attending to get one's needs met. Jesus did not seek first to get his needs met while being tempted. The true follower participates in the gathered assembly for the stated purpose of worship the Lord God.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Lowell Bolstad

**Prayer Concerns:** Marilyn Anderson, Anne Gelein, Dick Haag, John Mueller, Tom Schneiberg, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Barb Umholtz, Dorothy VanPykeren, Michael Warner. Those fighting addictions, people in crisis, deployed military and families, leaders, children, and Ukraine. Sympathy to the family of Sigrid Erickson who died on November 16 and whose memorial service is scheduled for April 29. Sympathy to the family of Marie Ann Olson who died on December 26 and whose memorial service is scheduled for May 13. Sympathy to the family of Pat Dumke who died on January 8. Sympathy to the family of Tarzy Stuermer who died on January 18.

**Congregation Council:** President Ken Busby Jr., Vice President Pat Sulander, Treasurer Daryl Sulander, Financial Secretary Kathy LeMay, Recording Secretary Marsha Bruner, Ken Dobson, Cris Kallas, Bonnie Niemi, John LeMay, Dave Swan, Danny Wheeler. Pray for our leadership.

### **Call Process Update**

A revised summary statement for the Ministry Site Profile was submitted on January 6 as follows: Lakeside Community Lutheran Church began on a dock. A mission start organized in 1986 we have a passion for loving God and promoting the gospel message of Jesus Christ by serving our neighbors in need. Many of us are older but we have many resources, many gifts and skills and a great deal of energy that we have poured into multiple ministries to our neighborhood and around the country and world. We seek a pastor who will lead us in faith, care for us and our lakeside community, join with us and support us in our many ministries, as well as help guide the development and implementation of a mission plan designed to engage, educate, and welcome individuals and families in the surrounding community to join our church family.

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi** is one of the fastest growing churches in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. The ELCM was established November 21, 1982. The establishment was done by indigenous lay people who became Lutherans as they worked in the neighboring countries of Zimbabwe, South Africa and Tanzania where Lutheranism had already existed and rooted. In 1999, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA covenanted together in a companion synod relationship.  
[Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Malawi \(nswsi.org\)](http://Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Malawi (nswsi.org))



## **Annual Report and Thank You!**

### **From Bishop Laurie Skow - Anderson January 2023**

Dear Pastors, Deacons, SAMs, lay leaders, members and friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

Happy New Year! Did you make a New Year's resolution? I wonder what would happen if entire congregations or even if the whole church council would make a New Year's resolution together. What would it be? What might be a God pleasing, faithful New Year's resolution for you, personally? Your church? Your church council? What is your congregation's New Year's Resolution?

Maybe the New Year's resolution might be to begin every church meeting in the next year by asking a God question like, "I wonder, what does God want us to accomplish in this meeting today? How might what we do in our meeting today please God and be faithful to our baptismal promises?" As someone once famously said, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. The main thing is Jesus." What if our New Year resolution is to repeat that phrase before every meeting?

As a synod, we are good at New Year's resolutions, or at least we always have resolutions at our synod assembly! This year our synod resolution will be to learn more about our indigenous neighbors. Jesus said that the main thing, the greatest commandment was to love God and love our neighbors. On Monday, January 23 we will be learning from our Ho-Chunk neighbors from Black River Falls at our Winter Theological Gathering Rebound: Unsettled History-Hopeful Future at Luther Park in Chetek.

At the synod assembly on April 29 our theme is Rebound: From Worry to Wonder, there will be resolution that will come before the assembly encouraging every congregation to learn about their indigenous neighbors and write their own land acknowledgement and include it on their website and welcome statements in their bulletins. What if your congregation's New Year's Resolution was to learn more about your neighbors and discover new ways to love them?

Our synod's New Year's resolution is to love our neighbors by learning more about our indigenous neighbors and encouraging congregations to write and use land acknowledgements.

#### **What is a land acknowledgement?**

It is formal statement that a public event is taking place on land originally inhabited by indigenous peoples. (Wikipedia) This statement recognizes and respects Indigenous peoples as the traditional stewards of the land and the relationship that exists between them and their traditional territories. Here is the link to our synod's land acknowledgment. Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Land Acknowledgement ([nwswi.org](https://nwswi.org))

Synod staff update: In this new year there will be a new synod minister. Pastor Diane House will begin her call as our synod's new Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) on January 9. We will officially welcome her at Winter Theo. We will miss Pastor Erin Nelson, but wish her well in her endeavor as owner of The Purple Tree, an eco-justice business in Hudson.

I am truly grateful for your prayerful and financial support of the work we do together as the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ so that the next generation will come to know and love Jesus and all generations will experience God's forgiveness and grace in their lives. Thank you for all the ways you are supporting Bible Camps, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Neighbor-to-Neighbor, Malawi, Lay school, Seminarians, Youth Gatherings, Justice Teams, World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, Synod Ministers, Call processes, Area Strategies, Faithful Innovation and all the other work we do together in Jesus' name. Thank you and Happy New Year.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

A prayer for the New Year:

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world limited by space and time. In this new year, protect us from all the distractions and help us focus on the main thing, the transforming work you have done through Jesus. Grant that we may know your presence, see your love at work, and be strengthened by it to do what is most important; to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to find joy in this life of faith, and invite others to walk in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN

Introduction to the NWSWI Land Acknowledgement: Let us acknowledge that we are on the ancestral homelands of indigenous peoples of the Council of Three Fires including the Ho-Chunk, Menomonee, Dakota, and the Anishinaabe (or Ojibwe) which includes the Bands of Red Cliff, Bad River, Fond du Lac, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Mille Lacs, and St. Croix. Each of these Nations and Bands is unique and sovereign. We are grateful to their ancestors for their deep commitment to caring for the land.

Calendar of upcoming synod events--for more information <https://nswi.org/home/calendar>

February 11 Christ Jam Middle school Youth Gathering, Bethany Rice Lake  
 March 11 Walking Together, synod wide learning event, Bethany Rice Lake  
 March 15 Resolutions for Synod Assembly deadline  
 March 12-18 YA trip to Pine Ridge  
 March 18-25 YA trip to New Mexico  
 April Youth Advocacy Day  
 April 29 Synod Assembly, Bethany Rice Lake  
 July 17-20 Rostered Ministers Gathering Phoenix AZ  
 July 24-27 TriSynod Sr. High Youth Gathering UW River Falls  
 Aug 4-20 Synod Trip to Malawi  
 September Fall Ministry Retreat Heartwood  
 November 1-6 Synod Civil Rights Pilgrimage  
 January 8-17, 2024 Synod Trip to the Holy Land





- W.** All women of the church belong to the W.E.L.C.A. organization. W.E.L.C.A. needs your help to keep it going, so it can keep the wonderful good it does, going. i.e. - help finance a missionary in Africa, donate to many organizations; Christmas for kids, Mission Quilting (quilts find their way around the world!), Hospice, baby bundles ( bundles are shared with local hospitals), and much more.
- E.** Experience the wonderful times when women come together and share their knowledge and skills. i.e. - Every Tuesday morning women meet to make the quilts for Mission Quilting. Quarterly WELCA meets to plan Retreats or other ways to get the community into our church. Monthly women meet in person or on ZOOM for Gather Bible Study. Whenever possible we have had Spring and Fall Retreats with a local speaker and a lunch.
- L.** Learn what other WELCA groups are doing in their churches in our synod. The Luther Park in Chetek is a wonderful time to meet up with so many women who share our same faith.
- C.** Calling on anyone who might have suggestions to help keep this organization going.
- A.** Apply yourself and your talents to help keep WELCA moving in a forward direction. This is beneficial to you and many others we may never meet.

WELCA Needs YOU

Submitted by Co-Presidents Jolyne Peterson and Sandie Fisher







Tanya Nelson	Feb 1
Nicholle Shuelke	Feb 2
Don Christensen	Feb 8
Judy Dugstad	Feb 9
Nathan Thomas Swan	Feb 9
Scott Treague	Feb 11
David Boldon	Feb 14
Christopher Snyder	Feb 17
Dorothy VanPykeren	Feb 19
Cynthia Kerr	Feb 21
Charley Peterson	Feb 21
Ronald Peterson	Feb 22
Kristy DuBois	Feb 24
Sue Lueneburg	Feb 25
Jodi Campbell	Feb 28
Ken Dobson	Feb 28

## SHEPHERDING AND FELLOWSHIP

### THANK YOU to the following:

Shepherding Facilitator: Mick Peterson  
Guest Convener: Mick Peterson



Altar Guild: Don & Nona Stamp

Mick Peterson, Jill Schroeder, Jolyne & Charley Peterson, Dave Speidel, Vern Umholtz, Pat & Daryl Sulander, Barb Behan, Ken Jr & Lisa Busby, Mary Danielsen, Bill & Donna Devic, Mike & JoAnn Warner, Cris & Tony Kallas, Kristy DuBois

### January Shepherding needs a Convener

Everyone is encouraged to join one of Lakeside's 13 Shepherding groups. It's not only wonderful service, but also a great way to have fun and get to know other members of the congregation.

Shepherding booklets are available in the Narthex by the mailboxes and describe the opportunities to serve as a member of a Shepherding group.

Please contact Mick Peterson, Shepherding Facilitator, or call the church office at 715-635-7791.



**December**  
**ATTENDANCE**  
**216**

Birthday Years and  
Donation Matched.  
On their birthday, they  
gave Lakeside one dollar  
per year of age.

Kristy DuBois



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 \* **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** \*  
 \* at JoMama's every Thursday at 8:00am. \*  
 \* All are welcome! \*  
 \* **Women's Coffee Fellowship** \*  
 \* at JoMama's every Thursday at 9:00am. \*  
 \* All are welcome! \*  
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## STILL LOOKING!!!!!! WANTED:



Pianist, Bookkeeper, Event Coordinator, and another  
Newsletter Editor

**How about You?**

Sigrid Erickson's Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM.

A memorial will be held at Lakeside for Marie Olson on May 13, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be 10 - 11 am. Please keep Toby and family in your prayers.

Cards can be mailed to:  
 Toby Olson  
 27277 E Connors Lake Road  
 Webster WI 54893

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Jerry Walter Gobel (Webster, Wisconsin), who passed away on January 12, 2023, at the age of 79.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 27th 2023 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Gobel's Residence.

Pat Dumke passed away on Jan 08, 2023. A Celebration of Life date is unknown at this time.

Sadly, Lakeside has been notified that Tarzy Stuermer passed away peacefully in her sleep this morning, 1/18/23, at 2:00 AM. There will be a service but where and when is unknown at this time. Cards can be sent to her family at the address below:

Larry Stuermer  
 24952 Crescent View Road  
 Paynesville, MN 56362





## CRESCENT LAKE COMMUNITY OUTREACH January 2023

During January our Outreach group was able to help with the following:

\$ 500.00 Rent  
268.20 Car repair  
768.20 Total for January



We ask that you check on your neighbors and friends during the cold and snowy months. If someone is struggling, encourage them to call the church office. All requests are confidential and we are here to help. Thank you for your support of Outreach. God Bless.

Margy Rogers, Committee Member

## Luther Park Scholarships



Scholarships are now available through the Endowment Fund for Lakeside youth, grades 1-12, who attend Luther Park Bible Camp, Danbury. Scholarship forms are available for download on the website. [lakesidelutheranwi.com](http://lakesidelutheranwi.com)

On the top banner, click on “give”, then “Endowment”.

On Thursday, Feb 9th from 9 am -2 pm we will be cleaning and sorting the quilting fabric. We have boxes of donated fabric/sheets that need to get color coordinated and ready for quilt tops. Some boxes downstairs say 2008!!

If all goes well after sorting we might be able to “tie one on” and complete a few quilts. No experience needed. Just many hands will make this quick work. Bring a lunch and we will have sweets to share. We always have a fun fellowship time together.

Dawn Straub for Mission Quilting



### Council Treasurer's Report As of December 31, 2022

2022 annual budget =	\$252,609
YTD Budget Receipts	237,892
YTD Budget Expenses	<u>241,945</u>
Net loss	(4,053)
YTD non-Budget Receipts	\$22,811
YTD non-Budget Expenses	<u>32,728</u>
Net loss	(9,917)
YTD net cash flow loss	(13,970)

Items that flow through as 'non-budget' include:

Endowment Fund contributions  
Memorials, Building Fund Reserve and  
Youth Scholarship funds



A big thank you to the Endowment Fund for its matching funds of \$2,000 in last month's Mission of the Month Yellow Lake Food Distribution Program. This helped us raise a total of \$5,000.00 for a worthwhile program.

Also \$5,000 was contributed by the Endowment Fund last Spring to bring a grand total to \$7,000 last year.

What a blessed way of using Endowment funds impacting such a large group of very needy residents of Burnett County!



A HUGE thank you to the Lakeside Lutheran members who served as Counters for 2022 and will continue to serve in 2023.

Daryl and Pat Sulander, Linda and Dave Speidel, Joan and Bart Volkmann, Ron and Ann Peterson, Ken and Norma Olson, Bo and Juli Skillman, Bob and Vicki Struve, Wayne and Laurie Lundeen, and Roger and Deb Jackson. These volunteers are a vital part of our congregation's commitment to service and are truly appreciated for all that they do.

We are very grateful to Roger and Deb Jackson for the many years they made the weekly bank deposit and welcome and thank Lisa Busby who has volunteered to assume this role.

Jill Schroder has offered to help Lisa with the deposit when necessary and we are also grateful to and for her commitment.



## YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION January 2023



Well once again we had a snowy month, but we had great volunteers and everyone worked hard. Let's all hope for no snow in February, it makes everything just that much harder. But thank you for making the trip to volunteer. You guys are great.  
Debbie

We had a total of 549 families.  
Children- 435  
Adults- 534  
Seniors- 426  
Grand total of 1395 persons  
22,576 Pounds of food

### ROAD TRIP



### AIR TRIP!



Dear Members and Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I am very excited to invite you to participate in this transformative trip to the Holy Land with me in January of 2024. Below is the link with registration information. It is an amazing experience to see with our own eyes, the lands of the Old Testament stories and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We will visit Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana, take a boat ride on the sea of Galilee, walk on the Road to Damascus and the way of the cross in Jerusalem. We will visit with Palestinian Lutheran Christians, visit a Lutheran school, a Lutheran church and the Bishop of the Holy Land and Jordan, Bishop Azar. This is a profound way to grow in faith and biblical understanding. I hope you will join us!



***Here is the link with all the information.***

**[Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Holy Land Trip with Bishop L... \(eliastours.com\)](http://eliastours.com)**

**Let me know if you have any questions!**

**Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson**

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