



Long Lake Lutheran Church

Country Spire

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October 2011

**LONG LAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Eccl. 3:1)

Summer is over and fall is here. It's back to school, back to church, and back to what we think of as our normal schedule. As my life goes on and I experience ups and downs, I'm not convinced that normal is all that normal. October will mark the end of my first year here at Long Lake. There have been ups and there have been downs. In the midst of all of it, though, I have seen God working, speaking, and loving through the people of Long Lake.

The Holy Spirit is truly here and powerfully at work. And it is more than just the fact that attendance, giving, and programs are increasing. There is a spirit of expectation, a sense that God is bringing us new opportunities to serve and growing our faith.

It's hard for me to believe that I've been here at Long Lake for a year. On one hand time has gone by so quickly. On the other hand, people have been so welcoming that it feels like I've always been here. I'm looking forward to another year and I'm excited about where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

God's Peace,

Pr. Matt

Blessing of the Animals

October 2nd

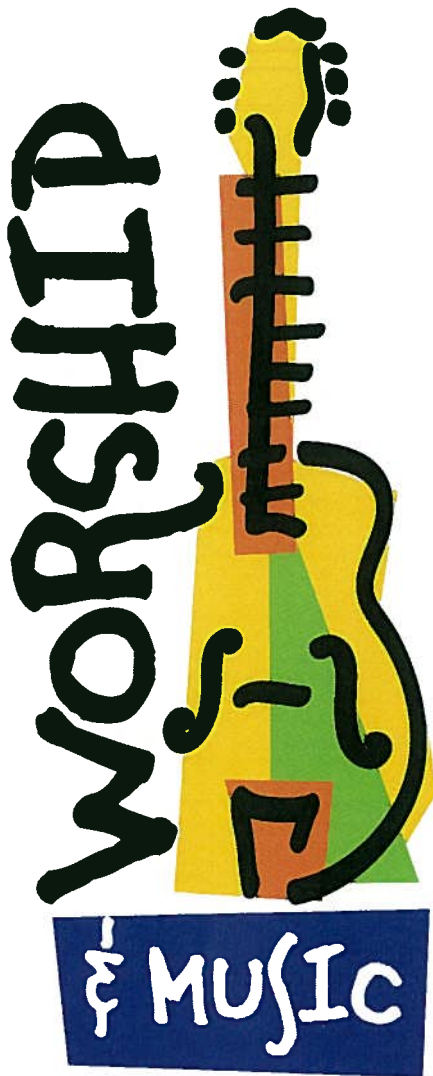
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

At the Church

1 – 3 p.m. On location

(see page 2 for more details)





Meeting on September 8, 2011

Those in attendance were Kristy, Pastor Matt, Janelle and Karen.

Pastor Matt opened with Prayer. Pastor Matt began with a discussion of the Fall schedule. Pastor Matt has been getting calls about the times for services.

- We are keeping the time slots the same for worship throughout the year and into 2012. We will be back to the Green Hymnal using Setting I for 8:00 A.M. service and Now the Feast at the 9:30 A.M. service.
- We are looking for Nursery staff for both services. We would like to set up a meeting on October 4th for any young parents that are interested in helping out in the Nursery at church. We'll be looking over materials that have been gathered and updating our own material. We'd like to establish a Coordinator and workers to staff the Nursery on a regularly scheduled basis at both services. If interested in helping serve our

church in this manner, please attend this meeting.

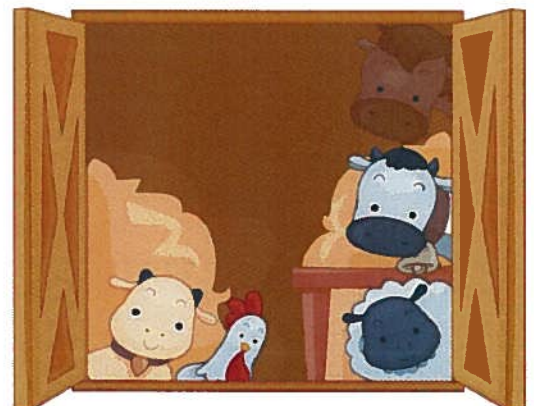
- Kristy has asked for a sub on September 18th and Pastor Matt will be gone that Sunday as well. Both will find their replacements.
- Donna Larsen ordered new music for the choir, which will begin September 14th.
- Piano tuning will be done as needed after the temperature changes quit.
- Kris Bjarke will work with confirmation students to set up our Acolyte/Crucifer schedule for both services.
- Confirmation Sunday, October 30th, we will add another service for them at 11:00 A.M.

We will continue to look at a tri-fold pamphlet about the Worship and Music Ministry Team. This brochure will be available for new people interested in joining the church. It will help those who possibly want to be a part of our team. We'll discuss it further at a later date.

Blessing of the animals is a tradition that brings to mind St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his compassion for animals. On October 2nd:

From 11a.m.-12 noon we will bless animals people bring to the church parking lot, or the Cornerstone basement in inclement weather.

From 1p.m.-3p.m. Pr. Matt will be available to go and bless animals that are harder to move. A sign up sheet will be on the kiosk.



PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Please sign up to have your picture taken for the new church directory. You can sign up on-line at the longlakeluth.org website or after service on Sundays in the Narthex. You can also call me, Rose Hass at home:763-444-5892 or my cell phone at 612-805-7535. If you are not able to make it for the pictures let me know and we can see what we can do. Pictures will be taken Tuesday, October 18th through Friday, October 21st from 2:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday October 22 from 10:00 A.M. until 4:20 P.M. Don't forget to smile!

MISSIONS / EVANGELISM

September 2011

Please see the chart below for the mission information for 2011. This is the amount given for each mission and if the money has been distributed.

Month	Requested Mission	Actual Mission	Giving	Comments
January		Youth Mission Trip	480	distributed
February		Natural Disaster (USA ELCA DISASTER FUND)	256	distributed
March		IHN	795	Will leave in Mission Fund for IHN use
April		Community Garden	510	Waiting for bill from Phil L.
May		Lutheran World Relief	575	distributed
June		Spoke Folk	649	distributed
July		Benevolence	1404	distributed
August		Quilt Postage		
September		Audio/visual system for the Sanctuary		
October	Pastor Matt's Door Hangers			
November		Live Nativity		
December		Adult Work Camp		

The Missions team discussed helping with the new sign for the church. We will be donating \$500.00 to the Sunshine Circle to help this project along.

The next Mission meeting will be October 20, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the conference room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Thank You

Martin Lynn

I conducted two Sunday School idea meetings in August to discuss the subjects we would like to teach this year. I was given a lot of excellent input. From this input I have put together a tentative list of subjects for the year. The new Sunday School schedule was discussed. We will be starting at the worship center with each child's family. After the children's sermon, the children will be escorted to the Cornerstone from 9:45A.M. to 10:45A.M. We will start with approximately 15-20 minutes of singing. The songs will coordinate with the Bible lesson for the day. The children will then go to their classrooms to learn about the Bible story by being read to from the Bible, doing crafts, and completing worksheets. The parents will then pick up the children at 10:45A.M. Because of IHN use of the Cornerstone, we will be having a group activity on September 18, about Jonah. The Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 3, 2011 with practice beginning the 3rd week in November. Sunday School Rally Day activities are set with duck pond, ring toss, bean bag toss, fishing game, a tiny tot area, face painting, crazy hair, and maybe an obstacle course. The Youth will also be selling hot dogs and popcorn. Teachers will be installed at either the 8 or 9:30A.M. service on 9/11. The teachers that have signed up so far are: Janet Meeks, LeAnn Snidarich, Leslie Jaques, Beaner Bell, Mo spike, Abbey Fournier, Jennifer Manion, Julie Jaffe, June Huge, Dawn Borer, Bruce Riebe, and Matt Lundeen. Subs being Monica Ahlman, Margaret Bauer, and Lori Koester. I am also hoping that on the days that Youth do not have Sunday School, some might be around to help with the Sunday School students. The younger students love to have the Youth come and help. Confirmation is on Sunday, October 30. Twelve confirmation stoles have been ordered from Junice's Tailoring. This is the same vendor we used last year. I need to discuss with Kris to see if we can coordinate the Confirmation pictures with the times Lifetouch is here for the directory. Third grade Bible presentation will be moved to October with a date to be determined. The next Education meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:30P.M.

Mindy



Wanted!

Who: All Trunkers (people who bring a vehicle and hand out candy from their trunk)
All Treaters (princesses, superheroes, ghosts and others!)

When: Monday, October 31 from 4P.M. to 7:00P.M.

Where: Long Lake Lutheran Cornerstone Parking lot

We will have hotdogs, cider and coffee for a light supper along with games and prizes

Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact the office for more information

Stewardship message:

Your individual life gifts are God given, but it is our responsibility to identify and develop them. Joy-filled service happens when our needs are satisfied in such a way that you can forget yourself and concentrate on the needs of others.

I am excited about being part of the first annual talent show at Long Lake Lutheran Church and want to invite anyone to participate on or off the stage. We need volunteers to staff the nursery, set-up the fellowship hall before the event and clean up when we are done. There will be several ways to assist during the show as well.

The 14th of October will kick off the New Year with a "Celebration of Generosity". That generosity is not just a monetary amount; it should include the gift of time. Both are important as you cultivate your personal relationship with God. The gift of time can start with as little as an hour a month of service to the church. If you are not sure how or where to utilize your talents perhaps the new "times and talents" sheets that will be available soon can help you determine what would be the most joyful way for you to give.

You can now use direct withdrawal by getting forms from the office.....how easy is that? Mark your calendars and join us on October 3rd at 7:00pm for a general meeting, even if you haven't signed up yet, to find out more information about the talent show on the 14th.

God bless,

Gail Strand

Stewardship

FUNERAL NOTES

All women who are members of Long Lake Lutheran Church are on one of three serving group lists. When there is a funeral or special function you could be called upon to bake bars, cookies or a cake. We hope this is something you can help us with. If you for some reason prefer not to be on this list please call the church office at 444-5315 or Loretta Fornberg at 444-5973. Please note that this year we've held a lot of funerals and we know you may have been called many times, but we want to thank you for your willingness to help when called. This makes our jobs easier.

Loretta



EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING NEXT SUMMER INFO MEETING

We are preparing to take youth to the New Orleans Gathering in July of 2012, but we need to plan now! This trip is open to all current 9th graders and older. If you plan on going we need a registration form and a deposit of \$75 due by October 2 in order to secure a spot. A registration form is available at church or online at www.longlakeluth.org, youth and family ministry.

DATE NIGHT

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CONFIRMATION

YOUTH FORUM-A time to meet together on Sunday mornings and talk about topics relevant to you! Lead by Julie Jaffe. In October we will meet:

Sunday, October 9 in the Cornerstone 9:30 (*sit in worship together and then go to class*
Sunday, October 23 *when Sunday school children are dismissed*)

9th GRADE RETREAT- October 28, offsite, 7pm-9pm

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, October 5th -6-7pm Cornerstone
Wednesday, October 12th-6-7pm Cornerstone
NO Confirmation Wednesday, Oct. 19th- MEA
Wednesday, October 26th-6-7pm Cornerstone

CONFIRMATION DETAILS -For 9th graders getting confirmed. .

Saturday, October 29th 11am-Noon Pictures and Rehearsal
Sunday, October 30th 11am-CONFIRMATION WORSHIP

HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Come for worship, stay for youth group!!

Community worship starts at 6:15 until 7:00pm in the Cornerstone then
7:15-8:30 YOUTH GROUP

Dates we meet in October

Wednesday, October 5	Bible Study
October 12	Fun night
October 19	NO High School Youth Group MEA
October 26	Service

YOUTH FORUM-A time to meet together on Sunday mornings and talk about topic relevant to you!
Lead by Bruce Riebe. In October we will meet:

Sunday, October 9	in the Cornerstone	9:30	<i>(sit in worship together and then go to class</i>
Sunday, October 23			<i>when Sunday school children are dismissed</i>

SUMMER STRETCH REVIEW



The Youth of Long Lake Lutheran participated in nine Wednesdays of service and fun over the last three months. We did some amazing service projects: trimming trees, weeding the garden, recycling cans, painting Sunday School rooms, re-edging the rock around the main church, picking asphalt out of the potato garden, providing dinner to SpokeFolk and Feed My Starving Children. Fun events including swimming in Long Lake (thanks Jaffes!), mystery dinner, journaling, Mansetti's for pizza (with Dale and Karen), McDonalds, Dairy Queen, movie night, and Brunswick Zone. We have enjoyed it all!!!

Kris Bjorke

September 8, 2011

Attendees – Martin L., Matt F., Mindy P., Bruce R., Gail S., Jim V., Brian M., Jerry O., Karen B.

Pastor Matt opened with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

The Master Calendar was discussed.

Brian M. asked Dave Smith from Peak Construction to a question and answer forum about the roof of the Cornerstone and Church.

Brian also made a presentation about the sheet rock damaged from the ice dams.

Brian will put together a quote package for all the work needed and present it to the council.

Brian M. made a presentation about one of the compressors in the heating system. Jim Strandland has given him a quote for replacement of that compressor.

Bruce made a motion to accept August minutes. Brian seconded. Motion passed.

The council reps for October are Mindy P. for the 8a.m. service and Martin L for the 9:30a.m. service.

All the committee reports were given. Please see individual reports for details.

The meeting was closed at 9:30p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Special Meeting Minutes September 18, 2011

Jerry O. called a special meeting to discuss the church roof.

Attendees- Jerry O., Bruce R., Jim V., Rose H., Mindy P., Karen B., Gail S., Brian M., and Martin L.

LLLC has received the insurance check for the hail damage to the Church and Cornerstone. This check will cover a new roof for both buildings using Peak Construction's bid. The garage is being added to the insurance claim and should be covered also. The only thing the check will not cover is the upgraded power roof vent electricity. **If there are any electricians in the congregation please let us know.**

The council discussed replacing the roof with the same color shingle.

Bruce R made a motion to proceed with the job. Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed. This project should be completed by the end of October 2011.

The council discussed the insurance claims for the sheetrock damage in the Church. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting. Jerry O. made a motion to adjourn. Jim V seconded. Motion passed.

SUNSHINE CIRCLE



With our few months off we are now ready to start our projects. Attending our first meeting was ten pair of helping hands. We talked about our grandma's attic (craft sale) at the time of the nativity program. We are working on items to sell. The group came up with some new items so we are getting excited and ready to go. Our reading was from the book Soup for the Christian Soul - "With These Rings" read by Loretta. Had prayer, then lunch was served with more good fellowship. Our next meeting is Tuesday October 11 at 1P.M.

**"Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better."
Ecclesiastes 4:9**

WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS!!!

THE LIGHTING FOR THE STAINED GLASS IS IN AND PAID FOR.

FUNDS CAME FROM:

- 40% MEMORIALS & THRIVENT**
- 60% SPAGHETTI DINNERS**

THANKS EVERYONE!

CRAFT GROUP

ALL AGES AND PROJECTS WELCOME

FUTURE MISSION PROJECTS:

- Prayer Shawl Ministries
- Friends of Ruth Midwife Kit Support
- Knitting for the Troops
- Hats for Hunger
- Just to name a few!

Donated yarn available for mission projects-just ask!

Beginners Welcome

For more information contact Lisa Lynn 763444-4345
Or Laura Schmidt

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AT 10:45A.M.

Bring an unfinished project

OR

Start a new one!



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."

Monday, September 12th, a group of Friends of Ruth met at the Cornerstone to begin our regularly scheduled meetings. Karen Baker had devotion (which she left on the kitchen table...), but with the help of her Friends of Ruth was able to find and read an appropriate story from the Lutheran Journal. We had snack of the garden variety: tomato-basil bruschetta, creamy cucumbers and an apple tart. After eating and visiting, we had our discussion turn to the plans for the next months.

The first order of business was to decide on whether or not to move our meetings to the 2nd Monday of each month, instead of the first one. Everyone agreed to keep the 6:30 p.m. time. Next we checked over the email addresses and updated them as needed. We also signed up for devotions and snacks. Then the event schedule was being filled in as we talked about the coming fall season and put down ideas for some of the months.

- October will be a working meeting, so bring your sewing machine to help make some diapers for the Baby Care Kits that we will be putting together
- November we will plan another tea for the last Sunday afternoon at 3:00p.m.
- December we should be on the look out for a special outing
- March will be the Spring Luncheon

We will keep the Pregnancy Crisis Center as one of our yearly projects. We'll do the Baby Care kits and continue to work with the activity bags for kids in church. Our inventory of supplies are pretty good, all we need are safety pins.

We have a new tri-fold flyer created by Ronda Fenlon. We will have it available to be handed out as needed to those who are interested.

Join us for our gathering of Friends of Ruth this October 10th. It's Columbus Day. We are meeting Monday at 6:30 P.M. We'll be meeting in the Cornerstone that evening. Janelle will be the hostess and have devotions for that evening

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1st Annual Talent Show

SAVE THE DATES:
October 3rd General meeting
October 10th Dress
Rehearsal
October 13th set-up

October 14th
TALENT SHOW
7:00 PM

sign-up board
located in narthex

Watch for more announcements

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS
CONTACT: Gail 763-753-7277 or
email: strandgail@yahoo.com

REMINDER

BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING

Will take place the 2nd Sunday
Of each month in the Parish Nurse's
office.

No Kitchen Duty!

**Join us for SPAGHETTI
DINNER on Friday Night**



**MEAL INCLUDES ALL YOU CAN EAT
SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, BARS
OR COOKIES AND BEVERAGE**

**Adults: \$5 Children (6-12) \$3
Under 6: Free**

When: OCTOBER 7th

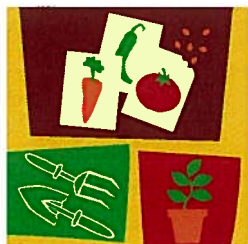
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

**Where: Long Lake Lutheran Church
Highway 47 and 277th**

**6 miles north of St. Francis or 2 miles
south of Cty Rd 5**

**COME JOIN US FOR GREAT
SPAGHETTI AND A NIGHT OF
FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!!!**

MISSION GARDEN UPDATE



549,588,575,651,563.....What are these numbers? They are the pounds of produce we have taken to the Food Pantry in Cambridge so far this summer. We would like to extend a big thank you to : Kenny and Ernie England, Karyn Hansen, Ted Erickson and Dale Lundeen for all their help in the garden this summer

LIVE NATIVITY



It's that time of year again as we settle back in school, our fall routines and the excitement and anticipation of Advent begins to grow. Our annual Live Nativity weekend is a Long Lake Lutheran community tradition and we are preparing for 2011. **PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:**

- December 9 Set-up
- December 10 Live Nativity—evening performances, chili supper, craft auction
- December 11 Live Nativity—service and breakfast

This LLLC event reaches over 500 people in the neighborhood, community and congregation; becoming a family tradition for many during Advent. It takes many hands, heads and hearts in many ways to bring this evangelism event to life. Watch for more info to come and prayerfully consider how you might participate.

Special needs at this time include: available animals (I want a calf for cattle are lowing), and 2 live infants from 6 weeks to 6 months in age.

Contact Ronda Fenlon or Carol Perrin for details



Volunteers with electrical experience are needed for help with the roof repair project. If interested, please contact a council member or call the office for details.

AN EXTRA LARGE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH IHN IN SEPTEMBER. WANT TO BE INVOLVED NEXT TIME? WATCH FOR UPCOMING DETAILS OR

The internment of Nelda Remus will be here at Long Lake Cemetery on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. with a luncheon to follow. All who wish to attend are welcome.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There will be a meeting for the discussion of setting up our Nursery Care staff and schedule for Sundays. We are a growing church and have a lot of young families that are attending with babies and small children that are not quite old enough to attend Sunday School. So we need young parents of our young children to come and help create and set up the Nursery. They will help to create guidelines and share their ideas for a well set up Nursery staff. We'd like to have one person be the coordinator to help set up a schedule of interested and caring adults or youth that would volunteer to be in the Nursery for both the 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. service.

PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:00 PM. WE WILL MEET IN THE NURSERY SO WE CAN PLAN AND TALK THERE.

-Worship and Music Council Rep-Karen Baker