

Welcome to Lake Community Church

We are glad that you chose to be here today. Already on Sunday morning, you have made an important decision, possibly the most important decision of your week. Whether you come regularly or you are just getting started, choosing to seek God and seeking a community of people who are doing the same is likely the best decision you can make because it has potential to change the rest of your week and the rest of your life. So your week is off to a great start!

We would love to get to know you more and help you make some next steps. Whether you are new to Lake Community Church or the church in general we know you have questions and we want to get to know you and help you take some next steps to get to know people and be known by people.

If you are a guest, a first step is to fill out the Connect Card found in the chair back or at the Connect Desk. Bring your Connect Card to the Connect Desk in the lobby to receive a free gift.

For more information you can:

- Fill out the CONNECT card
- Stop by the CONNECT DESK in the lobby
 - Contact our staff
 - Sign up for the weekly email
- Look us up online at www.lakecommunity.org
 - Call us at 320.762.5424
 - Follow us on Facebook



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Student Ministry - Cory Shreve

Middle School (grades 6-8) and **High School** (grades 9-12) meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Join us for fun activities and opportunities for you to connect with others and learn some practical life lessons from the Bible. We encourage all students to invite their friends to join in on the fun!

Winter Retreat— We will RETREAT from the craziness of normal life to a different kind of crazy— the kind of crazy that will revive your heart and love for God, refresh your relationships with friends, and wear you out with incredible activities! The retreat dates are January 24th-26th. Cost is \$150 if you register before December 18th, and \$175 after that date. Registration ends on January 15th. Visit the LCC website for more information and to register!

Children's & Family Ministry - Cory Shreve

Nursing Moms— If you are looking for privacy, please feel free to use Amanda's office. -- Exit the gym to the office hallway, then go to the left.

LCC Kids Christmas Program will take place on December 15th during both services. Come celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! During this special service, we are providing infant and toddler nursery. If you prefer to have your kids with you in the service, we also provide activity bags you can pick up as you enter the service.

Connections Ministry

Caroling on the Lake— If you like singing Christmas carols, join us! We will meet at Bethany on the Lake on December 12th at 5:45pm to practice, then sing for the residents at 6:15pm. There will be a pizza party afterwards for all who attend. Please register online so we know how many to expect.

The Reason: A Family Christmas Experience is coming to Alexandria tonight at 6pm at Lake Geneva Christian Center. This will be a high energy night of music, videos, and a message designed to bring together all ages to celebrate Jesus as the reason for the Christmas season. For more information, check out their website TheReasonChristmas.com

Christmas Eve Services— We will have two services on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 2:30pm and 4:00pm. This will be a family friendly service with candlelight and special lively Christmas worship music. *There will be no childcare for these services.*

Outreach Ministry - Melody Warren

Habitat for Humanity—

Sponsor an item to help bless the Koopman family home this Christmas! Check out the household items for Chelsey on display in the west wing. Place your donation in an envelope provided and drop it off in the LCC office. Thank you for blessing this family with your words, prayers, and love this season.

Volunteer to help Chelsey with the moving process! The dates below are opportunities to bless the Koopman family with moving assistance.

Dec 14th— Packing day 8am-12pm

Dec 15th— Moving, unpacking, assembling furniture 1-5pm

Dec 18th— Final cleaning 9am-12pm

See the LCC website for more details.

Mexico Missions would like to invite you to join us on our next trip to Ensenada, which will be March 27th-April 3rd. Please be in prayer about this opportunity to serve our Lord in Mexico. Call Mike Dahlquist 320.460.0985 or Sandy Jackson 320.815.6687 if you have any questions.

*Assisted listening devices are available.
Please see an usher for assistance.*

Giving Options

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FINANCIAL REPORT - Last Week's Giving Numbers

Weekly Budgeted = \$14,904

General Giving = \$14,035

Loan Balance = \$511,106

Expand Campaign = \$250

You are the Light of the World

Darkness is _____

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Discussion Questions

Read Matthew 5:14-16

1. What are the two different illustrations Jesus uses to describe us?
2. What does it mean to lose your “saltiness?” How do you keep your saltiness?

Read Matthew 5:1-12

3. What can we glean from the beatitudes about how we can stay rooted in God’s will for our lives?
4. What are ways that we hide our light? What instructions are we given for how we ought to treat the light that we have in Jesus?
5. Why do we sometimes hide our light? What are some ways that we can shine our light in the world that we live in? What opportunities or people has God put in your life to shine your light?

Annual Reading Plan:

December 9— December 15

Day	Scripture
Monday	1 John 4-5
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 23-25
Wednesday	Nehemiah 5-9
Thursday	Psalm 140-142
Friday	Song of Solomon 1-2
Saturday	Revelation 1-6
Sunday	Acts 21-22

Reading Plan Created by Ligonier Ministries

