



Long Lake Lutheran Church

June Newsletter

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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!



June

1st	1pm GriefShare 6pm Worship	19th	<u>HAPPY FATHERS DAY!</u> 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion Missionary Jim Werronen
2nd	9am Prayer Group 1:00 Worship & Music Meeting	20th	6:00 Emotions Anonymous
5th	9:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Worship-Senior Recognition	21st	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
6th	6:00 Emotions Anonymous	22nd	Summer Stretch 1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Worship
7th	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	23rd	9:00 Prayer Group 12:00 Senior Cards
8th	1:00 Grief Share 6pm Worship	26th	9:00 Worship
9th:	9:00 Prayer Group 12:00 Senior Cards	27th	11:00 Lunch Ladies- Pizza Pub Elk River 6:00 Emotions Anonymous
12th	9:00 Worship	28th	9:00 Mission Quilting 9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
13th	1:00 Friends of Ruth 6:00 Emotions Anonymous	29th	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Worship
14th	9:30 Fellowship Café 1:00 Sunshine Circle 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	30th	9:00 Prayer Group
15th	1:00 Grief Share 4:00 Planning Meeting 6:00 Worship		
16th	9:00 Prayer Group 1:00 WELCA		

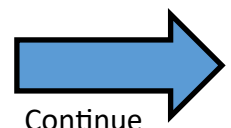
From the desk of Pastor Sue:



You belong to God! That is wonderful news, but what do you do with that statement? How does belonging to God change your attitudes and behaviors? As Lutherans, we believe that we are saved by grace alone, not by works. There is nothing that we can do to earn God's favor. Everything was already done for us by Jesus when he took all sin upon himself, suffered and died on the cross. So, what do we do with that information? Once we know Jesus and what Jesus did for us; once we know how much God loves us, there must be something we can do in response. As long as we demonstrate God's love to others through our actions, behaviors, and comments, we are properly responding to our generous God. Commandment #1: You shall have no other gods. Luther wrote the meaning to that commandment, "you are to fear, love, and trust God above all things."

The fear intended here is not the fear we think of when we are running from a bear! This kind of fear is more of a reverence, a devotion to and admiration of. The love of God is obvious. It is not like the love you have for M & M's or Snickers; it is not like the love you have for reading or gardening. This is an "agape" love, a deep love beyond words. We are simply returning love that was first given to us. We can't match God's love, but we can certainly try. I invite you to try adding this to your prayers every day from now on: "Lord, I love you. Thank you for loving me." Dwell on that for a while and imagine what the powerful love of the heavenly Father can do for you. Imagine how God would feel if He heard you say that to Him? "Lord, I love you." There are some people who do not feel all that loved, and when they hear this for the first time, "God loves you. God. Loves. You!", they are astounded and emotionally moved. We are so thankful for God's love. Return the love.

Trust is the hardest part for us to follow, especially when Luther says, "above all things." We trust God when things are going pretty well for us; but, do we trust God all the time? Can we? There always seems to be a bit of us holding back, trusting in ourselves, others, our possessions, the world, the news, the politicians, the ones who speak the loudest. Trust God. Above. All. Things!



Because we belong to God, our time, treasure, and talents belong to God all week, every day. As good stewards, we understand that all we have comes from God; everything we are, everything we have belongs to God. All The Time! Whew! Everything? All the time? Stewardship is putting what we say in the creed into practice for the world. We acknowledge that we belong to God, and we acknowledge that everything we have belongs to God. And so, we respond by giving back our time, our talent, and our treasure. But, how much of our time, talent and treasure are we supposed to give to the church?

Prior to the 1800's most money raised for the church came from pew rentals and special appeals. That would be a reason to tell someone they were in your pew! They were actually in "your family's purchased pew!" Offering was begun to be collected weekly because most workers were paid weekly in cash. People began to put their offering in little sealed envelopes that were collected in offering plates or bags. The tithe came to prevalence during this period as an attractive source of funding for planning and budgeting. Tithing talk ebbed and flowed throughout the next century. It was biblical for the harvest, why not use it as biblical for a wage centered economy? Tithing is an Old Testament concept, functioning as a mark of being a member of the community of Israel. The New Testament is silent on the subject. Christ's only references to tithing are included in warnings against religious hypocrisy. The radical nature of God's kingdom, when considered with Christ as Lord over all, is a call to acknowledge that it ALL belongs to God for God's work! We cannot separate our money from God's money. Tithing is not an obligation; it is a privilege!

If we think about running out of money in the church, and are worried constantly about the weekly contributions, the bills to be paid, and the annual budget, rather than trusting God in everything, we have a scarcity mindset, and our prophecy will probably be fulfilled. If we are tight-fisted in our giving, we will be constantly watching the checkbook, and hosting fear. However, if we trust God fully, we can be grateful for all the great work God is going to accomplish here through us and our stewardship of our time, talent and treasure, and we will Never Run Out! We will be active participants in God's activity! We will think grander; we will plan for an abundant future; we will celebrate how our time, talent and treasure has done so much good for God's kingdom.

Summer is upon us. June, July, and August typically see a downward trend in attendance at church and in giving. What if, this year, we shared abundantly, we worshipped often and grandly, we praised openly, we prayed constantly and we trusted fully? What if? Make a commitment to God. Promise to worship God in God's house on a regular basis. Continue your financial support even when you are not physically present. We have many online giving options for you and snail mail still works! God's love and attention never stops! Why should our love and attention for God take a break? "I love you Lord, thanks for loving me!"

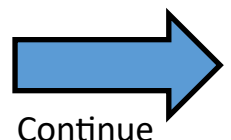
From the desk of Shawna Berg:



One of the things I appreciated most about moving to Minnesota from Arizona, was having a more noticeable change of seasons. I love having a clear distinction between the seasons, and can find different things to appreciate about each season (even if some are longer and shorter than the others!). Each time the season changes, I find myself in an interesting space of reflecting back on the previous season, and looking ahead to what is coming next, and as we enter into this summer season I find myself thinking about the last several months at Long Lake Lutheran.

It has been so fun to see so many of you in worship, and to have in person education after a lot of on line experiences. We were able to have fabulous retreats with our confirmation students and council, twelve kids signed up to go to Camp Onomia and several donors stepped up to support them financially, several people participated in the ABC's of Holy Week on Palm Sunday and we brought 32 kids on our Midnight Mania event. I enjoyed several outings to see our youth involved in their community at band concerts, art shows, basketball games, hockey games and plays.

Summer brings a different pace. Education experiences take a break, so that our volunteers get a much needed pause, and so we can prepare curriculum and design what things will look like in the fall. We know that many of you take time in the summer to go to enjoy the beauty of God's creation at lakes and cabins, and some of you will take vacations to visit family and friends. Even though education takes a pause, there are still lots of exciting things happening at Long Lake this summer!



Worship continues, with the possibility of some outdoor worship and a special worship on the Lake (keep watching for more details!). We will celebrate our graduates on June 4th. Several kids will go to camp in June and July. We will be offering some Summer Stretch activities. August will bring Vacation Bible School and Food Truck Fellowship (can't wait!).

I am excited about finding some time for rest and renewal this summer. When I take time for rest, renewal and sabbath it renews my creative energy and allows me to dream about what kinds of things we might achieve together beginning in fall! I hope and pray that you may find some space for rest and renewal this summer as well, and that you can share your plans for rest and relaxation with me.

As we prepare to shift up our routines I offer this prayer for you to kick off your summer!

May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings of
the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a
meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the
world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our 2022 Summer Theme is: **“Seen, Known, Loved”**

Join us for a Summer of rest and renewal: a road trip through Exodus, with the map of Luke.

“Come to me, all who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11: 28-30

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.”

Genesis 2: 1-3

We begin on June 5th right in the middle of Exodus, at a pivotal point. Exodus 19: 1-7, where the Israelites enter the wilderness.



What's Happening at LLLC?



Thank you all those who came out to help on Clean Up Day. 39 people worked about 4 hours each! That's nearly 160 hours of work. If we paid them \$20/hour, that would be \$3200.00! We got so many jobs done. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure.



Softball player, David Rock takes a swing. We assume it was a home run by the concentration in his eyes! Come out and watch a game. Every Tuesday at our LLLC softball field. We even have bleachers.



After our last council meeting, some council members had to stay after for bad behavior. Just kidding. They were learning how to make extra bulletins for when we run out. These are some hard working folks. How about saying thanks when you see them?



Beautiful quilts from Mission Quilting graced our pews. Pastor Sue blessed the quilts and the baby kits to be sent out through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to our quilters for their amazing work. There's a lot of talent and love stitched together in those quilts.

Midnight Mania



In April, 32 youth and several adults enjoyed a fun evening at Urban Air trampoline park and Game Show Battle Rooms!



The winning team from the Game Show Battle Rooms!

Congratulations to these 2018 Confirmands who will be GRADUATING this year! We will be honoring them at our June 5th service!



June Worship Helpers are:

June 5th

Greeter: Colleen Evenson

Ushers: Dave & Karen Baker

Lector: Gerald Anderson

Kitchen: Connie Anderson

June 12th

Greeter: Rich & Jessica Larson

Usher: Connie Engren

Lector: John Hass

Kitchen: Jenny Boniarczyk

June 19th

Greeter: Kara & Chris Hepp

Ushers: Dave & Melanie Ringstad

Lector: Merwyn Larson

Kitchen: Lisa Gustafson

June 26

Greeter: Dale & Kathy Findell

Ushers: Harlan & Madge Lillemoen

Lector: Chris Hepp

Kitchen: Ernie & Nancy Sandahl

May Attendance

May 1st– **90**

May 22nd– **94**

May 8th–**100**

May 29th–

May 15th– **98**



FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ



You are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship every Tuesday from 9:30 to noon. Bring a treat to share or just show up; there's always something to eat. You never know what you will learn around these tables.



Many who have come have enjoyed the support they have received just from being around loving and gracious people. We would love for you to check us out. You don't have to stay the whole time; just drop in and say hi.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THOSE BORN IN JUNE!!

06/03 Brynna Brown	06/13 Delanee Wachmuth
06/04 Sandie Johnson	06/17 Laila Isle
06/04 Joleen Kriesel	06/19 Jane Huge
06/04 Jennifer Orr	06/19 Bill Sudeith
06/05 Todd Hill	06/21 Kelly Anderson
06/06 Bruce Selvig	06/21 Brooklyn Goslinga
06/08 Lucas Rouen	06/22 Scott Nelson
06/08 Maureen Schrapp	06/24 Leslie Jaques
06/08 Brooklyn Zilmer	06/24 Jim Peterson Sr.
06/10 Aaron Gustafson	06/25 Marion Jernell
06/11 Mackenzie Larsen	06/25 Christian Lenz
06/11 Mary Beth Riebe	06/26 Alvin Arens
06/11 Reagan Rockstad	06/28 Paul Fournier
06/12 Evelyn Anderson	06/28 Sherryl Mahrer
06/12 Allison Rock	06/28 Luke O'Keefe
06/12 Jim Vincent	06/29 Carissa Hass
06/12 Brian Wynne	06/30 Joan Anderson
06/13 Korbin Lynn	06/30 Al Koester



Anniversaries:

06/10 Wanda & Dale Strike

06/11 Mollie & Dave Brown

06/12 Becky & Paul Agranoff

06/16 Bryan & Glenna Sorenson

06/20 Connie & Gerald Anderson

06/20 Angie & Matt Hylan

06/22 Tony & Betty Nechanicky

06/25 Lori & Al Koester

06/29 Rick & Connie Engren

06/30 Mitch & Beaner Bell

06/30 Lisa & Aaron Gustafson

Just for Fun

Antipasto Squares

INGREDIENTS

Cooking spray

2 (8-oz.) tubes crescent dough

1/2 lb. deli ham

1/4 lb. pepperoni

1/2 lb. sliced provolone

1/4 lb. sliced mozzarella

1 c. (16-oz.) jar sliced pepperoncini

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan

1 tsp. dried oregano

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9"-x-13" baking sheet with cooking spray. Place one unrolled can of crescents on prepared baking sheet and pinch together seams. Layer ham, pepperoni, provolone, mozzarella, and pepperoncini.

Unroll remaining tube of crescent dough and place on top of pepperoncini. Pinch together seams to seal.

Brush oil all over top of crescent dough, then sprinkle with Parmesan and oregano.

Bake until dough is golden and cooked through, about 35 minutes. (If dough is browning too quickly, cover with foil.)

Let cool at least 15 minutes before slicing into squares.



news & announcements

Planning meeting June 15th 4:00 pm. Lea Kangas from Inside Outside Architecture will present some initial drawings of a possible addition to our current building. Please join us as we get a first glimpse of the possibilities. All are welcome to attend. We dreamed; she drew!

Attention:

Our Property team is in need of mowers this summer. If interested please stop by the office and let us know.

Thank you!

Time to start up the garden! Please join us on Sat. June 4th at 9:00 for planting.

All are welcome. All ages welcome.



**JULY 31-
AUG 4**

**SUN 10-NOON
MON-WED 5:30-7:30**

**THURS FOOD
TRUCK FELLOWSHIP
CELEBRATION FROM
4-8P.M.**

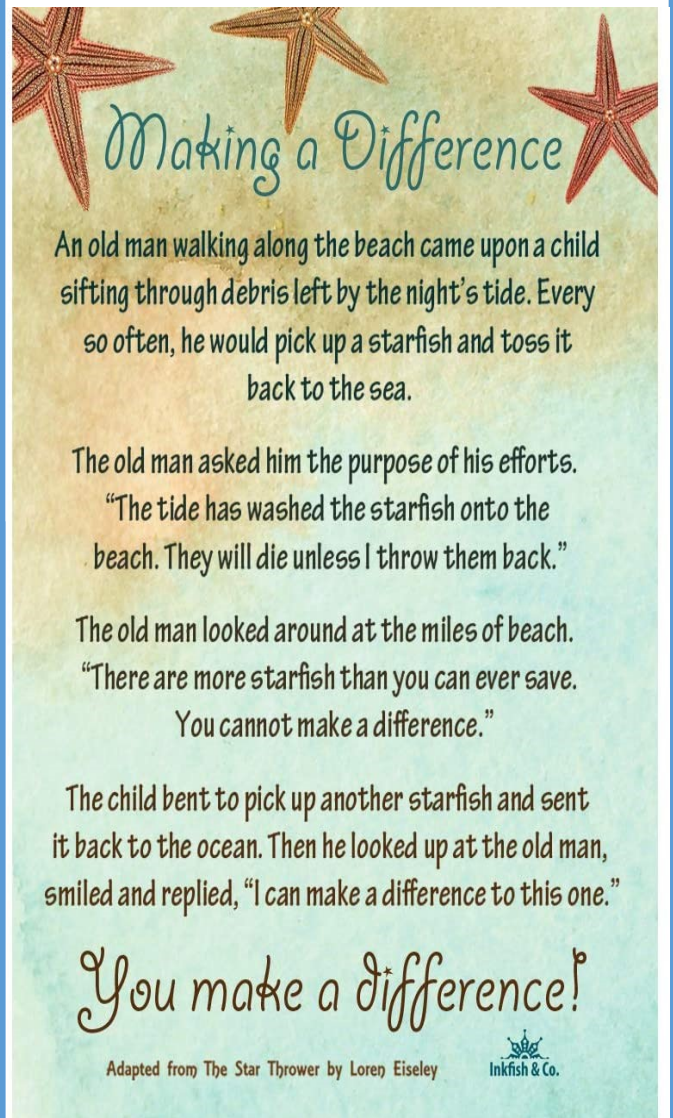
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
FOR KIDS AGES 3-5TH GRADE
AT LONG LAKE LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

SCAN QR Code For Registration!



Welcome!

Welcome to our newest members Eleanor Rock and Aliyah Witke



Technology Help Needed:

More and more technology is being used in the church and we desperately need a team with a strong leader that can direct us in our technology use, especially for worship. Please consider offering up your time and talents if you have knowledge in this area. It is a huge area with many facets such as equipment, software, website, troubleshooting, etc. Please let Pastor Sue, President Ronda Fenlon, or Finance Chair Bruce Yurich know if you are able to help.

Thank you Teachers, Helpers, and everyone who has had a helping hand in the success of our Children, Youth and Family/ Education ministry.