



# Circuit Rider

## June 2023

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### A Thought Experiment Pastor Jerry

I think sometimes about the purpose of the church. (Don't judge me. It's an occupational hazard. By some estimates, as much as 20% of professional clergy have persistent thoughts about the purpose of the church.) In those thoughts, I have over the years come up with various ways to describe that purpose, but in the end I usually come back to one of the first formulations I ever came up with: the purpose of the church is to represent Christ to the world.

Notice that I said "represent" and not "proclaim." Proclaiming Christ is not a bad thing, and some very fine people have done so, like Paul and St. Patrick and probably some others, But proclaiming by itself isn't enough. You can proclaim something that you don't actually care about, like when politicians talk about fiscal responsibility. To represent Christ means more than just "talks about Christ": it means that when people look at you, they clearly see Christ, and that's harder to counterfeit.

So here's my question: what are the distinguishing features of a church that truly represents Christ to others? Let's tackle this question as a thought experiment, looking for things that specifically and uniquely illustrate Christ. And let's begin with the things that people might suggest are the purpose of the church.

- *Growing.* This is, hands down, the number one goal of the American church. We all want to add members to our congregations. But is growth an indicator of Christ? Sometimes, maybe, but not always. The most rapidly growing churches today are prosperity gospel churches, and it's very difficult to discern Christ there. So, no.
- *Right doctrine.* Obviously, there will be differences of opinion on what constitutes "right" here, but there are churches from every theological perspective that are almost exclusively focused on maintaining pure doctrine. So does purity of doctrine represent Christ? In a word, no. It is ridiculously easy to imagine a church that is ideologically unimpeachable but that also looks nothing at all like Christ. (In fact – and maybe this is just me – it's hard to imagine a primarily ideological church that reminds people of Christ at all.)
- *Acts of mercy and justice.* This is more promising. A church that demonstrates mercy and justice to others is at least more Christ-like than one that demonstrates indifference and prejudice. But do acts of mercy and justice always indicate Christ? There are a lot of non-Christian, or even completely secular, groups that show at least as much mercy and justice as the church. Besides, as everyone who has ever volunteered at a soup kitchen or food pantry knows, it's way too easy to make acts of mercy all about ourselves instead of Christ. Acts of compassion can point toward Christ, but they don't always.

So what's left? Is there any visible sign that clearly and unequivocally makes everyone who sees it think of Christ? Only one, and it's what Jesus told us from the beginning: "By this shall all know that you are my followers: that you love

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**"CHRIST  
FOLLOWERS  
LIVING GOD'S  
LOVE"**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:00 AM  
WORSHIP**  
IN-PERSON,  
BY RADIO (WMEQ  
92.1), AND ON  
FACEBOOK AND  
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STAY CONNECTED  
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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday and Wednesday**  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## **A COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP**

*We seek to be a community of expectant, God-centered worship, through word and sacrament and God's gift of music – offering together our utmost for God's highest.*

### **Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4 \***

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship with Communion\*: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM,  
Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Message: "Three Ways to Look at the Trinity"

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-23; 1 John 4:7-12

### **Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube.

Sermon: "I Am Who I Am" from Greg Wallace, Lay Speaker

Scripture: Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

### **LUKE'S GOOD NEWS:**

**Telling the Story of Christ through Luke's Eyes**

### **Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube.

Sermon: "The Backstory"

Scripture: Luke 1-2

### **Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube.

Sermon: "The Beginning of the Kingdom."

Scripture: Luke 3-6

\*Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. United Methodists serve Open Communion, welcoming all to join Christ's table, because that's what he did, too.

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each other as I have loved you" (John 13:35). It's love that is expressed in humility and respect, as Paul said, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). These are the things that, when observed, make people think at once of Christ. I can't think of anything else that works as well.

If this is right, then that leads to some striking possibilities. For instance, the little country church with only a dozen or so members who all love each other and treat their neighbors with simple love and acceptance might be more pleasing to God than the fastest-growing megachurch in the world. The quiet senior citizen who serves on no committee but who makes it a point to befriend every new face in church on Sunday may be the most important representative of Christ in a congregation. People who volunteer in the nursery to make sure that babies and toddlers know that they are loved at church might be serving Christ far more significantly than preachers and writers of newsletter articles.

It is not wrong for a church to grow (though it might be wrong for a church to make growth its primary goal). It is not wrong to care about sound doctrine; I do it sometimes myself. It is certainly not wrong to do acts of mercy and justice. All those things can be good. But by themselves, none of those things are enough. They are only good when they are external reflections of something else, something deeper: humble love. That's when we look like Christ. That's the purpose of the church.

## Worship Updates

**Summer Choir.** As summer arrives, our regular choirs and ensembles go on hiatus. It's hard to maintain a regular music program when on any given day in the summer, a third of the congregation is on vacation or "up north" or "at the lake." But we do have enough people to gather sometimes to prepare a song to sing. So we're going to. Several Sundays this summer (beginning with June 11) a summer ensemble will gather at 8:30 in room 202 to put together something to sing in worship. This will be an informal time, and **all** singers are invited, whether you're part of a choir or not.

**Children in Worship.** This Summer - like last Summer - our preschool workers are unavailable. That means that we will have no one in the nursery area during worship. We are making a few adaptations (such as moving a box of children's toys into the library, where the worship service is livestreamed so that families can retreat there if necessary), but the likelihood is that we will have more small children noises during church. Give thanks for every squeak and giggle rustle and make sure that parents know that their children are welcome.

## RADIO SERVICE SUPPORT

**\$165/week**

☐ June 4

☐ June 18

☐ July 2

☐ June 11

☐ June 25

☐ July 9

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HAVE YOU FOUND US ONLINE?

Our website **[www.lakestreetumc.org](http://www.lakestreetumc.org)** always has the most up to date calendar, news, online giving and more. Visit it often for past sermon recordings, past Circuit Riders, and a direct link to our Facebook page.



## ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have had an address change within the past four months and are receiving the **Circuit Rider** newsletter electronically, please send your new address to the church office: **[adminsec@lakestreetumc.org](mailto:adminsec@lakestreetumc.org)**.

Because your issue does not go to the post office, there is no Address Service Requested changes that come back to the church. We appreciate your help to keep our database up to date.

## July Circuit Rider

Deadline is  
Wednesday, June 21 for  
Thursday, June 29  
mailing

Be sure to send your news to Ellen Prellwitz at  
**Adminsec**  
**[@lakestreetumc.org](mailto:adminsec@lakestreetumc.org)**



## A COMMUNITY OF INCLUSIVE WELCOME

*We embrace all of God's children as persons of sacred worth regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, national origin, culture, tradition, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other difference real or perceived, and welcome all people into the life of this congregation.*

*During the COVID shut-downs many of our church's ministry teams stopped meeting, then went to meeting primarily online. Most are now back, meeting at least partly in person, but after three years of operating mostly out of sight, it is time to remind the larger church of who these teams are and what they do. We will be reintroducing our teams during the Fall, but in the meantime we also want to use this newsletter forum to lay some groundwork. One of the teams that works toward our congregation's stated goal of **Inclusive Welcome** is ATIT (that's the Accessibility Through Inclusion Team).*

### ATIT

Members: Katie Kroll, Bill Schildt, Carol Gudnason, Terry Vokoun, and Jerry Morris

We operate on these tenets:

1. God invites ALL people to worship, to fellowship, to learn, and to serve,
2. Every person is regarded as indispensable and we would be incomplete without each and every one.
3. The architectural, attitudinal, programmatic, and other barriers that may push people away from our congregation are not insurmountable, but they will not disappear without intentional efforts.

Here are a few of the things we've done over the past few years follow.

1. *Sponsored an Addiction and Recovery Series* (October, 2022): a four part series of workshops that examined the causes of addiction, the roles of family and friends, the local resources for recovery, and the role of faith communities.
2. *Added chairs with arms in FH*: we noted that some folks were struggling to get into and out of the chairs in fellowship hall so we purchased a few sturdier chairs with arms.
3. *Other minor changes*: added full length mirrors in the entry bathrooms, published an article on the negative effects of fragrances on some people, applied contrast tape to steps throughout the church for greater safety for the visually impaired.

In addition all our members participate in IM Church every third Sunday of the month and plan the annual Disability Awareness Day in the Fall.

ATIT has been so diligent in following these principles that after an "Accessibility Audit" by our conference, Lake Street was awarded the "Gold Award for Accessibility" from the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church.

Dear Lake Street Stammers,

I want to thank you all so much for keeping me in your thoughts, prayers, and mailing list these past few years. While studying at Garrett Seminary, I've faithfully received a card (or two!) every single month from you. They have brightened my days and my little apartment where they are hanging. I'm so lucky to have been remembered and cared for by my church family while far away and I'm grateful to you all!

Blessings and Peace - Grace Morris

### Pride, June 10

After several years of Covid shutdowns (and rainy weather) Eau Claire is resuming the annual LGBTQ Pride Festival in Phoenix Park on **June 10**.

And once again, Lake Street UMC will be there to show our welcome to all people at our church and our support for those who are not always supported by the larger society. And we need people to staff the LSUMC table.

Pride goes from **10:00am - 4:00pm**, and we are signing up volunteers for three shifts: 10:00 - 12:30; 12:00 - 3:00; 2:30 - 4:30. If you are free and can take one of the shifts or even just want more information, contact Tashai Atkins at [atkins77@gmail.com](mailto:atkins77@gmail.com) or 715.379.5307.



## A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

*Our time and talents and resources are not gifts for our enjoyment but a calling to serve others,  
particularly the marginalized and those without other defenders.*

*We seek to serve God by serving God's children in our community, our nation, and our world.*

### Mission Team Report from May

- **Beacon House:** During the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Lake Street provided a hot supper meal to families staying at Beacon House. There were 5 adults and 11 children. Thank you to everyone who helped. If you would like to be a part of this Mission, it just requires taking one of your favorite recipes and adjusting it to meet the number of guests staying at Beacon House. Our next date to serve is July 16<sup>th</sup> — July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Kent Gierhart (715-864-2056) to help.
- **Community Table:** Dates for 2023 are June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tom Stanford if you can help.

The Mission team has also committed to buying and filling 25 backpacks with hygiene and other essential items that will be distributed by Community table.

- **Blessing Box:** Items that are currently needed to stock the blessing box are cotton wash clothes, small jars of Vaseline, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste and small first aid kits. All items can be purchased at the dollar store. They can be placed in the Blessing box located in the gathering/coat rack area of the church.
- **Flood Buckets:** 20 buckets were filled and will be sent to the Midwest Distribution Center.
- **Loose Change Offering:** Our June loose change offering is designated for UMCOR disaster response.

### Community Table

Our next dates to cook and serve at the Community Table are:

**June 14 (9:00-2:00pm)**

**July 12 (9:00-2:00pm)**

Volunteers may sign up for the whole time or for the first or second half. To volunteer, contact Tom Stanford at: tstrider73@gmail.com



### Beacon House Hosting

Thank you to our volunteers who provided meals for the unhoused families at Beacon House from May 7-13. We served 5 adults and 11 children that week.

### ARCW Wish List for June: Toothpaste

During June you're invited to join others from Lake Street in supporting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry by donating **toothpaste**. Your donation will assist area families in our community affected by HIV/AIDS. Place your donated items in the AIDS Resource Center box outside the Fellowship Hall doors.

Special thanks to those folks who donated more than 100 rolls of bathroom tissue in April. ARCW was grateful to receive bathroom tissue from Lake Street and the additional items you provided: cereal, canned milk, soup and more. Your donations assist the Eau Claire community.

### BUY SCRIP THIS YEAR

**For 2022 all Scrip earnings went to help those who are food insecure. That means we have providing over \$3000 to helping others at most difficult times.**

**As the New Year begins, think about making Scrip a part of your regular shopping. A percentage of your regular grocery or gas expense can be use to support the church and its ministries.**

**Buy Scrip.  
Support LSUMC**



## A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*We seek to be a place where all God's children, of all ages and abilities, can grow together in knowledge and faith, through study, through participation in worship, and through service to others.*

### Luke's Good News

Summer is a little more laid back in Wisconsin, and that includes its church experience. We've been doing some heavy-lifting lately, tackling some difficult questions that the church has struggled with (and still does). This summer, let's tell stories.

Throughout the summer (when he's not on vacation) Pastor Jerry is going to pick up the Bible Story Project he began two years ago—telling the entire story of the Bible in chronological order—and we have finally arrived at the New Testament. This summer we're going to hear the stories of Jesus.

Specifically, we're going to hear how *Luke* tells the good news. Some people wonder why our Bible keeps four different gospels. Why not pick one and go with it? Or try to put them all together as a single document? The reason is because each one of the gospel writers tells the story differently, speaking to a different audience, facing different issues. Each gospel has a different approach, and all of them have something different to teach us. Muddling them all together in one narrative would take away the distinctive qualities of each.

So this summer we're going to hear the story of Jesus through Luke's eyes. Luke was a Gentile—probably the only Gentile author in the Bible—who had travelled with Paul. He has a heart for the lost sheep, the outcast, the abandoned, and the neglected. He did not, so far as we know, ever meet Jesus himself, but he says in his prologue that he has interviewed those who knew him well (perhaps even his mother). Luke built his gospel around the narrative framework of the Gospel of Mark, but he clearly had some sources of his own. He is the only writer who includes some of the most powerful of Jesus' parables for instance.

A challenge for this summer: as Pastor Jerry tells the stories during worship, read along with him. We will begin our story journey on June 18, the Sunday after Annual Conference.



*In traditional iconography, Luke is represented by a bull.*

### 2023 Olson-Maser Scholarship Awarded: Grace Morris

The Olson-Maser Scholarship is a new program begun last year by Al Olson, in honor of Normal Olson and Bev Maser and their lives of service to others. It was funded partly by Al and partly by gifts from others, many in this congregation.

The scholarship is to go once a year to someone who is preparing for a career in one of the following helping professions: nursing, education, social work, or ministry. Selection is made less on the basis of grades or achievement than on evidence of commitment to service, as shown by the candidate's own statements and volunteer experience in church or community.

The scholarship committee (Kathy Anderson, Craig Heabler, and Jackie Kruse) met at the end of April and have chosen Grace Morris to be this year's recipient. Grace is beginning a Master's in Religion this fall at Indiana University, with an emphasis in medieval Church History, preparing for a career as a religion professor. During her time here in Eau Claire, she was active as a liturgist, sang in the choir, and for two years was the lead Confirmation teacher.



Celebrate with Grace and her family as she embarks on the path toward a life of teaching religion at the university level.

### Children's Ministry Coordinator

We are looking for someone to oversee the preschool and children's ministries of Lake Street, especially the preschool and children's spiritual formation programs on Sundays, but including also special activities for children and families as well as summer programs. \$15/hour and approximately 10 hours a week. Since we do not have a full children's program during the pandemic, the position may begin with fewer hours, but if you are interested or want more information, please contact Pastor Jerry as soon as possible. ([pastor@lakestreetumc.org](mailto:pastor@lakestreetumc.org))

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



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Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith . . .

## June General Meeting

**Summer Fun and Sunshine are  
HERE.**

Come and join the United Women in Faith for a picnic lunch with fellowship, games, hands-on mission project and FUN. Oh, and prizes for all!!!!

**Program Title:** Fellowship and Fun

**Program Leader:** Chris Draxler

**Date & Time:** *Wednesday, June 21 at 12 noon* in the Fellowship Hall

COME, RELAX and PARTICIPATE in some SUMMER!!!!

It will be great to see you all again.....see you on June 16<sup>th</sup> for lunch and activities.

Chris Draxler



*And looking ahead:*

## **Mission u 2023: Living The Good News, Reflecting God's Love**

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (*basileia*) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's basileia and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience.

**Live by Zoom:** June 20, 22, 27 & 29, 2023

**In-Person:** July 13-15, 2023, Mauston UMC, 420 Suszycki Dr, Mauston, WI 53948

Address questions to Mission u Dean: Mary Lainberger—[mlainberger@charter.net](mailto:mlainberger@charter.net)

## June Birthdays

Pegi Fleming	6/3
Sharon Southard	6/5
Carolyn Kinville	6/14
Joyce Simpson	6/14*
	*(98 years old)
Audrey Simonson	6/25*
	*91 years old
Phyllis Bergeron	6/24*
	*91 years old
David Klinkhammer	6/15*
	*80 years old

*Happy Birthday*



## **Fund-Raising Opportunity for UWF**

**Wanted:** *original* ink jet cartridges, new or used. Please gently wrap them (can use the container the new one came in) to avoid damage. A collection box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall along with a list of acceptable cartridges. The program is "Empties4Cash" if you would like more information.

## STAMPERS

. . .will meet on the 4th Thursday (i.e. **June 22nd**) at **1:00 pm** in Room 202.

Come spend an hour with us and take a break from weeding your beautiful garden to send cards to our members who really enjoy a thoughtful reminder we care.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

After a long and weary winter, the sun is back. The snow banks have finally all melted, even the ones blocking parking spaces at church, and the ground no longer feels as hard and cold to the touch. Like suspicious groundhogs, some of us are poking our noses out of our holes and into the area greenhouses, where we are buying impulsively anything that looks like summer. Before long, the Farmers' Markets will be opening up with the earliest produce of the year: the rhubarb and asparagus and so on. And some of us who have gardens will begin to have our own crops. Maybe even more than we need ourselves.

This year our Welcome Team is sponsoring a solution for those who just have *too much rhubarb*. In the Fellowship Hall, we are setting up a "Sharing God's Blessings" table where people can drop off the fruits and veggies that are too much for them to eat or preserve, making them available for those of us without green thumbs to browse through for our own families. John the Baptist taught, 'Whoever has two coats, let him share with one who has none; and let whoever has food do likewise.' (Luke 3:11). Who are we to argue with John the Baptist?



### GOT PETALS?

Such an imagination God has. Even early this growing season so many flowers are out in so many variations. Just think how they are alike yet different in color (lily of the valley vs daffodils), size (lilacs vs wood violets), or shape (forsythia vs dandelions). Would you share some of your flowers for all the congregation to enjoy? Just bring any variety of any petals any Sunday. Vases are here if needed. Well, maybe not the dandelions? Many of us already have a bounty of them.

Blessings – Pat Peterson

### May 12 Blood Drive Report

The blood drive on May 12 was successful, adding 77 units to the much-needed blood supply. The drive went smoothly with little waiting. No one complained about anything except that maybe there was too much to choose from on our donors' buffet at the canteen! I was told by the head Red Cross staffer that the Lake Street drives garnered the most blood of all the drives in Eau Claire — something to be proud of.

The following volunteers helped greatly with this drive. When you see them, thank them — Jennie Stratton, Linda Peterson, Barb Nelson, Cheryl Kreitlow, Kathy and Kirsten Gierhart, Bonnie Wright, Jill Weisenbeck, Diane and Jon Case, Margo Bolton, Corinne Gjerner, Marty Fisher Blakeley, Mary Rose Howard, Marlene Arntson, Steve Blashford, Greg Wallace, Aaron Hurlburt, Dick Keepers and Kwik Trip #472.

Without their help, this drive would not have happened, so thank you one and all. The next drive is on **Friday, November 10**. There are still some schedule openings; please consider donating blood.

-- Linda Keepers, Lake Street Blood Drive Coordinator



## Memorials and Special Gifts received through May 23rd

## RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

### MEMORIALS

In memory of **Beverly Boettcher**; Donors: Rod and Charlene Graff, Scott and Angie Gaff, Kirsten and Brian Gierhart, Jon and Julie Holzinger, Jill and Al Weisenbeck, Jennie Stratton, Deb and Darryl Schaefer, Mary Ginder, Mary Muldoon, Sue Doyle, Peter and Barb Nelson. Designated for Radio Broadcast.

Donor: Bonnie Mann, Undesignated.

Donor: Janelle Earl. Designated for Stamps.

In memory of **Dorothy Elliot**; Donors: BJ Keepers, Keith and Gretchen Glasshof, Ron and Corinne Gjerner, Ellen Prellwitz, Rolf Hartmann, Richard and Donna Brown, Terry and Marilyn Sullivan, Carol Mooney. Designated for Radio Broadcast.

Donor: Carol Lamirande. Designated for Outside Gardening.

In Memory of **Marty Fuller**; Donors: BJ Keepers, Barb and Peter Nelson, Ron and Corinne Gjerner, Keith and Gretchen Glasshof, Kirsten and Brian Gierhart, Marlene Arntson, Terry and Marilyn Sullivan, Carol Lamarinde. Designated for: Radio Broadcast.

### SPECIAL GIFTS

Donor: Anonymous, Designated for Radio Broadcast

Donor: Joanne Ures-Halvorson. Designated for Worship Updates.

### Financial Report through April, 2023

As you can see in the chart below, we are remaining close to our budget expectations. This is not exciting, in that we had projected a deficit at this point of the year, and sure enough, we have it. Our giving is slightly lower than we had expected, but our expenses have been even lower than that. Let's look at both sides of the budget separately.

*Giving.* We had projected a very good month in April, because of Easter, but for the second year in a row, we were wrong. April was an average giving month in both 2022 and 2023. Now, last year, that deficit was more than made up by higher than expected giving in June, July, and August. It would appear that many traditional patterns in the church are changing.

*Expenses.* Our Trustees have had a busy first few months of the year, working on painting and plumbing and heating issues, so they have spent more than their YTD budget, but our personnel expenses have been lower than expected, with some open positions.

*Summary.* As many other parts of church life have returned to normal since the disruptions of the pandemic, so has our budget. In 2020, your giving rose to meet the crisis of COVID shutdowns, exceeding our budget at a time when we weren't even meeting. Now things are returning to normal. We are not in trouble, though. Our cash reserves remain high, and our funds for ministry through Foundation Grants guarantee our ability to experiment and move ahead in new directions.



### Lake Street United Methodist Church

	Operating Fund		Building Fund		Total	
	Budget Apr 2023	Budget Apr 2023	Budget Apr 2023	Budget Apr 2023	Budget Apr 2023	Budget Apr 2023
Offerings and other income *	\$ 111,166	115,915	\$ 1,522	\$ 440	\$ 112,688	\$ 116,355
Expenses	102,677	110,346	38,150	\$ 35,377	140,827	145,723
Net of Offerings less expenses	\$ 8,488	\$ 5,569	\$ (36,628)	\$ (34,937)	\$ (28,140)	\$ (29,368)

\* Excludes parsonage investment gain/loss because it is not included in budget

## CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY

### NO HARVEST MARKET THIS FALL

by Julie Holzinger

Many of you have been asking about Harvest Market. The simple answer is that there will not be a Harvest Market this Fall.

We have scaled back this event for the last two years, but even with those cut-backs, this is a huge undertaking, with a lot of the time and pressure falling on the coordinator. Those of us who have been in that role in the past have retired from it, and without anyone else stepping up to take our place, it is not possible to continue.

It would have been particularly difficult right now, anyway. This October, our church is hosting the Conference-wide UWF Fall Gathering. That major event falls on the second weekend of October both this year and next, just one week before the usual date of the Harvest Market. Since many of us who are active in UWF are also the ones who have worked on the Harvest Market, that would have been too much for most of us to do.

It is hard to let go of things that have such a rich history in our church, but with God's help we will find other smaller ways to raise money for missions and continue to do the best we can. In the meantime, make the most of the free time this can open up. Enjoy the traveling and sight-seeing opportunities of October, that most beautiful time of year.



### Foundation Grant Report

This year, the Lake Street Foundation's ministry grants to the church added up to \$23,007.69. Much of this money is designated for specific ministry areas, and the rest is undesignated. So far, funds from these grants have been used to:

- Worship: New Advent Candles (\$138.04) and handbell gloves, pads, and desks (\$779.75).
- Inclusive Welcom: Final bill for the Chancel Lift (\$3,000.00), new iPad for homebound worship (\$286.98)
- Book-keeping adjustments. Zero-ing out the deficit Staff Appreciation Fund (\$118.30) and completing funding on Room 202 air-con (\$509.52).
- Outreach: backpacks with essential supplies for the homeless, through Community Table (\$1,173.00)

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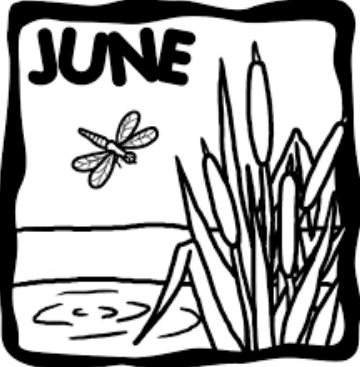
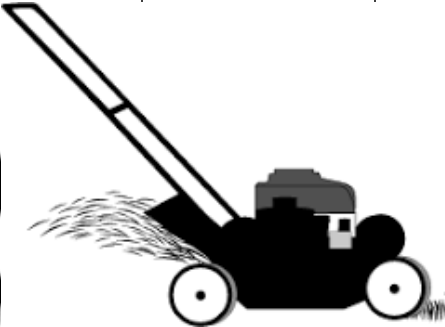

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) <b>9:30am Circuit  Rider Assembly  (Room 202)</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/ Worship (Dockside Room)	<b>3</b> 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook
<b>4</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: UMCOR</b> <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with  livestream on Facebook and  YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b> <i>Sermon: "Three Ways to Look at the  Trinity"; Texts: Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-  23; 1st John 4:7-12</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) 3:00pm Sanctuary In Use (Jennifer Lohmann)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)	<b>6</b> <b>Noon -- Bulletin  Info Deadline</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)	<b>7</b> 9:30am UWF Exec Comm (Room 202) 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library)	<b>8</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A)	<b>9</b> WI Conf United Methodist Annual Meeting (Green Bay) 10:00am Drive- Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd) 11:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (Pride Booth Preparation) 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/ Worship (Dockside Room)	<b>10</b> WI Conf United Methodist Annual Meeting (Green Bay) 10:00am Pride Booth (Phoenix Park) 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook
<b>11</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: UMCOR</b> WI Conf United Methodist Annual Meeting (Green Bay) 8:30am Summer Choir Rehearsal (Room 202) <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with  livestream on Facebook and  YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b>	<b>12</b> WI Conf United Methodist Annual Meeting (Green Bay) 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class)	<b>13</b> <b>Noon -- Bulletin  Info Deadline</b> 6:00pm Communications Team (on line) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)	<b>14</b> 9:00am The Community Table 9:30am AT-IT Team (Conference Room) 10:00am Fellowship Hall	<b>15</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A)	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)	<b>17</b> 10:00am Room 202 In Use (Huntington's Disease Support Group) 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group)

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<p><i>Sermon: "I Am Who I Am"; Greg Wallace, Lay Speaker;</i>  <i>Texts: Romans 4:13-25 and Matthew 9:9-13</i>            10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall)            1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room)</p>			<p>In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class)            6:15pm Pack 128 Comm Meeting (Room 202)</p>			<p>6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook</p>
<p><b>18</b>  <b>Mission Emphasis: UMCOR</b>  <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1) 1</b>  <i>Sermon: "The Backstory"; Text: Luke 1-2</i>            8:30am Summer Choir Rehearsal (Room 202)            10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall)            1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room)  <b>3:00pm IM Church (Fellowship Hall)</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class)            10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Noon -- Bulletin Info Deadline</b>            5:30pm Trustees (Room 202/on line)            6:30pm Finance Committee (Fireside Library/on line)            7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Circuit Rider Deadline</b>            10:00am Room 202 In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class)            12:00pm UWF General Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p><b>22</b>            7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library]            8:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (Sewing Guild)            9:00am Quilters (Room 101A)            1:00pm Stampers (Room 202)</p>	<p><b>23</b>            10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd)            6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)</p>	<p><b>24</b>            10:00am Room 202 In Use (Huntington's Disease Support Group)            12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group)            6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook</p>
<p><b>25</b>  <b>Mission Emphasis: UMCOR</b>  <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b>  <i>Sermon: "The Beginning of the Kingdom";</i>  <i>Text: Luke 3-6</i>            10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall)            1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room)</p>	<p><b>26</b>            10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class)            10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>Noon -- Bulletin Info Deadline</b>            7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)</p>	<p><b>28</b>            9:00am Missions Team (Fireside Library)            10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class)            1:30pm Room 202/Fireside Library In Use (Early Memory Loss Support Group)</p>	<p><b>29</b>            7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library]            9:00am Quilters (Room 101A)  <b>9:30am Circuit Rider Assembly (Room 202)</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>            6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)</p>	