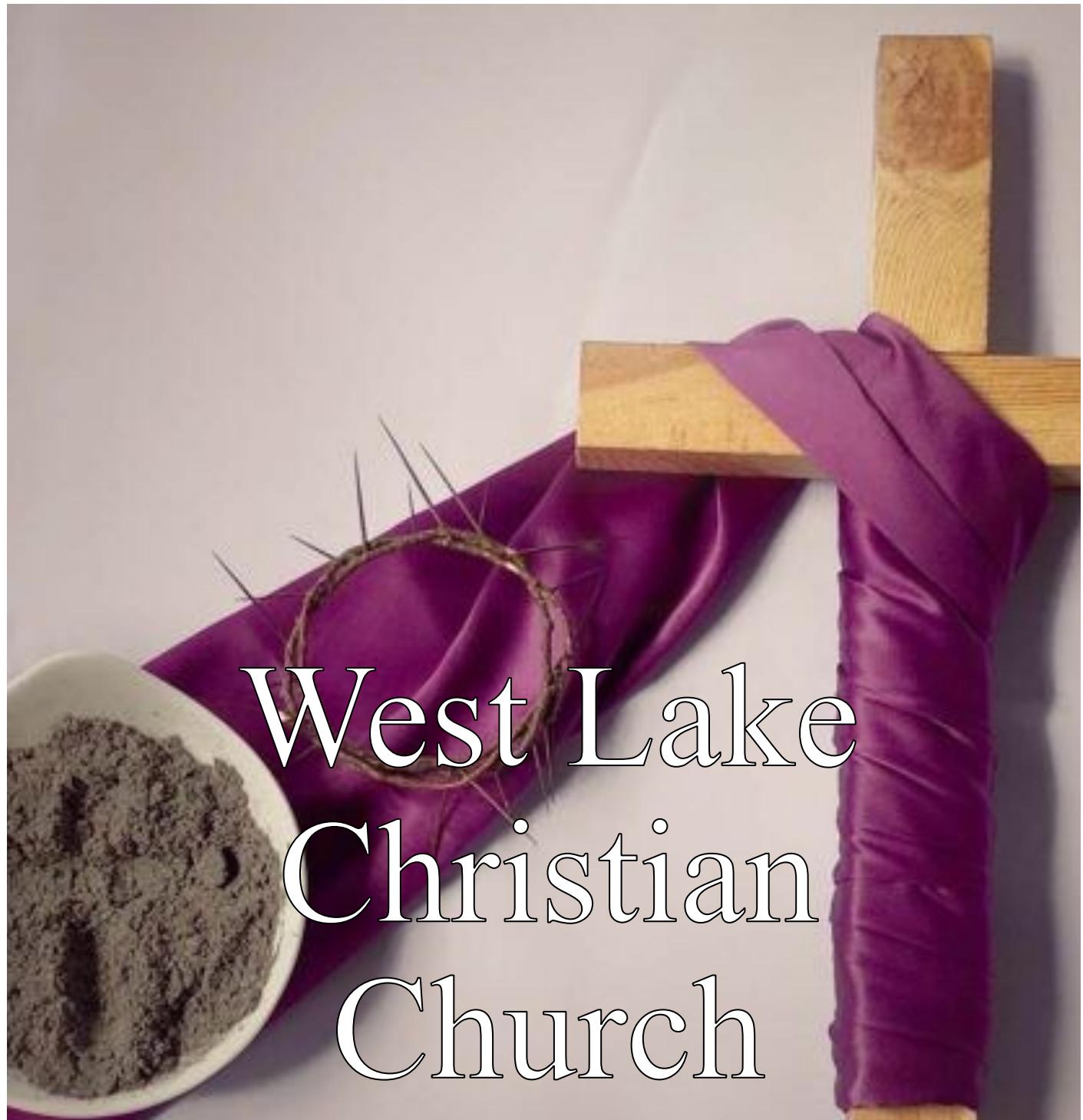


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West Lake
Christian
Church

Feb 2026 Newsletter

From The Lakeshore



Greetings, Friends:

There's an old story about a minister who decided to call in "sick" one Sunday so he could sneak away and play golf. As he stepped up to the first tee, an angel looked at the Lord and said, "Are we really going to let him get away with this?" Providence smiled and said, "Watch this." The minister swung, and — miracle of miracles — hit a perfect hole-in-one. The angel was stunned. "Lord... why reward him?" And Yahweh replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

I promise you; I'm not planning any secret golf outings. But I do love that story because it reminds us faith isn't meant to be hidden. The good things God is doing in our lives aren't meant to be kept quiet. They should be shared — spoken aloud, offered in community, held with gratitude.

As we approach the season of Lent, that truth becomes especially important. Lent invites us to slow down, to listen more deeply, and to pay attention to the ways God is shaping our lives. It's a season of reflection, honesty, and renewal — not in isolation, but together.

This year at West Lake Christian Church, we will resume a meaningful practice many of you know well: gathering at the Transformation Table to share our Faith Stories. These aren't polished speeches or theological essays. They're simple, honest moments where we name how God has been at work — in our struggles, in our joys, in our questions, and in the quiet places where grace shows up unannounced.

My hope is that these stories will help us see God's fingerprints more clearly — in our own lives and in the lives of those sitting beside us. And who knows? Your story might be the very thing someone needs to hear. So, if you have something to share, please let us know straight away — we'll get you on the dance card.

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, may we enter this season with openness, courage, and a willingness to speak aloud the good news God is writing in us. No holes-in-one we have to keep secret — just the shared journey of a community learning, growing, and transforming together.

Grace and peace to you all.

Pastor Tim



Who: Kids up to 8th grade*
*older kids may volunteer—see Director for more info!

Drop kids* off in the Loehr Center for an evening of homemade food, fun, and sharing God's LOVE with each other!

*Must sign up—Forms are in Narthex. Turn in to Director's Office downstairs.

SIGN UP CLOSES FEB. 8th!

J.A.M. BREAKING DOWN THE BIBLE: The kids explored what the Bible is, and why it is important. Check out some of their early thoughts and questions!

How is the Bible
CALLED A LIBRARY IF IT IS
ONLY ONE Book? WHO
WROTE IT ALL?

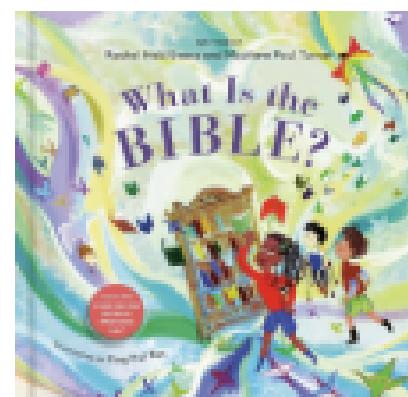
I DO
NOT KNOW HOW
TO READ THIS. WHY ARE
THERE #'S? HOW DO I START?

THERE
ARE SO MANY NAMES...
like the geneology of
Jesus in the Christmas
story. WHY?

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION: This month, J.A.M. explores READING the Bible.

But HOW? WHERE do we start? WHAT do the numbers mean? WHO wrote which books? WHY do we read it?

How YOU can help: Every two weeks, we post a new Connect Question (Narthex and at the coffee corner). Write us a quick answer and drop it back in the pail OR scan the QR code to answer with your phone!



Curious about Kids Ministry? We always welcome Sunday leaders, volunteers, and helpers in planning and serving our youngest disciples together. Ask how you can join!



An exciting new year has begun for West Lake Christian Church! Pastor Tim Schomp has joined our ministry! The Craft Shop and Craft rooms are undergoing a major redesign! New projects are being started. And all the women of West Lake are encouraged to join in with the excitement!

If you come to our meetings you will have a chance to be a part of insightful lessons like the one Bev Sundstrom taught. She asked us to think about those we love and then to look at ourselves with that same love. God loves us and we should love ourselves in order to share that love.

Thanks to Betty Snitker, Sandy Schaefer and Carroll Rinker for the snowman decorations at our January meeting. Even the cake looked like a snowman! But the most fun was the impromptu snowball fight! Starting now through February 9, every Monday at 9:30AM, Diane Gilmore will help us make gifts for Laurie Care Center residents. All materials and directions will be provided. While many of the projects can be given to that worthy cause, crafters can also make items to take home or donate to the Gift Shop. Another opportunity to donate to Laurie Care Center is making and decorating Valentine cookies on February 12 at 10:00AM.

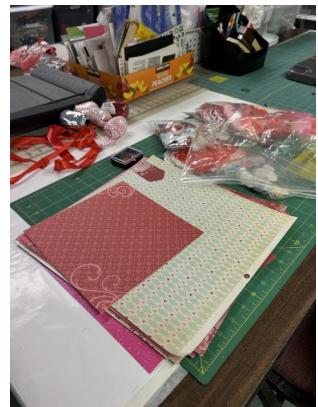
Coming in March is the Spring Fling! What is the Spring Fling, you ask. You will just have to stay tuned for further information.

Even farther down the calendar is the Mother-Daughter Spring Luncheon on April 25. Into the Woods is the theme for a fun experience. If you are willing to host a table, see Norma Johnson.

All women of the church are encouraged to join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM for a lesson, a lunch and a business meeting. What a great way to get to know other women of the church and to grow in service to our God! Join us on February 10 at 11:00 AM when Diane Gilmore and Betty Snitker will be the hostesses.

Carroll Rinker, President

Our mission is to encourage and support women, serve our church, our community and our world.



Congregational Care Ministry



The Congregational Care Ministry exists to support our Pastor and Elders by providing practical help, compassionate care, and spiritual encouragement to our congregation. Our goal is to ensure that every member feels seen, heard, and supported—especially during times of transition or difficulty.

Areas of Service

Members of the CCM have volunteered for a wide range of care and support roles. This list is not exhaustive and can continue to grow as more people are willing to serve as needs arise.

Care & Encouragement

- Cook or deliver meals
- Make phone calls
- Send cards and notes of encouragement
- Prayer Warriors
- Spiritual counseling
- Grief sharing and support
- Loss of a child counseling
- Loss of a job support

Ministry & Leadership

- Lead a group
- Teaching
- Work with troubled children
- Give communion
- Assist with funerals
- Administer Last Rights
- Grief Sharing

Counseling & Support (as appropriate and referred)

- Substance abuse support
- Physical abuse support
- Mental and emotional support
- Loss of a Child
- Loss of a job

Contact us:

Email: westlakeccm@gmail.com
Phone/Text: 573-207-2166
Contacts: Sherry Haase or Cindy Hoch

If you are in need of assistance OR you are interested in getting involved with CCM, please reach out to the contact info listed above.



BROWN BAG IS BACK!

Every Wed.-12pm
in Media Room
Starting Feb. 4th

Welcoming
Pastor Tim
in our
study!



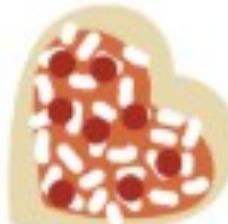
Parents' Night Out!

FRIDAY, FEB. 13TH
5-8 PM @ WLCC

Kids Min welcomes all kids (8th grade and under) to a night in while the adults go out! Join the fun!

LAST CHANCE
to Sign Up is Feb. 8th!

- Homemade Pizzas-
- Take Home Treat-
- Games & Activities-
- Glow Party-





Merry Widows is a ministry for women who have lost their life partner. We meet on the first Friday of every month at 1pm, please feel welcome to join us!

For our January meeting we went to Yankee Tea Room for our 3rd annual Christmas luncheon. We shared gifts & conversations. Lunch was great. I am disappointed they no longer serve the Cinnamon Apple tea one of Betty's favorite tea flavors. Carroll, Marilyn, Marsha, Sherry, and Norma went over to Carroll's house and played Canasta, and enjoyed Chex mix and Christmas cookies.

I would like to welcome several new ladies to our group. Diane Gilmore, Gail Renick, and Norma Johnson.

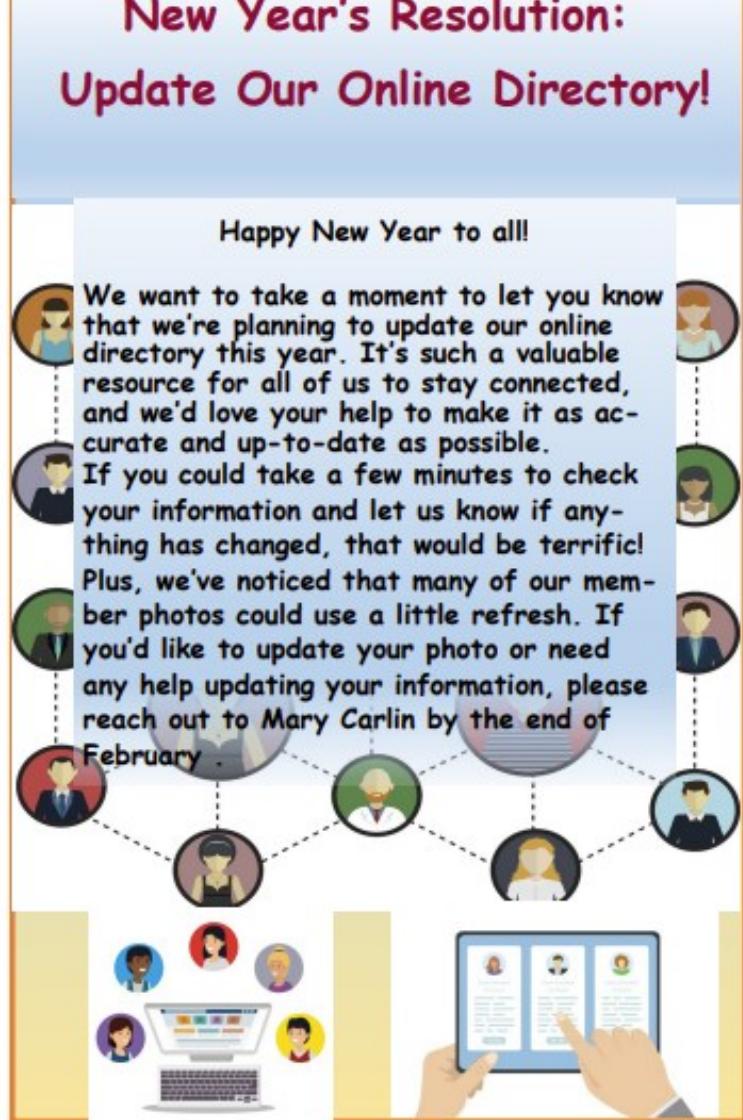
New Year's Resolution: Update Our Online Directory!

Happy New Year to all!

We want to take a moment to let you know that we're planning to update our online directory this year. It's such a valuable resource for all of us to stay connected, and we'd love your help to make it as accurate and up-to-date as possible. If you could take a few minutes to check your information and let us know if anything has changed, that would be terrific! Plus, we've noticed that many of our member photos could use a little refresh. If you'd like to update your photo or need any help updating your information, please reach out to Mary Carlin by the end of February.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 18 at 5:30 PM

Join us for a reflective Ash Wednesday service as we begin the season of Lent. This special service has traditionally been a time for prayerful reflection and renewal, and will include the imposition of ashes as a reminder of our humanity and our need for God's grace.





KITCHEN CONNECTION TEAM



Serve with the Kitchen Connection Team!

Do you enjoy fellowship and sharing a meal? Our Kitchen Team is looking for friendly faces to help prepare and serve fellowship and special event meals.

- **Commitment:** Just once or twice a year!
- **Roles:** Food prep, serving, or set-up/clean-up.

Impact: Your help ensures our guests and congregation feel welcomed and nourished.

No professional culinary skills are required—just a willing heart and a warm smile.

To sign up for a 2026 slot, please visit the Welcome desk to sign up after service or contact Mary Carlin at 573.207.0309 or mrcdogmom@gmail.com



Installation Sunday Service – February 22nd

It is with great joy and spiritual anticipation that the members of West Lake Christian Church will host the Installation Service for our new pastor, **Reverend Timothy Schomp**, as he takes on the spiritual leadership of our congregation.

This special occasion marks a new chapter in our church's journey—a time of dedication and renewed vision. The service will be held on **February 22 at 10:30 AM** in our sanctuary. Your presence and participation will be a blessing to Pastor Tim and our entire church family.

We look forward to celebrating together with a Fellowship Dinner immediately following the service.

Get plugged in



WLCC has many ministries you can get involved in. Not sure where your talents could best be served. You can reach out to someone on the Connections Team, or contact the office and we would be happy to assist you.

Looking to grow in your faith? WLCC offers different studies to help you on your journey.

Sunday School Classes
Sun 9:30AM
Brown Bag Bible study
Wed @Noon
Men & Women's Bible Study @6PM
WLCC Media Room





Lake of the Ozarks Disciples of Christ Leadership Conference

For
Theme: ~~As~~ Such A Time Is This

Saturday, February 21, 2026

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

9:30 am Fellowship/Registration

Lunch will be provided

Location: Lake Ozark Christian Church (DOC)
1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd. Lake Ozark, MO 65049

All are welcome from West Lake CC (DOC),
Lake Ozark CC (DOC), Golden Beach
Community Church, First CC (DOC) Eldon,
Community CC (DOC).

Please RSVP with your pastor.

CONVERSATION CORNER

Thank you

Child Advocacy Center would like to thank you for participating in adopting families in the “Christmas is Sharing” Program. The program was a great success with 254 families and 686 children assisted by this program. 103 of the children were in foster homes. Our sincerest thanks to all of you in helping make our goal to make Christmas meaningful for children and their families.

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ;

There are no words to express our thanks for the wonderful parting gifts you shared with us on our last Sunday at WLCC. The song placard hangs in a place of honor over our piano so we will often think of you. The goodies, gifts and edibles have been a delight.

Our prayers will remain with you as I am sure you will welcome pastor Tim as warmly as you welcomed us...into your congregation, into your friendship and into your hearts.

We feel so richly blessed that we were allowed to be a small part of WLCC during your time of transition and look forward to hearing about the wonderful things going on at WLCC in the future. Again, our sincere thanks for everything. God's richest blessings to one and all

Murray and Sue

If you or a loved one are on our
prayer list, we are continuously
praying for you. If you would like to
be prayed for or would like a prayer
list please contact the office @
westlakechristianchurch@gmail.com



CONDOLENCES

Marilyn Miller– passed away 1/14/2026

Herb Keck– passed away 1/20/2026

The families are in our thoughts and prayers!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Verna Flieger
- 4 Joyce Keck
- 8 Jim Trowbridge
- 15 Sheri Blackwell
- 18 Greg Garrison
- 23 Cindy Peterson
- 26 Deb Plumlee
- 28 Laurie Ladd
- 28 Lisa Buman



- 2 Ron & Karen Kleiboeker
- 6 Charlie & Chris Turner
- 9 Troy & Sally England
- 20 Gary & Judy Smith



February 2026

All WLCC events are located on the back of this page.
This calendar has Community Events.

Please note dates and times are subject to change at any time.



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM | 2 BREAKFAST AT CHANCES R 8:30 ARTS & CRAFTS 9:30AM MUSIC PRACTICE 2:30-5PM BELL PRACTICE 5PM STEWARDSHIP 6PM | 3 MEN AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—WLCC 6PM | 4 PRAYER GROUP 9:30AM— MEDIA ROOM WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15 SANCTUARY | 5 | 6 WATERCOLORS AS SCHEDULED MERRY WIDOWS 1PM | 7 |
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| 22 INSTALLATION AND WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP DINNER AFTER SERVICE | 23 BREAKFAST AT CHANCES R 8:30 ARTS & CRAFTS 9:30AM MUSIC PRACTICE 2:30-5PM BELL PRACTICE 5PM PROPERTY MEETING 6PM MEDIA ROOM | 24 MEN AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—WLCC 6PM | 25 PRAYER GROUP 9:30AM — MEDIA ROOM WORSHIP REVIEW 5:15 SANCTUARY | 26 ELDER'S MEETING 6PM | 27 WATERCOLORS AS SCHEDULED MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS | 28 |
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