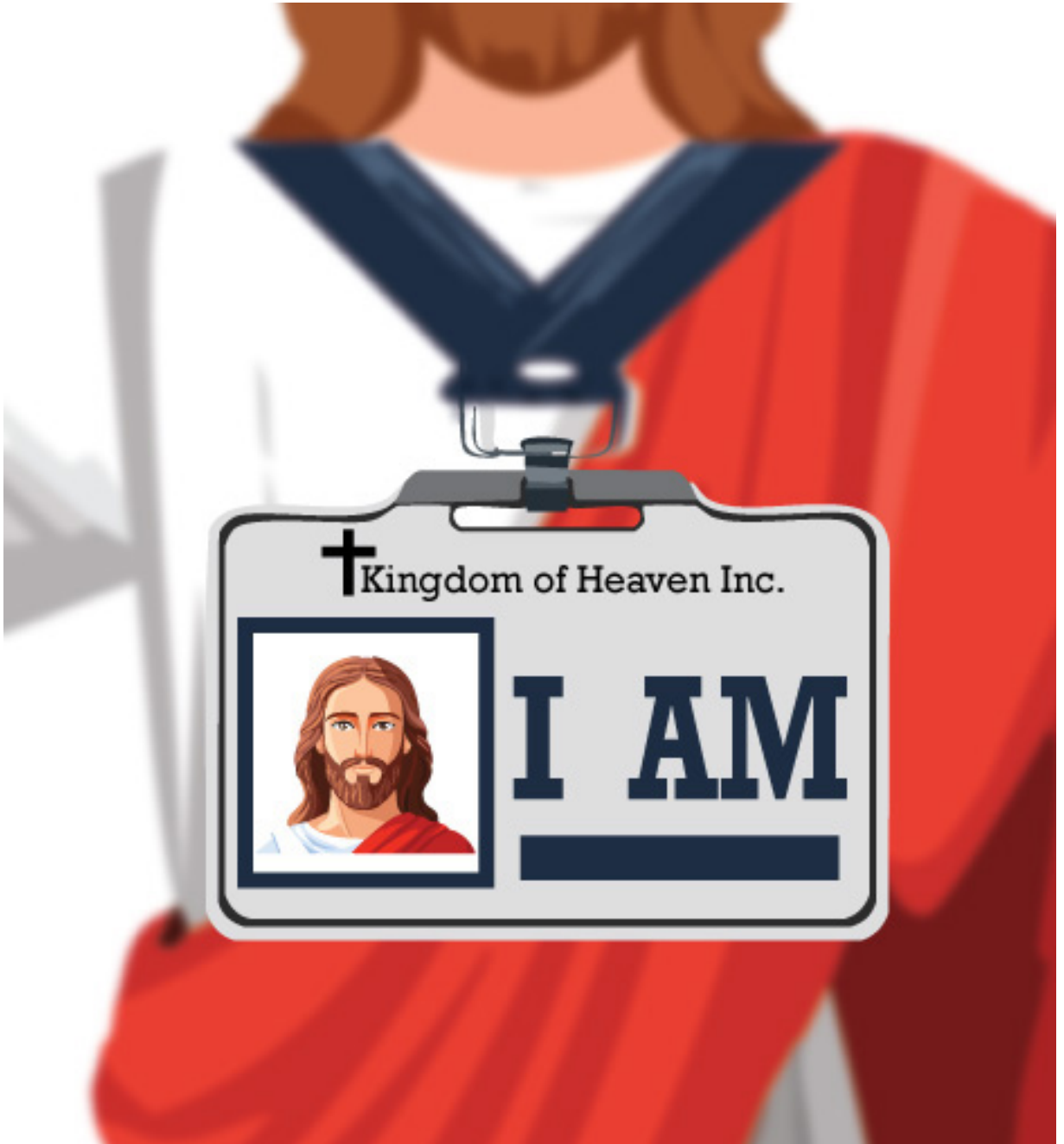




Connecting all to Christ to become healthy in God and courageous in love.



Traditional Worship - March 23, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Monica Coventry

Prelude *O Scared Head, Now Wounded* arr. Penfield

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Susan Spearing
11:00 - Rev. Don Lare

Leader: We are to God like precious coins,

People: Worth searching for when one is lost.

Leader: We are to God like precious sheep,

People: Worth seeking out when we wander from God's fold.

All: Come, Good Shepherd among us; find us as we worship you.

***Hymn** *Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1-3)* #235

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Susan Spearing
11:00 - Sue Hirschman

Lord's Prayer

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.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem

8:30	<i>This I Pray</i> Sanctuary Choir	Althouse
11:00	<i>Shepherd of My Heart</i> Chancel Choir	O'Brien

Prayer

Gracious God, like sheep we are prone to wander from our Good Shepherd. We know that you alone can lead us to right paths, streams of living water and pastures that feed us, but we are easily distracted, frequently frightened and stubbornly bent on making our own way. Still, you call us. Still, you whisper words of life and peace. Thank you for your relentless pursuit of us. In humility and faith, we turn to you again and follow you. For the sake of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Contemplation on Ubi Caritas
Bells of the Lakes

McMichael

***Response in Song** (11:00 only)

#682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication** (11:00 only)Hymn** (11:00 only)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 1)

#130

Commission Congregational Care Minister (8:30 only)**Scripture**

John 10:11-18

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Message**I Am the Good Shepherd**

I Am

Pastor Bryan George

Sending Forth***Closing Hymn**

The King of Love my Shepherd Is (v. 1, 3 & 6)

#90

Benediction*Postlude**

Lo, the Good Shepherd

arr. Barr

*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Interim Organist - Philip Schleich; Interim Accompanist - Lorraine George

Altar Flowers: are given by Kim & Jane Frankeberger

Acolytes: Basil Johnson & Samuel DelCorso

Sermon Outline

Focus: Jesus is our Good Shepherd who lays down his life for all of us who wander away and get distracted by destructive paths. When we obey the call of the good shepherd, he leads us to green pasture beside still waters.

I) How do we understand sheep and shepherds?

First grade field trip trauma

Sam the Sheepdog

II) When Jesus used images from the pasture what did it mean?

The nature of Sheep

Easily distracted and scared

Look for holes in the fence

The nature of wolves

Prey upon the loners

Feed at night

The role of a Good shepherd in contrast to hired hands (Ezekiel 34, Psalm 23)

A good shepherd never runs away in the midst of danger (34:8)

A good shepherd pursues the flock through hazards (John 10:12, Ezekiel 34:11ff)

A good shepherd knows the sheep by name (John 10:14)

A good shepherd is even willing to “lay down his life” (John 10:15)

III) Following the Good Shepherd

More than listening and believing, but following!

Caring for the lost, the wounded, and the weak (Ezekiel 34:26)

Entails Cost...dispute with the scribes (10:31)

IV) The critical choice we all need to make

Follow the good shepherd who will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters

Or allow the bad shepherds and wolves to destroy our lives

Listening to the call of the Good Shepherd

Contemporary Worship - March 23, 2025 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

*I Thank God
Mighty to Save*

Welcome

9:30 - Mike Moss Oasis - Julia Fabich

Worship Song & Offering

Another in the Fire

Prayer

Meredith Priset

Commission Congregational Care Minister (Oasis Only)

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Message

I Am the Good Shepherd

I Am

Pastor Robby Stroock

Closing Song

Faithful to the End

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: Jesus call us to be a part of his flock. Will you join him?

I. Context of John 10

Running in Amish country
Sheep stink
Sheep are dependent

II. The Analogy

We are sheep (stink and all)
We wander
We are dependent

III. The GOOD Shepherd

Our ordained leader
Our courageous protector
Jesus **chooses** us

IV. How do you Respond?

Further up and in to worship
Further up and in to God's word
Further up and in to service

Today we have the joy of commissioning Congregational Care Ministers -
Lucy Woods (8:30); Katelyn Weaver (Oasis)

Explore

All Daughter's of God Luncheon

All women and girls are invited to a special luncheon on **Saturday, May 10th**, 11:30am in the Activity Center. Join us to celebrate that we are all daughters of God. For fun, ladies are encouraged to accessorize with your favorite or most creative purse. Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and laughter as we learn what God says about what is in the wonderful, wacky purses we carry while enjoying a meal from Mr. Mike's, playing Bingo, and other fun activities. Cost is \$15/person. Register on our website.

Lil Lambs Closet Scholarship

Lil' Lambs Closet at Church of the Lakes will award three scholarships of \$750 each this year. Available to members of Church of the Lakes (or those who have attended regularly for at least 6 months), the scholarships are intended for both high school seniors and adults wishing to seek a degree. Pick up an application packet at the connection center. The application deadline is *Friday, April 11th*. For more information contact Tracy Nida, 330-715-3880.

Serve

All-Church Mission Trip 2025

This all-church mission trip will be **May 31st - June 6th**, serving in the areas surrounding Asheville, NC that were devastated by the flooding that resulted from Hurricane Helene last summer. Work may include helping with food bank or clothing distribution, debris removal, light construction, landscaping, and otherwise serving the community. Final registration for the trip is due *March 30th*. With questions contact Tony Walsh, tony@churchofthelakes.org.

Youth Fundraiser - Egg Your Lawn

Our Youth have an eggclusive contract with the Easter Bunny to help with delivering and hiding Easter eggs in your yard this year. All proceeds benefit youth missions. Costs range from \$25 - \$75 depending on the number of eggs. We will also take the age of children into account when hiding the eggs. Eggs will be hidden in the evening on **Saturday, April 19th**. Reservations & payment due by *April 5th*. To sign up visit: bit.ly/4jIZjs7

Crosspoint Yard Sale

Crosspoint UMC's annual yard sale is scheduled for **Thursday, June 12th - 14th**. All donations are greatly appreciated. The Crosspoint garage will be open to receive your donations on *Saturdays, March 29th, April 12th, April 26th, May 10th, May 24th and June 7th*, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The yard sale will accept most items except exercise equipment and clothing. If you have furniture you would like to donate, contact us by email, mayerjm@sbcglobal.net. Proceeds benefit Crosspoint's Mission program. Crosspoint is located at 9687 Portage St. NW in Massillon.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the pew pad clipboards.

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org

Children's Easter Party

KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

STARTS AT
5:30 PM

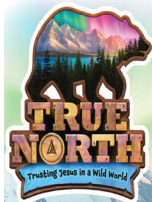


DINNER
RESURRECTION
EGGS,
SCAVENGER
EGG HUNT,
CRAFTS
& MORE

COST IS ONLY \$5
AND CAN BE PAID
AT THE DOOR

Join us on a journey as we follow Jesus through Holy week from the Last Supper to the Empty Tomb. Children will discover why Jesus died on the cross and why His resurrection is the foundation of our faith.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT
CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG/EVENT/EASTER-PARTY



Church of the Lakes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 9th - 13th
8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 8th - 12th
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:

CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG

Women's Ministries Retreat

Saturday, April 26th
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Dutch Kitchen
Dalton, OH

Feasting on
God's Word

A Recipe for Spiritual Growth

Cost: \$55
includes lunch

Register by April 13th

Registration forms at church office or visit
churchofthelakes.org/event/womens-retreat



JESUS in the HOME

Family FUN Night

BOWLING NIGHT

Sunday, April 27th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Register at churchofthelakes.org

\$12 per person

2 hours of bowling
shoe rental
& pizza dinner



VBS Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: Station Leaders, Station Assistants, Crew Leaders, Snack helpers, Dinner team, nursery workers and decorating team. Our VBS Volunteer Training meeting will be **Tuesday, April 29th**, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm in room 201. If you would like to volunteer for VBS contact Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsti@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Lucy Woods, John Izquierdo, Cathy Beckley, and Ken Krummrich
Our condolences to the Lisa Swanigan on passing of her mother, Millie Scales.

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.