

# Long Lake Lutheran Church

## Youth and Family Ministry

### *Adult Survey*

Winter 2012

Your input is vital as we dream for the future of children, youth and family ministry at Long Lake Lutheran. On the first set of questions, please circle the number beside the corresponding number, depending on how you feel or what you perceive. Please note that for the purposes of this survey, we define "children's ministry" as those students three years old through 5th grade (primary activities include Sunday School and VBS). We define "youth ministry" as those students in grades 6 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (primary activities include confirmation, Wednesday night youth group, summer trips and fundraising). On the written questions, if you don't have an answer, please just leave it blank. If you need more room, please use the backside of the paper. Once complete, please return to the brown box or office by Wednesday, February 1. You are also welcome to do the same survey online at [www.longlakeluth.org](http://www.longlakeluth.org). We appreciate your input and thank you in advance.

Are you: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Worshipping here since (year) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what age group(s):

Birth – Age 5 \_\_\_\_\_, K- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade \_\_\_\_\_, 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Gr \_\_\_\_\_, Post High School \_\_\_\_\_

On average, how often do you attend worship at Long Lake Lutheran?

Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Twice a month \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ Holidays/special events only \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't Know= 0,**

**Strongly Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Strongly Agree**

**1      2      3      4**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. I believe our worship services include young people.                                 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2. Our congregation provides effective ministry to families in the church.              | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3. Ministry to youth is very important to our mission as a congregation.                | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 4. The communication about youth ministry opportunities is effective.                   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5. I believe our church buildings serves our youth ministry and its activities.         | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 6. We clearly define the responsibilities of the person in charge of youth ministry     | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7. Our youth ministry displays a spirit of service.                                     | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 8. The youth ministry has a sense of mission beyond itself.                             | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 9. I trust the leaders of our congregation.   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 10. Long Lake Lutheran provides effective training for adults who volunteer in ministry | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

*(more questions on the back side, please turn over)*

Strongly Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Strongly Agree

11. Long Lake Lutheran has <b>effective programming for:</b>					
Sunday school age	0	1	2	3	4
Confirmation age	0	1	2	3	4
High School	0	1	2	3	4

12. I believe all youth feel welcome at Long Lake youth ministries.      0      1      2      3      4

13. The families here seek spiritual growth for their children and youth.      0      1      2      3      4

14. Our youth ministry activities and trips are affordable for most families.      0      1      2      3      4

15. What do you think are the most important responsibilities of a children, youth and family director? Please rank from highest (1) to lowest to highest.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching
- \_\_\_\_\_ Administration of the program (leading confirmation, high school youth group, mission trips)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Equipping young people for ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Building relationships
- \_\_\_\_\_ Equipping **adults** for ministry with youth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing Theological/Biblical knowledge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Worship leading
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reaching out to youth currently not involved
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

16. When the previous youth pastor served as youth and family director

\*what were some of the highlights of her ministry?

\*what were areas that were challenging?

17. Do you feel the responsibilities of a children, youth and family director at Long Lake Lutheran can be accomplished as a part-time position? Please explain.

## Written Questions:

1. Why do you choose to come to this church?
2. What are some good things that are happening at this church (ex: worship, Sunday school teachers, reaching out to those in need, etc)?
3. What are some of the good things happening in the youth ministry of Long Lake Lutheran?
4. What do you believe is the role of a Youth Director?
5. How spiritually grounded do you feel the youth ministry is here at our church?
6. In what ways are youth encouraged to be leaders:  
at Long Lake Lutheran?  
in the Community?  
World?
7. If you could change or add something to the youth ministry, what would it be?
8. What makes activities here different than all the other activities offered for youth (School/4-H/ sports). In other words, what makes our activities a “Ministry”?
9. Any other comments or ideas?

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*Youth Survey*  
**Winter 2012**

**For  
5-12<sup>th</sup>  
graders**

Welcome to the survey! Long Lake Lutheran would like to learn more about you and where you are at on your faith journey. We will never ask for your name during this survey. Please answer all the questions honestly based on what you think or feel. You can answer them by circling your answer for each question. Thank you so much for your time! If you would like to make any comments on a question, please write it below the question. Please return to brown box or place in the office. We appreciate your input and taking this seriously. It is very important to the future of the youth ministry! Thank you in advance!

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>NO</b>	<b>MAYBE</b>	<b>YES</b>
1. I believe our worship services include young people.	1	2	3
2. Our church believes ministry to people my age is important.	1	2	3
3. I feel like the congregation values me as a young person.	1	2	3
4. I believe my community values me as a young person.	1	2	3
5. God is an important part of my life.	1	2	3
6. I feel like I have a greater purpose in life.	1	2	3
7. The church is a place I would turn to in a difficult time.	1	2	3
8. I find it difficult to approach someone who is different than me, or is not always easy to like.	1	2	3
9. I believe serving my congregation is important.	1	2	3
10. I believe serving my community is important.	1	2	3
11. I regularly give money to the church.	1	2	3
12. How I act and treat others often reflects what I believe and my faith.	1	2	3
13. I trust the leaders of our congregation.	1	2	3

	<b>NO</b>	<b>MAYBE</b>	<b>YES</b>
14. I find the worship services meaningful to me.	1	2	3
15. Going to church is valued in my family.	1	2	3
16. My parents/family give me a choice of whether or not to attend church	1	2	3
17. I want to learn more about God.	1	2	3
18. I know and feel God is an active part of my everyday life.	1	2	3
19. I can remember a time when I was very aware of God's presence around me	1	2	3
20. I am willing to stand up for what I believe in.	1	2	3
21. I have participated in a youth activity at church (outside of confirmation) in the past year.	1	2	3
22. I pray daily.	1	2	3
23. I know what the Bible is all about.	1	2	3
24. I believe in God.	1	2	3
25. I believe God helps me during difficult times.	1	2	3
26. I regularly spend personal time with God through devotions or praying on my own.	1	2	3
27. I believe in Jesus and his death and resurrection.	1	2	3
28. Sometimes I doubt my faith and search for answers.	1	2	3
29. I want to learn more about the Christian faith.	1	2	3
30. I feel comfortable sharing my faith with others.	1	2	3
31. I know all the opportunities there are for me here at church.	1	2	3
32. I have a desire to feel relevant in this world.	1	2	3
33. The church helps give my life meaning.	1	2	3
34. I feel encouraged to be a leader at church.	1	2	3
35. I am excited about youth ministry at church.	1	2	3

**NO**                      **MAYBE**                      **YES**

36. I feel welcome at Long Lake Lutheran

1                              2                              3

37. I regularly attend worship.

1                              2                              3

38. How often do you attend worship

\_\_\_\_\_ 1x per month or less

\_\_\_\_\_ 2x per month

\_\_\_\_\_ 3x per month

\_\_\_\_\_ weekly

**The thing/things I like most at Long Lake Lutheran are....**

(If you don't have an answer, you may leave it blank.)

**If I could add or change anything here at Long Lake Lutheran, it would be...**

(If you don't have an answer, you may leave it blank. Please use the back if you need to.)