



Lake Street United Methodist Church

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December 9, 2018 – The Short Circuit

Program Ministries . . .

The hustle and bustle of the season can feel overwhelming, God. Thank you for this time apart from the world, where we can focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent Week 2

This week we continue our journey toward Christmas with the theme of peace. Our second banner has been hung, and doves ornaments have been added to the sanctuary trees. Please take some time to look at a differently decorated tree in the Gathering Area. In 1993, Lena Thompson put in many hours of needlework making Chrismons. Nearby on the wall is a list explaining each of what these symbols represent, such as baptism, communion, candle, etc. Lena is a long-time Lake Street member and now resides at the Beehive. We are honored to have her work.

Today's USHERS at the 10:00 am Service

For those of you at the 10:00 am service, look around and notice who is on the Ushering Team. These individuals make up a part of the Sunday Morning Discussion Group that meets in the Conference Room during the 8:30 am worship service.

Lloyd Shepherd facilitates this ecumenical Morning Discussion Group. This group digs deep into issues that are prevalent to today's world by becoming broadly educated about the

topics so each topic can be discussed with truth and respect.

Please welcome this group as they worship with us this morning and thank them for serving as our ushers this morning. In addition, if this type of discussion group sparks some interest for you, talk with those representing the group after the service.

Children, Art, Christmas

Today after the 2nd Service

Our new Children's Ministry Team has planned a special children's activity for this morning in the Fellowship Hall *after the 10:00 am worship service*. The children will be making home-made Christmas cards to send to some of our elderly members. The Stampers group will be guiding them in this project, teaching them some of the mysteries of the Stamper's Art. Join us in the Fellowship Hall!

Wednesday at the Lake Has Returned

On the menu for this coming *Wednesday, December 12th* is Chicken Oriental, Rice, Chow Mein Noodles, Egg Rolls, Vegetable Pasta Salad plus Dessert. Sounds delicious! And remember kids under age 12 eat FREE and everyone else pays \$5.00. Dinner is served 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm. See you there!

Advent Series Class – *“The Scriptures Sing of Christmas”*

During this Advent Season, Len Larsen is leading a four-week Advent Study based on the book *“The Scriptures Sing of Christmas”* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The class meets at 4:00 pm on successive Wednesdays ending on December 19th. Booklets are still available on the office counter for a cost of \$5.00.

Radio Ministry

Gifts contributed to our radio service ministry this morning were given in honor of the 24th wedding anniversary of Dick and Linda Keepers on December 10th; plus gifts given in memory of Corrinne Donahue by Dorothy Elliott.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal: \$102,000

To Date: \$ 63,464

Meaningful Christmas

It is time again for collecting for Meaningful Christmas! The Mission Team has chosen two recipients to receive funding during this Christmas season. We will donate to CARELink to assist with gas cards and utility bills for those in need. The second recipient will be the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry that serves the homeless in our community.

We will again have fudge sales this year and will contribute the proceeds to Meaningful Christmas. *Sales are available in Fellowship Hall.*

When you are out shopping, please remember our giving tree. We will be collecting underwear and socks from children to adult sizes. The children's underwear will go to the Montessori school, and adult underwear will go to the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry. We thank you in advance for supporting these ministries.

Future Program Ministries . . .

Christmas Eve Worship – December 24th

This year we will have three Christmas Eve services, but they will not all be the same. At 2:00 *pm* our IM Church Task Force will host a special Inclusive Ministry Christmas Eve service for all those in the community who have come to the new service for adults with disabilities that we have been hosting this year.

The other two services will be traditional services with the Christmas Story being read, carols sung, and candles lighted. Once again, rather than a sermon, Pastor Jerry will read a story he has written for these services, *“The Bishop’s Christmas, 1943.”* Join us at either 4:00 *pm* or 7:00 *pm* as we celebrate Christ’s birth together.

December 30th – Fifth Sunday Together Worship

We will be changing things around a bit for this Sunday. Instead of our usual 8:30 and 10:00 services, we will meet at 9:00 *am* (like we do in the summer), and then stay afterwards for brunch.

Sharing Activities . . .

December 4th Blood Drive

This blood drive was one of the most successful drives Lake Street has ever seen. The numbers don't lie. The Red Cross had given us a goal of 71 units of blood donated and we ended up with a *whopping 82 units* instead! It was a long day but so worth it. Everything seemed to run smoother than usual, no major waiting times for the donors, the tables for the most part were almost always filled. Everyone seemed to be in a good mood. It was a GREAT DAY. We want to thank those who volunteered their time by working in the canteen and the registration table. And those who helped with set up and tear down as well as those who donated food for the canteen. These wonderful folks are as much heroes as the dedicated people who donated their life-saving blood.

So thank you to Kirsten and Kathy Gierhart, Judy Proett Bell, Jeanne Fritts, Kathi and Tom Jewell, Corinne Gjerning, Cheryl Kreitlow, Linda Peterson, Kalie Townsend, Pat Peterson, Bonnie Wright, Barb Nelson, Marlene Arntson, Janelle Earl, Winnie Doxsie, Steve Blashford and Dick Keepers. Leonard Larsen, Lloyd Shepherd and Jon Case also helped with the set up.

So many people signed up for the *next drive on Monday, June 10th, 2019*, that it is already 43% filled and there are still six months to go! WOW! So thank you one and all. Remember, the need is constant, the gratification instant, so please sign up to donate blood.

-- Linda Keepers and Mary Rose Howard,
co-coordinators

The Scrip Program

What about that college student on Christmas?

Maybe a prepaid \$50 VISA card; Maybe a fast food card for Buffalo Wild Wings, Caribou Coffee, Chipotle, Culvers, Dairy Queen, Dominos, Starbucks, Subway or Wendys.

Buy Scrip and Support LSUMC.



UMW News

The women of Lake Street's UMW invite you to our annual Christmas Tea on *Wednesday, December 12th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm*. Plan to gather in the sanctuary at 2:00 pm for songs of the season presented by Jennifer Lohmann on the piano. A delightful tea will be served in Fellowship Hall following the program. It just wouldn't be Christmas without you! Contact Bonnie Wright, serving coordinator, (715-834-2260) or email her at bonbon54701@gmail.com with your reservation by December 9th.

Christmas Photos

Please stop in the Fellowship Hall and view the current Gallery of Christmas images shared by members of our Lake Street family.

Communion Servers Needed

We are in need of additional people to add to our communion servers' roster. This type of service is one in which you are asked to assist in the serving of communion elements, the bread or the body of Christ. It's a humbling and important service, an experience that is an expression of our faith. This type of service involves no preparation other than being able and ready to participate in the sharing of the elements. Servers for both services are welcome; we are in great need for volunteers to assist at the 10:00 am worship service. We try to spread out volunteers' time so that you're not committing to communion services each month. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Sign up on the Connect Card.

Stampers

... will meet *Thursday, December 13th at 3:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an hour or so of fun and fellowship.

Wreath Sales

The Lake Street Youth will be selling wreaths on Sunday morning thru December 16th (or until they are gone). Proceeds support youth scholarship and activities. Wreaths are \$17 for a 24-inch wreath and \$25 for a 36-inch wreath. Come see us in the parking lot this month and spruce up your home for the holidays!

Beyond Lake Street Church ...

IM Church Services in December

Our usual third Sunday IM Church occurs on the 16th *this month* and is hosted by a group called "The Others." This group includes people from Lake Street, from Newman Center, from St. Raymonds and St. James and a few who have no church affiliation. Please join us for an art activity, a worship service, and a meal and fellowship.

We are also having a *special* IMC Christmas Eve event. It will take place from 2:00 - 3:00 pm on the 24th and, in the spirit of inclusion, everyone will don costumes and participate in a live nativity. That is followed by a candle light service with much singing and instrument playing. This service is designed for the people with disabilities, AND their friends, AND their neighbors, AND their caregivers. Join us for a joyous and rejoicing Christmas Eve!

ARCW Wish List for December: Canned Vegetables ... Consider supporting our local AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry during the month of December by donating *canned vegetables*. Your efforts will help feed local clients of the resource center presently affected by HIV/AIDS. Please place your items in the AIDS Food Pantry box located near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Your efforts and continued support are appreciated!

Prayer Ministries . . .

- Praying for all Lake Street members and friends during the year! *This week* please pray for: Eleanor Bushendorf, Jennifer Bushnell, Carolyn Buvala, Shirley Bystedt, Sam, Julie, Calvin and Autumn Campbell, Rachel and Stephen Capozzi, Mary Jane Cardinal, Dorothy Carpenter, Jon and Diane Case, Bert Chatterson.

This Week At Lake Street . . .

Sunday, December 9th – Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30a Worship || Nursery Available
Radio Ministry (92.1) FM || Adult Studies
- 9:30a Fellowship Time || Scrip || Wreath Sales
- 10:00a Worship || Nursery Available
Sunday School || Live Stream on Facebook
- 11:00a Children, Art and Christmas (Fellowship Hall)
Praise Band Rehearsal
- 4:00p Fellowship Hall Use (Moms on the Run)

Monday, December 10th

- 12:00p UCP Skills for Life (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15p Pack 128 (Rooms 101/102/103/
202/203/Third Floor)
- 6:30p Ministry Night: Children's Ministry
Troop 36 (Dockside Room)

Tuesday, December 11th

- 11:30a Dementia Community Education (Lounge)
- Noon – *Bulletin Information Deadline*
- 2:00p Pictorial Directory Photos (Fireside Library and
Room 202)
- 3:30p Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:00p Communications Team (Conference Room)
- 6:00p Fellowship Hall In Use
- 7:00p Fellowship Hall In Use

Wednesday, December 12th

- 2:00p UMW Christmas Tea (Sanctuary and
Fellowship Hall)
Pictorial Directory Photos (Fireside Library and
Room 202)
- 4:00p Advent Study Class (Room 202)
- 5:15p *Wednesday at the Lake Dinner* (Fellowship
Hall)
- 5:30p Middle School/Confirmation
- 6:00p Youth Group: Christmas games

- 6:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Recovery Group (Fireside Library)
- 8:00p Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 13th
- 7:30a MAP [Men At Prayer] (Fireside Library)
- 9:00a Quilters (Room 101A)
Pictorial Directory Photos (Fireside
Library and Room 202)
- 1:30p Alzheimer's Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:30p Stampers (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Bolton House Support (Lounge)
Family Promise/Beacon House
Coordinators (Room 101)

Friday, December 14th

- 2:00p Pictorial Directory Photos (Fireside
Library and Room 202)

Saturday, December 15th

- 10:00a Pictorial Directory Photos (Fireside
Library and Room 202)

Sunday, December 16th

- Sermon: "Joy"
Text: *James 1:2-4; Philippians 1:12-21*

Hospitality Notes . . .

Worship Aids Available: large-print bulletins/
hymnals, personal hearing amplifiers. Ushers can
assist.

PRESCHOOL ROOM is open to infants to age 5
during worship, a time of play and learning of
God's love through music, stories and planned
activities. Rockers for parents w/children are at
back of sanctuary. Plus join our children in the
new basement space during the 10:00 am
service.

Worship Leaders: •Rev. Jerry Morris; •Minister
of Music: David Fehr; •Organist: Edna Sahs
•Pianist: Jennifer Lohmann; •Song Leader:
(8:30a) Linda Keepers, (10:00a) Bev Maser;
•Liturgist: (8:30a) Barb Nelson, (10:00a) Rick
Brown; •Tech Crew: Logan Wallace, Aaron
Athas, Greg Wallace; •Worship Design: Pat
Peterson; •Nursery: Carley Van Beek.