

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN NEWS

December 2024



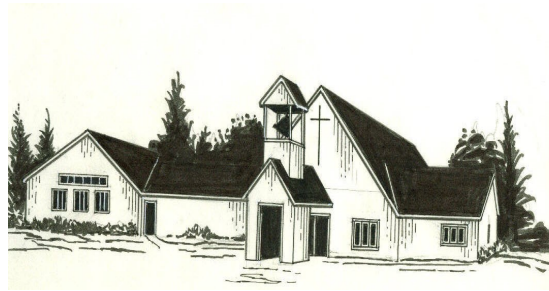
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
The ministry of Lakeside

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

Upcoming Events

- Dec 3,10,17,31 9:00 am
Mission Quilting
- Dec 4 11:00am Advent
Potluck Luncheon
- Dec 5,12,18,26
Fellowship at JoMama's
8:00 am Men
9:00 am Women
- Dec 11 10:00am
Community Quilting
Christmas Party
- Dec 15 Children's
Christmas Program
- Dec 18 and 19 8:00 am
Volunteers Yellow Lake
Food Distribution
- Dec 22 4:00pm
Advent Service
- Dec 24 4:00pm
Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 29 Service of 9 lessons
& Carols

SUNDAY SCHEDULE



*Sunday School and
Confirmation 9am*

*Service of Worship and
Holy Communion 10am*

or

*Later on Sunday via our
website,*

www.lakesidelutheranwi.com

December Guest Pastors:

Terry Stratton
Bill Schroeder
Susan Odegard
Carolyn Mowchan



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DECEMBER





Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is more than a Christian holiday or Christian festival. It is more than an occasion to decorate our houses.

It is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus – our Saviour and friend. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift that we are loved, are never alone and can have hope for the future.

Community Christmas Choir Concert

Under the direction of Jim Muus (retired choral director at Webster High) and accompanist Julie Stengl (retired band instructor at Webster High), a gathering of singers from around the area are joining to celebrate Christmas in song. Come and hear a celebration of Jesus Birth. 3 singers from Lakeside are participating. 2 concerts are scheduled at Bethany Lutheran, Siren, WI. December 7th, 7:00 PM & December 8th 3:00 PM.



Come and cook with Kwong!

Back by popular demand, Chef Peter Kwong will be a guest instructor at our own Lakeside Kitchen on Saturday, January 25th, from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The class is limited to 14 people. A sign up sheet will be posted soon in the Narthex. We will narrow down the choice of preferred style everyone is looking to enjoy. Possibilities include: Thai, Caribbean, Italian, Chinese or Mediterranean.



Audio Improvements

Some of you may have been noticing that we've been experiencing periodic glitches in our audio system and you may have personally had difficulty in hearing the sermons or readers. Due to these concerns, the Worship and Music Committee has been asked to look into the cost of upgrading our current Audio System in the sanctuary and also look at what is called a 'Loop System', which is very beneficial for hearing aid users. The committee is just beginning the process but we would like as many of you to learn more about the Loop System by going to the following website. www.drssounds.com For those of you who are hearing aid users, an upgrade to your hearing aid might be required by your hearing professional. This is usually a software programming solution. The cost is dependent on your provider and the manufacturer of the hearing aid. Before we would proceed with a Loop System, we would want to survey our member hearing aid users to determine if we should proceed. Stay posted for further updates.

Dave Speidel, Co-Chair
Worship & Music Committee



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO

Daryl Sulander	12/01
Linda Speidel	12/02
Kathryn Groves	12/03
Judi Wilson	12/07
John Nelson	12/08
Mark Snyder Jr	12/10
Ed Treise	12/12
Sheila Treise	12/12
John Lahner	12/13
Kathy Schneiberg	12/18
Joe Conner	12/19
Linda Dobson	12/24
Pauline Nelson	12/24
Dick Haag	12/28
Don Ward	12/28

SHEPHERDING & FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to the following October Shepherds:



Shepherding Facilitator: Carol Aakhus
Conveners: Terri Elfstrom, and Sharon Wiemken

Altar Guild: Dawn & Doug Straub

Roger & Deb Jackson, Gary & Jodee Kratz, Jolyne Peterson, Susan Snyder, Chris Snyder, Dave Speidel, Bob & Vick Struve & Larry Wiemken

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

October Attendance
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Birthday Years and Donation Matched

Dick Haag
Donna Devic
Steve Gallman

Happy Birthday

If you have a birthday coming up or past and would like to do a "Birthday Match" in honor of your birthday and have it noted in the Lakeside Newsletter, please just write on your donation envelope "Birthday".

October 31, 2024 Treasurer's Report

The Lakeside Community Lutheran Church financial activity as of Oct. 31, 2024 is:

	Monthly Budget	Month of Oct 2024	Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$13,911	\$22,018	\$186,979
Total Expenses	<u>13,911</u>	<u>10,649</u>	<u>118,338</u>
Net	0	\$11,369	\$68,641
Benevolence		\$2,820	\$ 24,629

Thank you for the financial support of our ongoing ministry as we continue the call process for a new pastor.

We continue funding our budgeted operations at a reduced level by using rotating temporary "guest pastors" and reduced office hours as we currently do not have any scheduled office hours for pastoral access. Our current level of monthly receipts have been boosted by a few "annual donors" receipts during October. October's offering was \$18,033.

Total receipts for October were \$22,018.

The congregation annual meeting was held after Sunday service on October 13, 2024. The congregation approved the 2025 budget which is a \$10,759 increase over 2024. The 2025 budget continues funding for pastoral services at our current rotating guest pastor format. The 2025 annual budget equates to a monthly average of \$14,800. This budget level provides for our current rotation of "guest pastors" and our Administrative Interim Pastor.

With our stewardship efforts this year, the monthly offering "pledges" will get us closer to the goal of funding the call of a full-time pastor. The monthly receipts will need to average \$21,000 to \$22,000 each month to fund the budget operations with a full-time pastor. In the mean time, budget receipts will be set aside to aid in the eventual funding of a full-time pastor.

Pray for that candidate to come forward!!

In Christ,
Daryl Sulander
Treasurer

COME WORSHIP!

Come for the Advent services and Christmas Eve.

Make a joyful sound to the Lord with

Pat Barnett on the organ!

Services 10:00 AM

Dec 1 Last Sunday for "Christmas for Kids"

Dec 4 Advent luncheon Pot Luck 11:30 AM

Dec 7 Youth Gift Wrap fundraiser 10:00 AM

Dec 8 Pastor Bill Schroeder

Dec 15 Children's Christmas Program

Dec 22 Advent Service 4:00PM

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM

Dec 29 Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

**COMMUNITY QUILTING NEWS**

Community Quilters that normally meet on the first Thursday of the month will not be meeting December 5th. Instead they will be enjoying their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11th. Starting at 10 a.m. with games, bingo and then a Pot Luck Lunch. Hope to see all the Community Quilters on that day!



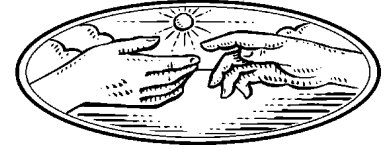
Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, texts and cards. They were a great comfort to me. My Grandson Rick was a wonderful person. I will miss him more than I can say.

Love, Joyce Bailey



WELCA NEWS December 2024



Kick off to Christmas! Join us for food, fellowship and festivities at our Advent Pot Lunch Luncheon on December 4 at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your gifts or cash for the Christmas for Kids program. Sign up sheet in Narthex. Hope to see you there!

Nonperishable food items are needed by Yellow Lake Food Distribution. The costs have doubled in the last few years and larger stores have stopped donating food. We will be collecting and transporting indefinitely for distribution in Webster. Please leave donations in the collection bins in the mailbox area of the Narthex or the large aluminum can in the bell tower if church is closed.

Respectfully submitted by Presidents Jolyne Peterson and Sandie Fisher



YELLOW LAKE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Thank you to everyone that helped at the food distribution this month. It went great and everyone worked hard.

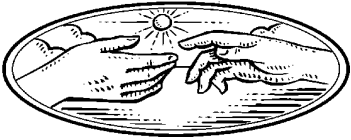
This is the first month that the home deliveries for Grantsburg ended. They do not have the volunteers to handle transporting and handing out the boxes, so our numbers were slightly lower, but not that much, I am hoping some of those Grantsburg families made the trip and picked up their own box of food.

We had a total of 592 families, 1687 total people served, and we handed out 29,769 pound of food. Great Job everyone.

Next month our distribution is on the 18 & 19th of December.

I wish each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving, we are truly blessed to be able to reach out to this many families and give them help.

God Bless,
Debbie



Crescent Lake Outreach November 2024

The last couple years we have contacted the schools in Webster, Siren and Spooner to help with any special needs they have. This year we helped with sensory items for children with special needs, healthy snacks for children that were unable to bring them from home, shampoo, body wash, body lotion, hand sanitizer, jackets, mittens, snow pants and some playground equipment. (One school is getting a new playground and there is no funding for equipment).

In November we helped with the following:

\$ 300.00	Water Bill
400.00	New battery for a wheelchair
100.00	Gas card
980.43	Siren School
972.92	Spooner School
<u>1450.55</u>	<u>Webster Schools</u>
\$ 4203.90	Total

Thank you for your support of Outreach. We will have the total from our Thanksgiving Baskets in the December Newsletter. God Bless!

Margy Rogers, Committee Member

MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE GIFT THAT IS YOU!

2024 Christmas Message



As I reflect on my time in Malawi back in early November, I had so many experiences that merit being shared. As I write this letter, perhaps the most important lesson I can offer was that of my new reality as a guest overseas.

Everywhere I turned, I truly felt like I was the most important person present. Yes, there were times where I was the honored guest as a bishop. I was granted the best seats in the church, in the van, on the stage. When I walked the grounds at the Lutheran Compound in my purple clerical, **EVERYONE** immediately stopped what they were doing to greet me, even if that was their first encounter with me. I was fed better than most and I never had to carry my own luggage. I had women pour water over my hands before

certain meals (including communion) much like Christ did during the Last Supper in washing the disciples' feet. And despite my innermost desires to remind them that I was just another guy, I simply could not insult them in that manner. The way in which they treated me was at the core of their faith practice.

Thankfully, Deacon Laura taught me a valuable insight that helped my understanding more clearly. They didn't treat only bishops that way, they treat all guests that way! Having been to Malawi five times before she took me, Laura has experienced that generous hospitality time and time again. And now that I'm a few weeks removed from their genuine welcome, I still firmly believe that their faith has taught them to love their neighbor and lift them up no matter how far away we may come.

What if we all treated our neighbor as though they are the most important person present at that time? What if we lifted the spirits of the people God places in our lives each and every day? As we prepare for the Christmas story once again this year, we emphasize the gift that comes in the Christ child, God made flesh to live among us mortals. Just think about the lives that the Christ child touched! It started with Mary and Joseph, continued to the shepherds in the fields, and even gave the heavenly host something to praise!

Of course, Jesus went on to touch so many lives - people in need of healing, children in need of welcoming, outcasts in need of community, sinners in need of redeeming. Jesus became the gift who helped them all feel that they were the most important person present at the time, people worthy of his unconditional love, people whose spirits were uplifted.

As we march through the season of Advent toward the birth of God Emmanuel, Jesus the savior of the world, remember the gift of God's presence in your lives. Recognize that God is even present within you and that you are a gift as well! And much like my new friends in Malawi, be that gift for others. Reveal Christ's presence to others through your continued faithfulness and dedication to the God of love because that love can overcome division. You are a gift to this synod and to God's church when you let God's light shine in and through you! May this Christmas also reveal to you the light of Christ through others.

Bishop Martin

December 2024

<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School - 9 am Choir Practice - 9:30 am Worship - 10 am (with Communion)	2 ADRC - 11 am Yoga - 6 pm	3 Quilters - 9 am ADRC - 11 am AA - 7 pm	4 Yoga - 9 am Choir Practice - 4 pm Advent Pot Luck - 11:30 am	5 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8 am Women's Coffee - 9 am No Community Quilters ADRC - 11 am	6 ADRC - 11 am	7
8 Sunday School - 9 am Choir Practice - 9:30 am Worship - 10 am (with Communion)	9 ADRC - 11 am Yoga - 6 pm	10 Quilters - 9 am Worship & Music - 10 am ADRC - 11 am AA - 7 pm	11 Yoga - 9 am Choir Practice - 4 pm Community Quilters 10:30 (Christmas Party)	12 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8 am Women's Coffee - 9 am ADRC - 11 am	13 ADRC - 11 am	14
15 Sunday School - 9 am Choir Practice - 9:30 am Worship - 10 am (with Communion) Children's Program - 10 am	16 ADRC - 11 am Yoga - 6 pm	17 Quilters - 9 am ADRC - 11 am AA - 7 pm	18 Yellow Lake Food Dist - 8 am Yoga - 9 am Choir Practice - 4 pm	19 Yellow Lake Food Dist - 8 am Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8 am Women's Coffee - 9 am ADRC - 11 am	20 ADRC - 11 am Deadline for Newsletter	21
22 Sunday School - 9 am Choir Practice - 9:30 am Worship - 10 am (with Communion)	23 ADRC - 11 am Yoga - 6 pm	24 Christmas Eve Worship - 4 pm (with Communion) ADRC - 11 AM AA - 7 pm	25 Christmas Day No Yoga	26 Fellowship at JoMama's Men's Breakfast - 8 am Women's Coffee - 9 am No Gather Bible Study No ADRC Foot Clinic	27 ADRC - 11 am Foot Clinic	28
29 No Sunday School Choir Practice - 9:30 am Worship - 10 am (with Communion)	30 ADRC - 11 am Yoga - 6 pm	31 New Year's Eve ADRC - 11 am AA - 7 pm				