



Lake Street United Methodist Church

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The Short Circuit – February 19, 2017

Program Ministries . . .

We are very happy to have everyone present at this service of worship. It is here that we can find light for any darkness. It is here that we may find the blessings and comfort which God alone can offer. Welcome!

Radio Ministry

Gifts contributed today are given in memory of Suzanne Exley from her husband, Harry Exley and family.

Team for Pastoral Transition

Church Council has formed a team to provide leadership throughout the pastoral transition ahead. The team includes Church Council Chairs Marty Fisher-Blakeley and Jan Smith, Lay Leader Greg Wallace, SPRC Chair Sam Campbell, and Communications Chair Tashai Atkins. The team also includes Ken Bolton as he takes on the new role of Pastor's Assistant as a volunteer. He will be receiving info about a number of administrative and financial management tasks from Pastor Cherie, so he can care for these tasks throughout the transition.

Date of Pastoral Transition

- Pastor Cherie has been reappointed as pastor of Beaver Dam UMC, effective March 1st;
- Pastor Cherie's last Sunday at Lake Street is today;
- April 1st, Rev. Don Gribble as 3/4 time interim pastor will begin;
- July 1st, Lake Street's new full-time pastor, Rev. Jerry Morris begins;

Farewell Plans

Today we will be wishing Pastor Cherie a fond farewell. She will be heading to new ministry opportunities in the connectional church with our brothers and sisters in Beaver Dam: Trinity United Methodist Church.

- Today, Rev. Forret's ministry among us will be formally recognized during the 8:30 and 10:00 am worship services. The Pancake Breakfast is also being held so spirits will be high. Hope you enjoy the festivities and take another opportunity to say, "God speed."
- All are invited to offer their own well wishes and gifts at any time.

Join Us For Breakfast This Morning!

Hope you are joining all your Lake Street friends for breakfast on in Fellowship Hall today. Get a head start celebrating President's Day with a delicious, hearty breakfast! Enjoy French toast, pancakes, sausages, coffee, juice, milk, all the trimmings, plus that wonderful Lake Street fellowship. Remember, profits from the breakfasts go toward church projects and needs. So you benefit multiple ways! The volunteers will be ready to serve you from 8:00 to 11:30 am. Come join the fun!

Future Program Ministries . . .

February 26th Worship

Greg Wallace, a long-time member of Lake Street UMC, and current Lay Leader will bring the message next Sunday titled "Begin Again" using the scripture Luke 6:46-49. Greg has been involved in Lay Speaking for almost ten years. He serves Lake Street as the Charter Representative for both the Boy Scout Troop 36 and Cub Scout Pack, and as a member of the LakeCare Visitation team.

Lent Begins March 1st – Ash Wednesday

Please mark your calendar for a service of quiet reflection in our sanctuary and an Imposition of Ashes on your forehead -- or wrist. Ashes signal repentance from sin, and a willingness to let barriers to your relationship with God pass away.

For Lent we will be using a DVD series – “Restored, Finding Redemption in our Mess.”

Often we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. In this series, pastor and author, Tom Berlin, helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration. Using scripture, devotional tools and several writings, Berlin encourages reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Details will be in our March Circuit Rider.

Change to the Circuit Rider Newsletter

Please note that Aaron Athas, our communications facilitator, will assume the editorial duties for the Circuit Rider newsletter starting with the May issue. The deadline will remain the same – the 15th of the month to go into the next month’s issue. If you have an article for the newsletter, email it to Aaron at communications@lakestreetumc.org, or place a written copy in his mailbox in the Program Ministries office. If you would like the article to go into the Short Circuit also, please copy it to Ellen at adminsec@lakestreetumc.org.

Spiritual Formation: “Ribbon Prayer Tree”

Transitions take effort, thinking, discussion, compromise and prayer. During the next six-eight months we will be going through a number of transitions. As a result of the transitions we will be facing, the Spiritual Formation Team has decided to put up a Ribbon Prayer Tree. If you have a thought or an idea about one of the transitions we are involved with for which you want people to pray, place the transition, the thought or idea and your name on a ribbon and place on the tree. For ever individual, whether a visitor or a member, look at the ribbons and pray about the items you see. If you have insights you feel were inspired by your prayers, talk to individuals associated with the transition and the individual associated with the ribbon. Look for the Ribbon Prayer Tree when you enter the Fellowship Hall.

Children and Youth Ministries . . .

Youth Group

All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us for faith, fellowship and fun from 6:00 - 7:30 pm on Wednesdays in the Youth Room. Join us earlier at 5:15 pm for Wednesday at the Lake dinner.

Wednesday, February 22nd – New Games Night! Try out some new games or bring a new game to share.

Fellowship Activities . . .

Wednesday at the Lake

Gather with us each week at 5:15 pm for a great meal and other Wednesday evening activities. This week will be hosted by the MAP group who will be serving their specially prepared fish fry along with tossed salad and ice cream for dessert. Plan to join them!!!

Sharing Activities . . .

The \$CRIP Program

Hope your Valentine’s Day was a special one for you and that you are enjoying our fantastic weather! Are you thinking of getting out the grill?!! or starting to plan a spring project, or just want to have a nice coffee out with a friend? We can help - get your SCRIP card for Menards, Starbucks or Caribou and the gas to drive there right at the SCRIP table in Fellowship Hall. Stop by and visit us – get your cards and help the church!

YTD sales of \$CRIP Cards \$11,200.00

Realized margin (YTD) for LSUMC \$528.02

Thank you for your support!

New Altar Railing

Many thanks to everyone who contributed financial support and prayers for the new railing for the steps to the altar. Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) team worked jointly with trustees to identify and create a way to provide accessibility to our altar area. This is a first step; thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Loose Change Offering for February

Today our Loose Change offering will be for the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic. This mission of the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic is to provide health services to and advocacy for the members of our community that have no health care alternative. Residents of Eau Claire and its surrounding communities are able to receive basic health care at no cost to them. Other free services include managing chronic illness, a mental health clinic, a diabetic clinic, and a medication refill dispensary. The CVFC illustrates the remarkable impact that caring and dedicated individuals can make in the lives of others.

Although the CVFC employs seven paid staff members (most of whom are part-time), it depends primarily on volunteers. Over 200 volunteers with both medical and non-medical backgrounds donate their time and talent to the clinic's cause.

The Free Clinic is able to provide their patients with care at no cost to them, though there are many lost to the clinic. Their mission would not be successful without additional support from community members, local business, churches, other service organizations, as well as United Way. Thank you for your support. Call 715-839-8477 – CVFC to volunteer for opportunities.

Interfaith Hospitality Network – Beacon House

Another wonderful week of Beacon House volunteering was completed January 21st! Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following Lake Street friends and members for all their hard work: Marlene Arntson, Ken Bolton, Chris Van Beek, Bill Wright, Steve Blashford, Bonnie Wright, Corinne Gjerner, Lloyd Shepherd, Wendy Hansen, Kent Gierhart, Judy Hoepfner-Olson, Red Hot Babes, Jeff Pettis, and Tammy Stearns.

The weeks of April 2nd, June 25th and October 15th will be our next opportunities to help out at the Beacon House, a family homeless shelter, by providing a volunteer staff that will –

- prepare at home, serve and clean-up the evening meal;
- spend the night from 8:00 pm until 7:30 am.

Since Ken and I are going to Alaska in June, 2017, I will be scheduling now for both the April and June dates! Please call/text or email Margo Bolton – (715-894-7387 cell, 715-877-1420 home); bolton.margo6@gmail.com.

Got Hearing Aids?

What is a hearing loop? Will my hearing aids work with a hearing loop? How can I hear the church service better? These were some of your questions according to the Listening Experience Survey we did last year.

We'll have answers for you on March 8th at 3:45 pm in Room 202. Shawna Lee, who is an audiologist from Sacred Heart and UWEC, will be here to talk about t-coils and hearing loops and how you might be able to take advantage of this marvelous technology in order to hear better.

Shawna will help you determine whether your hearing aid has a t-coil. She'll explain how to activate the t-coil. She'll also explain how the FM systems we have here at Lake Street can help you hear the service better. She'll also show us how to properly clean a hearing aid.

Mark your calendar! March 8th at 3:45 pm. Please join us for this valuable session, which is being brought to you by G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together).

Caring Corner . . .

Did you know that depression is NOT a normal part of aging? Did you know that depression left untreated can slow recovery from physical illnesses and can make pain more intolerable? Can you name five symptoms of depression?

Molly O'Reilly from WITC New Richmond recently visited Lake Street and provided us with an overview of depression, especially as it applies to later life. She provided answers and discussion around the questions above and much more. Her presentation whet our appetite for more information about treatments, the effects of depression on the person's family and community, how we can help our friends and family members through depression, what community resources are available, and what is the appropriate Christian response. Molly's presentation was the kick-off for a four-part series on depression being brought to you by G.I.F.T. on four successive Thursday evenings from April 20th thru May 11th.

More details are coming later, but save the dates on your calendar now. Every one of us knows someone who is depressed; shouldn't we understand as much as we can about how to support that person?

Brought to you by the G.I.F.T.
(Growing In Faith Together)

ARCW Wish List for February: Canned Fruit

Please join others from Lake Street in supporting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry during February by donating canned fruit. Your donation will assist over forty area families affected by HIV/AIDS. Place your item in the ARCW box outside Fellowship Hall and thanks for your continued support.

Email Address Update

Please update your email contacts listing for Elen in the church office to: adminsec@lakestreetumc.org. The listing that used to go through the conference office is now only used for conference staff and all others have been discontinued.

Appreciation . . .

The Community Table

A big thank you to a great team who prepared and served for a crowd of hungry Eau Claire residents. Thanks to the following people ready with their actions, to share love with their neighbors in need – Kirsten Francis, Mary Kay Francis, Pat Peterson, Tom and Kathi Jewel, James Budnaitis, Judy Sheu, Selena Herman, Dan Herman, Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, and John and Evan Artisensi. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12th when Lake Street serves again.

Beyond Lake Street Church . . .

Chippewa Valley Area Sing's Annual Concert

Enrich your soul and help Feed My People by attending CVASING's annual concert on Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The concert will again be presented at Trinity Lutheran Church.

This event is in its ninth year and continues to raise thousands of dollars for Feed My People.

This year's performance is entitled For the Beauty. The concert features a mix of sacred and secular music, performed by a chorus of over 80 singers plus instrumentalists. The chorus is directed by Gary Rambo and accompanied by Karol Hommen.

Our featured guest this year is Jack Knowlton. This remarkable saxophonist from Memorial High School will be attending college on scholarship at a prestigious university to be selected soon.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from CVASING members, local grocery stores and at the

door. Check with Janelle Earl, Carol Gudnason, Carolyn Kinville, Virginia Markin, Mary Rose Howard, Pat Peterson, Jan Smith or Jill Weisenbeck and they will gladly get the tickets you want.

Prayer Ministries . . .

Prayer Chain Coordination

If you have an item for the prayer chain and need help posting it, please contact Chris Draxler -- ministrycoor@lakestreetumc.org. Thank you for all the ministry you do with your prayers!

- **Praying** for all Lake Street members and friends during the year! This week please pray for: Mary Jane Cardinal, Dorothy Carpenter, Jon and Diane Case, Bert Chatterson, Danielle and Evan Clark, Gary, Mary, Noah, Nahom, Hannah and Molly Clark, Anna Cowan, Tristi, Mike and Alayna Crawford, Scott, Joshua, Benjamin, Brianna Daniels and Anita Norha, Bob and Janet Darling.

• Please pray –

- for Corinne Gjerner and her friend, Annette, for safe travels.
 - for PEACE, more patience and kindness.
 - for Martin, brother of Margo Bolton in Iowa, after his fall off a 12-foot ladder. Along with his broken leg, he is struggling with lung and leg clots as well as an infection.
 - for baby Max, nephew of Aaron Athas, as he continues with medical observation.
 - for Don Frank as he recovers at home after being released from the hospital. And for Karen Frank as she continues to rehab following a fall.
 - for a co-worker whose daughter took her own life.
 - for R. Brown, whose boyfriend is in jail out of state, and she is unable to travel to see him.
 - for persons in our congregation grieving the loss of a loved one, including Whitey Dodge and Al Olson.
 - for John's family; may God keep them safe.
 - for all congregations, pastors and staff in the midst of transitions.
 - for Hannah (5-years old) and family, where Hannah was recently diagnosed with leukemia and has started chemotherapy.
 - for Jerry Kroll, recovering from a broken wrist.
- Thank you for all the ministry you do with your prayers.

E-Mail Prayer Chain

Our e-mail prayer chain is one way our faith community is growing its capacity to offer care to one another. To be part of the e-mail prayer chain, each participant simply prays when the e-mail message is received. Sign-up on the yellow Connect Card insert.

This Week At Lake Street . . .

Sunday, February 19th – Loose Change Sunday

- 8:00a Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30a Worship || Nursery || Adult Studies
Radio Ministry (92.1) FM
- 8:45a Youth Choir
- 9:30a Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) || SCRIP
- 10:00a Worship || Live streaming on Facebook
Nursery || Sunday School with Children's Choir
- 11:00a Praise Band Rehearsal
- 4:00p Fellowship Hall In Use

Monday, February 20th

- 3:30p Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:15p PACK Troop (Room 102/103)
- 6:30p Finance Committee (Conference Room)
- 7:00p Troop 36 (Dockside Room)

Tuesday, February 21st

- 6:00a ELECTION SITE (Fellowship Hall)
- Noon – Bulletin Information Deadline
- 7:30p Sanctuary In Use

Wednesday, February 22nd

- 1:00p Dementia Support (Room 202/203)
- 4:00p Great Figures Study (Room 202)
- 5:15p Wednesday at the Lake
- 5:30p Ellesi Rehearsal
- 6:00p Bel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal || Confirmation
- 8:00p Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, February 23rd

- 7:30a MAP [Men At Prayer] (Fireside Library)
- 9:00a Quilters (Room 101A)
- 9:30a Circuit Rider Assembly (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30p Alzheimer's Support (Fireside Library)
- 6:30p Boton House Support (Lounge)

Sunday, February 26th

Sermon: "Begin Again"

Text: Luke 6:46-49

Hospitality Notes . . .

Worship Aids Available: large-print bulletins/hymnals, personal hearing amplifiers or children's worksheets. Ushers can assist.

NURSERY for infants thru Kindergarten is located in Room 204. Ushers can assist with locations. Rockers for parents with children are at the back of sanctuary.

Worship Leaders: •Rev. Cherie Forret; •Organist: Edna Sahs •Pianist: Jennifer Lohmann; •Minister of Music: David Fehr; •Ellesi Coordinator: Kathy Amundson-Forsberg; •Ellesi Accompanist: Sue Seeger; •Instrumentalists: Megan Ruth, Laurie Craig; •Liturgist: (8:30a) Jane Kilde; (10:00a) Tim Atkins; •Song Leader: (8:30a) Leonard Larsen; (10:00a) Ron Gjerner; •Worship Design: Pat Peterson; •Nursery: Cora Staber.

Sunday School: All children and youth are welcome in our Sunday School program (ages 3 - 12th grade) and are usually dismissed to their classes during 10:00 am worship following the Children's Moments. Teachers are available for directions.

Restrooms are located through the left exit sanctuary door toward the lobby to the left.

Wheelchairs are available in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall near the fire extinguisher.

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