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*From the Council - 2011*

**New Church Council Members for 2011**

Jerry Oldenburg, President (1year term)

Bruce Reibe, Vice President & Youth

Mindy Peterson, Treasurer & Education (new)

Martin Lynn, Secretary & Missions

Brian Manion, Property (new)

Karen Baker, Worship & Music (1 year term)

Gail Strand, Stewardship (new)

Rose Hass, Congregational Life

Jim Vincent, Finance

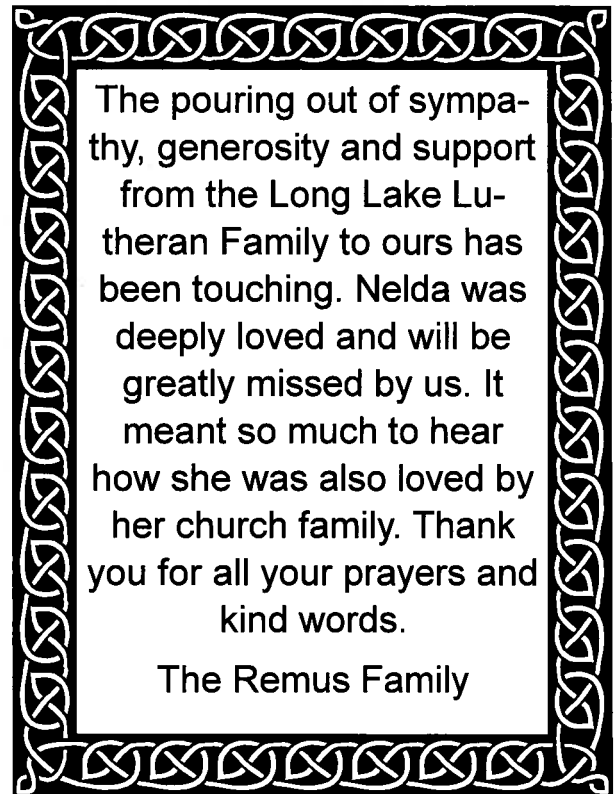
**Compliments/Concerns**

If you see something you like or if you are concerned about something  
**PLEASE** drop a note in the wooden box at the kiosk. The Church coun-  
cil will review the matter sharing compliments and managing concerns.

**Council Retreat was held 2-27-2011**

### Church Organizations

Donna Larsen, Director Adult Choir	444-9975
Friends of Ruth, Karen Baker	444-4383
& Mindy Peterson	444-8419
Women of the ELCA (WELCA):	
Gail Strand	753-7277
Janelle Pelika	444-9689
Serving Groups Coordinator	
Loretta Fornberg	444-5973
Sunshine Circle:	
Loretta Fornberg	444-5973
Becky Agranoff	444-4769
Squares Men's Group, Will Remus	444-9156
Cemetery Sexton: Philip Lundeen	444-5357



## *Live Nativity follow-up*

January 31, 2011 we received a letter of appreciation from the Refuge Network staff, board and volunteers.

In 2010, Refuge advocates helped over 1500 victims of domestic violence who had over 5500 contacts with the organization.

The necessity of providing services to victims continues to grow. It is only with your help that we are able to continue to reach out and offer victims assistance.

Thank you for your support and generosity. We appreciate your donation of \$100.00 and applaud your willingness to help us fight to end domestic violence.

Best Regards,

Roxie Karelis

Executive Director



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## Friends of Ruth

## March...Spire

***“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.”***

On Monday evening of this cold February, we met in the Cornerstone. We were only able to put together three Newborn Kits. We noted that we are in dire need of gently used towels. So if you are cleaning out closets or received a new set of towels for a gift we could use the old gently used towels . Thank You!

We ate our snack as Mindy lead us in a devotion reading two different passages: 1 John 4: 7-21 and John 15: 9-17. Both of these passages were about **LOVE**, very appropriate for the month. God is Love and Love comes from God. We are to abide in His Love, and we should Love one another. God gave us this command to Love.

We talked about the Women’s Luncheon, coming up on March, 19th. We shared the food menu that our caterer is offering. We talked about the decorations and everyone is to bring a center piece having to do with patterns. Mindy will make the sign. Music was suggested and will try to ask Anita McColley to come, if she is available. It will run from 10 — Noon. Jeanette Ecklund will be our speaker. Ronda F. will be our MC. We are coming March 18<sup>th</sup> to setup the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Next Mindy and I both brought up the fact that our Co-presidency was up this year. Since we are both on the Council it would be good for us to be off of this position. So we encouraged our other members to consider this two year term position.

Karen brought up the fact that we have out grown our room in this building. She will ask the Council for permission to have Mission Quilt/ Friends of Ruth storage room be changed to the room that is larger on the other side of the room. Karen also shared her flyer about Day Set Apart coming up the first part of March. If anyone is interested they can check with her.

Some stayed to clean up the area and the rest of us went over to the Narthex to clean out and replace materials in the Children’s Bags.

**Join us for our gathering of Friends of Ruth this March 7th , in the Cornerstone at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing as many Newborn Kits as possible and finalizing our Luncheon plans, and enjoying devotions from Karen as we snack.**



# FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

*"The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever." 1 Peter 1:24-25*

Perhaps it is true what they say, "That the only real constant is change." The community here at Long Lake Lutheran has seen quite a bit of change over the last few months, some good and some not. This amount of change can be hard, because for many folks, their community of faith provides a sanctuary of calm in a chaotic world. I do believe that our congregation should be a sanctuary for us in this world, but not because it is a static place. The Apostle Peter reminds us that all things around us and even our own lives do not last forever. In fact, it lasts only for its' given season. The only things we can truly depend on are the promises of our God. Our congregation is a sanctuary because we come here to share these promises with each other. When everything else in our world withers and falls, God's word endures. We come together as brothers and sisters in faith to stand together and repeat the promise of life eternal in the world to come, and new and transformed life for us now.

Five hundred years ago, the reformers of the church chose 1 Peter 1:24-25 as their theme verse. It reminded them that despite all the chaos around them, God was constant in their lives. The phrase, "*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum,*" or The Word of the Lord Endures Forever, became their motto. They struck it onto their coins and even cast it on their cannons. Yes, we have been living in a season of change with more than a bit of chaos. We must never forget, however, that God is the true constant in our lives and that He will indeed guide us and watch over us.

During this Lenten season we are being called to commit or renew our identity as disciples or followers of Jesus. Part of being a follower is learning to trust. We can use this season of ups and downs to experience how God will see us through. In this process of learning to trust we will grow and bloom like the flowers and grass in the coming spring.



**Daylight Savings Spring Ahead starts 3-13-2011**

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

To all my "Peeps", "Homeys", "kids", "Besties", or whatever names you would like me to misuse in a funny way for you....

I know that there is a general letter to the congregation in this Spire about my leaving and my appreciation for this church and our partnership for these past 4 years. But I wanted to make sure to put a special note in here for you – so here it is...

I know that you have heard me say it before...but you need to know that every time I have said it I have meant it – **you all are the reason I get up in the morning and come to work.** Even on those days when I get frustrated you are still what makes ministry worthwhile for me. **Not a day has gone by in the past four years when one of you haven't made me smile or touched my life in some way that has changed it for the better – allowing me to see God.**

As God takes us on journeys that are both exciting and yet going in different directions now – **I challenge you to open your hearts and your minds to what He has planned.** Take what WE have done together and make it better. Use who God brings to you and the gifts that person has to make what WE have done even better! **I challenge you!**

Know that as I say farewell and as I am excited for the future of the youth of Long Lake and for the challenge God will set in front of me, any sadness I have in my heart comes from saying goodbye to you – **as you have stolen my heart...each and every one of you.**

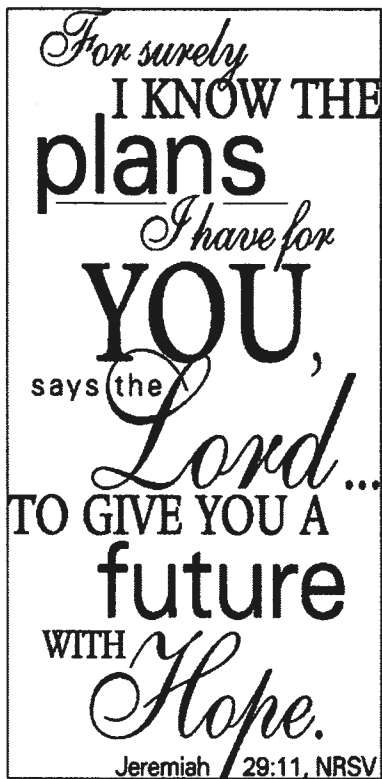
**God Bless you ALL!**

P. Rhon!

## **EDUCATION**

Hello, my name is Mindy Peterson and I am one of your new council members. I am married, have two daughters, and work as a radiologic technologist at Cambridge Medical Center. I have been a member at Long Lake Lutheran for the past 14 years and I am looking forward to serving on the council working on education, as well as being the council treasurer. I have taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and been involved with the youth as part of the education committee. I am looking forward to the new challenge of organizing Sunday School, VBS, cradle roll, adult education, and helping with a variety of children and youth projects. I have some very big shoes to fill, but know that Monica will be a valuable resource to help me in my new role. I am looking forward to working with the council members old and new to bring Long Lake Lutheran through this amazing and inspirational time of transition. Please keep me in your prayers as I start this exciting new role. Should you have questions, suggestions, or just words of advice please feel to contact me. My phone # is 763-444-8419 and my email is: [bmptns@aol.com](mailto:bmptns@aol.com).

In God's Love: Mindy



### Greetings in Christ!

It never ceases to amaze me how and when the Holy Spirit is prompted to move in our lives. Two weeks ago I had not even pondered some of the things that have come to pass over that past days. I knew the end of my second 2 year term call was coming to an end in May – but had not thought much about it. I guess I had not thought about doing ministry anywhere else. And out of nowhere “whoosh” the Holy Spirit rushed through like a wild winter wind and everything changed.

As the annual meeting approached it occurred to me that I had to make a decision as to if I was going to ask the congregation to renew the term call I currently have – or to listen to the “whoosh” very carefully and trust what God seemed to be saying. Because what it seemed that God was saying was that it was time...time for me to take the gifts that God has blessed me with for ministry – the gifts I have used with this family of faith for the last four years, to start another leg of my ministry. And because it also seemed that God was saying it was time for someone new – someone He has already handpicked because of their gifts – to come to this place to take the ministry I have done and make it even bigger and better.

And so – as quickly as the Spirit “whooshed”, I had to make my decision. And because I trust in God’s plans for all of us and because God’s promises seem to be holding good so far (hee hee), I announced at the Annual Meeting on

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> that I would not be asking the congregation to renew my term call. Following that meeting and after some conversation with the executive board and council we decided in order to end my ministry well that my ministry duties would concluded on February 28th 2011.

As I leave Long Lake I do so with both hope for the future and with some sadness in my heart. As I look back on the four years I have been here and I reflect these are some of my observations...

Did I accomplish everything I wanted to? Not in the least.

Did I do some things I wish I had done differently? You bet!

Have I made some mistakes? Yes I have...some little ones and some great big ones that all of you have been privy to. (some of you have even pointed and laughed...)

My ministry has not been one of perfection....on the other hand....

With the help of God I have done some fantastic ministry in this place.

I have taught your children – and they have taught me...

I have preached from the pulpit here – sometimes so loud I have surprised myself...

I have cried with you in times of sorrow and laughed with you in times of joy...

But more than anything I have done 2 things: 1. I have reminded each and every one of you at every chance I’ve had that you are beloved children of God and inheritors of His mercy, forgiveness, love, and grace. And 2. I have loved the kids you brought me here to love – and I have loved them well. And in turn I have experienced the love of your kids in a way that I will take with me and cherish for always.

Finally – I know with all my heart – Long Lake Lutheran Church will be better because I was here and in turn

I will be better because I have been here with y’all.

So as I say farewell, know that you have been a wonderful faith family for me. You have walked with me and even carried me at times. You rejoiced with me as I welcomed my 2<sup>nd</sup> son into the world. You helped me teach my oldest son the name of Jesus. And you have continually, through the ups and downs we have shared together, filled my spirit. And so I thank you and leave you with the blessing/benediction I have done in every congregation I have served as I have taken my leave....

Blessings to you all, Pastor Rhonda Hlavinka

May God  
Who shakes heaven and earth  
Whom death could not contain  
Who lives to disturb and heal us  
Bless you with the power to go forth  
And proclaim the Gospel  
Amen

# Sunshine Circle



"Two can

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

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Weather was cold. (Sunshine members) you are the greatest and reliable. 9 people attended the meeting. We completed 5 baby blankets and worked on Quillos for our graduates. Devotions SURPRISING GREATNESS provided by Gail from "My Daily Devotion" by Stephen J. Carter,. We enjoyed a snack and a visit from Pastor Matt.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th. Come and join our group OR just come and visit.

Please note we **DO NOT** need cards at this time!

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## Worship and Music

Yes everyone, I'm back at it this year as Worship and Music Council Rep. It has been eight years since my last term and I am happy to fill in for Steve V's remaining year on Council. That being said, I have been on this team forever and it is good to take on the challenge of filling out this year. We didn't have a meeting in February, but much of the planning was done at the January 15<sup>th</sup> Brunch held at the Larsen's home. I was committed to another Conference in St. Cloud, so unable to attend, but everyone else was there. Kristy took very good notes and it is from those that I will summarize this report.

Pastor Matt led in prayer, brunch and bread were served. Everything was delicious. Shortly afterward the worship schedule was confirmed from now through Easter, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Epiphany has 8 Sundays with Transfiguration Sunday. Ash Wednesday is in the middle of March. Texts based on Sermon on the Mount starting January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Dates and events: Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Choir sings at first service/ Gospel Group leads second service.

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Baptism at second service a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Communion Service at 1st & 2nd services followed by the Annual Meeting/ Potluck after.

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Dinner and renewing of vows occurring before dinner.

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Choir sings at first service.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion both services

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Choir sings at first. Gospel Group leads second service.

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Transfiguration Sunday with Holy Communion

Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Choir sings, Imposition of Ashes and Communion will be served. This begins Lent, and we would encourage more people to attend the 7:00 p.m. services after their soup supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday in Lent with us **Changing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> setting of liturgy**, choir will sing at the first service.

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service using Holden Service Booklets. Donna Larsen or Candy McColley will cantor.

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Spring / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent and Communion Service.

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lenten Evening service

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> Choir sings at first service/ Gospel Group leads 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

Many topics were discussed and I will present those over the next two months. We will start with the topic of Discipleship- Pastor Matt has some ideas he will bring forward to the Council. If the congregation is about being committed disciples of Jesus Christ, we need to have a renewal of discipleship. Next fall or next winter, our service should be based on how we feel God is calling us. Keep people involved- finding out what their gifts and passions are to be used in the Congregation to help us move forward in our Christian vocation. Sing to the Lord, Karen Baker

# *Long Lake Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes February 6, 2011*

Pastor Matt Flom led devotions from the Gospel of Matthew.

The meeting was called to order at 11:55AM by Council President Tony Steiner.

Tony clarified that he would be leading the meeting as his last duty before his position is filled.

Karyn Hanson made a motion to approve the annual meeting agenda, Bob Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

Richard Hanson made a motion to approve the LLLC 2010 Annual Meeting minutes, Gail Strand seconded. Motion approved.

Karen Baker made a motion to approve the minutes from the following special congregational meetings:

August 29, 2010 – Pastor Matt Flom's call vote

November 28, 2010 – Heating and Cooling meeting

December 12, 2010 – Continuation of heating and cooling meeting

Richard Hanson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gail Strand made a motion to accept the letter from Bishop Mark Hanson, Joyce Scharpen seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor Rhonda Hlavinka spoke to the congregation regarding her call term which ends May 31, 2011. She will finish her call term, but is not asking for a renewal of her contract. Comments/discussion followed her statement. April Schmidt wanted the congregation to know that she thinks Pastor Rhonda should stay because she has done a great job with confirmation and youth and has helped build strong relationships between the youth.

Janet Meeks feels that Pastor Rhonda brought new "salt and light" to her. Her daughter has a renewed interest in attending church and confirmation. Pastor Rhonda brings the gospel to the youth and teaches relationship building with others and Christ. She said "Thank you Pastor Rhonda for being in our lives."

Tony emphasized that Pastor Rhonda does not want a renewal of her contract.

Betsy Vincent shared what Pastor Rhonda has done for her family. Her children didn't want to come to church. Betsy and Jim decided to come to LLLC for their youngest child to attend confirmation and meet new people. He was excited to come to confirmation and then on to youth group.

Tony emphasized that this church will always put youth first.

Kelsey Lynn stated that the youth want to ask Pastor Rhonda to stay to keep the youth group together and the reason they are close is because of her.

Ronda Fenlon totally respects the decision Pastor Rhonda has made and it is wonderful to hear the positive comments. Youth programming will not go away. Pastor Matt is here to support the groups of the congregation. At this point in the meeting, we need to move on.

Pastor Matt stated that as colleague and brother in Christ, he knows her decision was prayer-filled and not made lightly. We will have Pastor Rhonda until the end of May. She will help plan things for the future. The youth are an integral part of the congregation. He thanked Pastor Rhonda for her hard work and help in his transition into the church.

Candy McColley asked about needing a motion to make sure we continue to have a youth pastor. The new council will address the position.

The Nominating Committee reported that there were two 1 year terms to fill that were filled by council appointments. Those people filling the two positions are Karen Baker and Jerry Oldenburg. There are three 3-year council positions open. Mindy Peterson has been nominated prior to the congregational meeting.

## *Long Lake Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes February 6, 2011 Continued*

Joan Anderson nominated Gail Strand, she accepted the nomination.

Bruce Riebe nominated Janet Meeks, she accepted the nomination.

Dale Findell nominated Dale Lundeen, he respectfully declined.

Matt Lundeen nominated Richard Hanson, he respectfully declined.

Matt Lundeen nominated Betty Lundeen, she accepted the nomination.

Richard Hanson nominated Matt Lundeen, he respectfully declined.

Ronda Fenlon nominated Brian Manion, he accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed and ballots were handed out. Three names needed to be written on each ballot. Ballot counters were Jan Laidly, John Bartz, Loretta Fornberg, Bruce Yurich and Bruce Riebe.

Dale Lundeen made a motion that the Nominating Committee for next year be Monica Ahlman, John Bartz and Bruce Yurich. Martin Lynn seconded. Motion passed.

Synod Assembly Voting Members nominations commenced (LLLC needs two adult members and one youth representative):

Dale Lundeen nominated Richard and Jean Hanson, they declined.

Janet Meeks nominated Betsy and Joel Vincent, they declined.

Dale Lundeen nominated Phil and Betty Lundeen, they declined.

Gail Strand nominated Ronda Fenlon, she accepted the nomination.

Monica Ahlman nominated Jon Flom, he declined.

Tony Steiner nominated Michael Beckensten, he accepted.

Karen Baker nominated Conrad Huges, he declined.

Candy McColley nominated Harlan Lillemoen, he declined.

Dale Lundeen nominated Greg Anderson, he accepted.

Our Synod Voting Members are: Greg Anderson, Ronda Fenlon and Michael Beckensten (youth rep)

Carol Perrin made a motion to accept the offering counters: Sue Eberhardt, Pat Tewart, Madge Lillemoen, Becky Olson, Sarah Anderson, Glenna Sorenson, Vickie Theede, Wayne Olson, Ted Erickson, Carole Larson and Jan Laidly. Richard Hanson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gail Strand made a motion to accept the ministry team reports as written, Bob Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

Karen Baker made a motion to accept the organizations and committee reports as written, Mindy Peterson seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Yurich presented the report of the auditing and finance committee. A current audit account summary and report from the audit committee were handed out and discussed. Loretta Fornberg asked where the money that was given specifically for the furnace is. Bruce Y. answered that it is tracked in the General Fund.

Richard Hanson stated that they didn't audit the books because there weren't policies and procedures in place to do it. Getting the policies and procedures in place will help get rid of money tracking issues.

Dale Lundeen made a motion to accept the audit committee report, Cheryl Gave seconded. Motion approved.

Dale Strike made a motion to create two new funds: General Fund Reserve Account and Dedicated Giving Fund. Joyce Scharpen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The 2011 proposed budget was presented. Bruce Y. pointed out that the Synod Benevolence amount in the new budget wasn't given as much as last year because it was adjusted down for this year.

John Hass asked about why the senior pastor's salary is only at \$4,700.00. It was explained that the compensation package for the pastor is broken out into many different areas (see breakdown in budget).

Phil Lundeen made a motion to approve the 2011 proposed budge, Dale Findell seconded. Motion approved.

The vote counters finished tallying the votes for council members. The new Long Lake Lutheran Church Council members are: Mindy Peterson, Gail Strand and Brian Manion.

**In other business:**

Martin Lynn gave an update of the heating/cooling project. It is almost done and should be turned on Tuesday, February 8. We don't have a total cost yet.

The Lunden Memorial Scholarship fund has been changed over to being tended by the church and requires some language change in the constitution to enable the closing of that original fund and opening a new fund. The following changes need to be made:

**Scholarship Language Changes**

B. The Scholarship Committee shall provide for the prudent investment of the Walter & Lillian Lunden Memorial Scholarship Fund and be responsible for the evaluation of the scholarship candidates as well as the awarding of scholarships. The criteria and objectives of the scholarship committee shall be approved by the congregation council.

The scholarship committee (which will determine the recipients of the Walter & Lillian Lunden Scholarships) shall consist of:

The Congregation Council President or a representative of the Congregation council appointed by the council.

A representative from the Education Committee selected by the council for a two (2) year term.

A member of the congregation at large to be selected by the council for a two (2) year term.

These committee members and the pastor(s) shall provide for the annual review and investment of the Walter & Lillian Lunden Memorial Fund. This fund shall be subject to the annual review by the audit committee.

The committee members, with the approval of the church council, may utilize the funds of the Walter & Lillian Lunden Memorial Scholarship Fund for emergency building repair or maintenance purposes where other funds may not be readily available. This utilization will be considered a loan and all loaned funds will be repaid in full to the Walter & Lillian Memorial Scholarship Fund on a planned and agreed upon payment schedule and interest rate between the committee members and the church council. Any utilization of these funds must be fully presented to and approved by the congregation at either the annual or special congregational meeting prior to utilization

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Bob Johnson made a motion to accept the new language in the constitution, Martin Lynn seconded. Motion approved.

Phil Lundeen reported there is a drawer in the secretary's office holding a lot of historical documents. We should create a committee to go through all of the documents and preserve them. In 5 years the church will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will need those things. Phil Lundeen volunteered to head up the committee.

Joyce Scharpen's wit amused us as she teased the men about moving their "Bench of Wisdom."

Lynn Perrin thanked Dale Lundeen for coming every morning and firing up the propane heater. The congregation gave him a standing ovation. Dale responded that there were a lot of people involved and they all should be thanked.

Richard Hanson thanked the outgoing and incoming council members for their commitment and hard work.

The Long Lake Lutheran Church annual meeting for 2012 was set for Sunday, February 5, 2012, start time to be determined.

Ronda Fenlon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Will Remus seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40. Hymn 748 was sung.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Ahlman, Council Secretary

### **LLLC Notices**

**Graduates! If you will be graduating this year from high school please contact the office with your name, graduation date and school.**

**SuperBowl Party**, February 6 had 11 attendees sharing lots of food and fun.

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends** in Minnesota are March 11-13 in Brooklyn Center and April 8-10 in Duluth. Please register in advance. Contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105 for further information.

**If you are willing to donate items to the kitchen please contact  
Loretta Fornberg for specific needs.**

**The National Lutheran Choir, one of the great gems of the church, is right now preparing for a concert to celebrate its 25th birthday (April 16). Read about the choir's history and future on page 10 of the March issue of Metro Lutheran. [And get tickets for the concert, too.]**

**LLLC News You can Use for March 2011**

**Palm Sunday Cantata**

**April 17, 2011**

**Looking for Cast & Crew**

**Help Needed:**

**Props & Scenery**

**Participants (No speaking required)**

**More choir members**

All those interested in participating in the Palm Sunday presentation are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting on Monday, March 7th at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is an intergenerational event, looking for cast & crew and costume support.

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**Interserve Youth Support will be providing us with  
interim Youth Leadership support.**

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**Joseph's Granary**

**Each week we have families in need stopping at the church office seeking food items to provide warm meals for their families. The shelves are very bare. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the granary.**

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**ELCA Disaster Response**

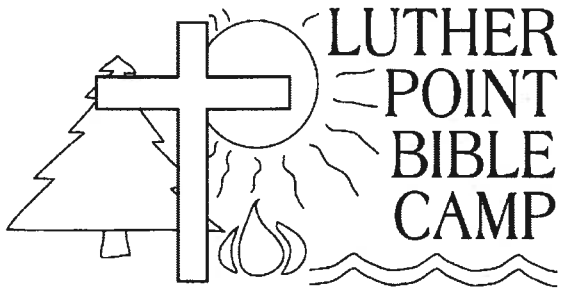
Support to Haiti via our gifts to the ELCA

Providing food, water, care and counseling.

Providing health kits, mosquito nets, blankets, tents, tarps and sanitation services.

Service to a 10,000 person camp.

Medical supplies



Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ

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Craig M. Corbin, Director

Greetings from Luther Point  
March 2011

**Early Bird Registration-APRIL 1, 2011: Don't miss the discount for registering early for camp.** Online registration is available now so register early, especially for the specialty camps, like Horse Camp, GoFishN', Guitar, Drama, etc. Those programs fill up early. Once again, there are a number of Incentives and Discounts, so take advantage! **Camperships are also available.** Look for the Campership Request Form on the webpage: [LutherPoint.org](http://LutherPoint.org).

**Looking for Summer Ministry Team Applicants:** Do you know of someone from your congregation who enjoys working with youth? Do they have a desire to share their life and faith with people? Please encourage those young college students to consider summer employment at Luther Point Bible Camp. Applications for summer employment are available on our website: [LutherPoint.org](http://LutherPoint.org). Plant a seed in the life of a college student. We are also looking for high school students who are interested in spending two weeks at camp with our **B.U.D.D.I.E.S. Program** (Building Up Dedicated Disciples Into Experienced Servants).

**Spring Weekend Camp Scheduled:** Register Now: March 18-19, 2011: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp, Our weekend theme is "Questions about Jesus, Who? Where? And So What?" Registration information is available at the Luther Point website. Luther Point camp staff will provide all the program offerings with games, worships, crafts, campfire, smores, great food and much more. Total cost is \$60, inquire at your church about camperships and Luther Point can help with this as well. Register now and get your friends from school and church to register.

**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 at [www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org).

**Prayer Shawl Retreat:** Thursday, April 14, 2011, 9am-3pm. Guest leader Linda Iwasko will lead the programming. Go to our website for further details and registration information at [www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.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. We are also looking for a good used or new pontoon motor, preferably about 25 horsepower. In addition, 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.

**Looking Ahead to Late April & May 2011:** Two events to keep in mind for Late April and early May. Clean up days for camp, Saturday, April 30 and May 7<sup>th</sup>. Also on May 14<sup>th</sup> we are hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Break in the Lake and Pancake Breakfast. Please come and join us for any and all of these fun events!!


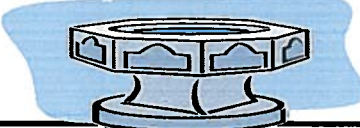


Together in Ministry

Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Executive Director

### Stewardship

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve God and the members of Long Lake Lutheran Church as Church Council member. Not all too long ago, dear neighbors put me on the Extended Family Prayer list and it was God, this church and lots of prayers that saved my life and God brought me here to pay it forward.

Working with others involved with Stewardship is dear to my heart and will help to continue and strengthen the work of the Shared Ministry group that has recently been formed with the direction of Pastor Matt. Each of us receives different gifts so that the body of Christ has what it needs to spread God's message of love and peace. In the body of Christ each of us has something to contribute. Again, thank you, Gail Strand

Date	March Birthdays	Date	March Birthdays	Date	March Baptisms
		28-Mar	Bob Hlavinka	22-Mar	Baylye Anderson
			Kaitlyn Bauer		Benjamin Hysten
		29-Mar	Gerald Anderson	23-Mar	Madison Bucks
		30-Mar	Marilyn Evenson	24-Mar	Joyce Bocksell
			Kaitlin Anderson		Judy Sarazin
			Elizabeth Meeks		Robin Gemmill
01-Mar	Joyce Scharpen	31-Mar	Beatrice Anderson	25-Mar	Amelia Jasch
	Tom Bartz		Shelley Paquette	25-Mar	Ethan Jasch
02-Mar	Benjamin Baumgardt				Isabel Jasch
06-Mar	Matthew Lundeen				Mason Jasch
	Laura Moynihan				Owen Jasch
07-Mar	Isaac Egge				26-Mar
08-Mar	Bob Bergman	<b>Date</b>	<b>March Baptisms</b>		Mitchell Nelson
09-Mar	Denel Kriesel	March	Alton Johnson	27-Mar	Derrick Knapp
	Colleen Bell		Wayne Olson	28-Mar	Kailey Edling
	Logan Anderson		Edward Rouen		Amanda Adams
12-Mar	Jon Westover		Tiffany Ruprecht		Michelle Cook
14-Mar	Camile Murphy	01-Mar	Donna Larsen	29-Mar	Breanne Tingblad
15-Mar	Karen Baker		Angela Hysten	30-Mar	Kenneth Daudt
	Karen Bartz		Karen Nelson	31-Mar	Elaine Mellin
	Philip Lundeen	02-Mar	Sandra Johnson		Don Hansen
16-Mar	Kaitlyn Chinnock	03-Mar	Rebecca Barber	<i>Celebrating an Anniversary</i> 	
	Nicolas Strike-Ridge	05-Mar	Ethan Thomforde		
17-Mar	Antonio Rouen		Kaleb Bucks		
18-Mar	William Durant	07-Mar	Bill Peterson		
19-Mar	April Schmidt		Kallie Dryden		
	Pat Eisenbraun		Jesse Evenson		
	Carl Roseland	09-Mar	Peyton Stanius	<b>Date</b>	<b>March Anniversaries</b>
	Pamela Washburn	12-Mar	Susan Netzer	05-Mar	Dale & Kathy Findell
20-Mar	Chad Larsen		Levi Stanius	08-Mar	Steve & Denise Vigstol
	Eli Schurbon		Andrew Jaques	15-Mar	Bob & Iola Bergman
21-Mar	Ryan Whitcomb	15-Mar	Iola Bergman	18-Mar	James & Helen Forest
22-Mar	Mark Hanson		Zachary Roman	22-Mar	Linda & Larry Oliver
23-Mar	Howard Nelson	17-Mar	Ken Miller	28-Mar	James & Elizabeth Vincent
	Melissa Nold		Derek Johnson	30-Mar	Larry & Sue Hathaway
24-Mar	Kendra Lynn	18-Mar	Jeremy Hass	<b>Date</b>	<b>Pastorial Acts for Feb.</b>
	Carter Fournier		Hayden Ogilvie		
	Ben Westover		Alyssa Ramstad		
	Marlene Mitchell		Charlotte Sonterre		
25-Mar	Guy Paquette	19-Mar	Lisa Lundeen	<b>Date</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
	Natalie Stanius		Holly Stanius	30-Jan	Taylor & Eric
	Alexander Hysten	21-Mar	Jodi Schusted	<b>Date</b>	<b>Weddings</b>
26-Mar	Susan Haaland		Bob Adams		
27-Mar	Amanda Stoeckel		Robin Adams	<b>Date</b>	<b>Funerals</b>
			Tucker Kolb	28-Jan	Nelda Remus
			Karen Bartz		

## March 2011 Volunteers

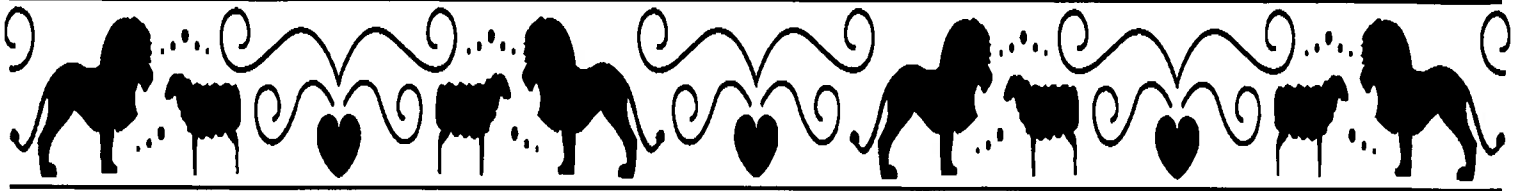
		<b>Wednesday Night Lenten Services</b>			
DATE/TIME	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	
<b>GREETER</b>					03/16/2011
8:00	Cullen Bartz	Dave & Sue Eberhardt	Ken & Jean Englund	Ronda Fenlon	Richard Hansen, Greeter
10:30	Dawn & Steve Bucks	Ted & Barb Erickson	Abby Fournier	Michell Lambert	Dave & Karen Baker, Usher
					Johnson/Remus, Alter Guild
<b>LECTOR</b>					03/23/2011
8:00	Betsy Vincent	Kathy Schlieff	Abby Fournier	Greg Hawks	John Hass, Greeter
10:30	Bruce Riebe	Jennifer Sontere	Mindy Peterson	Angie Hylan	Jim Vincent Family, Usher
					Larsen/Ahlman, Alter Guild
<b>USHERS</b>					03/30/2011
8:00	Lynn Family	Laidly Family	Richard & Jean Hansen	Tom & Loretta Fornberg	John & Karen Bartz, Greeter
10:30	Riebe Family	Ed & Denise White	Robert & Kathy Beck	Gail Strand & Ted Erickson	Schmidt Family, Usher
					Perrin/Strand, Alter Guild
<b>ACOLYTES</b>					
8:00		Liz Meeks	Cassie Stierns & Sarah Titus	Ben Hylan	
10:30		Sarah Pruuka	Samantha Bauer & Nicole Nelson	Scott Stienner	
<b>KITCHEN</b>					
8:00	Connie Anderson	Wayne & Becky Olson	John & Rose Hass	Linda Oliver	
10:30	Betsy Vincent		Sherry Beckensten	Bill & Mindy Peterson	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Johnson & Remus	Johnson & Remus	Larsen & Ahlman	Larsen & Ahlman	
	<b>March Bread Maker</b> - Abby Fournier				
<b>Council Reps</b>					
8:00	Karen Baker				
10:30	Jerry Oldenberg				





# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15 Youth Team Mtg. 11:30	7 Friends of Ruth 4-H Stoeckel 4-H Northern Lights Cantata Organizational Meeting 6:30	1 AA ~ 8pm	2 Confirmation Dinner Confirmation Adult Choir 6:30 Bible Study 7:30	3 Prayer Team 9:30 Worship/Music Team 6:30 Live Nativity 7:30	4 Carpenter Rehearsal 4PM decorating 3PM	5 Carpenter Wedding 3PM Shared Ministry Orientation 9-Noon, Cornerstone
13 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15 Daylight Savings time—Spring ahead 1 Hour	14 4-H Lakeside	8 Sunshine Circle 1 pm AA ~ 8pm	9 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 5:30 Confirmation 6 Worship 7 Adult Choir 6	10 Prayer Team 9:30 am Senior Game Day Council	11	12
20 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15	21 4-H Stoeckel 4-H Northern Lights Quilting 9-9	15 Spire Deadline AA ~ 8pm	16 Lent Soup Supper 5:30 Confirmation 6 Worship 7 Adult Choir 6	17 Prayer Team 9:30 am WELCA 1 pm Evangelism Team 7	18 Movie Night Salad Luncheon set-up 7pm LLLC Marriage Retreat	19 Friends of Ruth Spring Luncheon "Patterns of Life" 10-Noon LLLC Marriage Retreat
27 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ed Hour 9:15 IHN Arrives	28 Cantata Rehearsal 6:30 IHN	22 AA ~ 8pm	23 Lent Soup Supper 5:30 Confirmation 6 Worship 7 Adult Choir 6	24 Prayer Team 9:30 am Senior Game Day 1pm	25	26
		29 AA ~ 8pm IHN	30 Lent Soup Supper 5:30 Confirmation 6 Worship 7 Adult Choir 6 IHN	31 Prayer Team 9:30 IHN		



# March 2011

## **Soup Suppers Start March 9th!**

**Congregational Life is looking for groups to make and serve soup on the following nights:**

**March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 9**

**Please contact Rose Hass at 444-5892 regarding which night is BEST for your group.**

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