



# LAKE GENEVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**November 4th All Saints Sunday:** Let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we remember all of our past members, we will be honoring Ralph Stern and Florence Hawver who passed away this year.

**November 11th Charge Conference:** The Charge Conference will be held on November 11th, at 4:00pm, at the Methodist Church in Delavan. Several churches will be meeting together with the District Superintendent at that time. It will be a slightly different format than what we are use to, but it will be good to be in fellowship with our neighboring Methodist Churches. We will all sit together and hopefully our church will be well represented. Call for more information or if you would like to ride with someone over to Delavan.

**November 11th Christmas Shoebox Items Due:** We are in need of more items for the shoeboxes. We need the items by November 11th! The Youth Group is collecting items for the Christmas Shoebox Project again this year. There are collection boxes in the entrance to the church and at the Parish Hall. Some new ideas to collect are pencils and sharpeners, erasers, pens, bars of soap, washcloths, small notepads, toothbrushes, combs, etc.

**November 20th Book Club:** Book Club is going to be extra FUN! next month. On November 20th, the Book Club will read orally, the three-act play, "The Potting Shed" by Graham Greene. This will be from 10:00-11:30am in the Parish Hall Lounge. All participants should bring their own copy that can be ordered from the library or downloaded on their computers. This is for all ages, and new-comers always welcome!

**November 25th Men of the Church:** Did you know the men of our church get together the last Sunday of the month for breakfast, to talk, for companionship. Why not join them? The Men's Breakfast is October 28th, 7:30am, at Grandma Vicky's, on Broad Street. All ages welcome. Stop in, get to know the men of the church. Newcomers always welcome!

**Offering Envelopes:** Please let the office know immediately if you would like offering envelopes again next year. We will be ordering them the first week in November.

**Youth Group:** If you know of a middle or high school youth who would like to meet friends, have fun, and get to know other Christian youth, contact Terri Smith at 262-745-1780. It's a busy time of year for the Youth Group. On Nov 4th, the High Schoolers will have coffee with Pastor Heather after church. On Nov 11th they will be stuffing shoeboxes after church. On Nov 10th, 16th, and 17th they will be building the float. No Youth Group on Nov 25th. December 1st will be the Christmas Parade!

**Noisy Bucket:** The second Sunday of each month we collect change in the Noisy Bucket for the Thiu Rancho Project in Bolivia. Last week we collected \$72.76.

**Can You Find it in Your Heart:** On the third Sunday of the month, 10:20-11:30am, we are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the Youth Group. This is middle and high school students. No experience necessary, just the desire to interact with some awesome kids and the Bible.

**After School Crafters:** All ages, all skill levels, all crafts. Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00pm. Working on donation projects and personal projects. If you would like to learn a craft, this is for you too! Pam will be here providing instruction for new crafters or those who have questions on their crafts. Come for the whole two hours, or come when you can.

**Cancer Support Group:** A cancer support group has been established in Walworth County. At this time, meetings are being held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, at 10:00am. They are held at Mercy Medical Center, corner of Hwys 50 and 67, room 380. This is for patients, survivors, care givers, and others associated with this terrible disease. For questions, please call Dave at 262-215-2969.

**Usher/Greeters:** Would you like to help by being an usher/greeter on Sunday mornings. These really are our “most special” helpers. We are a little short of volunteers and could use some subs when people cannot make it. Please let the office know.

**OUR SHOEBOXES MATTER!**

**THIS IS A FAITH BASED ORGANIZATION.**



The teachers passed out the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and spoke about God. Weary from all that he had experienced, Mwita listened, reluctantly at first. But then they told the class about how Jesus wanted to be their friend.

“When they talked about the Wonderful Friend I thought about how all my old friends had changed my life in a bad way,” Mwita said. He wanted to know whether Jesus could change his life in a good way.



When he got home he opened his shoebox gift and found a T-shirt, a soccer ball, toy cars, and candy. Getting these gifts without having to steal gave him “so much joy.” He also thought about the classes the teachers had invited him to attend. They said he could learn more about the Greatest Friend. Perhaps for the first time in his life he was eager to go to church instead of trying to escape it.

**Sharing Christ's love with everyone through our thoughts, words, and actions.**



*Beloved, let us love one another; because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and loves God. 1 John 4:7*

Ok...you guys totally got me. I had NO idea this was coming. I'm so grateful that you use your considerable powers of plotting for good!

But do you know why I was entirely gobsmacked by your wonderful Pastor Appreciation? What made me abandon my usual poise and sit there, wide eyed, looking like a gaffed trout?

I'll tell you why.

Not a day goes by in my journey with you all that I do not feel appreciated. Not a day goes by when I do not feel entirely held in your prayers and in your hearts.

And my church, not a day goes by when you are not deeply appreciated, loved fiercely, and prayed for diligently.

I am so blessed to be doing ministry in the context of a loving, supportive, and completely amazing church, that it never occurred to me to expect any special acknowledgement of it. It is just how it is with us-together making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world; together loving and caring for each other and for all of God's people; together sharing our griefs and our joys.

We are church together. And you all mean so much to me.

The shirt don't lie. I have an AWESOME church!

Thank you for letting me be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Heather