
Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

9:00 am

Our service is broadcast live on radio 106.3 FM at 10:05 am and is live streamed on YouTube and the Lake Street UMC Facebook page

TFWS Hymns are from "The Faith We Sing" (black) hymnal

Musicians: Edna Sahs, organist; Ben Kittilstad, pianist

Hearing Devices are available in the Narthex (north entrance). Please ask an usher for assistance.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, as we gather today to remember your presence in the company of your saints, we ask your forgiveness. Search our hearts, recall our misdeeds, reveal our unworthy motives, and give us the courage to begin again today. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:1-19

Hymnal, pp. 837-838

Sing Response #1 where indicated.

*OPENING HYMN #308

"Thine Be the Glory"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Joshua"

– arr. Robert Sells

The Ensemble; Evan Rognholt, director

CHILDREN'S TIME

A TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional text

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE *TFWS* #2119

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
There is light and life, there is help and power
In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

– Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Kathy Amundson-Forsberg, director

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

ON PROPHECY

"The Haruspices of Mari"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 22:41 - 23:12

God's word for all God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"An Unwanted Prophecy"

*HYMN #454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please complete the Connect Card insert found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS *TFWS* #2168

"Love the Lord Your God"

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you again, Lord Jesus, for all you have done. On the first day of the week, you created all that is, and on the first day of another week, you created us all over again. Receive these gifts with our amazed gratitude. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN #672

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Words and music reprinted with permission — CCLI License # 2276678
Videos are shown with permission — CVLI License # 503864098

Lessons from an Ass: Thoughts on Prophets and Prophecy



"An Unwanted Prophecy"
Numbers 22:41 - 23:12

"Christ-followers living God's love"

April 19, 2026



Located at the Corner of Lake St and Fourth Av
337 Lake Street, Suite A — Eau Claire WI 54703
Phone: 715-832-6603; Fax: 715-832-9500
Web Site Address: www.lakestreetumc.org
Office hours: 9:00 am—4:30 pm || Mon & Wed
9:00 am—1:00 pm Tues & Thurs
Pastor: Jerry Morris

EC Male Chorus SPRING SING

Mark your calendars to come *and enjoy the next EC Male Chorus concert set for Friday, May 1st at 7:00 pm* at St. Olaf Catholic Church. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Or maybe you want to have a *Dinner Concert scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd*. Doors open at 5:30 pm also at St. Olaf's. Tickets are \$45; or for supporting member \$40; tables of eight = \$340 or Supporting Members = \$325.

To make reservations contact Ron Gjerner at 715-797-5254.

This Week at the Lake

Sunday, April 19th, 2026 – 9:00 am

Mission Emphasis: Sojourner House

- 8:30a Pancakes and French Toast Breakfast with children and youth helping
- 9:00a **Worship; livestream on Facebook and YouTube; [Nursery Available]**
- 10:00a Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:05a **Radio Ministry (880AM or 106.3FM)**
- 10:15a Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30a Bible Group (Conference Room)
- 3:00p **IM Church** (sanctuary/Fellow hall)
- 3:00p Souleing Ministry (Chapel)

Monday, April 20th, 2026

- 11:00a Celebration of Life for Rev. Donald Frank at Chapel Hights UMC with fellowship following
- 4:15p Fellowship Hall (ADK Group)
- 7:00p Fellowship Hall (EC Male Chorus Additional Rehearsal)

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

- 9:30a Room 202 (ADRC Stepping On Cls)
- 10:00a **Friends at the Lake** (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Lounge in Use (Tues Women's NA)
- 7:00p Fellowship Hall (EC Male Chorus)

Wednesday, April 22nd 2026

Circuit Rider Deadline

- 6:15p Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30p Fireside Library (Wed NA Group)



Online Giving allows for automatic donations using checking account or credit/debit card? Visit Online Giving at www.lakestreetumc.org/give. Use the QR code here or text 844-804-9791

Raise Right (formerly Scrip)

Plan to take Mom out for lunch on Mother's Day and support our Raised Right program. We have some restaurant cards available (in stock) — Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse, Red Lobster and others. We are also stocking Woodman's and Culver's cards. Next order dates are May 10th and 26th. With pick up on May 17th and 26th. Place your order at the table or call, text or email him by Sunday afternoon.

Weisenbecka@gmail.com
715-271-6354

- 7:00p Chancel Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00p The Ensemble Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

- 7:30a MAP [Men at Prayer] (Fireside Lib)
- 9:00a Quilters (Room 101A)
- 9:30a Room 202 (ADRC Mind Over Matter)
- 7:00p Homelessness Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 24th, 2026

- 8:00a Fellowship Hall (Sewing Guild)

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

- 12:00p Fireside Library (Sat NA Group)
- 6:00p Living Room Worship on Facebook

Sunday, April 26th, 2026 – 9:00 am

Message: "The Power of One"

— Text: Mark 12:41-44

and 1st Corinthians 1:26-31
Tim Atkins, preaching



Lake Street United Methodist Church

337 Lake Street, Suite A, Eau Claire WI 54703
Telephone: 715-832-6603; Fax: 715-832-9500
Web Site: www.lakestreetumc.org

A Welcome to Our Guests

We're glad you're with us today. Our goal here at Lake Street is to welcome all people in Christ's love, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, ability, or anything else that divides people.

Worship Aids



Bulletins are available from ushers at both entrances. The readings and prayers are printed there, but will also be projected on screens. Pictorial bulletins for non-readers are also available.

Hearing devices tied to the sound system are available at the Lake Street door. Just ask an usher for help.



Children and Families

Parents are welcome to keep their children with them in worship. Don't worry about the wiggles. At the back of the sanctuary is an area for children, and individual activity boxes for each child. For more privacy, the service is also being streamed in the library—out the side door and up the ramp. There are also some children's toys and activities available in the library. During the service, a "Children's Moment" is offered in worship, and all ages are welcome up front.

Connect Card



The insert in the bulletin is a way for our members to sign in, and there is also a place where you may leave contact information, if you like, so that we may welcome you more than once.

Coffee Fellowship

You are invited to a coffee fellowship at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, by the parking lot doors.



Communion



We usually serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread, to include everyone, and all who are seeking God, of any age, are welcome at Christ's table.

Short Circuit – April 19, 2026

Community of Worship

Welcome as we continue to celebrate Easter — not just a day, but a season. Alleluia!

Worship Leader: ●Rev. Jerry Morris;;
●Organist: Edna Sah; ●Pianist: Ben Kittilstad; ●Liturgist: Mary Rose Howard;
●Song Leader: Jan Smith; ●Chancel Choir Director: Kathy Amundson-Forsberg; The Ensemble Choir Director: Evan Rognholt;
●Tech Crew: Daniel Klingensmith, Aaron Athas, Per Forsberg, Derek Brost, Logan Wallace, Greg Wallace; ●Altar Design: Pat Peterson.

Radio Ministry

Gifts supporting our radio ministry today are given in memory of Carroll Vowels by Steven and Janice Vowels.

Altar Flowers

Remember, if you have a profusion of spring flowers that you would like to share with the congregation, you can always bring them to church for the altar! Vases are available for loan!

Eau Claire Marathon, May 3

Once again this year the route for the EC Marathon will completely circle our church on Sunday, May 3, and many streets will be blocked off. If you are coming to church in person, approach from the south (Water Street). They are supposed to let you across the route at the intersection of Chippewa Street and 3rd Avenue Or walk or ride your bike or take a week for pajama church and join us from home. **Communion will be delayed until Sunday, May 10.**

Community of Inclusive Welcome

Prayer Ministries

One way faith communities grow in care for one another is through our e-mail prayer chain. Sign-up on the Connect Card insert.

Coffee Fellowship

All are invited to a time of gathering and gabbing in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Do You Enjoy Coffee Hour?

Help keep Coffee Fellowship going by volunteering to serve three or four times a year. Training, reimbursement and team development is available. Sign up on the door to the pantry in the kitchen or with Winnie Doxsie.



Friends at the Lake

The Respite for All conference in Alabama was excellent. Key takeaways included working with Legos and “silent disco” as engagement tools for those living with dementia, as well as the POEMrenovation program, which uses words to help unlock memories. We have already used POEMrenovation in our recent sessions at Friends and it was a huge success.

Thank you for all your support.

Contact Laurie Van Beek,
(lauriev@lakestreetumc.org) — 715-832-6603.

Pancake Breakfast This Morning

Join us for our Pancakes and French Toast Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall from 8:30—11:30- am.

Community of Spiritual Formation

Children's Sunday School

In April we continue looking at the Fruits of the Spirit focusing on gentleness and self-control.

Today — Pancake Breakfast — children and youth will be helping.

April 26th — Studying self-control using the story of Jesus resisting temptation.

Scholarships for Summer Camp!

LSUMC has summer camp scholarships available. 80% of the cost! See wiumcamps.org for options.

Old Testament 101

The Lenten Bible Study on Passion Week has had a child. Beginning on **Monday, April 27, at 1:30 pm**, that group and anyone who wants to join them will meet in the Fireside Library (or Room 202) for a four-session overview of the Old Testament—how it fits together into a coherent story, and how it prepares us for the story of Christ.

Community of Compassionate Outreach

Stronger Together — Addressing Homelessness Locally

Our Accessibility Toward Inclusion Team (ATIT), which has sponsored community workshops on Depression, Suicide, Addiction, and End of Life Care, is sponsoring another multi-week series of sessions, this time on the problem of homelessness.

Working with our Mission Team, the JONAH advisory board, and leaders from community agencies that work with the unhoused population, they have put together four weeks of seminars that will be held here at Lake Street in April and May: April 23 and 30; May 14 and 21. These sessions seek to dismantle some of the myths surrounding homelessness and point toward what is being done to change the status quo and, most of all, what we can do to be a part of that change.

The presentation will go from 7:00 to 8:pm and will be followed by a time with snacks and refreshments with a chance to ask further questions.

The Community Table

Lake Street volunteers served a meal of meatloaf, seasoned potatoes, fruit and veggie salads for 85 guests on April 8th. Our net **dates to volunteer are May 11th and Junx 10th.** Contact Peters Nelson at petermnelson@sbcglobal.net or at 715-379-8135.

April Loose Change: Sojourner House

This month the Mission team is asking you to help support Sojourner House, which provides a safe clean place for adult men and women who are experiencing homeless. It

provides a place to sleep from 7:00 pm to 800 am. Guests can sleep overnight, shower, wash their clothes and eat breakfast.

Blessing Box

Thank you to everyone who continues to supply items for our Blessing Box. Items currently needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, socks, large underwear, Vaseline and Band-aids. We have enough soap, shampoo and conditioner.

Blessing Box Diaper Drive

Many of the families Beacon House serves need essential items for their children and diapers are one of the most requested supplies. Please consider helping a young family by donating a package or two of diapers. A collection box is in the narthex.

ARCW Wish List for April: Macaroni and Cheese

Our donation for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin this month is **Macaroni and Cheese**. It's through our Lake Street UMC support that items are donated to ARCW clients. Thanks to those folks who donated tuna fish during March along with a variety of other items. ARCW surely appreciated your support!

Beacon House Hosting

The next opportunity to prepare a supper meal for guests at Beacon House is **May 17th—23rd**. If you're willing to prepare a meal, contact Kent Gierhart at 715-864-2056 or he can answer any questions. The Mission Team has allocated funds to help cover costs of preparing the meal if needed.

Community Events

Thursday, April 30th — 12 pm—5:30 pm
Red Cross Blood Drive Donors Needed
Register at Redcrossblood.org or call 715-834-5744

Welcome to Lake Street United Methodist Church

We're glad you're here to worship with us today!

Members and guests: please complete the "Connect Card" to help us stay connected and share ministry together. Please place the "Connect Card" in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: Sunday – April 19th, 2026 – 9:00 am

Your Name _____

Please list anyone with you today _____

I am / we are guest(s); member(s);

I am / We are seeking a church home and would like information. _____

_____ *(contact information)*

I would like to be part of the e-mail prayer chain.

E-mail _____
(your e-mail will not be shared beyond our ministry)

My / our contact information has changed. *(Please update)*

Address _____

Primary Phone _____

I would like to order a **NEW NAME TAG**.

Requests for Prayer

These requests will go to our staff and to our email prayer chain, all of whom are committed to pray and to maintain confidentiality. If you request prayer for another person, to respect their privacy, we ask that you include the last name only if you have that person's permission.

Please pray for _____

– more opportunities on reverse side

Stronger Together – Addressing Homelessness Locally

Our Accessibility Toward Inclusion Team (ATIT), which has sponsored community workshops on Depression, Suicide, Addiction, and End of Life Care, is sponsoring another multi-week series of sessions, this time on the problem of homelessness.

Working with our Mission Team, the JONAH advisory board, and leaders from community agencies that work with the unhoused population, they have put together four weeks of seminars that will be held here at Lake Street in April and May: April 23 and 30; May 14 and 21. These sessions seek to dismantle some of the myths surrounding homelessness and point toward what is being done to change the status quo and, most of all, what we can do to be a part of that change.

The presentation will go from 7:00 to 8:pm and will be followed by a time with snacks and refreshments with a chance to ask further questions.

~~~~~  
**Friends at the Lake Volunteer Sign-Up**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Participant      \_\_\_ Greeter      \_\_\_ Registration

\_\_\_ Lunch Prep      \_\_\_ Activity Planning      \_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_ Activity Leading      \_\_\_ Art

Not sure what you want to do; our director Laurie can help.

~~~~~  
Next Red Cross Drive — Thursday, April 20th! Sign Up now to register at Redcrossblood.org or call 715-834-5744.!

~~~~~  
**EC Male Chorus SPRING SING**

Mark your calendars to come *and enjoy the next EC Male Chorus concert set for Friday, May 1st at 7:00 pm* at St. Olaf Catholic Church. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Or maybe you want to have a *Dinner Concert scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd*. Doors open at 5:30 pm also at St. Olaf's. Tickets are \$45; or for supporting member \$40; tables of eight = \$340 or Supporting Members = \$325.

To make reservations contact Ron Gjerner at 715-797-5254.