

# LONG LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## January Newsletter

1-1-2023

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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# January

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| 1st  | 9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion   | 19th | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>1030 Bible/Book Study<br>1:00 WELCA<br>6:00 Council Meeting |
| 3rd  | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA   | 22nd | 9:00 Worship   |
| 4th  | 6:00 Worship w/Holy Communion   | 19th | 6:00 4-H Long Lake Leaders Meeting   |
| 8th  | 9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Youth & Education Meeting<br>10:15 Cong. Life Meeting                   | 24th | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA  |
| 9th  | 1:00 Friends of Ruth  | 25th | 1:00 Grief Share<br>5:30 Dinner– Pulled Pork Sandwiches<br>6:00 Worship          |
| 10th | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>1:00 Sunshine Circle<br>5:00 Finance Meeting/Audit<br>7:00 AA         | 26th | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible/Book Study                                      |
| 11th | 1:00 Grief Share<br>5:30 Dinner—Taco in a bag<br>6:00 Worship<br>6:00 Undecorating the Church | 29th | 9:00 Worship   |
| 12th | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible/Book Study   | 30th | 12:00 Lunch Ladies   |
| 14th | 3:00 Cabin Fever Game Night   | 31st | 9:00 Mission Quilting<br>9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA                         |
| 15th | 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  |      |  |
| 16th | 6:00 4-H Long Lake Leaders Meeting  |      |  |
| 17th | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA   |      |  |
| 18th | 1:00 Grief Share<br>5:30 Dinner– Ham, Green Beans, Au Gratin<br>6:00 Worship W/Holy Communion |      |  |



## *From the desk of Pastor Sue:*



Happy New Year! Let's make it a great one! Thank you for all the lovely gifts, cards and well wishes for Christmas and for my birthday. I appreciate every one of them and am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful, loving congregation. I pray that we are all a little kinder, more loving, more understanding, more grace filled, and more forgiving this year as we are all recipients of God's grace upon grace. We are called to love our neighbors, to share out of our abundance, to forgive because we, ourselves, have been forgiven. Praise God for His goodness!

I grieve the losses of some of our members this past year, but I celebrate having known them and having been a part of their journey through life. I mourn the deaths of Carol Perrin, Odin Olson, Larry Oliver, Dale Strike, Tom Fornberg, Jim Vogtlin, and all of the others who were not members or were former members: Maxine Hildreth, Auggie & Luanna Auguston, but for whom we still grieve. Some of us lost family members in 2022. God has promised us through the resurrection of Jesus that we will be joined together in heaven with all the saints who have gone before us. Praise God for His goodness!

When I look back on 2022, I am filled with joy for all we have done to accomplish our mission of serving God. So many worship services, sacramental and pastoral ministries, educational opportunities, GriefShare, Prayer Group, Bible/Book study, Quilting, mission trip, youth and family activities, VBS and adult summer bible school, retreats to camp and to Iowa, campers fully funded to Camp Onomia, Fellowship Café, Food Truck Fellowship and Trunk -n- Treat, Live Nativity, all inviting the community to come and see! We have done so much more than I can list without putting you to sleep! Praise God for His goodness!

I look forward with anticipation to the great things 2023 has in store for us. Even though Shawna has moved on to a different call, we have strong leaders stepping up to fill her role and we have called Kari Osmek of Interserve to be our part time Youth and Family Director. We look forward to her leadership and experience. I invite you to Intergenerational Family Game Day on Saturday, January 14th to meet her. We will be together from 3-7 to play your favorite games and to eat the comforting foods of mac and cheese and ice cream sundaes! I hope you will join us. Praise God for His goodness!

I have this verse on my desk to remind me that God is good in all things and I don't have to worry. Philippians 4:6 "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." I pray that you will embrace that verse this year. Let's make it a great one! Praise God for His goodness!

# December Memories



# Introducing Kari Osmek

Fellow travelers on the interim journey:

My name is Kari Osmek, and I will soon begin serving alongside you as the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. I have worked with over 20 congregations through InterServe, as well as serving in long-term calls in St Louis Park and Rogers, Minnesota. I live with my husband, Darrell, just down the road from you in a little town called Nowthen. ;)

InterServe ministries places experienced CYF ministry people into congregations that are going through some type of transition in their children, youth, or family ministry staffing. My job at Long Lake Lutheran is two-fold: I am responsible for working with the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry (CYF) team to support and grow your ministries, and I am here to help you evaluate, create, and vision for the future of the CYF ministry program. What an exciting time this is!

The new term that you will be hearing during the following months is “Discovery Team.” This group of volunteers is responsible for handling the transitional issues during this period. These issues include remembering history, evaluating and discerning current ministry programming strengths and weaknesses, dreaming and planning for the future, drafting mission statements and goals, and crafting a new vision for CYF ministry.

You have a place in this process! I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your hopes and dreams for this place in this time. Always feel free to speak with me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to joining you as we make this journey together—

‘Cuz of Christ,

Kari S. Osmek  
InterServe Ministries

**Long Lake Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2022**

**Attendees:** Pastor Sue, Ronda F, Amanda S, John H, Mike S, Monica P, Bruce Y, and Margaret B

Meeting called to order @ 6:24 PM by Ronda

Devotions and Prayer by Monica- Apathy in Church: Jonah and his Reluctance

**Approved Verification of November Council Meeting Minutes** via email by attendees

**Approval of December Agenda**

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Margaret B

2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Mike S

Discussion-None

Council Approved

**Staff/Executive/Team Reports**

It was clarified that Faithful Friends would work with Pastor Sue due to Shawna's vacancy with the team. The Synod toolkit will be February 11<sup>th</sup> in person this year. Congregational Life will do an audit for members not receiving emails.

**Staffing Recommendation**

**Recommendation from Personnel & Executive team to move forward with contracting with Inter-serve beginning January 10, 2023 for 1 year- 1<sup>st</sup> six months 15 hours a week, 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 months 20 hours a week with focus on events, leadership, and faith formation for \$41,000.**

Approved by council

**Recommendation from Joanna, Pastor Sue, and Executive team to move forward with contracting with Kim's Kleening beginning immediately for custodian services. This would be for 2 times a week for both buildings for \$460 weekly.**

Discussion: The Cornerstone is used very little during the summer months. How does this affect services and finances? Pastor Sue will follow up.

Approved by council

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Constitution Review-** Executive team will be meeting 1/10 @ 6 PM. Anyone may join us for reviewing.

**Admin Projects-** Joanna uses Friday afternoons to do projects. An inventory of supplies in the Sunday school office was requested. Other areas discussed were email lists, old nurse office, and Family/youth office.

The Personnel team will be meeting with Joanna 12/21 @3 PM for her 60 day review.

**Master Calendar Review-**

Please submit your team reports for the Annual Meeting by January 18, 2023.

**Associate Pastor**-The Executive team meet with John Hulden on Monday. He shared different staffing options, approximate financials, and timeframes for our needs at LLLC. We were guided to approach this at our annual meeting and to utilize a call committee. The committee should include Pastor Sue, one council member, and 4-5 members representing a variety of the congregation.

### **DECEMBER 2022 FINANCE REPORT**

Bruce shared the financial reports with a negative balance of \$17,909.95 in the general fund. There is an expected substantial deposit that will be made before the end of the year that will bring the general fund to a positive balance. Historically, November and December are increased giving months. The General Fund Reserve Account continues to be sufficient to mitigate negative balances in the General fund. The remainder of the insurance \$65,000 was invested into 3 month and 6 month CD's @ 4.05% and 4.5% interest. Bruce reviewed the message that he will share with the congregation regarding our 2022 finances. The 2023 budget was reviewed. The increase for the Synod was not included. This will bring the proposed budget to approximately \$385,000. This is less than the 2022 budget. The 2022 audit will be conducted January 10, 2023.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2023 Open Council Representatives**- We reviewed open chair positions and the commitments for each.

**Christmas Eve offering**- We will tithe our offering from both services to a local charity.

**St Andrews Church**- The church will be closing at the end of the year. We will approach, welcome and offer any pastoral care to their members.

### **HOUSEKEEPING (Procedural Items)**

#### **December Council Reps**

Christmas Eve 4 PM- Ronda F  
Christmas Eve 10 PM- Margaret B  
Christmas Day 9 AM- Amanda S

#### **January Council Reps**

9 AM Bruce Y  
6 PM Julie N  
Devotions Amanda S

Executive Team Meeting- January 16 6 PM  
Council Team Meeting- January 19 6 PM  
Annual Meeting – February 5- Council meeting to follow  
Council Retreat- March 3-4 at Camp Onomia

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Bauer

#### **December attendance:**

**December 4th– 110**

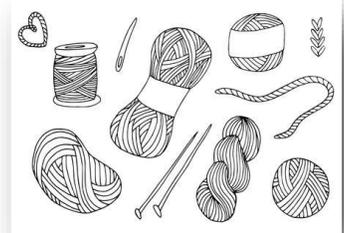
**December 11th– 100**

**December 24th– 163**

**December 25th- 45**

## Revival of Rachel's Flock

People who like to knit, crochet, nifty knitters, etc. We are starting up again. Kids welcome too! We will teach you! We will have service projects (the hat & mitten tree at church) baby hats for the hospital, lap blankets for veterans or nursing homes, etc. But most importantly, we will gather to visit and share our love of God! We will start up Sunday, February 12th shortly after worship service. (We have plenty of yarn and nifty knitters) If you have questions, contact Karen Baker or Marcy Stoeckel.



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, Joanna, 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 another." (John 13:34)

### 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



## January Worship Helpers are:

### January 1st

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

### January 8th

Greeters: Wayne & Becky Olson  
Usher: Connie Engren  
Lector: Judy Carolan  
Kitchen: Joanne Eittreim

### January 15th

Greeters: Josh & Tessa Budnick  
Ushers: Dale & Kathy Findell  
Lector: Ronda Fenlon  
Kitchen: Lisa Gustafson

### January 22nd

Greeters: Jenny Boniarczyk  
Ushers: John & Rose Hass  
Lector: Merwin Larsen  
Kitchen: Jenny Boniarczyk

### January 29th

Greeters: Marcy Stoeckel & Rose Hass  
Ushers: Jenny Boniarczyk  
Lectors: K. Hansen & Judy Carolan  
Kitchen: Rose Hass, Ann Merkouris, Barb Talbot



# January Birthdays

**January 1st**– Tina Anderson , Richard Hansen, Tucker Kolb & Samuel White

**January 3rd**– Sherry Beckensten & Ronda Hechsel

**January 4th**– June Brubaken, Karen Hardie, Justin Hooker, Maddie Jaques & Trygve Townswick

**January 5th**– Jessica Manion

**January 6th**- Kayl Griego & Bob Johnson

**January 7th**– Brice Anderson, Clarence Anderson, Cory Greene & Greg Rambo

**January 8th**– Judy Sarazin

**January 11th**– Geri Fournier, Mackenzie Goedel & Wanda Strike

**January 12th**– Loretta Fornberg

**January 14th**- Oaklyn Anderson, Sam Berg & Linda Mikush

**January 17th**– Rose Hass

**January 18th**– Carole Larson

**January 19th**- Jim Brown, Joanne Eittrheim, Scott Myers & Brian Netzer

**January 20th**– Delilah Anderson & Andrew Jaques

**January 21st**– Ted Erickson & Lincoln Mehle

**January 22nd**– Jarret Gemmill, Margaret McGovern, Curtie Strand & Vicki Theede

**January 24th**– Jake Anderson, John Hass & Matthew O’Keefe

**January 25th**– Dylan Hemsworth & Susan Netzer

**January 26th**– Ben Hylan

**January 27th**– Sharon Johnson

**January 29th**– Aaron Anderson, Jenna Goslinga, Elsie Overby, Kody Puck, Kyle Renner & Gerry Stock

**January 30th**– Audrey Bell

**January 31st**- Victoria Zupancich & William Zupancich

# January Anniversaries

January 1st– Rusty and Char Jacobson

January 14th– Harold and Linda Merchlewitz

January 14th– David and Monica Ahlman

January 24th– Edward & Linda Rouen

January 24th– Joshua and Carissa Hass



## **Christmas Undecorating**

Come help us undecorate the church.

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after worship.

6:30 pm until it's done!

All are welcome to help.

## **A fun way to help while you shop!**

Long Lake Lutheran Church is signed up with Amazon Smile to receive charitable donations.

What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is **a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.** AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

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## **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting is set for February 5<sup>th</sup> following Worship. Please make every attempt to be there.

## **Youth and Family Announcement**

We have contracted with Interserve once again for a youth and family director. Kari Osmek will begin part-time on January 9th. Come out to meet her during Cabin Fever Game Day from 3:00-7:00pm.



## **January Acolyte List**

Sunday, Jan 8- Archie Spike

Sunday, Jan 15- James O'Keefe

Sunday, Jan 22-Scarlett Spike

Sunday, Jan29- MacKenzie Larson

## **Cabin Fever Game Day**

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Comfort food: mac and cheese and ice cream sundaes

All ages are welcome.

Bring your games. Cribbage, Checkers, Chess, cards, Sorry, Dominoes, or whatever your family likes to play.

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

Pray for healing for: Jean Englund, Kate Allison, Mo Spike, Margaret McBride, Dennis Wanless, Barry Smith, Colleen Evenson, Aaron Gustafson, Linda Rouen, Sharon Johnson, Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene, Diane Englund, Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Karen Baker's mom Floy, Dave and Mel Ringstad's friend Sue, Kent and Joanne Eittrheim's friend Katie, Karen Baker's niece Angie Bentley, Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie Englund, Lisa Gustafson's brother Eric and Lisa's friend Brenda, John Hass' nephew Kevin Bagne, Therese Cather's brother Jim, Lisa and Martin Lynn's daughter Kelsey, Linda Rouen's aunt Evelyn Patterson, Carol Perrin's brother Bob, Matt (Angie) Hysten's dad Mike, Tina Engren's friend's son Oliver Schiffer, Gina Myer's dad Sid, Tessa Budnick's grandpa Mike, Linda Mikush's brother Larry, Jessica Larsen's cousin Mike, Betty & Ernie's great grandson Jax, Tom Dimitry, Paul & Jackie Gruber's grandson Payton, Les & Chris Rowe's sister-in-law Nicole Rowe, Bill Sudeith's brother Russ. Grieving family and friends of Carol Perrin, Faith Nelson (granddaughter of Carole & Doug Larson) and Hunter Melander (grandson of Althea Heschel). Grieving family and friends of Diane Wallace.