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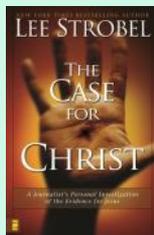
LWEFC



New Men's Study Begins

"The Case For Christ" by Lee Strobel

Have you ever wondered if you can be certain about claims of the Bible, specifically the historical reality of Jesus Christ? Join us as we study this insightful book, as well as a deeper look at the relevant Scriptures it draws from.



This class is for men of all ages (15 and up), as well as a great class to bring a friend still investigating the truth of Christianity. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Begins Tuesday, March 6, 6:30-8:00
(1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month)

The Food Drive That Continues **All Year Long**

How many of us go grocery shopping once a year?
LWEFC's annual food drive is held once a year...
and we would like to change that!

For those who have the means, let's get into the habit of picking something up each time we grocery shop, for the two area food pantry's LWEFC supports:

- ★ Poynette Area Community Food Pantry
- ★ Reach Out Lodi

Bring your donations to church on Sundays and place them on the "Food Pantry" shelving found outside the Multipurpose room.

Please see page 3 for further information on

You're Noticed! You're Appreciated!

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

Winston Churchill

"Volunteerism is currency that appreciates."

Unknown

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

Have you ever taken a moment to reflect on how much Lake Wisconsin runs on volunteerism?

The Trustee Team is a group of individuals who watch over the budget and physically improve the facility and grounds. The Elder Team casts vision, oversees the paid staff, and shepherds the congregation. On Wednesday nights, over 20 volunteers are present to supervise and interact with the 90 or so students present for games and Bible teaching. The Missions Team cares for and supports several missionaries. And each Sunday morning two separate worship teams gather to lead worship services, each supported by a team in the tech booth. And the lower level is filled with Sunday School teachers and nursery workers. Each month the Men's Breakfast is cooked by volunteers. And multiple home and classroom Bible studies are hosted and taught by volunteers.

Lake Wisconsin Church could not function without your volunteering! Thank you for those who serve in all of these areas. Your gift of time and energy to God and LWFC are noticed and appreciated.

Pastor Scott Larson

The Food Drive That Continues *All Year Long, con't*

Food pantry items currently needed on a regular basis:

Hygiene items, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, shaving cream, women's personal care items, etc.

Laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels and other cleaning items.

Items regularly provided:

Peanut Butter

Jelly/Jam

Cereal

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Macaroni and Cheese

Side dish items such as Pasta Sides, Stuffing, etc.

Hamburger Helper

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti Noodles

Ramen Noodles

Chunky Soups

Tomato, Chicken Noodle and other soups

Spaghetti O's, Baked Beans and other similar items

Tuna

Canned Fruit

Vegetables



Monetary donations are used to purchase the items above as well as meat, milk, bread, eggs, margarine, potatoes, oranges and apples on a weekly basis.

Monetary donations are also used to purchase special need items requested by the schools.

Those interested in volunteering or who have questions may call Karla Gilles at (608) 669-2857 (Poynette) and Reach Out Lodi (608) 592-4592.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30-9:30am 1st Service Worship
 10:00-11:00am 2nd Service Worship

9:30-10:00am Coffee Fellowship
 10:00-11:00am Children's Sunday

Sunday

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Annual Summer Picnic
 Devil's Lake State Park
 Sunday, August 19

4 6:30p The Bridge (High School)	5 9:30am Prayer Team	6 Elder Meeting Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.	7 9:30am Mo 9:30am Ac 6:30pm AV Volunteer M 6:30 Path (Middle S
11 6:30p The Bridge (High School)	12 9:30am Prayer Team Trustee Meeting	13	14 9:30am Ac 6:30pm AV 6:30 Path (Middle S
18 6:30p The Bridge (High School) Holy Communion	19 9:30am Prayer Team	20 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.	21 9:30am Mo 9:30am Ac 6:30pm AV 6:30 Path (Middle S
25 Palm Sunday 	26 9:30am Prayer Team	27 6:30pm Elder Meeting	28 9:30am Ac NO AWAN. NO Pathv (Middle S

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	1	2 World Day of Prayer Dekorra Lutheran 1:00 pm Coffee & Dessert Served after Service	3
<p>Men's Group Sports Part 2 WANA Meeting (Inway School)</p>	8	9 Youth Blacklight Dodgeball Tournament at 5:15 p.m.	10 7:30am Men's Breakfast
<p>Sports Part 2 WANA (Inway School)</p>	15	16	
<p>Men's Group Sports Part 2 WANA (Inway School)</p>	22	23	24
<p>Sports Part 2 WANA (Inway School)</p>	29	30 Good Friday 	31

Reflections on Another Year Older

In January, I celebrated my 33rd birthday. It wasn't a particularly special day but it did remind me of a little fun fact; it is believed that Jesus was 33 years old when he was crucified. As I reflected on 33 years of life, I thought about the things I had accomplished and also, the even greater number of things that I had not accomplished. Thirty-three years seems like a lot when you are younger, but now that I have reached it, it feels like it has come and gone in a flash.

As I think back on 33 years of life, I am amazed at what Jesus was able to accomplish in the same amount of time here on earth. Granted the comparison isn't perfect, but it does provide some perspective. And the similarities don't end there. I have been a full-time pastor now for about 4 years and it is believed that Jesus' ministry with his disciples lasted about 3-4 years. What Jesus did flipped the world upside down and I feel like I am just now starting to figure out youth ministry and am still getting my feet wet so to speak.



I'm not saying all of this because I am discouraged at what is and has happened, I'm saying this because this year has given me a new appreciation for Jesus and his life. In 33 years, he accomplished some incredible things: the completion of God's grand plan to redeem all of humanity, the assembling and teaching of the leaders of Christianity and the Church after his resurrection, and the disassembling of religious tradition and hypocrisy that had taken hold in Israel. Those were no small feats! You don't need to be a pastor to recognize how truly remarkable those accomplishments are.

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As we approach Easter and enter into this season of reflecting on Jesus, I want to encourage you to take some time to dwell on all he achieved for us in his 33 years on this earth. He brought together the lame, deaf, sick, dead, and demon-possessed and he healed them! He gathered fishermen, a tax collector, a zealot and other uneducated men and made them the foundation of a fledging religion that would grow at an astounding rate under their leadership! He flipped social conventions and traditions on their heads; meeting with the outcast and ostracized and treating women and children with dignity and care. He pointed out the hypocrisy of religious leaders hungry for political power and social clout above personal holiness and heart transformation. And most importantly and most significantly he died on a Cross to pay for our sins and make it possible for people from all nations and ethnicities to have a relationship with God!

No matter your age, occupation or social standing, I hope you can be encouraged and challenged by the life and ministry of Jesus. We will never compare to him, but we should be seeking to emulate him and change the world around us by pointing people to the life-giving power available in and through Jesus.

Daniel Sjogren



Upcoming Youth Events

Blacklight Dodgeball Tournament – March 9

No Youth Group (March 25-April 1)

360 Leadership Conference – April 20-21

March Celebrations

Birthdays

Jack Berry	2
Audrey Jesse	4
Eric Schmidt	13
Ian VanderKooi	13
Kathleen Bishop	14
Alice Ness	15
Deb Boor	16
Audrey Parpart	16
Grace Braden	17
Bill Mauerman	17
Loretta Parker	18
Sam Jesse	19
Tim Sagal	21
John Marshall	22
Nancy Tippery	23
Joshua Larson	25
Remi Malig	25
Joe Tompkins	25
Renee Sagal	26
Peter Schmitz	26
Ethan Winter	27
Kelby Olson	28
Emma VanderKooi	28
Don Gasser	29
Thea Larson	31

Anniversary

David & Michelle Larson	1
Jesse & Audrey Parpart	20
Frank & Kelly Jo Duprey	23
David & Diana Padley	26



March 7

Stormy Night

March 14

Mummy Night

March 21

Hunger Night

March 28

NO AWANA

April 4

Best Friends Night

Sincerity makes the very least person to be of more value than the most talented hypocrite.

Charles Spurgeon

Trustee Report

		<u>YTD</u>
Jan 2017 Giving:	\$18,517.00	\$18,517.00
Jan 2017 Expenses:	\$17,345.47	\$17,345.47
Monthly Budgeted:	\$23,583.34	\$23,583.34
Mortgage Balance 1/31/2018:		\$117,514.63