



Long Lake Lutheran Church

Country Spire

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August 2011

Youth Softball Update

We are extraordinarily blessed to have such a wonderful team this year! There is such **GREAT** team spirit each and every game. Our players tried hard, cheered for each other and **HAD** fun every game! We want to Thank the parents for bringing their children to all games, supporting our team, and helping out when needed!

Thank you to Chad Fournier for being our ump for home games, Matt Hulen, Wes Rowe and Jim Vincent for helping to coach 1st & 3rd bases. A special Thank you to the Vincents for coaching while we were on vacation.

We also want to thank the congregation for their support of our softball program by buying t-shirts. You helped raise enough money for some new bats! **THANK YOU!!**

See you all next year!

Brian and Jennifer Manion



WELCA Schedule

WELCA will resume monthly meetings beginning on Thursday August 18 at 1PM. Please join us as we move forward with details for the stain glass lighting for the church and finalize details for other celebrations to God that will be coming up this fall and winter.

Long Lake Lutheran Church Has Talent

Save the date of Friday October, 14th, 2011. Details will be announced in the coming weeks. Talent Show to kickoff the "Celebration of Generosity" campaign. It promises to be a night of self discovery for some and entertainment for all. Everyone will have chances to win in random drawings and **NO ONE** will go home hungry!

START thinking about what talent you might bring!

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**No Tuesday or
Wednesday Bible
Study in August.
Will resume
September 6 & 7**

Property Team

It has been brought to my attention that there are a lot of little projects around the church that need to get done. Just like when you are maintaining a house, our church is the same. The little projects can add up. When we all pitch in and do one or two little projects, they will all get done faster. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office for those project(s) you or your family feel you can accomplish. Please contact me, Brian Manion at 612-432-4502 if you have questions.

Worship Center

Pull weeds on Northwest corner (basketball side)

Pull weeds on Northeast corner (underground heat coil side)

Clean-up basketball hoop pad and fix net

Sand and touch-up all scratches with paint on exit doors

Wash windows

Cornerstone

Repair downspouts

Wash windows

Low water pressure to kitchen

Sand & paint heat register covers

Friends of Ruth

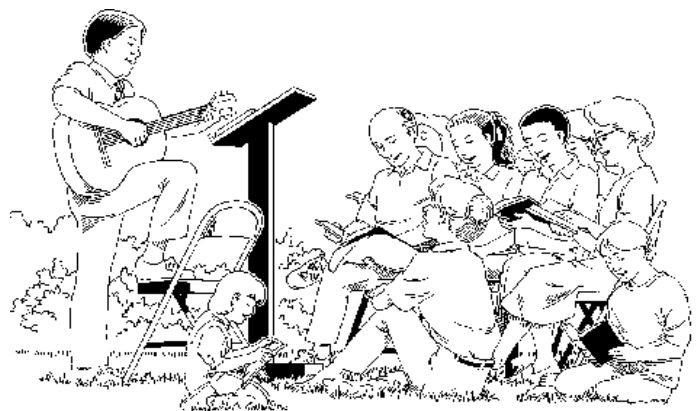
"We are bound together in God's word through the book of Ruth to serve women of all ages at home and around the world."

Saturday, July 9th a group of six including Friends of Ruth members and new friends participated in our second summer outing leaving from Taylors Falls on a cruise. It was a great afternoon with time to visit before boarding the Taylors Falls Princess, which departed at 3:30PM for a scenic easygoing cruise down the St. Croix River with commentary speakers giving us descriptions of rock formations, history of the river and spotting eagles along the way. It was a relaxing and smooth cruise. We observed many rock climbers; canoes and kayaks; shared the river with us, fishing boats and hikers were walking the trails above us along both the Minnesota and Wisconsin sides. Many in canoes stopped along the river on sandbars to swim and cool off in the water. It was an 80 minute trip down the river and back again. We saw lush greens, many eagles flying into trees growing out of rocks, and the overcast warm weather was cooled by the breeze of the ships movement down river and back. The river was quite rapid, but our captain navigated the trip perfectly. We made use of our senses of sight, sound, and smells. There was even a train of canoes and kayaks hooked together behind a motorized boat being pulled back to the storage area along the shore down river. After driving back to North Branch, we stopped at The Oak Inn to have our meal and get to know each other better. We had a fabulous meal and conversation before heading back to the church.

Friends of Ruth this August is sticking closer to home. We're planning a potluck picnic at the Anderson's. We are back to our regular meeting schedule of Monday, Aug. 1st at 6:30PM Friends of Ruth pack your picnic

All those who have brought food for special requests in containers and pans, please pick-up. They are located on the red cart in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Matt & Nora hosting
Date Night 8-13-2011 6PM
Fellowship, relationships, learning.
A "real" date (Nursery is available)



Outdoor Worship 8-7-2011, 9:30AM

Would this world be better if folks we meet would say,
“I know something good about you, “ And then trust us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy if each handclasp, warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance, “I know something good about you“ ?

Would life be lots more happy if the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us that folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy if we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness in the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice that fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me! I know something good about you!

Rally Sunday
Will be
September 11th, 2011

A time to
Celebrate
Christian
Fellowship and
Fun and to
Renew our
dedication to
Christian
education!



Rally Day

Worship/ Music Meeting on July 5, 2011

Attendees: Madge, Kristy, Carol, Pastor Matt, Janelle, and Karen.

Pastor Matt opened with Prayer.

Summer worship is going fine with the kinks worked out. Power Point is being used and the worship booklet is available in the pews for use by the congregational members as needed. Lessons are on a separate sheet for the congregational members to use during the service and take with them after.

A discussion of the flow of the worship service and how it needs to be smooth and put together brought us to conclude that a Worship Production person is needed for each service. We'll look to finding members who might be interested in doing this. Also it was suggested that we add a statement to the reminder cards that Ushers, Greeters, or Lectors need to find a replacement if they are unable to be at worship that Sunday.

If no Acolyte or Crucifer are available at the worship service, the Council Rep should be responsible for lighting the candles before worship begins and extinguishing them after the blessing during the final hymn. Proper procedure should be used and reviewed with the Council so that everyone is able to do the lighting of the candles with ease.

A Nursery Booklet will be revamped and some of our young mothers will be approached to start a Co-op to design the way they could schedule coverage during worship services.

Outdoor Worship will be on August 7th. We'll begin with a Continental Breakfast being served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:00AM. The worship service will begin at 9:30AM outside (if weather permits) with Spoke Folk as our leaders. It is a Communion Sunday; we'll have continuous serving of the bread and wine at two stations directed by the ushers.

The ringing of the Bell went fine for two Sundays, then something happened with the connection to allow sound of the bell to be heard in the sanctuary, so I asked Ernie Sandahl to look into it with Brian Manion.

Pastor Matt gave us his plan for the Sunday services through November and three different options to pray for and think about for the Advent services coming up this Fall.

Pastor Matt will contact his friend (Mark) to come and talk with us about the updating of our Sound System (which we have received Memorial monies to go forward). The Sound System is also the Mission of the month for September.

Our next meeting will take place on a different day; it will be on Wednesday, August 10th at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30PM

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE A MESSAGE BOARD (SIGN) LIKE THIS ONE

We could advertise dates and times of:

Worship Services

Outdoor Worship Service

Auction

Live nativity

Rally Sunday

VBS

Marriages

Funerals

The Sunshine Circle has approximately \$5,500 dedicated towards a message board. We are working on quotes to determine total cost. We are looking for interested people to participate on a small planning committee. If you are interested and want to be involved contact Carol Perrin, 763-444-5607.

We do need to have better advertising for our church, the message board will be more visible from a distance and hopefully will attract more families to our church!

Sunshine Circle



"Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better."

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Tuesday July 12th was a great day at Jan & Roger Leppla's home. We were surrounded by beautiful landscaping, gardens and the lake. The weather was awesome along with tasty food, good conversation and fun. Thanks Jan for your hard work, generosity and sharing your beautiful home with us.

Our next meeting is October 11th at the Worship Center.

Sincerely, The Sunshine Circle

World Missions Team

The "Mission of the Month" for August will be for postage to send the quilts that were made by our quilters. Lutheran World Relief has asked for donations to cover postage for all the quilts.



Karyn H. made a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the Synod for a specific mission. Pastor Matt will research possible missions. Gerald A. seconded. Motion passed.

Karyn H. has looked into Adult Work Camp. Karyn's recommendations include St. Louis county Habitat for Humanity in Virginia, Bemidji Habitat for Humanity, and Grand Rapids Habitat for Humanity (A Brush with Kindness). The Missions Team liked the Grand Rapids choice the best. Karyn will determine if Grand Rapids has a time frame for applying.

There was some discussion about an Adult work camp to Costa Rica in 2013.

The next Mission meeting will be August 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the conference room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Thank You, Martin Lynn

Education Team A great big **THANK YOU** to all of the Vacation Bible School volunteers, parents, and especially the kids for a fun and inspirational week!! I am already looking forward to next summer! The mission project for Vacation Bible School were backpacks and bookmarks for kids in Latin America through Operation Kid-to-Kid. A noisy offering was taken at church on Sunday 7/10/2011 to help pay for Spanish bibles to be included with the backpacks. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our congregation, we were able to send 40 backpacks with bibles to Latin America. *Thank you to all!!*

Sunday School is fast approaching, and it is time to get together to plan for this fall. I will be holding meetings for anyone interested in helping with Sunday School on Wednesday August 10, 2011 at 6:00pm and Tuesday August 16, 2011 at 6:00pm. At these meetings we will be making decisions on Sunday School curriculum, schedules, and teaching. Rally Sunday is on 9/11/2011 with Sunday School resuming on 9/18/2011. Please come and help plan for this important children's ministry. Thanks!

The next Education team meeting will be held on 8/23/2011, 6PM in the Worship Center.



Stewardship—Shared Ministry Team

Attendance: Ronda Fenlon, Pastor Matt, John Bartz and Gail Strand

1. Celebration of Generosity will kick-off the Stewardship season with a “Long Lake Lutheran Has Talent” show.

- date of Friday October 14
- sign-up will begin August-September
- youth involvement will be encouraged
- dinner-possibly chili or spaghetti with pot luck desserts
- seeking donations to provide 2-3 random prizes

2. Recommendation was made for using video equipment showing the involvement of members in different activities within the church.

These videos can be used for

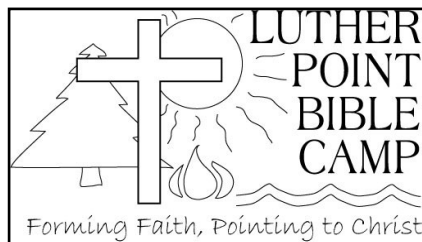
- temple talks
- shown between services
- during new member orientation
- Celebrating LLLC accomplishments

Donation of up to \$500.00 toward equipment was made

3. Update to Life Keys Status

- Ronda will be offering Life Keys classes to the Adult Forum group beginning September 18
- New member orientation is scheduled for 9-Noon September 10th
- Starting in the fall we hope to provide Life Keys classes that will be open to everyone before the evening Bible study on Tuesday evening

4. Revision will be made to the Time and Talents worksheet using the “Opening Your Spiritual Gifts” sheet produced by the ELCA but customizing to our needs at LLLC. The worksheet needs to be completed to use at talent night on October 14th.



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Greetings from Luther Point!

August 2011

Luther Point's Summer Celebration: Sunday August 7:

Mark your calendars now to join us for the annual Craft / Quilt Auction and Summer Celebration on Sunday August 7th. We are looking for individuals to create and donate items such as artwork, wood-crafted items, quilts, other crafts, theme baskets and more for the Auction and Silent Auction. With questions, contact Marcel at 715-689-2347 or Marcel@LutherPoint.org.

Needs / Wish List: *We are still looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans.* We have some older vehicles that are showing their wear and tear.

Come and Retreat with Us: We have weekend openings for the Retreat Center, Family Cabins, Luther Lodge and more. **Perfect for a weekend get away with family and friends.** Are you looking to schedule a family reunion? Whatever the occasion, consider staying at Luther Point! Inquire with Liz@LutherPoint.org or call (715) 689-2347.

Choral Retreat: Calling all singers!! On Saturday, September 17th, 2011, Luther Point and Luther Park will be hosting a day-long choral retreat at Luther Park in Chetek, WI! Dr. Elliot Wold, Retired UW-RF Choral Conductor, will lead the retreat choir in the conversation about Christ through song. Join other singers in mastering pieces of choral music while fellowshiping with one another in a setting that fosters relaxation and recreation. The retreat culminates with worship. 8am-7pm. Cost for the day is \$40 (\$20 deposit) and that includes 3 meals, music, and workshop. Feel free to come Friday night, adding on \$15 for a 7pm arrival and lodging. Check out Luther Point's website for more information! To register or for more information: 715-689-2347; Email: info@lutherpoint.org; Website: www.lutherpoint.org

Fall Retreats / Offered Jointly with Luther Park: Check out our website LutherPoint.org and choose a retreat offering:

Choral Retreat, September 17th at Luther Park, Chetek.

Quilting Retreat, Sept. 22-25 at Luther Park, also Feb. 2-5, 2012

Advent Fellowship and Cookie Baking: Dec. 3 at Luther Point, Dec. 10 at Luther Park

Sr. High Weekend Camp, 9th-12th Grade, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Luther Point

Middle School Weekend Camp, 6th-8th Grade, Oct. 14-15 at Luther Point

Consider Family Camp: We still have openings for Family Camp. This year our guest resource pastor is Rev. Carl Heidel from Siren, Wisconsin. Pastor Carl is serving Trinity Lutheran in rural Siren. Families come in all shapes and sizes these days. Come as you are and spend some quality time with your family. We will take care of the cooking and cleaning. Your job is to relax, refresh, and retreat.

Introducing "Impact 365" Year Round Ministry Team: "Impact 365" is a team of young adults who are devoting their year to ministry at Luther Point and in your congregation. All the team members have previously worked on summer staff at Luther Point and are ready to bring that same energy and enthusiasm of the summer camp experience to everything they do. The ministry of the team is about more than just promoting camp—it's about being a resource for youth and family ministry. Events are being scheduled now for the 2011-2012 school year. We realize that camp doesn't have to happen at camp, and we want to be able to share the same relational and engaging ministry experiences of camp with you! Events are on a contractual basis for a fee to support the Impact 365 team. Contact Liz: 715-689-2347 or Liz@LutherPoint.org

Together in Ministry
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MISSION STATEMENT:

“FOLLOWING CHRIST’S EXAMPLE
OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS
WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND
OUR DOORS TO ALL PEOPLE AS WE
PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL AND GROW
IN CHRIST’S LOVE.”

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL –

PLEASE EXPEDITE
