

*Long Lake Lutheran Church  
February 2020*

## *Country Spire*

*Sweetheart Dinner*

*February 15th 6:00 pm*

*Sign up sheets available in the Narthex*

*Single \$ 20/ Couple \$ 40*

*Choice of Chicken Alfredo or Pork Chop*

*February 16th Camp Sunday*

*Jim Schmidt from Camp Onomia will be  
here to tell us about their summer programs  
and how your kids can get involved!*

*Ash Wednesday Worship*

*Wednesday, February 26th*

*Christ Centered*

*Purpose Balanced*

*Mission Driven*

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*Let all that you do be done with love.*

*1 Corinthians 16:14*

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**Matthew 18:20**

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

**Acts 2:42**

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



**We belong together. We are church together. We are to encourage one another.**

I have spoken and written about hospitality in the past, but I want to remind you how important it is for us to be a welcoming space for everyone, those who have been here forever, and those who have walked through the doors for the very first time. Jesus is right here in our midst every time we gather; we want to ensure that everyone feels the holy presence of Christ along with the joyful presence of His followers.

Greeting at the door before our worship services is a great ministry. Please consider talking part in this act of kindness and represent LLLC in a welcoming way.

Here are a few tips for the greeters, but also for all of us.

*Rather than asking visitors their names, offer your name first. This communicates openness to relationship and not just an interest in getting a visitor's contact information. It will likely help a person feel more comfortable knowing someone's name in a strange place.*

*Be proactive in getting to know people, but be aware of verbal and nonverbal indications that someone isn't ready for a long conversation. If someone gives short answers with little additional information or won't respond with questions for you in return, that may be a sign they don't wish to talk. Others might keep moving after a quick greeting or avoid eye contact. Respect the person's signals.*

*Practice seeing visitors as people more than potential members. Invest time and genuine interest in getting to know them even if they are just passing through. They are probably interesting people!*

*Smile with your whole body, not just your mouth. Keep your head up, try to make eye contact, avoid crossing your arms (this gesture can signal unintentionally that a person is self-protective rather than open), and turn your body toward those you are greeting.*

*Involve others! Greeters are specially appointed ministers of hospitality, but part of your role is to help everyone in the congregation participate in a ministry of hospitality. Plan ahead by making a list of persons in the congregation who you know could help guide visitors, so that when visitors arrive it will be easy to connect them.*

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*Encourage everyone to wear a name tag. It helps us all as we sometimes forget names, but it is especially important to our visitors, that they are not the only ones asked to wear name tags.*

*We have blue "Welcome Bags" for visitors which includes the book, "We Want You Here," along with some treats. Feel free to give them to visitors. They are located in the kiosk's bottom cupboard. Invite them to join us for coffee, then make sure they are not sitting alone.*

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## *A Note from our President*

*Another annual meeting in the books... As we come out of our 2020 annual meeting, I am pleased to enter into the 2020 church year. Our council members had fantastic reports with many positive outlooks for Long Lake this past year. As we say thank you and goodbye to our graduated council members, Jennifer Manion, Tammy Dufek, and Marsha Weidner, we welcome three new council members; Amanda Saelens, Margaret Bauer, and Dennis Wanless. I'm excited for our new council members to learn a little bit more about our church, and to hear their own perspectives that they will naturally bring to the council.*

*Our annual meeting was well attended and many shared valuable input. I was thrilled to have four gracious volunteers for three open seats on the church council! What a great example of how people want to be involved in the leadership of the church! The annual meeting also brought healthy discussion about many topics within the church. I was proud to witness the congregation talking through their points of view, remaining calm, and determining conclusions for the several topics that were discussed. Like Pastor Sue said earlier that day, "She didn't want to have a run of the mill annual meeting." We all want healthy discussion about topics that we agree about, and topics that we don't. That's exactly what we did.*

*Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting, and best wishes for another blessed and successful church year in 2020*

*God's Peace.*

*Matt Lundeen*



## *Annual Meeting Wrap Up*

Our 2020 Annual Meeting was held Sunday, February 3, 2020 at 11:00 am. The meeting began with devotions from Pastor Sue and was led by our Council President, Matt Lundeen. We thanked our outgoing council members; Marsha Weidner, Jennifer Manion, and Tammy Dufek, for their years of service and devotion to our church. We discussed nominations for the vacant council seats and had four candidates who were willing to step up and serve as church council members. Margaret Bauer, Amanda Saelens, Julie Nielsen, and Dennis Wanless all graciously accepted the nomination to council and their names were placed on the ballot. After the voting was completed, Margaret Bauer, Amanda Saelens, and Dennis Wanless were elected. A big thank you to all who were willing to serve our church as council members. There was a motion made by Gerald Anderson to support Jim Werronen and his ministry calling with a \$500 monthly stipend. After some discussion, a majority vote of the congregation voted to add a line item to the 2021 budget, reflecting an additional \$6,000 annual expense to support Jim. The budget was then approved by a majority of the voting members and adopted at the meeting. The meeting ended about 12:00 pm.

### **CARE CONCERNS AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS**

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#### **RENAE STONE HOOKER**

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#### **OTHER MEMBERS TO HOLD UP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

SHARON JOHNSON, JIM JOHNSON, CONNIE ANDERSON, DALE STRIKE, LARRY OLIVER, DIANE ENGLUND, ROSIE HUSTAD, WAYNE OLSON, THERESE CATHERS,  
DAVID JOHNSON

# COUNCIL MINUTES January 9, 2020

**Attendees:** Rachel M., Jennifer M., Kara H., Marsha W., Paul G., Tammy D. and Ronda Fenlon

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:35PM and lit the Christ candle

Kara – Led devotions. A reflection from Matthew Chapter 10 “Travel Lite” Put away GIVE to God those things that are weighing you down.

Marsha made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Jennifer made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Kara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

## **Team Reports**

### **Congregational Life**

Christmas decoration clean-up 1/13/20 5:30PM. Need help with taking down the Christmas tree.

### **Education**

VBS in May 2020 May 15 – 17 “Rocky Railroad”

Last Day of Sunday School May 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of confirmation May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Education/Youth will be sprucing up the Cornerstone (painting, deep clean).

### **Worship/Music**

Choir on hold until closer to Easter

Researching the purchase of new candles.

Looking for someone with the skill of calligraphy.

### **Missions**

**Missionary Support Jim W.** – looking for consistent giving to Jim’s mission work with Street Life Ministries.

### **Youth**

Poinsettia sales were good.

**Global Mission trip to the Dominican Republic** - Several fund raisers are planned: Butter Braids, home-made Pizza’s. Meet the Flockers. Sweetheart dinner.

### **Property**

New snow blower

Changing fluorescent light bulbs over to LED’s in ceiling light fixtures. There is a cost to purchase but energy savings will be achieved along with a rebate.

### **Finance**

Wonderful Audit – all is in order in time for the Annual Meeting.

# COUNCIL MINUTES January 9, 2020

## Old Business

3 Outgoing council members. We do have 3 interested candidates to fill the outgoing spots including:

Julie Nielsen

Margaret Bauer

Amanda Saelens

## New Business

Annual Meeting February 2, 10:45AM – the new Council will be meeting at Sunrise for lunch immediately following the meeting.

Synod Tool -kit Feb.22. Registration to open soon.

**Church Council Retreat** – March 14<sup>th</sup>, Erickson Farmstead, 10-6PM

Potluck - need 2 meals Or move 9-5

Agenda items – Team Building & Strategic Planning, revisit the unassigned, technology

Marsha recommended to move \$6,000 from the general fund to the general fund reserve fund. Ronda made the motion to accept the recommendation to move \$6,000 from the general fund to the general fund reserve fund. Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed.

Mom's with Children Group is starting - for more information please speak with Rachel.

## Feb. Council Reps:

8AM Ronda 9:30AM Kara Weds. 6PM Kathie

## February Devotions: Matt

Spire articles due Approximately February 21

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29AM

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Blessings, Ronda Fenlon



# COUNCIL MINUTES February 2, 2020

The Long Lake Lutheran Church Council met at Sunrise on Englund Shores on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 following the 2020 Annual Meeting. Those present were Matt Lundeen, Tammy Dufeck, Pastor Sue Olson, Shawna Berg, Dennis Wanless, Margaret Bauer, Ronda Fenlon, Kara Hepp, Jennifer Sonterre, and Kathie Schleif.

Vice President Tammy Dufeck's term is up, so Kara Hepp has graciously agreed to be the new Vice President. The Executive Team is now:

President Matt Lundeen  
Vice President Kara Hepp  
Secretary Ronda Fenlon  
Treasurer Dennis Wanless  
Pastor Susan Olson

The Personnel Committee is constitutionally stated to include the following Council Chairs:

President Matt Lundeen  
Property Paul Gruber  
Youth Margaret Bauer  
Worship & Music Rachel Maguire  
Pastor Susan Olson

Margaret Bauer made a motion to remove Jennifer Manion as a signer on the checking account. Dennis Wanless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Wanless made a motion to add Ronda Fenlon as a signer on the checking account. Kara Hepp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ronda made a motion to audit the safe deposit box by the end of March. The motion was seconded by Dennis Wanless. The motion passed unanimously. Matt and Kara will audit the contents.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Lundeen



## Program Staff

### Pastor Sue Olson

I was born and raised in International Falls, MN. I taught elementary school in Int'l Falls, Amherst, WI, and Litchfield, MN. Then, I met my husband, Rick, who was a chef at his family's restaurant, The Spot Supper Club in Int'l Falls. After 27 years of working together, we sold the restaurant due to my husband's failing health. I went back into teaching, this time at our Community College. I switched to Northland Counseling Center as a mental health practitioner and retired from there after 5 years. Rick and I had two daughters, Sara and Rachel; Sara has my only grandchild, Beatrix Evelyn who is 7. Rick passed away in 2013 and I looked at my future as a blank slate. I had thought about



seminary all of my life, but life as a wife, mother, restaurateur, teacher, daughter, all prevented me from going into public ministry. Also, the ELCA did not ordain women! I served my home church, Zion Lutheran in many capacities. On Feb. 4, 2016, I began my journey to becoming an ordained minister at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Four years later, after taking Greek, Hebrew, Lutheran Confessions, and 30 other courses, I graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree. I was ordained and installed at Long Lake

Lutheran Church in Isanti County on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

I live in a Townhouse on the Rum river in St. Francis. My hobbies include reading, fishing, cooking, traveling, and all things Disney! I even have a black and white cat named Mickey Mouser.

### DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

My name is Shawna Berg and I am the Director of Youth and Family Ministries. I live in Brooklyn Park with my husband, Brian, and our two children Sam, 17, and Kylie, 15. I am in my second year at Long Lake Lutheran church, and have worked in Children, Youth and Family Ministry in churches in the Twin Cities area for over twenty years. I love connecting faith and life for youth and adults, and it is one of the things that I am passionate about. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, cheering my kids on in their sports (my son plays baseball and hockey and my daughter plays volleyball) and creative endeavors (my daughter is involved in music and theater) and finding time to connect with new and old friends – I also always love time to curl up with a good book!



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Check us out on Facebook!

The staff in the office are knowledgeable, courteous, and always ready to help members with whatever they need. Give them a call or stop by during our regular business hours!

Mondays 8-4; Tuesdays as posted weekly,  
Wednesdays 8-6 (worship at 6 pm);  
Thursdays 8-5;  
Fridays 9-12

We love getting to know all our members!

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

I have been a member of Long Lake for 13 years, am a former Council member, and have now worked in the office about four years. My husband Jason and I have three kids, Charlotte, 19; Mia, 17; and John, 12. I am also a student, so when I am not here I am usually at school. I love the work that I do here at Long Lake and the people that I am lucky enough to work with. I love the community here at Long Lake and have made many wonderful friends along the way!



**JENNIFER SONTERRE**

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# ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

My name is Krista Mason and I have been working as the administrative assistant since the end of November 2018. What a joy it has been getting to know the congregation! Working with Jen, Pastor Sue, and Shawna, has been great! They have all been so helpful and supportive. I look forward to the future of LLC and know that God has many blessings in store!



**KRISTA MASON**  
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Other members of the staff that you will often see around the building are:

**Kristy Anderson, Organist**  
**Donna Larsen, Choir Director**  
**Randy Lilleboe, Custodian**



**KRISTY ANDERSON**



**DONNA LARSEN**



**RANDY LILLEBOE**



Our Church Council is the backbone of our church community. These church leaders help to run the different groups of the church. They help to plan events, run our education hours, keep the church up and running, plan our worship services, understand our finances, and plan our Mission outreaches. They are happy to answer questions about what their groups responsibilities are, just stop them when you see them and ask!

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hi there, my name is Matt Lundeen and I am serving in my eight year on council and second year as the Council President. I have been a member of Long Lake since I was a young boy. I was confirmed and married at Long Lake, and am proud to be part of such a faithful and friendly congregation. Over the past 7 years, I have served as the Worship & Music and the Property Representative before serving as President. Although I have an outgoing personality, I have found serving on council a great way to meet new people and get further involved within our church. The Word of the Lord, the opportunities to serve, and the people here make Long Lake the best!



**MATT LUNDEEN**



# PROPERTY

One of the new members on Council this year, Paul has been working with Matt and the Property Team for the past few months as property chair. Paul and his wife, Jackie have been members here for about 6 years and are active in our church community. The Property Team is responsible for the maintenance of the building and the grounds, so it is a very important job! Take a minute and ask him how you can help out the Property Team!

**PAUL GRUBER**

# MISSIONS

My name is Ronda Fenlon and I am facilitating the Missions Team.

This my third year on the Church Council. This is my 3rd time on a council (2nd with LLC). I'm proud to do my small part in supporting those in need.

In 2019 we switched directions Providing our Financial giving to Missions in our Global Communities, Domestic Communities and Local Missions. If you have a Mission important to you PLEASE reach out and I will bring it to the team.

2020 will bring the 25th Anniversary of Live Nativity; our 12th year inside.

Jim W. has answered a call and is in New York as a trainee missionary to Street Life Ministries.



**RONDA FENLON**

**RACHEL MAGUIRE**



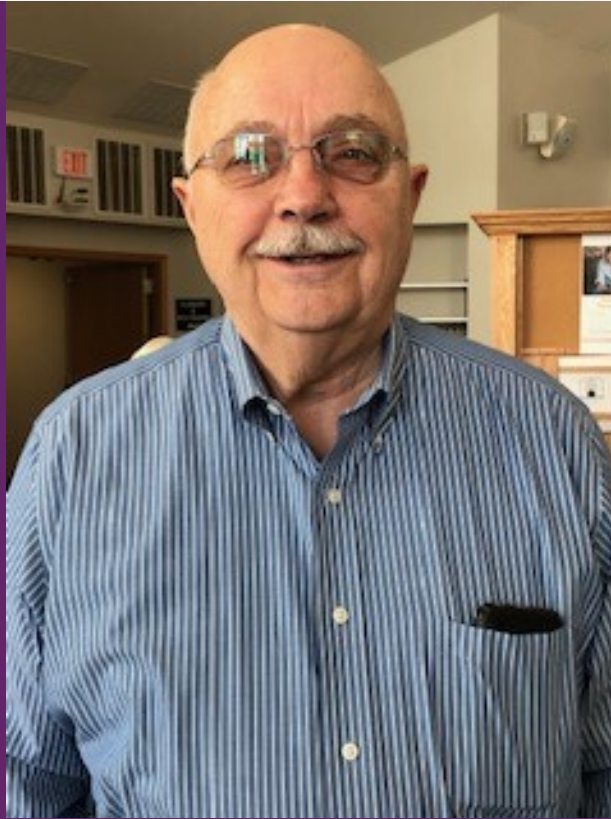
# WORSHIP & MUSIC

My name is Rachel Maguire and this will be my second year serving on the council as the worship and music chair. In addition to planning music for our worship services, I have really enjoyed the special events we have hosted that include Spoke Folk and MN Adult and Teen challenge.

I have been married to Phil for almost 5 years. We have lived near St. Francis for three years now. We have a 3 year old daughter, Cora, and a 1 year old son, Noah, and we are expecting baby #3 March 1. I spend most of my time at home, but do spend a few days a month working as a registered nurse at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital in the pre and post-op area. When I'm not working or busy with the kids, I love to read, play piano, and crochet!



# FINANCE



**DENNIS WANLESS**



Congratulations Dennis Wanless, new Finance Chair. I do look forward to working with you and learning from you. Please join me by adding Dennis to your prayers, along with all of the council members. I am sure they will have great fun working with staff and moving our church forward into 2020.

Dennis is a long time member of Long Lake Lutheran Church and we look forward to getting to know him better. Welcome Dennis!

Greetings to you! My name is Amanda Saelens and I will be serving on the council as the education chair. I have been both baptized and confirmed at Long Lake Lutheran Church. Two summers ago, I followed in my parents' footsteps and was married to my husband Chad, at LLLC. It is safe to say that I have grown up in this church and am curiously waiting to see how I can continue to grow in faith.

I hope over the course of the next three years, I have a positive impact on the education that is conducted at Long Lake Lutheran Church. I look forward to the challenges this new venture may bring and hope to create new friendships along the way.



**AMANDA SAELENS**

# EDUCATION





**KARA HEPP**

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

I feel very blessed to be part of the Congregational Life team and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of council for the past year. It is such a great way to truly get to know the inner workings of the church that I have been part of since elementary school. I am so proud to be able to watch my family grow up here. Outside of church I enjoy spending time with my family, running, reading and other outdoor activities. "Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen." - Philippians 4:20

# HYPO

Margaret Bauer married to Joe for 31 years. Three children Samantha 22 years old, Kaitlyn 20 years old, and Jack 17 years old. Moved to Bradford Township in 1996. I'm originally from Mississippi. I work in Cambridge at the medical center in Radiology. Member of LLLC since 2005 ( I think that's the right year) or it may be 2006. During the last 10 years, I have been part of the youth committee and a confirmation mentor. I've chaperone many youth events and several youth mission trips. I also serve as an altar quild and counter for our congregation. I'm looking forward to being on council and being more involved with our congregation.



**MARGARET BAUER**

Give me  
wisdom and  
knowledge, that I  
may lead this  
people, but who  
is able to  
govern this great  
people of yours?  
*2 Chronicles 2:10*



# STEWARDSHIP

**KATHIE SCHLEIF**

My name is Kathie Schleif, and I am in my 3rd year of being your Stewardship Council Rep. I have been married to Ken for 30 years. We have two daughters Katelyn and Kala.

I am thankful for all the work each team at LLL has been doing. I enjoy being involved and I encourage everyone to get out of your comfort zone and pursue what God intended you to do.

Never say "no way" because in John 14:6 Jesus says, *"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Find a favorite bible verse and then try and learn more. Keep on keeping on Jesus is the way to get out of your comfort zone. You can do it!

Long Lake Lutheran is a welcoming church and just ask for more information about what you are interested in or what is God calling you to do next in this life. What we do now is preparing us for our future eternity with Christ. We all have something to share. Make it a great 2020 and get out of your "comfy" zone and same routine try something new.

Thanks be to God !

Your sister in Christ,  
Kathie



# LENT & EASTER

Our 2020 Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The theme for our Wednesdays during Lent is "God Provides!" and will feature dramas starring, Adam & Eve, Sarah & Abraham, the Israelites, kids, adults, and Jesus. There will be a need for some rabble rousers as well!! We are currently looking for actors to play the characters. Soup and Bread suppers have been suggested for Wednesdays; we are looking for families or groups willing to take care of the meal and the kitchen for those 5 Wednesdays. All food needs to be prepared on site or purchased commercially.

Sundays in Lent will follow the theme "God came to us!" In this season of Lent we will ponder just how much God, in Jesus, is always there for us, no matter the circumstance! We will read some of Paul's letters to the Corinthians, Romans, Ephesians and Philippians. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and continues with our regularly scheduled worship for Wednesday at 6. Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> will be first communion for some of our students. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Good Friday Service here at Long Lake Lutheran at 6:00 pm.

With joy filled celebration, Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will join together with services at 6:30, 8:00 and 9:30 am. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7 am. We would love to have some brass players for our services so if you know anyone who plays brass, let us know! Memorial Easter Lilies and other plants will be sold during March.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH 8:00 AM AND 9:30 AM**

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP 6:00 PM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, APRIL 9TH 6:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 10TH 6:00 PM**

**EASTER SERVICES 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM  
(BREAKFAST SERVED BY YOUTH BEGINNING AT 7:00 AM)**



The Green team in action- look for new signage. It is up to us to preserve God 's earth whether it is recycling our coffee cups, separating out food scraps or putting our pop cans in the basket by the pop machine to reclaim aluminum. If you would like to join us, The Green Team will be meeting the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 PM.

# THE GREEN TEAM

Our Parish Nurse will be here to check blood pressures and discuss any other health care issues on these dates:

Feb. 9  
March 8  
April 5 (Palm Sunday)  
May 10

June 14  
July 12  
Aug. 9  
Sept. 13  
Oct. 11  
Nov. 8



On Monday, January 13, Friends of Ruth participated in the Christmas take-down and then held its meeting. Two new members, Rosie and Barb, joined our group and had many great ideas to share. Welcome, ladies!

Planning has begun for the 2020 Spring Luncheon and the theme for this year is "Let's Flamingle!" Save the date, Saturday, April 25, 11:00am, for this fun event and we'll welcome the spring weather together!

Baby kits needs are currently sleepers and hooded sweatshirts, sizes 6-24 mo, and all donations can be placed in the "Baby Kits" basket in the kiosk,

It's time for a new leader to take the baton in our group. Beginning this fall this person will take the leadership role either as a co-leader with me, or do it on her own. Either way, I will be available to provide support. These past two years of leading our group have been an absolute joy, and I look forward to helping the next person take the reins with this amazing group of women.

God's peace,  
Joanne

# FRIENDS OF RUTH

Dear Friends!

I am saddened to be writing my very last Spire Article. I want to thank you for all of your support over the past three years!

Please welcome our new council member for education. I am sure she will do an excellent job serving you and the education committee.

Upcoming events:

Sweetheart dinner Feb. 15 (buy your tickets!)

Confirmation retreat Feb 21-23 (pray for leaders...and kids)

Feb 28- Ash Wednesday (no classes)

March 1-first session of 1st communion

March 1-next education meeting at 1:15 pm

March 29- second session of 1st communion

April 9 Maundy Thursday- 1st communion at 7 pm

April 12 Easter Sunday

May 15-17 VBS (more information to come!!)

# EDUCATION

Thank you!

Jennifer Manion

Breakfast Club (February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) –Our High School Students enjoy waffles and conversation at 9:30 a.m. every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday! Feel free to join in anytime! Friends are always welcome as well.

Snowtubing at Elmcreek – All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to go snowtubing on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. We will go out for pizza and then share in some snowtubing fun!

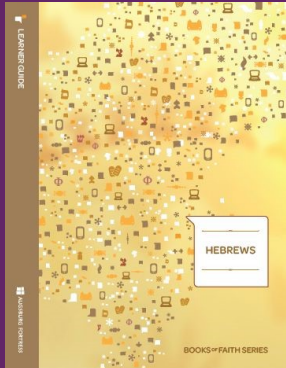
# YOUTH

Sweetheart Dinner is February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Camp Sunday is February 16<sup>th</sup> - Join us to hear more about our partnership with Camp Onomia and sign up to go to camp this summer!

Confirmation Retreat at Camp Onomia is February 21-23<sup>rd</sup> – pray for our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they head out on retreat!

# ADULT EDUCATION

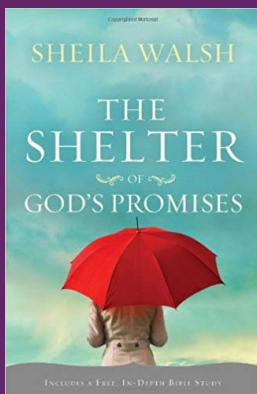


Adult Bible Study with Pastor Sue: The Book of Hebrews

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am-11:30 am

Hebrews, one of the latest books of the Bible, was written sometime between 60 and 100 CE, approximately 30-70 years after Jesus' death. This means some in the original audience were probably second- or even third-generation followers of Jesus Christ. We will look at the questions: Who is Jesus? What did Jesus do? What is Faith? How shall we live? What if faith fails?

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm with Shawna through the end of February. Reading "Of Mess & Moxie" by Jen Hatmaker if you are interested in attending, contact Shawna! It's not too late to get involved with this book study!



Sunday morning Adult Forum at 9:30 am

Led by Ronda Fenlon.

She will be starting a new series:

"The Shelter of God's Promises"

See Ronda Fenlon or the office if you have any questions about this Sunday morning book study series!

All our Adult Education opportunities are open to all adult members. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, grow in faith, and have some great conversations. The coffee is always hot, so stop by and get involved in a Book/Bible Study!



Help support our members who will be heading out on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic in August! These are delicious treats and 40% of your order will go to fund all of those who are going on the trip! Delivery before Easter!

Contact Shawna with any questions!



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## **Birthdays**

- 1 Jay Anderson  
Amelia Sonterre
- 2 Edward Rouen  
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- 3 Abbey Fournier
- 4 Ann Merkouris
- 5 Donna Larsen
- 7 Emily Hennen
- 10 Dennis Stanius  
Sharon Stanius
- 11 Kenneth Miller
- 12 Sofie Behm  
Tessa Budnick
- 13 Taylor Bender  
Adeline Jamnick  
Chad Saelens
- 14 Brody Brown  
Kylee Staff
- 15 Jason Dryden  
Logan Wynne
- 16 Lilah Boettcher  
Claudette Oberg
- 17 Maguire Hepp
- 19 Joshua Budnick  
Kareen Englund  
James Hanson  
Edward Sanford
- 20 Stephanie Dryden  
Ruth Sweet
- 21 Sharon Sudeith
- 22 Jakob Engler  
Clara Johnson
- 24 Elaine Mellin  
Bruce Riebe
- 26 Grace Fournier  
Parker Matson
- 28 Axel Larson  
Riley Puck

## **Baptisms**

- 0 Paul Agranoff  
Joanne Eittreim  
Jessica Manion
- 1 John Hass  
Daniel Manion
- 3 Trevor Hill
- 4 Kendra Beckensten
- 11 Lynn Perrin
- 12 Sofie Behm
- 17 Robert Johnson  
Martin Lynn  
Madeline Jaques
- 18 Kelsey Lynn
- 19 Logan Orr
- 22 Jim Werronen  
Layton Gilbert
- 24 Aaron Anderson  
Cody Gustafson  
Lucas Gustafson  
Travis Gustafson
- 25 Axel Larsen
- 26 Theodore Erickson
- 27 Geralyn Fournier
- 28 Brooklyn Browen

## **Anniversaries**

- 14 Judy & Tom Nelson
- 18 Paul & Jackie Gruber
- 22 Don & Marsha Weidner



## Step 2

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***Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.***

Meets Tuesday  
evenings at  
7:00 pm.

When, therefore, we speak to you of God, we mean your own conception of God. This applies, too, to other spiritual expressions which you find in this book. Do not let any prejudice you may have against spiritual terms deter you from honestly asking yourself what they mean to you. At the start, this was all we needed to commence spiritual growth, to effect our first conscious relation with God as we understood Him. Afterward, we found ourselves accepting many things which then seemed entirely out of reach. That was growth, but if we wished to grow we had to begin somewhere. So we used our own conception, however limited it was. We needed to ask ourselves but one short question. - "Do I now believe, or am I even willing to believe, that there is a Power greater than myself?" As soon as a man can say that he does believe, or is willing to believe, we emphatically assure him that he is on his way. It has been repeatedly proven among us that upon this simple cornerstone a wonderfully effective spiritual structure can be built.

This is an open  
meeting, all  
are welcome.



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*<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13*

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