

CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

April Newsletter

4-1-2024

Our mission: Called by God to love and serve our neighbors, Long Lake Lutheran Church will proclaim the joy of salvation by teaching, preaching, and providing sacraments to our congregation and to our neighbors.

We are Christ Centered, Purpose Driven & Mission Focused!



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APRIL

1	Office Closed	13	8:00 Spring Clean-up Day	23	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA
2	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA	14	MN Adult Teen Challenge 8:30 Traditional Worship	24	11:30 Lunch Ladies 6:00 Confirmation
3	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Confirmation 7:30 Youth & Education Meeting	15	9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Education 9:30 Mission Team Meeting 9:30 Cong. Life Meeting	25	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/Book study 12:00 Senior Cards
4	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/book Study	16	10:30 Contemporary Worship 2:00 Variety Show	26	8:30 Traditional Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Education 10:30 Contemporary Worship
5	7:00 AA	17	6:00 4H Long Lake Leaders 6:00 Western Heritage 6:30 Executive Meeting	27	7:00 AA 11:00 Friends of Ruth Spring Luncheon
7	8:30 Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Breakfast Club 9:30 Adult Education 9:30 Stewardship Meeting 9:45 Property Team Meeting 10:30 Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion	18	9:30 Fellowship Café 4:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 AA	28	8:30 Traditional Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Education 10:30 Contemporary Worship 3:00 Parenting Speaker
8	1:00 Friends of Ruth 6:30 4H Lakeside Victory Club	19	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Confirmation	30	9:00 Mission Quilting 9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA
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From the desk of Pastor Sue:



Whew! We made it through Lent, Holy Week and multiple Easter worship services. What a joy it was to worship with so many. We followed the wandering heart of Peter through the work of Sanctified Art. I hope you enjoyed it, the art work, the words, the songs, all were amazing. I really feel like I know Peter better now. I don't judge him as harshly for his denials. I can associate the wandering heart of Peter with myself, except Peter is a bit more impulsive and rash than I am! I want to thank everyone who had a part in putting together soup suppers, those who cooked, served and cleaned up, all who helped with worship, our faithful Altar Guild, our volunteer readers, ushers, greeters, kitchen helpers, IT guy Kent and Slide Technician Dylan. It takes a village, and we are so fortunate to have the loving and willing volunteers that serve out God in so many ways.

Now, we start thinking about our summer worship. I was contemplating a sermon series on digging deeper into Old Testament Bible stories that you learned in Sunday School. You know, like a refresher course and uncovering what you didn't learn in Sunday School, or maybe have forgotten. Stories about Abraham, Moses, Noah, David, Ruth, Esther, Job, etc. Let me know what you think. Our Worship & Music Team decided to continue with two services, 8:30 traditional and 10:30 contemporary. Except, on June 9th, when we will have one service at 10:00 am, hopefully outside, with the Mystery Mountain Boys. We will continue our festive day with food trucks, games, and more music.

Romans 15: 5-7 "May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I think we do a great job of this living in harmony thing. We are bound to have differences of opinion, after all, we are smart humans! But, you don't let it get in the way of loving one another, speaking truth to power, and working with each other rather than against each other.

We will have a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, April 21st, between services with just one order of business. That is to hear the report from the Preschool/Daycare Task Force, to make a motion to move forward or to halt, then additional discussion and a vote. I don't anticipate that it will take very long, but, it will be important to come together to make a rational, informed decision.

On Monday, April 8th at 10:30, the Building Task Force will meet with VanMan Builders and Architects to get a feel for what we see in our future, if that need necessitates an expansion. Anyone is welcome to attend; there will be additional meetings to follow up with our dreams and wishes and how we would get there. With that in mind, the Camp Onomia Board of Directors voted to move forward with VanMan and a capital campaign for a new Friendship Hall for dining and activities. It was exciting to be in on that process to see how our discussions will go.

PRAYER CONCERNS

(Let us know how we can pray for you.)

Pray for healing for:

Sharon Johnson
Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene;
brother-in-law David
Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin
Karen Baker's mom Floy and niece Angie
Kent and Joanne Eittreim's friends Katie and Natalie, and Joanne Levine
Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie and her grandson Hayden
Lisa Gustafson's brother Eric and her friend Brenda,
Aaron's dad Harlan,
John (Rose) Hass' nephew Kevin
Linda Rouen's aunt Evelyn
Les & Chris Rowe's sister-in-law Nicole,
Jan Tusler's brother Chris and her Brother-in-law Donnie
Linda Oliver's grandson Kristopher
Carol Vogtlin's nephew Andrew
Becky Agranoff's friends Jimmy and Rick
Karen and John Bartz' nephew Jacob
Colleen Evenson
Mer Larsen
Therese Cather's brother James and family and her niece Kelly
Marvel Dahl
Jenny Boniarczyk's sister Cheryl, Autumn Foster,
Judy Nelson
Steve Lundeen

Dave and Mel Ringstad's brother-in-law Rick Brown,
Tessa Budnick's dad Troy
Barb Erickson
Donnie Weidner
Sharon Nowariak
Gerald & Connie Anderson's friend Albert and wife Joyce
Jill Osborne's brother, Mike
Pastor's cousins Dwight Frahm and Mick Bergstrom.

Pray for comfort for all who grieve: Linda Mikush for the death of her son, Dan; Jacquie Goedel in the loss of her grandmother, Marietta; Pastor's friend Lori in the loss of her dad, Gene.

Please update the office staff about people placed in the prayers.





We have many people of all ages who will be enjoying the variety of programs at **Camp Onomia** this summer. Come and be a part of the fun! We know that we already have people interested in the weekend Family Camp (July 26-28), we've had people attend Grandparent camp (July 10-12), and our confirmation youth usually attend the Night Owls program (July 21-26). Scholarships are available for all programs. Register online at www.camponomia.org.

A group of our high school students and three adults will be attending the **ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans** the week of July 16-20. Josh and Julia Myers, Elise Overby, Mackenzie Larsen, Capri Loudon, Morgan Engren, and Bruce Riebe and Margaret Bauer will experience amazing, life-changing messages from world-renowned speakers, will serve in a community that is alive with hope and change, and will learn more about our own Minneapolis synod. This is an expensive trip and only happens once every three years, so please support their fundraising efforts.

One of the first upcoming fundraisers for our New Orleans youth will be the **100 Envelope fundraiser**. Watch for the envelope display and take a numbered envelope. Simply put the amount in the envelope that matches that number (i.e., if you choose envelope #1 you will donate \$1, if you choose envelope #50 you will donate \$50, etc.) This is such a wonderful fundraiser, and if all of the envelopes are taken it raises \$5050 for our group. Thank you for your support!

Our Vacation Bible School theme this summer is **Camp Firelight!** It's time for a summer camp adventure with God! Explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Watch for more information, registration forms, and ways that *you* can help with this great evening program the week of Aug. 4-8.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Watch for more details and child care registration on social media or at www.longlake.luth.org

Other upcoming Family Events at L.L.C.
Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 23rd
Food Truck Fellowship - Sunday, June 9th
VBS - Sunday, August 4th - Thursday, August 8th
Follow us on Facebook for more....

Long Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
2024 Council Retreat – Camp Onomia
Theme “Knowing Your Why”

Date: March 1-2, 2024

Attendance: Pastor Sue, Mike Schlegel, Margaret Bauer, Denise Sunderland, Dave Baker, Joanne Eittriem, Michelle Yurich, Monica Petersen, Josh Budnick, Morgan Engren, Kari Osmek

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Pastor Sue led an opening prayer.

Joanne provided devotions centered around “What Makes Us Strong”.

Pastor Sue presented notebooks to the new council members and provided new documents for the upcoming year for all members.

Council duties were discussed for both Worship services and events held at the church.

Safety was discussed regarding medical/AED training, weather emergencies, and safety threats. Margaret will be contacting someone who may be able to come in and lead a safety day training for the council and any members interested in attending.

Old business was discussed.

The Mission Statement was reviewed and determined that everything we do needs to advance our mission, otherwise it will not be funded.

Josh and Margaret provided an update from the call committee regarding our forthcoming plans of calling an Associate Pastor vs switching gears to look for a Youth Director. The call committee has put together questions they will be posing to John Hulden to determine are best next steps. Matt Lundeen is also going to be reaching out to Pastor Matt and Eric to see if they have any connections that we may be missing. The call committee will then review and come back to council with their recommendation.

The Technology Report was reviewed. Kent is creating a manual that will provide direction for when he is not available. Feedback has been great with our partnership with Corporate Technologies. Kent has requested of Finance that we upgrade our wireless access points in both buildings (Estimate of \$1,500-\$2,000) and to upgrade the computer in the Cornerstone used for Sunday School and Confirmation (Estimate of \$680-\$700). Finance has approved the computer to be replaced first with the wireless access points upgraded in a future month.

Building Task Force is on scheduled to have their first listening session with Vanman in April. Our payment to them is not due until this first meeting is held.

Constitution is in review by the Finance team who are currently reviewing the Scholarship fund and the Cemetery Board.

New Business was discussed.

The Preschool Task Force is working together to get a licensed contractor to come through the Cornerstone to give us a professional estimate of the cost of work that would need to be done.

The Finance Report was given. The General fund ended the month of January with \$17k, which was lower than December as expenses were high in January. A lot of those expenses were known with Kari's December payment being in January as well as property had the pews cleaned, carpet cleaned, and Mossman came out. The February report will also be lower due to paying Bell Construction \$70k. We will be creating a task force related to getting our paper records at the church cleaned up. Margaret and the finance report will take the lead on appointing the task force. The process of green slips was discussed.

Council structure was discussed and ideas on how we could possibly enhance the effectiveness of it. More discussion will be needed and the council was asked to ruminate on this.

Master calendar was reviewed with the only change this month being that Easter breakfast may move to Palm Sunday. Michelle will be the documenter for any changes/additions/subtractions needed throughout the year.

Pastor Sue presented an Event Planning Worksheet. This will be used for teams to document how their event fits our mission, the planning process, the budget and volunteers needed, as well as review of the success of the event through different lenses. These will be filed with each event to be used as a resource in following years.

Pastor Sue presented a Church Facility User Agreement. The form was accepted by the council with one change to the damage deposit. The form will be revised and brought back to the council for a vote for approval.

Kari presented to the group on strategic planning for our Youth & Family. "Organizational Systems Theory" was presented and how it relates to Family Systems. Information was given on different demographics and generations, Faith Assets, and how the church can help reach the youth and families of today.

Council/Strategic Planning was then discussed. Goals, Objectives, and Action Plans and how they all work together to produce outcomes. Each member was challenged to go back to their team to define what their team's goals, objectives, and action plans for this year will be.

The council's 1 year, 3 year, and 5 year plan was reviewed from last year. The updated plan looks like this:

1 Year – Improve safety and security with a task force. Research possibility of cloud based technology. Landscaping. Team strategic planning. Hire a full time youth director. Explore option to improve the compensation of our employees. Review HR policies and procedures. Review layout of council.

3 Year – Look at how to expand Congregational Life events.

5 Year – Implement building task force plan.

April team reports are to include each team's goals and objectives.

Pastor Sue then shared on the Ten Commandments, Covenant of Leadership, and Running an Effective Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM and concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Future Meeting Dates and Times:

Executive Team Meeting – March 18th at 6:30 PM

Council Meeting – April 18th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Petersen

<u>March attendance:</u>	
March 3	93
March 6	46
March 10	127
March 13	46
March 17	126
March 20	57
March 24	112
March 28	90
March 29	66
March 31	254

April 21 @ 9:30 Congregational Meeting to discuss the findings of the Preschool/Daycare Taskforce.

This will be the only business on the agenda.



WELCA News

As of February, 2024, there are new officers:

Chairperson – Loretta

Co-Chairperson – Becky

Secretary – Ruth

Treasurer – Joan

Lunch Bunch - March lunch is at Back to Captain's on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. All ladies are welcome and please bring a friend.

WELCA Monthly Events - April - September:

April 14 – Varsity Show – 2 PM

May 5 – Garage Sale

June – Mel's Place – Pot Luck Lunch – 11:00 AM

July – Nancy Johnson's Place – 1:00 PM

August – Road Trip to Jordan MN – Minnesota's Largest Candy Store

September – Road Trip to Chaska MN – Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

All ladies of the congregation belong to WELCA so all are welcome. Sign up sheets for outings will be posted closer to the date of each monthly event.

W.E.L.C.A. & YOUTH

LARGEST GARAGE SALE EVER!!

As Spring Cleaning begins, don't forget to save your cast-offs for what we hope will be our "LARGEST GARAGE SALE EVER" which will be held on Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4!



April Worship Helpers

April 7, 2024

Greeter: Monica Ahlman
Usher: Dave & Karen
Baker
Lector: Gerald Anderson
Kitchen: Margaret Bauer

April 14, 2024

Greeter: Judy Carolan
Usher: Connie Engren
Lector: Sharee Anderson
Kitchen: Lisa Gustafson

April 21, 2024

Greeter: Jenny Boniarczyk
Usher: John & Rose Hass
Lector: Ronda Fenlon
Kitchen: Dylan Monroe

April 28, 2024

Greeter: Josh & Tessa
Budnick
Usher: Mike & Manda
Hanson
Lector: Chris Hepp
Kitchen: Gerald & Connie
Anderson



April Birthdays

April 2 Lucas Gustafson

April 2 Lori Koester

April 2 Alex Overby

April 3 Dave Baker

April 5 Kristy Anderson

April 5 James O'Keefe

April 5 Melanie Ringstad

April 6 Amanda Saelens

April 6 Lucas Sand

April 7 Sophia Lund

April 10 Travis Gustafson

April 10 Kevin Kriesel

April 10 TrevorT hompson

April 12 Colleen Evenson

April 13 Heather Townswick

April 16 John Bartz

April 16 Emily White

April 17 Greg Anderson

April 18 Karter Hass

April 21 Zeke Clausen

April 21 Lennon Isle

April 21 Mo Spike

April 22 David Snidarich

April 23 Mitch Bell

April 24 Monica Ahlman

April 24 Stephanie Matson

April 25 Joanna Wachsmuth

April 24 Shelby Snidarich

April 28 Melissa Sorenson

April 29 Cody Gustafson

April 29 Cora Maguire

April Anniversaries

April 4 – Duane & Claudette Oberg

April 22 – David & Leslie Jaques

April 23 – Dave & Karen Baker

April 26 – Cory & Sarah Greene

April 29 – David & Melanie Ringstad



VARIETY SHOW

We are hosting a spring get together to celebrate God's gifts and talents. We are asking for volunteers to put on a skit, do a reading, show us your musical ability, or any talent you would like to share.

Not a competition; no judging; no charge.

Please sign up with your name, e-mail and talent so we can make a program.

Bring your Lego creations or craft to showcase!

This fun filled event will take place at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 14th.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by April 1.



MISSION TEAM

Mission for the month of April will be Camp Penuel



Camp Penuel Costa Rica

www.cp-cr.org

Facebook page: Camp Penuel Costa Rica



Children's Camps, English Camps, Special Needs Camps and
Work Project/Community Service Camps-
all bringing the love of Jesus to others

Please cover the Camp in your prayers and if you wish to financially help
the Camp, a 501c3, any amount is wonderful:



\$40 brings a child to the Camp for 3 days
\$100 provides Christian crafts for campers
\$1500 buys a cow for milk/cheese for campers *Gracias*

SOFTBALL

Season starts May 7th with our end of year tournament August 9-11th. Participation is open to anyone 16 and older. 15 year olds can play but: we will need a signed waiver and ok from the league board. Please contact Coach Bruce Riebe at 612-384-9109 or email at bruce.riebe@gmail.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need at least five adults and five youth to volunteer to help with childcare during the Parenting Class on Sunday, April 28th from 3:00-5:00. Please sign your name on the sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk if you are able to help. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated!

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Spring Clean-Up Day

Our annual spring clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13th from 8-2.

Breakfast and lunch will be available.

Please sign up so we know how much food to prepare.



Bishop Nominee Forum

Come and meet the candidates for bishop of the 2024 Minneapolis Area Synod bishop election.

April 7 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Our Saviour's Lutheran, East Bethel 19001 Jackson St NE, East Bethel, United States

April 13 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bethel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis 4120 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, United States

April 10 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church 16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie, MN, United States

April 16 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

Looking for:

Congregation & Youth Historian

Pass the word around.

COOKBOOKS For Sale

\$15.00

See Julie Nielsen

Or

Nancy Sandahl



Faithful Friends is a program developed while Shawna was still here. It is our hope that Faithful Friends will supplement the Pastoral Care Ministry of Long Lake Lutheran Church with Lay Ministers who are trained and equipped to provide home, hospital and care center visits, communion and spiritual friendship to people of our congregation. If you are in need of this service or know

someone who is, please contact Pastor Sue, Brenda, Pat Weiss-Meyer or Marcy Stoeckel (651-338-8986).



Breakfast Club:

Attention All High School Students

Please come and join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Cornerstone. We will have waffles, juice, and great conversation! Sometimes we'll have donuts and play games— you never know! Bring a friend, too— All are welcome! Please contact

Marcy if you have questions. 651-338-8986



WAYS TO GIVE



Cash/Check



Mobile Giving QR Code



TEXT Give to 833-623-0354

Additional ways to Give:

- Automated recurring giving: set up online via our website Online Giving Link.
- Stocks: consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.

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