

# Long Lake Lutheran Church

June 2020

## Country Spire

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### DRIVE-UP SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am and 10:00 am

### STREAMING SERVICES ON FACEBOOK

8:00 am Sundays

6:00 pm Wednesdays

"For surely I know  
the plans I have for  
you, says the LORD,  
plans for your wel-  
fare and not for  
harm, to give you  
a future with  
hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when  
you call upon me  
and come and pray  
to me, I will hear  
you. <sup>13</sup>When you  
search for me, you  
will find me: if you  
seek me with all  
your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

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Long Lake continues to follow recommendations made by the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health in regards to places of worship. We will offer drive up services until we can safely move on to Phase Two of our reopening plan. Watch Facebook and emails as more information is available.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all who helped make this first parking lot worship service run smoothly.

Please continue to support the ministries of Long Lake Lutheran Church through your tithes and offerings. Offering checks can be sent through the mail as it is picked up and put in the safe daily; there is a "Give Now" button on our Website, a text option (833-623-0354), and GIVEPlus app in the App Store.

Just a reminder about our trailer full of aluminum cans for the youth program. It can't hold any more so please keep them at home for now, or recycle them. No recycling places are open to take our cans at this time.

The retaining wall around the garage could use some TLC. Anyone is welcome to dig around and clean it up.

### KELSEY HOOKER DRIVE THROUGH GRAD PARTY

Kelsey Hooker invites you to her graduation party on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at 21647 Xenon St. NW, Nowthen, MN 55330. It will be a "drive through" experience so feel free to decorate your vehicle in St. Francis High School colors of navy blue, silver or white. Boxed meals will be served.

Congratulations to these amazing kids  
and the rest of the class of 2020

Jace Goedel

James Brown

Jimmy Hanson

Robin Gemmil

Children of God, as your community of faith we celebrate this step in your lives. We encourage you, & everyone, to continue living out your life of faith as you move ahead.

## SPOTLIGHT

Let us mark your leaving high school & stepping into new ventures by asking God's blessings on you as we remember that God has promised a future & hope for God's children.

We ask all of you to lift up, talk about, equip & pray for the ongoing faith journey of these young people.

God of all wisdom & creation, stir up your Spirit in these children of Yours as they begin a new period of life & faith. Bless them as they begin new ventures as faithful people. May they be assured of their identity as your children. May they continue to hear Your word & come to Your table. And may they respond in thankfulness by proclaiming Your love & grace through their words & deeds. May they always feel Your Spirit as you are with them wherever they go.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





Riley Puck  
Cambridge Isanti Grad  
Headed to U of M for Large  
Animal Veterinarian



SENIOR

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FRANCIS  
GRADUATE  
HEADED  
TO MN  
NATIONAL  
GUARD



LUCAS JENSEN

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE

Dave Johnson, Renae Hooker, Dale Lundeen, Dale Strike, Larry Oliver, Claudia Hanson, Diane Englund, Jim Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Will's sister, Grace, Jean Hansen's brother, Jim, Connie Engren's Brother-in-law, Terry Guenther, Marcy Stoeckel's niece, Erin, Shawna's uncle Mike, Krista's mom Kathy.

Remember Street Life Ministries and our missionary, Jim Werronen. Give him strength to continue living out his mission and keep him out of harm's way. Bless Street Life Ministry and make their efforts worthwhile in growing God's kingdom and bringing comfort to those they serve.

Our family and friends in the military, all medical professionals and helpers, people with mental illness, people with addictions, people who don't feel safe staying home, people isolated in care centers who don't understand why their family can't come to visit, truck drivers and delivery people, people in service industries and business owners, all people across the world who have lost loved ones to the COVID, all inflicted with COVID, and those who live in fear and isolation due to COVID.

The grieving family and friends of George Floyd. The residents of the Twin Cities and surrounding areas involved in the recent riots and chaos. The businesses owners whose businesses were burned and/or looted and destroyed. Pray for the leaders, Governor Tim Walz, Mayors Jacob Frey and Melvin Carter, National Guard forces, police, state patrol, firefighters, first responders, all the helpers and those choosing to do good. Pray for the hearts of the evildoers that they may see their wrongdoing and stop their destruction. Pray for those who are scared and those who feel helpless in the midst of pandemic and chaos.

**Strengthen us that we might do better in the future.**

PRAYER



## From the desk of Pastor Sue...

Lena, with her hair in curlers, ran out the back door, shouting at the garbage man. "Am I too late for the garbage?" she asked. He replied, "No, hop right in!"

Psalms 135: 1-7

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord;

give praise, O servants of the Lord,

<sup>2</sup> you that stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
sing to his name, for he is gracious.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,  
Israel as his own possession.

<sup>5</sup> For I know that the Lord is great;  
our Lord is above all gods.

<sup>6</sup> Whatever the Lord pleases he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.

<sup>7</sup> He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth;  
he makes lightnings for the rain  
and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

As we begin our summer season, I pray that you all have a ton of fun, that you get outside to recreate and try new things. God's beautiful creation was a gift to us and God takes joy in our enjoyment of it. We've been inside too long; we've been quarantined forever! Now, it's time to get outside, stretch our legs and grow! I pray that your hearts are filled with gladness and joy in this season. Take a moment every day to look to the sky, observe the clouds, listen to the wind, smell the air, and give thanks to God for this wonderful gift of creation. Please don't take it for granted. Do everything you can to protect, restore, and preserve it.

Little Ole went to church with his papa one Sunday. "Papa, what is dat board up on da vall?" asked little Ole. "Dose are da names of da members who died in da service," answered Papa. "Vhich vun," asked little Ole, "Da 8:00 or da 9:30?"



*Maddie Jaques*

Cambridge Isanti Graduate

Attending University of Wisconsin  
River Falls

# SPOTLIGHT

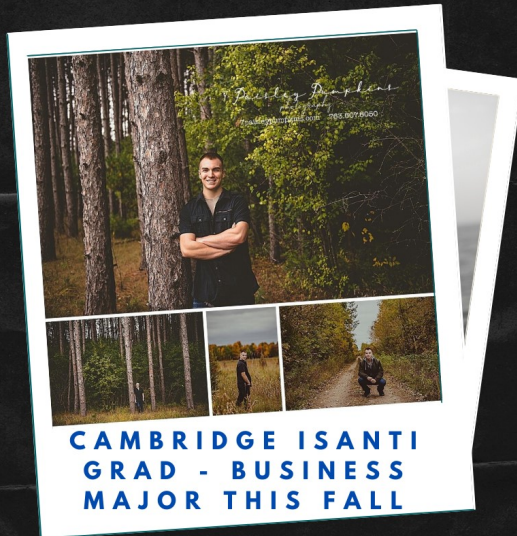


CAMBRIDGE ISANTI GRAD

**SHELBY  
SNIDARICH**

Heading to Texas A&M University





GAVIN YURICH

SENIOR

KELSEY  
HOOKER

St. Francis Graduate

Attending NDSU



How can it be June already? I know these days of staying at home have been long, but we are already in the month of June. I'd like to start by thanking you for your patience and understanding during this time we have been apart. Please understand that your church staff and council have been working very hard, and extra to provide online worship alternatives, reviewing financials, and developing a plan to reopen the church safely.



In case you haven't heard already, we are going to begin Phase One of resuming worship at Long Lake on June 7. We will remain in our cars. Please keep in mind that this will be different than what we were all used to, but it is the first step of many in worshipping together. I ask you to please be understanding of the policies that we (your church council) have put in place. Our first priority is safety, and we have to crawl before we can walk. If you have a difference of opinion, please let a council member know and we will take it into consideration.

Our staff has done a great job of recognizing our seniors with social media. Congratulations 2020 graduates! As I enjoy reading about each of you on Facebook, it makes me feel older as I taught most of you in Fifth Grade Sunday School, which seems like only two years ago. As you go out into the world to chase your dreams and grow, please remember that your church family loves you and is proud of you!

Lastly, thank you for your continued financial support of Long Lake Lutheran! This has been a challenging time and many, many of you have stepped up and given so much of yourselves. Your love of Long Lake is truly evident, and we appreciate it.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in the parking lot at our next worship service!

God's Peace,

Matt Lundeen, Council President

### Shawna Berg, Director of Youth & Family Ministries



This is such a strange time that we are living in right now isn't it? I was just telling my kids the other day that this is going to be there "I walked uphill to school both ways story" that they tell their grandkids someday. They will tell their children and grandchildren all about the "Pandemic of 2020" and how life changed in so many ways in what seemed like a blink of an eye.

Typically, the summer calendar in our house, especially with two busy teenagers and a youth ministry schedule it is jam packed. I spent some time flipping through the pages this week and it was pretty bare. Trips to camp have been cancelled, mission trips are cancelled, summer festivals are cancelled. On most summer evenings in our house you could find us at the baseball diamond, watching our son play the sport he loves. If by chance we had a night off, you might find us trying to catch a professional game by watching the Twins (either in person or on tv) or maybe even a Saints Game. If we were lucky, and had no baseball we might have a weekend at a friends cabin or the State Fair – and we might even sneak in a family vacation somewhere in there. Now instead of mission trips, camps, baseball games and gatherings with family and friends we have been spending our time hunkered down at home. We have been editing worship videos, getting creative with at home office/school space and holding vigil with family who are dealing with serious medical challenges.

This isn't how this summer was supposed to be. It is easy to get caught up in that. To be frustrated, and sad, and even angry sometimes. Then I remember all of the beautiful things that I have seen come out during this time. This has been a time of loving your neighbor. Mark 12: 30-31 tells us "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

Back on March 15<sup>th</sup>, when the leadership of this church made the difficult decision to close the building, these were the words that were at the forefront of that decision. The leadership made a decision because they wanted to make sure that they were doing everything possible to love their neighbor and not do them any harm. This has guided their decisions all along, and continues to be at the forefront of all the decisions that are being made. Fortunately, this hasn't meant the church has closed down – since the church isn't just the building. The church has continued loving their neighbors. You have met online (we have even had new folks join us!), you have checked in on one another, you have shared your resources with each other and the church

I've seen communities rally together around loving their neighbors – delivering surprise gifts to people's doorsteps, ordering take out from small businesses and organizing drive by parades for birthdays and other special events. So many of us in our communities are living out the Gospel in some very tangible ways – and it is exciting to see. You might remember the song "They'll know we are Christians by our love" – I'm seeing it, and being blessed by seeing it – maybe I was just too busy to notice before. I'm hoping when I talk about the Pandemic of 2020 and tell my grandchildren about it I'll begin the stories by saying, "The Pandemic of 2020 is the time when we really loved our neighbor as ourselves...and here is what that looked like."

**Congratulations to Eric Nelson on his graduation from Luther Seminary. Your Long Lake Family is excited to see what's in store for you in the future.**

If you would like to send Eric a note of congratulations, his address is:

10409 Zion Street NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Well done Eric on a hard fought four years!  
We are proud to be a part of your story!