

CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

February Newsletter

2-1-2024

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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FEBRUARY

1	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/Book study	12	Worship 1:00 Friends of Ruth 6:00 Executive Meeting 6:30 4H Lakeside Victory Club	20	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA
2	10:00 School Q & A			21	1:00 Grief Share 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Lent worship 6:00 Confirmation
3	9:00 Parenting Class				
4	9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 Annual Meeting 11:30 Lunch	13	9:30 Fellowship Café 1:00 Sunshine Circle 4:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 AA	22	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/Book study 12:00 Senior Cards
5	6:00 Western Heritage	14	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 Youth & Education Meeting	23-25	6-8 Grade Confirmation Retreat
6	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA			24	9:00 LLIA Loony Ice Golf Event
7	1:00 Grief Share 5:00 1ST Wed. of the Month Dinner 6:00 Confirmation	15	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/book Study 1:00 WELCA 6:00 Council Meeting	25	8:30 Traditional Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Education 10:30 Contemporary Worship
8	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/Book study 12:00 Senior Cards 1:00 Worship & Music				
9-10	4:30-Sat. Noon 4H Camp Counselor Training Overnight	18	8:30 Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Education 9:45 Cong. Life Meeting 10:30 Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion	27	9:00 Mission Quilting 9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA
10	6:00 Sweetheart Dinner			28	11:30 Lunch Ladies 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Lent worship 6:00 Confirmation
11	8:30 Traditional Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Education 9:30 Mission Team Meeting 9:45 Rachel's Flock 10:30 Contemporary	19	6:00 4H Long Lake Leaders Meeting	29	9:00 Prayer Group 10:30 Bible/Book study

From the desk of Pastor Sue:



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"Fish Food for Thought"

I read a book on my vacation, one of many, actually. It was called, "Why Men Hate going to Church," by David Murrow. He wrote, "new research reveals the importance of men to congregational vitality and growth. Almost without exception, growing churches draw healthy numbers of men, while declining congregations lack male presence and participation...Religion is not going to disappear. Men will always seek God.

In the early 1800's, two missionaries sailed from England for the jungles of Africa. Both men were powerful preachers. The first missionary built an English-style church, preached in English, and imposed an English-style dress code on his African congregation. The second missionary built a church that resembled a local gathering house. He preached in the native language and allowed people to dress as they pleased. Which man do you think was more successful?

Jesus called us to be fishers of men. We need men to stay in the boat, and not jump back into the sea. Any engineer knows that your system is perfectly designed to give you the results you're getting. In other words, if you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got. **"IYADWYADYAGWYAG!"**

The system of the church is perfectly designed to get the results that we have always gotten. The system of the church is perfectly designed to reach women. In the book, "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus," Dr. John Gray outlines two sets of values. The values in set A are: competence, power, efficiency, achievement, skills, proving oneself, results, accomplishment, objects, goal orientation, success, competition and self-sufficiency. The values in set B are: love, communication, beauty, relationships, support, helping, nurturing, feelings, sharing, relating, community, loving cooperation, and personal expression. Which of these two values do you think Jesus embraced? Set B, right? Which of these two values do you think the church normally embraces? Set B, right? Dr. Gray exposed a startling truth. Most people feel like Christ exhibited the values of set B, or the values that seem to come naturally to a woman. To be like Christ, means to be loving, nur-

turing, always caring, always compassionate, always gentle. Jesus does not judge people; he hugs them.

Men don't hate God or Christ or the Bible or Christianity, but they are bored with a system that is perfectly designed to reach someone else. Albert Einstein once said, "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid."

Christianity was founded on the principals of one man and twelve followers who were men. The church grew by mostly male ministers and male dominance. 95% of senior pastors in America are men. In the Catholic church, every priest, bishop, cardinal, and pope are male. Some church denominations' boards are comprised entirely of men and women are not even allowed to vote. At the risk of gross generalization, it would appear that the church is male dominated. But, look in the pews, look in the committees, look in the bible studies, prayer groups, lunch groups, service groups and who do you see? Women. More women than men. The only exception to this is the property team, which is comprised mostly of men. Why is that? Because, the property team, fixes things, they problem solve; they keep the property mowed, plowed and shoveled.

We want this to be a church for all people, men, women, children, single, married, people with kids, people without kids, seniors, teens, everyone. Think of us all as fish in God's aquarium. We have already been caught. As leaders of this church, as progressive thinkers, movers and shakers, do we want to only feed the fish in the aquarium, or do we need to keep fishing like Jesus commanded? And, how are we going to do that without making some changes? **"IYADWYADYAGWYAG!"**

Tell me what you think! Can we fish for all people? Men, women, children, differently abled, young, old. One size does not fit all! Feed the fish; fish for people!

<u>January attendance:</u>	
January 7	90
January 14	75
January 21	98
January 28	103

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14th! Valentine's Day!

Our sermon series will be "Wandering Heart", figuring out faith with Peter.

This is a Sanctified Art Production.

Soup Suppers will be held from 5:00 – 5:45 each Wednesday (Feb. 21 & 28; Mar. 6, 13, 20)

with Worship at 6:00 pm.

Mar. 28, Maundy Thursday worship at 6

Mar. 29, Good Friday worship at 6

Mar. 31, Easter Sunday worship at 6:45, 8:30 & 10:30

February Worship Helpers

February 4, 2024

Greeter: Dave & Allie Rock
Usher: Mike & Manda Hanson
Lector: Sharee Anderson
Kitchen: Nancy Sandahl

February 18, 2024

Greeter: Wanda Strike
Usher: Harlan & Madge
Lillemoen
Lector: Margaret McBride
Kitchen: Barb Talbot

February 11, 2024

Greeter: Rick & Jessica Larsen
Usher: Mackenzi, Cierra, &
Megan Larsen
Lector: Merwyn Larsen
Kitchen: Denise Sunderland

February 25, 2024

Greeter: Angie Spartz
Usher: Dave & Melanie Ringstad
Lector: Melissa Sorenson
Kitchen: Rose Hass



December Birthdays

1 Therese Cathers

1 Dana Riebe

3 Melissa Browen

4 Reed Jensen

4 Amanda Koester

5 Shirley Oldenburg

5 Everett Wachsmuth

8 Lisa Gustafson

10 Wilder Anderson

11 Dale Hechsel

13 Bonnie Hanson

15 Kelsey Hooker

16 Deven Magaard

17 Jake Hennen

17 Logan Soligny

18 Cole Vandenheuvel

19 Jill Overby

21 Matt Hylan

21 Henry Larsen

25 Elizabeth Pip

27 Madge Lillemoen

28 Lisa Lundeen

29 Carrie Englund

29 Daniel Manion

30 Andrew Overby

31 Pastor Sue

January Birthdays

1 Tina Anderson

1 Richard Hansen

1 Tucker Kolb

1 Samuel White

3 Rhonda Hechsel

4 Justin Hooker

4 Maddie Jaques

4 Trygve Townswick

5 Jessica Manion

6 Bob Johnson

7 Brice Anderson

7 Clarence Anderson

7 Cory Greene

7 Greg Rambow

8 Judy Sarazin

10 Elise Overby

11 Wanda Strike

12 Loretta Fornberg

14 Oaklyn Anderson

14 Linda Mikush

17 Rose Hass

18 Carole Larson

19 Joanne Eittreim

19 Scott Myers

19 Brian Netzer

20 Delilah Anderson

20 Andrew Jaques

21 Ted Erickson

21 Lincoln Mehle

22 Margaret McGovern

22 Curtis Strand

22 Vicki Theede

24 John Hass

24 Matthew O'Keefe

25 Susan Netzer

26 Ben Hylen

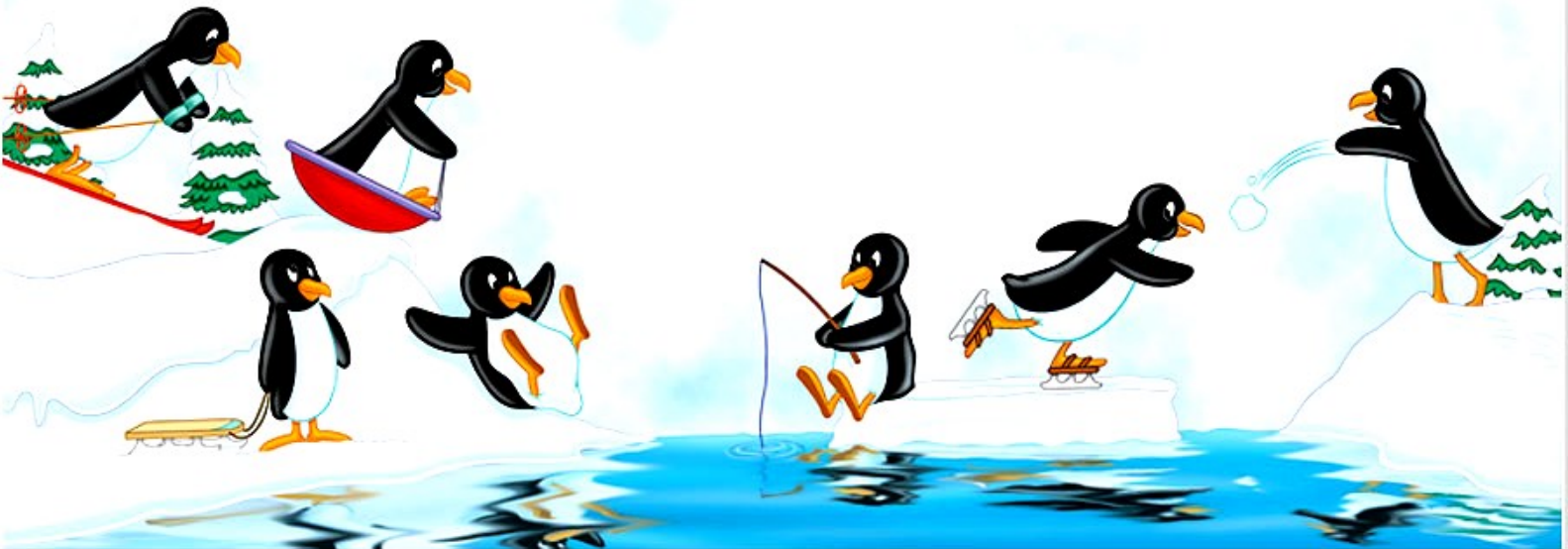
29 Aaron Anderson

29 Jenna Goslinga

29 Elise Overby

29 Kody Puck

30 Aubrey Bell





February Birthdays

1 Mia Sonterre

2 Edward Rouen

3 Abbey Fournier

4 Ann Merkouris

7 Emily Hennen

7 Pat Meyer

9 Emily Pipp

10 Sharon Stanius

11 Ken Miller

12 Tessa Budnick

13 Taylor Bender

13 Chad Saelens

14 Brody Brown

14 Eleanor Rock

14 Kylee Staff

15 Judy Carolan

16 Lillah Boettcher

16 Claudette Oberg

17 Maquire Hepp

17 Jill Osborne

19 Joshua Budnick

19 Jimmy Hanson

19 Edward Sanford

20 Ruth Sweet

21 Sharon Sudeith

24 Bruce Riebe

26 Grace Fournier

26 Parker Matson

28 Axel Larsen

28 Riley Puck



December Anniversaries

6 Larry & Joanna Puck

7 Bill & Sharon Sudeith

8 Curtie & Carol Strand

8 Mark & Karen Anderson

10 Josh & Tessa Budnick

14 Nate & Tammy Dufeck

22 Tom & Loretta Fornberg



January Anniversaries

6 Larry & Joanna Puck

7 Bill & Sharon Sudeith

8 Curtie & Carol Strand

8 Mark & Karen Anderson

10 Josh & Tessa Budnick

14 Nate & Tammy Dufeck

30 Mark & Mikki Hanon



February Anniversaries

14 Tom & Judy Nelson

22 Don & Marsh Weidner



CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

Addendum pictures for the church directory will be taken. Please see Denise or Brenda in the office. to schedule a time.



DISCIPLINE

THAT

connects

WITH YOUR CHILD'S HEART

What kids learn when they are disciplined will last a lifetime. But well-intentioned parents often miss their kids' hearts during discipline. Instead of building the wisdom and respect they hope for, parents inadvertently build discouragement and resentment, which drives their kids to misbehave more. But it doesn't have to be that way! Learn four messages that show God's grace, love, and truth in the middle of your child's most challenging behaviors.

Join us For this faith-based parenting class!

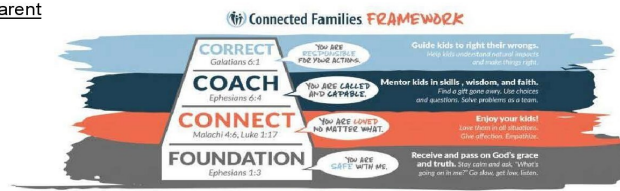
WHEN: Saturday, February 3, 9:00am - 11:00am

WHERE: Long Lake Lutheran Church (3921 277th Ave NW, Isanti, MN 55040)

FREE childcare available!

Registration recommended but not required. Register at this link or use QR code:

bit.ly/LLLParent



www.connectedfamilies.org

Pam is the mom of two young adult children and is "like a mom" to two young adults who experienced extensive developmental trauma. She is a certified parent coach, a licensed family and early childhood teacher, and she has taken additional training in trauma-informed care. Her greatest joy is seeing parents experience HOPE when they receive God's grace and guidance in the middle of their struggles. In addition to coaching, Pam has been featured on numerous podcasts and she speaks to church, school, and moms groups.



Sweetheart

Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 10

6:00pm

\$50/couple, \$25/single

Choose between: Pork chops with red potatoes or Chicken parmesan with pasta.

Includes vegetable, bun, and dessert

To-go orders are also available.

Please register by Sunday, Feb. 4.

Proceeds support our Youth program



W.E.L.C.A. 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!



Looking for:

Congregation & Youth Historian

Pass the word around.

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).

"A new command

I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one

Faithful
♥ **Friends**

COOKBOOKS For Sale

\$15.00

See Julie Nielsen

Or

Nancy Sandahl

**Breakfast Club:****Attention All High School Students**

Please come and join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:00am 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



Cash/Check

WAYS TO GIVE

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.

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

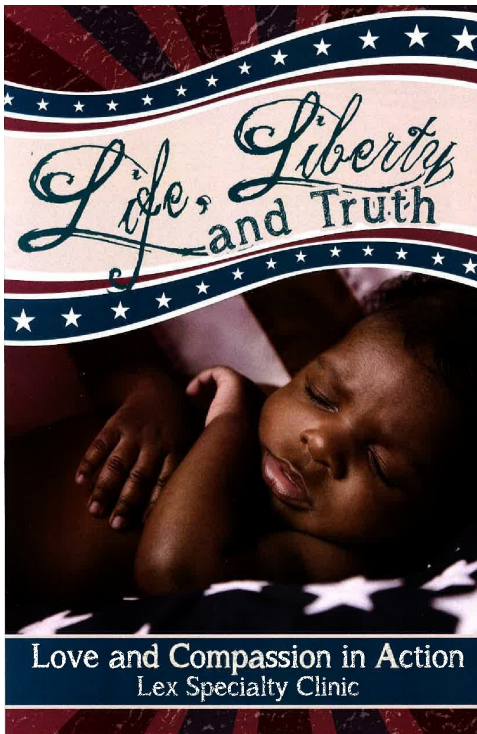
Pray for healing for: Sharon Johnson, Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene; brother-in-law David; Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Karen Baker's mom Floy and niece Angie, Kent and Joanne Eittreim's friends Katie and Natalie, Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie and her grandson Hayden, Lisa Gustafson's 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.

Pray for comfort for all who grieve: Wanda Strike as she grieves the loss of her cousin, Ron.

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



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



We share truth!

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18 NIV

"We hold these truths to be self-evident..." We esteem life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Rights GIVEN BY OUR CREATOR which are the foundation of our country's freedom.

That very foundation is cracked and in danger of crumbling as thousands of unborn children lose their lives every day. Have we forgotten that life, liberty, and happiness are being stolen from those with no voice? We cannot afford to remain silent.

Now is the time to join together for TRUTH, letting our voices be heard in the fight against the tragedy of abortion, and to rebuild and return to our godly heritage. Join with us as we stand in love and truth, saving one life at a time. When we give men and women truth and real choices, along with the loving help they need, most choose life! With our Creator's help, we can take a stand for life.

Some FREE services we provide are:

- Pregnancy testing
- Limited OB ultrasound
- Pregnancy options counseling
- STI testing and treatment
- Post abortion healing
- Parenting education programs
- Spiritual support

Your generosity helps us continue to provide these invaluable services. Will you partner with us in this simple way to save lives and share truth? Just pick up a bottle after service today. Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to the church on the collection date.

PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE TODAY!

COLLECTION DATE:
Jan. 21 - Feb. 25

LEX SPECIALTY CLINIC
FOR PREGNANCY & SEXUAL HEALTH

Pregnancy Resource Center of Cambridge
140 Buchanan St. N. STE. 138 • Cambridge, MN 55008
Cambridgeprc.com • 763-689-4319

CAMP ONOMIA

COME HAVE A Winter Blast AT CAMP

February 23rd 7pm- 25th, 11am

Calling all 6th-9th graders!

Join us for a Middle School Winter retreat at Camp Onomia! You'll have a blast playing games, spending time with others, eating some good food, and learning more about God's love.

Cost: \$120 per person

Register online individually or as a church group. One adult comes along free with every 7 youth from your church. Please bring your own bedding and toiletries to stay in our year round retreat center.

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Located on Lake Shakopee, Camp Onomia provides a year-round experience where all people are welcome to encounter Christ through Creation and Community

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH: WOMEN'S REFRESH (A WEEKEND AWAY JUST FOR THE LADIES)
- DECEMBER 9TH-10TH: PLUNGE (HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT)
- JANUARY 12TH-14TH: MEN'S RETREAT (A WEEKEND AWAY JUST FOR THE GUYS)
- JANUARY 26TH-28TH: ELEMENTARY CHILL (GRADES 3-6 RETREAT)
- FEBRUARY 23RD-25TH: MIDDLE SCHOOL BLAST! (GRADES 6-9 RETREAT)
- MARCH TBD: BIBLE & BREW (BREWS AND BIBLE TALKS WITH THE BISHOP)
- APRIL 8TH-9TH: CHURCH OFFICE WORKERS RETREAT

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