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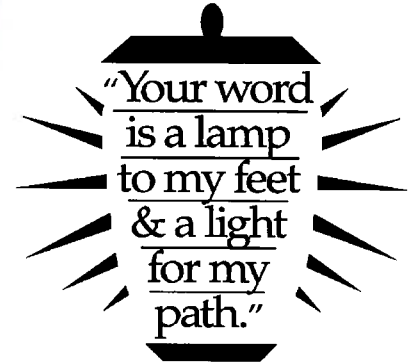
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Psalm 119:105

Pr. Matt's January Spire Article

What will the New Year hold for us? I think this is a question that most of us ponder around this time of year. Some years we are filled with hope. Hope for a new start. Hope for our families. Some years we are filled with worry for what is to come. Will we still have a job? Where will we live? In the midst of all these concerns there is one question that should be the most important, but it is often left out.

"God, where are you leading me?" It is a simple question, but it is profoundly important. God has a way for us, a plan, a path for us to follow. Our job is to seek out God's will for us and to follow it in good faith. As Proverbs 16:9 tells us, "A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps."

I have often looked back on my life and realized that had I just listened for God's leading, things would have gone a lot easier for me. But, discerning God's will can seem difficult and we are often unsure. When I get to this point, I often turn to a prayer by Thomas Merton:

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. (Thoughts in Solitude, pg. 83)

As we begin a new year it is vitally important that we seek God's will as individuals, families, and as a congregation. As we seek to grow in faith and love, we must do so while following God's way. As you begin each day, I invite you to spend some time asking God to reveal His will to you. We have God's promise that He will guide us and care for us. Psalm 119:105 reminds us. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Council Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2010

Long Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Pastor Matt, Pastor Rhonda, Bruce Riebe, Jim Vincent, John Bartz, Bruce Yurich, Monica Ahlman, Martin Lynn, Rose Hass, Phil Lundeen, Dale Lundeen, Rich Hansen, Ernie Englund, Harlan Lillemoen, and Kenny Englund. Pastor Matt opened the meeting with prayer and read devotions.

The master calendar was reviewed: February 12th is the Sweetheart Dinner. This year Pastor Matt will have a special service for those that want to renew their wedding vows before the dinner. Spire Deadline is Dec and Jan 15th. Annual Report due by January 10th. January Council reps - 8:00 Tony and 10:30 is Bruce R. Annual reports from the various ministry teams within the church need to be put together as well as their annual budgets. These should be ready by January 1. Monica made a motion to accept the November council meeting minutes, seconded by Jim. Motion approved.

Jim Strandlund owner of Strandlund Refrigeration, Heating and Cooling and President of the President of the Minnesota Geothermal Heat Pump Association (MNGHPA) visited with council and church member guests. Mr. Strandlund provided information on the LLL geothermal system and discussed his thoughts with council. He presented a quote to repair the LLL geothermal system and to add a propane gas boiler backup system, which council took under advisement. Council will consider this quote in the next congregational meeting which is set for 9:15 am (between services) on Sunday, December 12th.

The December Financial Report was presented and approved. Motion was made to transfer \$3400 from the Festival Auction Fund to the General Fund (Leaving just over \$500 in the Festival Auction Fund). John Seconded and Motion was approved. Executive team will meet at end of December to determine the support of our committed donations to our Synod. Budget for 2011 was discussed and council members took actions to review their respective budgetary items for proposal in January.

The Education Ministry team met on Thursday, December 9 at 6pm. We gathered costumes for the Sunday School Christmas program and Mindy and Marcy helped Pastor Rhonda get the black felt up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the new church. Next meeting is Thursday, January 13 at 6pm.

Mission for the month of January is the Youth Mission Trip.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.
Respectfully submitted, Jim Vincent



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."

A huge THANK YOU to all who responded to our plea for items to go into the Children's Activity Bags. We had lots of new and gently used items to put into the bags. Some of us worked on those bags and restocked them before joining the rest of our group at the Cornerstone. We discussed the Tea from November 28th, it's successes and things we might do for next year. We talked about the Newborn Kits , what was still needed to be collected along with the Health Kits. We will have them blessed and distribute them to the warehouse. We discussed the Sunday School program bags; Betsy bought all the stuff ; and they are at her home. Briefly we talked about the Robert Robinson Concert coming up on Dec. 11th. We had 11 people that would be going, and Karen B. passed out tickets to those who were at the meeting.

Janelle lead us in a devotion read from a book entitled: Simple Abundance . The story "Loaves and Fishes" based on Matthew 14:17, which was a familiar story that we had all heard some time or another has a marvelous example of abundance that from five loaves and two fishes there would be twelve baskets of leftovers. We also heard that Jesus performed this simple abundant miracle twice. But the apostles just *didn't get it!* Miracle upon miracle were appearing before their eyes and they did not understand the meaning. That's because they were ordinary human beings, even if their spiritual teaching was given by a Master. "How often in our lives do we still *not get it?*" The "it" in our lives can be many different things: career problems, additive problems, credit card debt. We have to start focusing on the good things in our lives, what we do have, give thanks, be a blessing, and share. God will provide, if we just believe and see the miracle, the "it" doesn't matter. So use the few loaves and fishes you have and know what to do with them. You will have all you need. She ended with a poem as her prayer: "Count Your Blessings" .

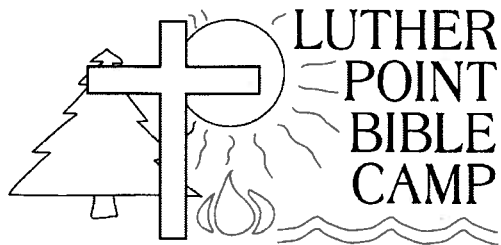
Spring Luncheon set for March 19th, we will plan further at our next meeting. There was no menu available for us to review, our speaker has not confirmed, and many others things will come about in the next few months to ready us for this Luncheon.

Join us for our gathering of Friends of Ruth this January 3rd, in the Cornerstone at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing Newborn Kits, adding more details to our luncheon plans, and enjoying devotions from June as we snack.



There are 14 women in this church that have kept our kitchen supplied with--- dish soap, helix, scratch pads, air freshener, food handling gloves, creamers, splenda, sugar, plastic coffee stirrers, zip lock bags, (big & small), cooking spray, coffee filters, paper plates. Thank you Thank you. This would have to come from the general fund if we did not have this generous tidings from these ladies. If anyone would like to be on this list to donate items give one of the kitchen committee a call.

Kitchen Committee: Becky Agranoff, Joan Anderson
and Loretta Fornberg



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Craig M. Corbin, Director

Greetings from Luther Point!

January 2011

Summer 2011 Camp Info: All summer camp and registration information can be found on www.LutherPoint.org under the "Summer Camp" tab. Get excited for another summer of fun and faith as we explore our theme "Gathered By Grace: Jesus Chooses Us." Also, for those of you interested in applying for Summer Staff, applications and info can be found under the "Employment" Tab.

Year-Round Retreat Committee Members Needed: Luther Park and Luther Point are pleased about the promising start of a new ministry effort. We are excited about seeking the creativity and enthusiasm of a volunteer committee. If you or someone you know would like to contribute time and talents to creating meaningful retreat opportunities, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Becky at 715-689-2347 or Becky@LutherPoint.org for more information. Cost for the Event: 3 1/2 day (Thursday 9am—Sunday noon) is \$150 or 2 1/2 day (Friday 9am—Sunday noon) is \$125. For more information or to register, contact Diana at 715-859-2215 or Diana@LutherPark.org.

Quilting Retreat—February 3-6, 2011: Luther Park and Luther Point are excited to host the 20th Annual Luther Park Quilting retreat for all avid quilters—for beginners through experienced! Come to Luther Park and share your quilting skills with other enthusiasts. Luther Park provides you space to sew and sleep. The weekend begins Thursday morning as early as 9am and runs through Sunday 1pm. We plan to sprinkle in some fun "little" projects throughout your time here too, along with a game or two and prizes! Bring a friend—life is much more fun shared!

Mark your calendars--The Art of Bread Baking--April 1-2, 2011: Luther Point and Luther Park are excited to announce another joint year-round ministry opportunity—The Art of Bread Baking with Pastor Joel Olsen. Look for more information coming in January at www.LutherPoint.org.

Daybreak Still has Openings! Daybreak is a music ministry team that provides meaningful youth ministry experiences for area congregations. Focused on building relationships, the team will engage the members of your congregation by bringing camp to you. The Team can come to your church and provide a variety of ministry opportunities—including worship, campfires, retreat and lock-in programming and service projects. Or, you may book a retreat at Luther Point with Daybreak providing programming! Events are being scheduled now for the 2010-2011 school year and preferred dates are filling quickly. Events are on a contractual basis for a fee to support the Daybreak team. Contact Jesse: 715-689-2347 or Jesse@LutherPoint.org.

Spring Weekend Camp Scheduled: Plan Now: March 18-19, 2011: 3rd-5th Grade Camp

Needs / Wish List: We have some larger equipment needs and wants. Specifically, we are looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans. We have some older vehicles that are showing their wear and tear. We are also looking for a good used or new pontoon motor, preferably about 25 horsepower. Also, we have some docks in the family cabin area of camp that are seeing their last days. With this being a shallow bay, we would like to entertain the idea of having floating docks.

Together in Ministry

Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Executive Director

Sunshine Circle Report



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

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Our December meeting was at Becky Agranoff 's home ,where it was full of Christmas atmosphere. We (12 people) enjoyed lots of laughter and fun. Becky thanks for a up lifting time.

Our next meeting well be January 11th. (Tuesday) at 1:00 P.M., at the church. Bring ideals or suggestion for 2011 mission work. We can always try something new. Submitted by Loretta

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE WHO OFFERED
SPECIAL TALENTS FOR THE HOLIDAY
SEASON!**

**THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM,**

THOSE WHO KEPT THE FURNACE GOING,

THOSE WHO HELPED WITH OR DONATED FOR IHN,

THOSE WHO DONATED TO THE NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION,

THOSE WHO SHARED THEIR TALENTS IN MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS,

THOSE WHO MADE SOUP FOR THE SUPPERS,

THOSE WHO READ LESSONS, USHERED OR GREETED VISITORS,

THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE LIVE NATIVITY,

THOSE WHO PLOWED OR SHOVELED SNOW,

**THOSE WHO JUST TOOK CARE OF A LOT OF LITTLE THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE
DONE, WITHOUT BEING ASKED.**

**THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS CHURCH FAMILY IN THEIR PRAYERS,
AND ALL OTHERS.**

TO ALL OF YOU, MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR!





QUAKE

"We put our hope in the Lord
He is our help and our shield."
Psalm 33:20

**It's Time!
It's Time!**

**If you haven't
registered for
QUAKE – the deadline is here!..
..like NOW...like the 5th of this
month! So get your groove on and
contact Pastor Rhonda!**

The Quake/Zone starts on Friday evening **March 4th**
and ends on Sunday morning **March 6th**. If you
need more information – see the letter you got over
break – or Pastor Rhonda – or the **WEBSITE -
QUICKLY!**



Time to Get your BINGO on!

Get your quarters ready and mark your
calendars! **Bingo is back** and it just
wouldn't be the same without you and
your family there to enjoy dinner and
several rounds of Bingo and Prizes!

The **2011 Mission Crew** invites you to a
fantastic evening of food, fun, fellowship,
and prizes!

When: Friday January 14th – 5:30pm to 8pm

Where: Our very own fellowship hall

What: Mexican Haystack Dinner
(Yum...kinda like tacos!) followed by Bingo
with prizes for EVERY Bingo!

Who: EVERYONE is welcome. Ages 3 to 103
will find this event to be fun. There are
prizes for EVERYONE! Bring your family –
bring your neighbors – bring your grandkids
and grandparents – and bring all your
friends.

Cost: No cost for dinner (we will accept a
free will donation). Bingo is 25¢ per card,
per game.

You don't want to miss a **GREAT Friday
night** out in the middle of a cold MN winter
in a **nice WARM place** with **nice WARM
people!** So come and let us **feed you –
entertain you – and even reward you!**

We hope to see all of you there!



From the Youth Pastor...

Greetings to the YOUTH of Long Lake!

To the **first 3 Youth** (in grades 6-12) who read
this particular box - **WITHOUT PARENTAL
PROMPTING** (mom and dad!) and then who
come and talk to me (Pastor Rhonda) and
answer these 2 questions, **I will give a prize.** (A
GOOD PRIZE!)

1. When is the Quake registration due?
2. What are we having for dinner at the
BINGO event?

Hope to talk to ya soon!

Happy New Year Yall!
P. Rhonda



Bring On Your Recipes!



Submissions are open to everyone and can be made by simply filling out the form that is on the back of this page and turning it into Pastor Rhonda or into the box in the Narthex marked **COOKBOOK!** For those of you who have more than one recipe (which is many of you) more copies of this form can be found either online or in the narthex of the church. Feel free to fill out as many as you like. (But note that duplicate recipes will **NOT** be printed twice...instead will simply be printed once with more than one name attached to it.)



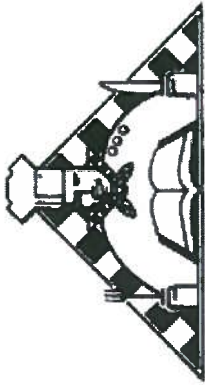
Submissions will be due January 15th with the hope of a publish date by Easter! Yippee! All proceeds will go toward the Youth of Long Lake Lutheran Church who will be working toward the publishing of the book itself. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to your recipes and stories!

The Long Lake Youth are Proud to
Announce the 2011
Long Lake Lutheran Cookbook!

Yes – It's time to get out your favorite and your best recipes to share with the rest of us.

We want your recipes for...

Hot dishes, Salads, Meatballs, Beverages, Bars, Cookies, Main Dishes, and **whatever else YOU like to whip up in the kitchen!**



But **NOT** only do we want your recipes – We want the Stories behind them! Make sure to write down a few sentences about where

they come from, why they are important, who gave them to you, or what makes them significant! We hope to make this **NOT** only a Cookbook – but a Book about us, our community and its history.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, AND PLACE ONLY ONE RECIPE PER FORM.**
 - If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
 - List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
 - Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can.
 - Keep directions in paragraph form _ not in steps.
 - Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
- DO NOT** use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
 - Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
 - Your recipes should fit into the following categories:
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Appetizers & Beverages | Soups & Salads |
| Vegetables & Side Dishes | Main Dishes |
| Breads & Rolls | Desserts |
| Cookies & Candy | This & That |

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISM DATES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Date January Birthdays



- 1/1 Richard Hansen
Pat Tewalt
Tina Anderson
Tucker Kolb
- 1/2 Ron Wagner
- 1/3 Sherry Beckensten
Ronda Hechsel
- 1/4 Steve Bucks
Colton Schusted
Madeline Jaques
Trygve Townswick
- 1/5 Jessica Manion
- 1/6 Bob Johnson
- 1/7 Clarence Anderson
Greg Rambow
Janet Meeks
- 1/8 Judy Sarazin
- 1/8 Darold Hinsch
Berne Hierlmaier
- 1/10 Weston Knapp
- 1/11 Wanda Strike
Geri Fournier
- 1/12 Leland Gunderson
Loretta Fornberg
- 1/17 Rose Hass
- 1/18 Carole Larson
- 1/19 Marlyse Moon
Mason Jasch
- 1/20 Michelle Chinnock
Andrew Jaques
- 1/21 Ted Erickson
Betty Stanius
- 1/22 Curt Strand
Vickie Theede
- 1/24 Sharon Johnson
John Hass
- 1/26 Ben Hysten
Amanda Kopp
- 1/27 Ruth Drinkerd
Ethan Jasch
- 1/28 Shawn Bahr

Date January Birthdays

- 1/29 Linda Ogdahl
Gerry Stock
Karri Miller
Kody Puck
Kyle Renner

Date January Baptisms



- 1/1 Linda Rouen
Mindy Peterson
Amanda Koester
Ronda Fenlon
- 1/4 Megan Yurich
- 1/5 Thomas Fornberg
- 1/10 Harriet Englund
- 1/11 Wanda Strike
- 1/12 Dale Hechsel
Molly Peterson
- 1/13 Cindy Evenson
- 1/14 Greg Anderson
- 1/15 Candy McColley
Steven Bucks
Clark Hlavinka
- 1/18 Jonah Johnson
- 1/22 Clarence Anderson
- 1/27 Mikki Hanson
Jack Hlavinka
- 1/29 Colleen Evenson
Abby Fournier
- 1/30 RoxAnn Erickson

Date January Anniversaries



- 1/14 David & Monica Ahlman
- 1/24 Linda & Edward Rouen

Date Pastorial Acts for Dec.



Weddings



Date Baptisms

- 12/5 Leighton Mahrer



Date Funerals

JANUARY 2011 VOLUNTEERS

DATE/TIME	02-Jan	09-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan
GREETER					
8:00	Madge & Harley Lillemoen	Mary Johnson	Tom & Karin Bartz	Donna Bahr	Dale & Kathy findell
10:30	Connie Engren	Fred & Lillian Reetz	Brian & Jennifer Manion	Tina Anderson	Bob Comstock
LECTOR					
8:00	Wayne Olson	Ronda Fenlon	Pat Tewalt	Colleen Bell	Sue Eberhardt
10:30	Candy McColley	Monica Ahlman	Jennifer Manion	Morgan Engren	Alex Hysten
USHERS					
8:00	Wayne & Becky Olson	J Pelika/P Scheeler	Dale & Wanda Strike	Dave & Karen Baker	Steve & Joan Anderson
10:30	Bruce Riebe & Janet Meeks	Vincent Family	Schmidt Family	Ken & Kathy Schlieff	Les & Chris Rowe
ACOLYTES					
8:00					
10:30					
KITCHEN					
8:00	June & Conrad Huga	Linda Oliver	K & J Enlund	Betsy Vincent	Jean & Richard Hansen
10:30	B & M Peterson	Ed & Denise White	T & B Erickson	Sharon & Bill Sudeith	Sherry Beckensten
ALTAR GUILD	Sorenson/Sorenson	Sorenson/Sorenson	McColley/Beck	McColley/Beck	
Council Reps					
8:00	Tony Steiner				
10:30	Bruce Riebe				



January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Worship 9 a.m.	3 Friends of Ruth 4-H Stoeckel 4-H Northern Lights	4 AA ~ 7pm	5 Confirmation Dinner Confirmation Adult Choir 6:30 pm	6 Prayer Team 9:30 am Worship/Music Team	7	8
9 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15	10 4-H Lakeside Annual Report Deadline	11 Sunshine Circle 1 pm AA ~ 7pm	12 Confirmation Dinner Confirmation Adult Choir 6:30 pm	13 Prayer Team 9:30 am Senior Game Day Council	14 Spire Deadline Bingo Dinner	15
16 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15	17 4-H Stoeckel 4-H Northern Lights Quilting 9-9	18 AA ~ 7pm	19 Confirmation Dinner Confirmation Adult Choir 6:30 pm	20 Prayer Team 9:30 am WELCA 1 pm	21 Movie Night	22
23 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15	24	25 AA ~ 7pm	26 Confirmation Dinner Confirmation Adult Choir 6:30 pm	27 Prayer Team 9:30 am Senior Game Day 1pm	28	29
30 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15	31					