

LWEFC

July 2018

Baptism at Church Picnic

We have a few folks already signed up! If you believe that Christ died for your sins and that He is your only hope for eternal life, then baptism might be the next step in your journey of faith. Please talk to Pastor Scott or Pastor Daniel for more information.

Church Picnic at Devils Lake State Park **Sunday, August 19, LUNCH SERVED AT 1:00PM**

We've reserved the WHITE PINE (South Shore) shelter, near the playground area.

- LWEFC will provide the meat & drinks
- We are asking folks whose last name begins:
A-M bring a side dish and
N-Z bring a dessert.
- Don't forget your lawn chairs/picnic blanket!

Carpooling & Parking Logistics

Vehicle admission stickers are required on all motorized vehicles. One day sticker price is \$13.00 (senior rate \$3.00) for WI plates and may be purchased as you enter the park. If you are interested in carpooling from church, please check the box on the sign-up sheet in the lobby!

Sign Up in the Lobby

Making Missions Count

There is a famous story in youth pastoral circles that revolves around an orphanage in Mexico, which had a classroom that was painted seven times in the same summer! The story goes that multiple youth groups had inquired to help. And since the needy ministry didn't dare turn away help, they instead just kept asking their visiting volunteers to paint (and repaint) the same space.

In Spring of 2016, a young Nigerian professional named Kunle Adeyemi accepted the Pritzker Prize (a prestigious design award for social impact through architecture and design) for his creation of a floating school. This three level, pyramid shaped structure, was invented with the idea of adding educational space in the slums of Lagos (an African city built over the water). Media outlets all over the world were quick to celebrate this achievement. Unfortunately, on the day he gave his acceptance speech, Adeyemi's floating school blew apart and toppled over. Upon further investigation, the entire project was a sham. The reports of a thriving school were fake, the pictures of students playing within it were staged. No teachers actually worked there. Many locals were culpable in the hoax. Adeyemi's project started off with the best intentions, but somehow got sabotaged along the way by vanity, ego, politics, and cross cultural miscommunication.

As we seek to help elevate others out of poverty, how can we aide and assist those who are doing this, without repeating these same mistakes? How can we as a church help the economically unfortunate, without contributing unneeded works or foolish vanity projects?

Well the best assurance is to partner with those already there. In other words, we have to resist the urge to enter in, and tell others what we will do for them. We must create relationships with nationals or workers already in country, and serve under their leadership and wisdom.

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This winter/spring, we will be partnering with two organizations (Kids Around the World, and Schools for Haiti) to relocate the playground at the Lodi Primary School to a school yard in Haiti. We will rely on the discretion of Schools for Haiti for the best school and site, and the direction of Kids Around the World for shipping and transportation help. By working with these two established Christian organizations, we can be confident that our efforts will successfully aide a needy and worthwhile ministry.

You can help in a couple different ways. The biggest, is by signing up to take a shift or two selling kettle corn at the Lodi Fair (July) or Trienen Corn Maze (October). You can also keep your eyes open for an end of summer work day where we will take down the current playground (which is currently at the Lodi Primary School). Prayers are of course needed and appreciated. And finally, you can consider joining us for the Haiti build sometime early in 2019.

Thank you for partnering with us, as we partner with two great organizations making a difference for God's Kingdom around the globe.

Pastor Scott Larson



Have a Blast Helping at VBS

From August 13-17, Lake Wisconsin Church will be hosting children from the Lodi area for a week of Vacation Bible School centered around the theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a wonderful outreach to our community and a way to connect with kids about the most important message we have to share: the Gospel. Vacation Bible School is for children from Pre-K through 6th grade and will be held from 9 am – Noon each day.



Help is needed to make VBS possible. We will be doing some new things this year and there are lots of ways you can be involved. This year, VBS will include mixed-age groups and a mostly separate VBS for pre-K children. Additionally, we will be offering a nursery for volunteers who have young children. Pastor Daniel is looking for adults leaders to help run the various stations: snacks, Bible story time, pre-K VBS, crew leaders, nursery, games and a photographer. If you are patient, love kids, and enjoy one of the above activities, please contact Pastor Daniel (daniel@lwefc.org) to let him know you are interested in helping. You can learn more about the areas where leaders are needed by checking out the sign-up sheet and leader information sheets in the church lobby.

There will be a mandatory volunteer meeting on Sunday, July 22 at noon.

If you have a child who would like to attend VBS, you can register them online via the link on our website (lwefc.org) or by calling the church office.

Please pray for all the children and adults involved and impacted by this wonderful community outreach.

Fall Precept Studies

Galatians - 7 Week

Class meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30am

Please sign-up in the church lobby by
Sunday, September 2

Class Title: **Galatians - Who Has Bewitched You?**

As the gospel spread across the Roman world in the first decades after Jesus' earthly ministry, conflict arose. Jews and Gentiles were believing the gospel, and a struggle over what it meant to be a Christian began. What does it mean to live under grace? Do you have to keep the Law to be a Christian? All of it or just part of it? Who is right? How will we know? God used an apostle to write a letter to some churches that were struggling with this issue, a letter that still speaks today. It's message clearly defines the relationship between Law and grace, and how Christians live under grace, led by the Spirit, free from bondage.

Class Begins: **Wednesday, October 3**

Class Ends: **Wednesday, November 14**

Cost: **\$16.00**

Are you new to Precept study?

This ministry does not seek to impose its doctrines on others, but rather to direct people to the Master Himself, who leads and guides by His Spirit into all truth through a systematic study of His Word.

**Contact Jamie Rowe if you are new to
Precept study or if you have any
questions - rowe1218@charter.net
or 608-345-2515.**

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

9:30-10:30am Combined Worship
Service (July & August)

10:30-11:00am Coffee Fellowship

Sunday

Mon

Tue

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1	2 9:30am Prayer Team Trustee Meeting	3 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.	4 
8	9 9:30am Prayer Team	10 6:30p Elder Meeting	11
15 Holy Communion 	16 9:30am Prayer Team	17 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m. Middle School @ Sky Zone	18 9:30am Mo
22 Noon - VBS Volunteer Meeting	23 9:30am Prayer Team	24	25
29	30 9:30am Prayer Team	31	
			

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:30am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>Men's Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Children with Special Needs and Chronic Illnesses</p>			



Men's Retreat - Save the Date

September 15 - 16, 2018

Heading to Expeditions Unlimited

Watch for more info to follow.

Lodi Fair Mission Opportunities

Youth Trip to Camp Barnabas

Changing Our View on Confession

Confession; even the word makes us cringe. I grew up in a very legalistic and ultra-conservative church background and as you might expect the culture of a church like that leans heavily on shame and guilt. As a result, I grew to find confessing and admitting sin terribly difficult and tried to avoid it as much as possible by not sinning (at least as much as I could be capable of). I carried that fear of confession with me as I grew up and have found that it is not uncommon for most people to struggle with the idea of confessing and admitting their sins to whomever they have sinned against. Some of this, I believe is a cultural thing. Scandinavian people are particularly reserved and generally hesitant to be too open to others. Likewise, in America, we are taught to extol the virtues of individuality and resist doing anything that may harm our ability to make it to the top or which might make us seem weak or vulnerable. Because of all of this, confession has been stigmatized in our culture. Admitting you are wrong is to be avoided at all costs.

Certainly, this is a broader symptom of humanity as a whole as in the very beginning of the Bible, we see Adam blame Eve for his sin and Eve turn around and blame the serpent. We have always been hesitant to admit when we sin.

Recently, I read a book that challenged my views on confession. The book said we should be celebrating confession. That seems like a pretty foreign idea to me, but as I thought about it and thought about what Scripture says about confessions, I realized the author might be on to something. If we did not associate shame and guilt with confession, we might be less hesitant to be open and honest with each other. If we extolled the values of honest and vulnerable relationships and if we took the Bible at its word regarding how important confession is, we might actually make confession more of a practice in our lives.

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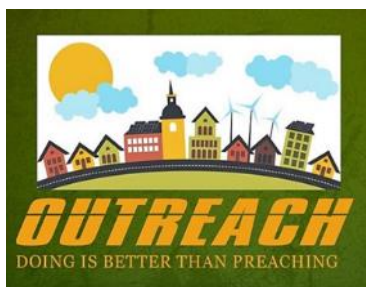
*Therefore, confess your sins to one another – James 5:16
And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything
against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may
forgive you your trespasses.” – Mark 11:25
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9
Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who
confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. – Proverbs
28:13
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I
said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you
forgave the iniquity of my sin. – Psalm 32:5*

Confessing our sins isn't easy and part of that may be how incorrectly we have viewed confession. If we knew confession was going to result in forgiveness, grace and a welcoming back into relationship with the person(s) we have wronged, perhaps then we would be more inclined or at least willing to consider confessing our sins. If we all recognized how difficult confession was and sought to lower the fear associated with it, I think the result would be incredible.

Think of how freeing it would be if we all felt comfortable being completely transparent and honest with each other. Think of how incredible it would be if no one felt like they needed to put on a face in order to be accepted by others or to avoid being judged. Let's no longer make confessing our sins a fearful and frightening thing. None of us are perfect this side of heaven and that means all of us have sins we need to confess. It will never be easy, but we could make it less terrifying a proposition.

In closing, I want to say that confession isn't the end of the road. Confession must be followed by true repentance. Not only should we be confessing our sins, we should also be turning from our sins. Confession becomes meaningless if we have to continually confess the same sin time and time again because we keep going back to it. Repentance must follow.

Pastor Daniel



Mission Opportunities in Our Own Hometown

The people of Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church seek to make disciples of all nations through outreach events and service projects throughout our local communities.

In order to do this, **we need you** to help us introduce ourselves to people in the community as well as let them know all that we offer at LWEFC.

Whether it is spending a couple of hours popping kettlecorn at the Lodi Fair, overseeing a bouncehouse at the Dane Firemen's Festival or spending your mornings with kids at VBS, there is a way for you to be involved and help our church have an impact and presence in the Lake Wisconsin area. Not only will you have the opportunity to get to know other people from our church, you will also help us make an impact in the Lake Wisconsin area and around the world!

Listed below and on the back are some of the events going on this summer and how you can help. There are opportunities for everyone in our church family to contribute towards our goal of increasing our presence in the community, and demonstrating God's love around the world.

Lodi Agricultural Fair – July 12-15

Come engage with families and children at Lodi's biggest event of the year! Help raise money for a playground in Haiti while also engaging with people from around the county and telling them about LWEFC. You can pop kettlecorn and help sell soda. Sign up in the church lobby or contact Tracy Jesse if you can help (tjesse@toppromotions.com).

Susie the Duck Day – August 11

We are looking for individuals and families willing to walk the parade route and hand out information about our church and our fall ministries to people. Please contact Pastor Scott (scott@lwefc.org) if you would like to help.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – August 13-17

Come help kids learn about how Jesus rescues them. Volunteers are needed to help run crafts, games, bible lessons, nursery and preschool VBS. You can also help decorate the church the weeks leading up to VBS. VBS will run from 9 am – Noon each day of the week. Contact Pastor Daniel (daniel@lwefc.org) if you can help.

Family Fun Night – August 16

Help us reach families in our community at our Family Fun Night. We will be encouraging VBS families to come and play some fun and silly games at church as well as enjoy some delicious meal. Help will be needed running games and setting up and taking games down. Talk to Pastor Daniel if you want to help.

You can also serve in helping us reach out to families and people in our community by serving on the nursery or worship teams, helping with tech on Sunday mornings or by being a childcare volunteer for Mom's Group throughout the summer. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact the church office at 592-3091.



Join us this summer for an awesome VBS experience

Play incredible games, enjoy tropical treats, and create unique crafts all while learning about God.

Where: Lake Wisconsin Church

When: August 13-17 from 9 am—Noon

Who: Children entering 4k-6th Grade

Register Online at lwefc.org or
by calling (608) 592-3091

Sea You There!



July Celebrations

Birthday

Frank Guzzo	4
Nicole Sjogren	4
Neil Bishop	7
Asia Tompkins	8
Ember Schmidt	8
Kenneth Tippiery	8
Anita Ashworth	9
Steve Beutler	9
Jared Ryan	10
Sherry Boeger	15
Cheryl Noble	15
Timothy Anthon	21
Greg McCubbin	22
Rachel Stieve	26
John Boor	27
Patti Schmitz	27
Sean Seidler	30
Karen Ewing	31

Anniversary

Monty & Karen Homewood	1
Gary & Rachel Stieve	1
Pastor Daniel & Nicole	3
Bryan & Laura Cummings	13
Rob & Jenny Zumm	14
Kennard & Hazel Sandmire	16
Kenneth & Nancy Tippiery	19
Craig & Martha Allan	23
Steve & Micki Beutler	23
James & Lynn Muttini	30

Coming to LWEFC **2018 Bluegrass Music's** **Band of the Year**

With over 60 National awards
and nominations,

The Farm Hands

are one of the most exciting and in
demand Bluegrass
Bands in America.

And they're coming to LWEFC!

Mark your calendars for Sunday,
November 4, for a 2:00 p.m. concert
in our own Multi Purpose Room.

Tickets will go on sale in
September for \$10.00 each. If you
are interested, please contact
darla@lwevc.org to be placed on the
'ticket waiting list'. Mention this ad
and you'll receive VIP seating.



Trustee Report

		<u>YTD</u>
May 2018 Giving:	\$21,966.03	\$115,449.43
May 2018 Expenses:	\$25,496.67	\$113,655.70
Monthly Budgeted:	\$23,583.34	\$117,916.66
Mortgage Balance as of 5/31/2018:		\$111,075.97