

# CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

## June Newsletter

6-1-2023

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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# JUNE



1st	9:00 Prayer Group 1030 Bible/Book Study	14th	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Worship
4th	9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 Stewardship Meeting 10:15 Property Team Meeting	15th	9:00 Prayer Group 1030 Bible/Book Study 1:00 WELCA
5th	6:00 Western Heritage (Cornerstone)	18th	9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 Congregational Life Meeting 10:15 Rachel's Flock HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
6th	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA 7:00 Softball	19th	6:00 Western Heritage (Cornerstone) 6:00 4-H Long Lake Leaders Meeting NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
7th	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Worship	20th	9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA 7:00 Softball
8th	9:00 Prayer Group 1030 Bible/Book Study 12:00 Senior Cards 1:00 Worship and Music Meeting	21st	1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Worship
9th	1:00 Family Fun Day	22nd	9:00 Prayer Group 1030 Bible/Book Study 12:00 Senior Cards
11th	9:00 Worship 10:15 Mission Team Meeting	23rd	1:00 Family fun Day
12th	1:00 Friends of Ruth 6:30 Lakeside Victory 4H Club	25th	9:00 Worship
13th	9:30 Fellowship Café 1:00 Sunshine Circle 4:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 AA 7:00 Softball	27th	9:00 Mission Quilting 9:30 Fellowship Café 7:00 AA 7:00 Softball
		28th	11:30 Lunch Ladies 1:00 Grief Share 6:00 Worship
		29th	9:00 Prayer Group 1030 Bible/Book Study



## *From the desk of Pastor Sue:*



I put up my mom's pretty picture of a ladyslipper and the saying, "Come right in you pretty June, sweeter than a piper's tune. You're only here for 30 days, so let's just lay around and laze." (*Anonymous*) I don't know where she found that saying, but I had it made into that pretty plaque for her in 1994 because she loved it so much. She would have been 94 this June 26<sup>th</sup>. We were also at the cabin the most in June which she loved because she was surrounded by family, friends, and fun. My mom was all about relationships.

Which brings me to another saying I just saw on Facebook. "Jesus is not about religion; He is about relationships." I love that. Jesus did not come to earth to start a church centered around him. He did not come so we could have hymns written about Him; He did not come so that we could have potlucks, hotdish, coffee and jello! He came so that we could have eternal life and so that we could, through the power of the Holy Spirit, bring love to the world. Long Lake Lutheran Church is serving God through many ministries. We bring love to the world through our food shelf, Pregnancy Resource Center baby bottle campaign, gifts to Family Pathways, County Market gas and grocery cards, Food Truck Fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Mission Quilts and Baby Care Kits, Live Nativity, Fellowship Café, Trunk -n- Treat, Community Garden, and more. The list is long. I hope that you are participating in some of these ministries to serve the world that God so loves. If not, I invite you to pick one or two and get involved. Your involvement matters. Build up your relationship with Jesus by serving others.

Church involvement is also high on my list of building your relationship with Jesus. I understand that it isn't priority for everyone, (I've always been a church nerd) but I invite you to work on your worship attitude this summer. Sure, God can be worshipped in nature, as creator, but you miss out on fellowship and sacraments if you use that for an excuse not to come to church in the summer! Be careful not to worship creation instead of the Creator! Let me know how you can help me as a solo pastor. Can you lead liturgy? Are you willing to pray the prayers of the people? Can you be a song leader? Would you be willing to do a children's message or puppet show? I would appreciate your help.

Recreation is refreshing, and our summers are so short. I understand your need to get out on the lake on the weekend. We will continue to gather for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Please come worship with us. If you can't make it,

don't forget to watch our broadcast on Facebook. It is much improved thanks to Kent Eittrien and his technology gifts. And, please don't forget your tithes and offerings as our expenses continue throughout the summer! There are ways to give online, checks by mail, or stop by during office hours M-F, 8-4. My offering is deducted automatically twice a month, so whether I am there or not, my tithes are sent to the church. Oh, wait, I have to be there! Never mind!

This fall, we intend to offer worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 (traditional, liturgical, with hymns) and 10:30 (contemporary, non-liturgical, with contemporary music). Our educational hour will be at 9:30 for all ages. Your Worship and Music Team has been creatively thinking about and working towards making a contemporary worship happen. Please be patient with us as we navigate unknown territory to serve those who prefer a newer style of worship.

Someone once said to their pastor, "I didn't really like today's worship service." To which the pastor quickly replied, "that's ok, we're not worshipping you!" Come to church! Worship the one who created us, redeemed us, and sends us out into the world for the sake of others.

### **CALL COMMITTEE**

Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be conducting a special meeting at **10:30 AM** on **Sunday June 11**, to discuss with congregational members our completed Ministry Site Profile.

**All are welcome** to attend and provide input on this important process of selecting a Youth and Family Pastor for our church.

Childcare will be provided for those that need it.

**This is a very important meeting for our future. Please make every effort to be there.**

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bruce Yurich.

God's Peace,

The Call Committee





### SUMMER STRETCH

Just a reminder that Summer Stretch is approaching fast, which means sign up deadlines are also approaching. Here are the dates and activities--the sooner I know how many are going, the sooner I can finalize details. The sign up deadline is always the Sunday before the event. Friends are always welcome! See the attached brochure for detailed information and a registration form.

Wed., June 14, 12:00-5:00pm **Make Pet Toys and go to Sky Zone**, \$25,  
*Sign-up by Sunday, June 11*

Wed., June 28 10:00-5:00pm **Bunker Beach**, \$20 plus money for  
food, *sign -up by Sunday, June 25*

Wed., July 12 9:00am-6:00pm **Valley Fair**, \$35 plus money for food,  
*sign -up by Sunday, July 9*

And, of course, **HELP with VBS!** Come be a super hero to our littles! Let me know how you'd like to help.

Sunday-Thursday, July 30-Aug. 3, 5:30-7:30pm

Kari Osmek

Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 30-Aug. 3, 5:30-7:30pm

@ LONG LAKE LUTHERAN

Dinner available 5:00-5:30 daily.

Food trucks on Aug. 3



Scan the QR  
code to register!



## Long Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 18, 2023

Present: Pastor Sue, John Hass, Julie Nielsen, Denise Sunderland, Ronda Fenlon, Mike Schlegel, Margaret Bauer, Monica Peterson, Joanne Eittreim

Absent: Amanda Saelens

Special Guest: Bruce Yurich

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Devotions and opening prayer were led by Denise. Topic: "Mission"

Philippians 3:12-14, Matthew 28:19-20

"We are on a good path!" – Denise

Joanne verified the Virtual Votes April Council Meeting Minutes.

John motioned to accept the meeting agenda with additions, Julie seconded.

### Report Questions

**Playground update:** Monica said lead times for the equipment are very long (6-7 months) with a cost of \$49,000-50,000.

**Beginning this fall** the Sunday morning schedule will be 8:30am Worship, 9:30 Education Hour, 10:30 Contemporary Worship. Unsure of Wednesdays.

### Staffing

**Technology:** One person, 7-10 hours per week. Kent will write a job description.

**Reminder** that Brenda Polipnick is available to work on projects that Council Members may have for her.

**Associate Minister** Call: Bruce Yurich reports the Ministry Site Profile is complete which he reviewed with the Council. Bishop Ann will be here for the Congregational Meeting on June 11.

### Old Business

**Constitution Review:** Brenda has completed the work to include what the Synod wants included in the document. Council will meet to review later this summer/fall.

**Minncos:** We are just waiting for the new credit cards to arrive.

**Life Rice:** Kari is interested in heading this up, possibly on November 12?

**Website:** Brenda has been looking at it and making recommendations to Tony.

**Insurance Claim:** work is starting June 5 and will take 2 weeks.

**Bell Wire:** Kent is working on this.

**Walk-In Fire Safe:** Brenda will research.

**Appraisal (Preserving History):** Wayne Olson is working on this for the Triptych in Fellowship Hall.

### May Finance Report

**The team reviewed reports** and the church's financial position with the General Fund ending the month of April with a balance of \$64,797.08. This is considerably higher due to several large contributions between March and April. The team is reviewing historical summer givings and options for any investing opportunities.

**Recommendation from** the finance team to move the \$200 from the Festival/Auction Fund to Congregational Life for the Food Truck Fellowship.

Mike motioned for these dollars to be moved, Monica seconded, discussion – none, motion carried.

**Recommendation from** Ronda to move the \$239.96 from the Cornerstone Upgrade Fund to the Capital Fund.

Mike motioned for these dollars to be moved, Monica seconded, discussion – none, motion carried.

### New Business

**What to do** with the gifted statue of Jesus: tabled until gift policy has been reviewed.

**New Year Check List:** Finance, John, Julie and Ronda

**Use of van by St Philip’s Lutheran Church** (July 23-28): Does not interfere with Summer Stretch or Youth trip to Duluth.

**Provide Child Care** for the June 11 Congregational Meeting: still looking.

**Child Care availability** in Isanti County: Discussion ensued about the need for it and how a new building at Long Lake Lutheran could help fill that gap.

### *Planning*

1-year: Landscaping, Remove Playground (done), Call Associate Pastor (in process), Build Playground (in process), Contemporary Service/Two Services on Sunday (in process), Food Shelf, Parents’ Night Out, Strategic Planning Team

3-year: Additional Staffing, pay staff at Synod Guidelines, HR policies/procedures, Youth Director, Host 6 Community Events and 2 Service Projects per year.

5-Year: Move into new building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Eittreim

#### **May attendance:**

**May 7 – 115**

**May 14 – 106**

**May 21 – 115**

**May 28 - 78**



## Rachel's Flock

Inviting all 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 meet the 2nd Sunday shortly after worship service. (We have plenty of yarn and nifty knitters) If you have questions, contact Karen Baker or Marcy Stoeckel.



## Faithful ♥ Friends

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 another." (John 13:34)

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

## 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



## June Worship Helpers

### June 4th

Greeter: Yvonne Miller  
Ushers: Mike & Karen Schlegel  
Lector: Merwyn Larsen  
Kitchen: Nancy & Ernie Sandahl

### June 11th

Greeters: Wanda Strike  
Usher: Angie Spartz  
Lector: Judy Carolan  
Kitchen: Lisa Gustafson

### June 18st

Greeters: Colleen Evenson  
Ushers: Marcy Stoeckel  
Lector: Monica Ahlman  
Kitchen: John & Rose Hass

### June 25th

Greeters: Matt Lundeen  
Ushers: Denise Sunderland  
Lector: David Rock  
Kitchen: Jenny Boniarczyk





# June Birthdays

June 3 Brynna Brown

June 4 Sandie Johnson

June 4 Joleen Kriesel

June 4 Jennifer Orr

June 5 Todd Hill

June 6 Bruce Selvig

June 8 Lucas Rouen

June 8 Maureen Schrapp

June 8 Brooklyn Zilmer

June 10 Aaron Gustafson

June 11 Mackenzie Larsen

June 11 Mary Beth Riebe

June 11 Reasan Rockstad

June 12 Evelyn Anderson

June 12 Allison Rock

June 12 Jim Vincent

June 12 Brian Wynne

June 13 Korbin Lynn

June 13 Delanee Wachsmuth

June 17 Laila Isle

June 19 June Huge

June 19 Bill Sudeith

June 21 Brooklyn Goslinga

June 22 Scott Nelson

June 24 Leslie Jaques

June 24 Jim Peterson Sr.

June 25 Marion Jernell

June 26 Alvin Arens

June 28 Paul Fournier

June 28 Sherryl Mahrer

June 28 Luke O'Keefe

June 29 Carissa Hass

June 30 Joan Anderson

June 30 Finnley Belsheim

June 30 Al Koester

*Happy Anniversary*

## June Anniversaries

**June 12 – Paul & Becky Agranoff**

**June 16 – Bryan & Glenna Sorenson**

**June 20 – Gerald & Connie Anderson**

**June 20 – Matt & Angie Hylan**

**June 22 – Tony & Betty Nechanicky**

**June 25 – Al & Lori Koester**

**June 29 – Rick & Connie Engren**

**June 30– Aaron & Lisa Gustafson**

**June 30 – Mitch & Beaner Bell**





### Looking for:

1. A person skilled in or willing to learn video production including audio and video switching, camera control and production software. This is for the worship service broadcast using multiple cameras.
2. People who are talented musically to plan and play for a contemporary worship service.
3. Congregation & Youth Historian

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### FREE LAWN MOWER RIDES

May is almost over, so you better sign-up fast for your free lawn mower ride before summer is gone, you don't want to miss out on this great opportunity!



Sign-up sheet is by the welcome desk.

### Thank you from Jim Werronen

Hello Long Lake Lutheran!

I just wanted to thank you for the three years of financial support. Although that has ended I covet your continued prayers! I recently spent a month and a half at Camp Povel Costa Rica & two months in Brazil & God has done amazing things there! I will be returning to Brazil in June & will stay for five months. Blessings! Jim

### FRIENDS OF RUTH

With garage sale season is here, Friends of Ruth asks you keep us in mind. We need additional supplies for our baby care kits. EACH BABY CARE KIT includes: TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies) TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap TWO pairs of socks ONE hand towel, dark color recommended TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars TWO diaper pins or large safety pins.

There is a basket under the welcome desk labeled Friends of Ruth where you can deposit these items.

Thanks so much!



### PIONEER DAYS

Pioneer days are Friday, June 2 – Sunday, June 4.

We will have a tent in the Park, stop in, say hi.



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

Pray for healing for: Kate Allison (Hospice), Sharon Johnson, Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene, Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Karen Baker's mom Floy and niece Angie, Kent and Joanne Eitrem's friends Katie and Natalie, Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie and her grandson Hayden, Lisa Gustafson's brother Eric and Lisa's friend Brenda, Aaron's dad Harlan, John (Rose) Hass' nephew Kevin, Therese Cather's brother Jim and his family, Lisa and Martin Lynn's daughter Kelsey, Linda Rouen's aunt Evelyn, Matt (Angie) Hylan's dad Mike, Jessica Larsen's cousin Mike and for the loss of his nephew (17), Paul & Jackie Gruber's grandson Payton, Les & Chris Rowe's sister-in-law Nicole, Bill Sudeith's brother Russ, Josh (Tessa) Budnick's dad Joe, Becky Olson's brother Luther, Jan Tusler's brother Roger.

Pray for comfort for the grieving:



## MISSIONS

Here at Long Lake Lutheran we do so many mission projects. It's wonderful!

One of the missions here is mission quilts, we donate them to people in need, bring them to Lutheran World Relief and sell a few to buy things to make more.

Everyone is involved one way or another. We Thank You, for your time, talents and treasures.

This past year we made more than 80 quilts. That's a lot of fabric. It takes about 9 yards per quilt. Also, in each quilt we need thread, batting, cording to tie and a host of equipment. So thanks for your donations, we can always use your donation whether it be gently used flat sheets or new flat sheet, fabric, money and people who are willing to take a kit home and sew. What a wonderful way to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

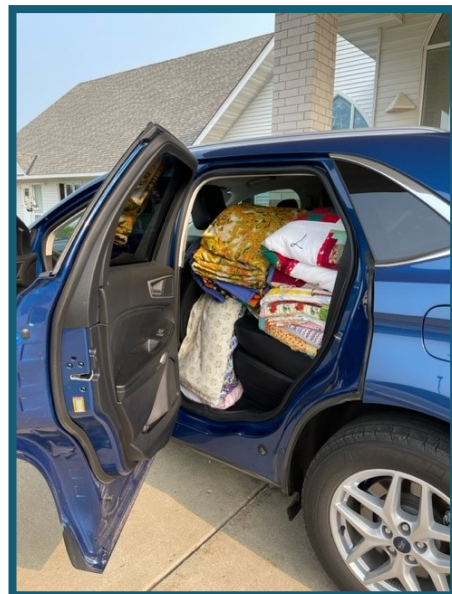
p.s. if you've always wanted to make a quilt but don't know how, I am willing to teach you, give me a call.

Connie Anderson (612)669-2280

Blessing of Mission Quilts and baby care kits.



On Our Way Rejoicing! Quilts to LWR warehouse. Thanks to all mission quilters!





## FAMILY KICKBALL DAY









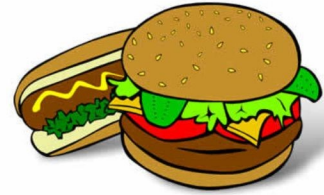
## Tuesdays: Softball Fan Club

Meeting at 5:30 to haul out the grill, cook hamburgers and hotdogs.

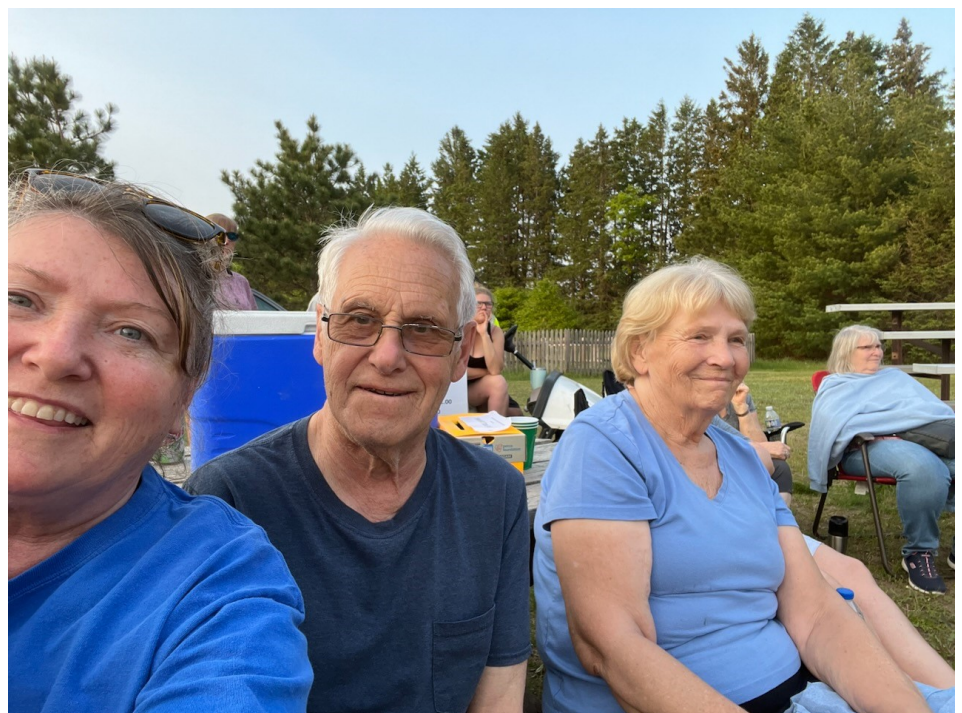
Come join us to support our LLLC softball team.

Games start at 7:00.













# FOOD TRUCK FELLOWSHIP

**August 3, 2023**

5:00-8:00 pm

## **Vendors**

Bradford Roadhouse

Burro Loco

City Center Swine BBQ

Custom Catering Food Truck

SaiGon Delicious

Thunder Brothers Beer

King Wilkie's Dream Band

(Bluegrass, Gospel, Country)

Pontiac Club



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