

# Long Lake Lutheran Church

June 2019

## Country Spire

### Congregational Appreciation Dinner VBS Kickoff

Friday, June 14th 5:30 pm

Sign up sheet on the kiosk!

### ROAR Vacation Bible School

Registration forms can be found  
on the kiosk or online or speak with  
Shawna or Jennifer Manion!



### Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, June 16th 9:30 am

One service only, bring your chairs!

### Summer Stretch Events begin June 19th

June 19th - Mini-Golf/Feed My Starving Children

June 26th - Baking and Bowling

See Shawna if you are interested in these events!

### New Member Class June 30th 10:45 am

Sign up on the kiosk!



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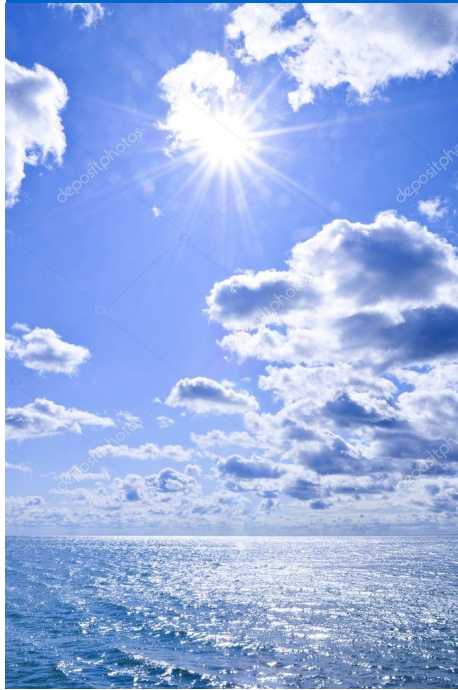
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<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works —  
<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
Psalm 104: 31-33

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## *Staff*

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*Sue Olson*  
*Lay Associate Pastor*

*From the desk of Pastor Sue...*

#1. The Hymn, “This is My Father’s World,” was written in 1901 by Maltbie D. Babcock. It is his tribute to nature and his frequent walks in the country. Each time he went out for a walk by his home on Lake Ontario, he said, “I am going to see my Father’s world.” I am reading a book, “Our Father’s World, mobilizing the church to care for creation,” by Edward R. Brown. In the foreword, Dr. Ed Johnson writes that politicians, scientists, and governments will not provide the solution to Climate Change, but that the church is the last, best hope to respond to this defining issue of the twenty-first century. It may be God’s work, but God will use us to make the necessary changes to save our planet.

When you read Genesis, and I hope you do, you will find the words of God calling all that God made, “good!” We, the human species, have used and abused this planet we call home and it has to stop. We need to repent, turn around, renew our vows to protect what God has created. All that we do must bring glory to the Creator, advances to the cause of Christ, transformation of God’s people and the land that sustains us. With care of creation in mind, we are forming a Green Initiative Team that will evaluate the “greenness” of our property and make recommendations where we can do a better job of protecting the earth.

We live among God’s beautiful and diverse creations of birds, wildlife, fishes, and insects. We are blessed with abundant, clean water in Minnesota. We have rich, fertile land which provides food. Our air is pretty clean as there are no strong polluters in our area. But we rely too heavily on disposable products, and we are missing the opportunities to recycle glass, plastic bottles and cans. We must be more vigilant about our waste.

The team invites you to become a part of this initiative. Our first meeting will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. We would appreciate your participation on the team.

#2. The safety and security of our staff and our properties is on my mind lately. The world around us has changed so much and no place is truly safe anymore. I invited Deputy Sheriff Lisa Loverling to walk around our building and evaluate our issues. She had many recommendations, so a Safety and Security Task Force is being formed to consider our needs, our gaps in safety and security, and where more education is needed. They will report to the Property Team and propose a prioritized list of improvements. The task force invites you to become a part of this initiative. Our first meeting will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. We would appreciate your participation on this task force.

#3. A huge thank you to the people who drove down to my graduation ceremony on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Central Lutheran Church. It was an amazing service, and I am truly grateful to have been a part of it. Thank you for the gifts, well wishes, prayers, cards, words of encouragement and support. I am so humbled by your show of support and am so appreciative of this congregation.

#4. Even though I have graduated from seminary, I will not be ordained until I am called to a church. I will be asking for your patience in the changes being made to our Holy Communion schedule. I cannot preside over the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, so I will invite a few other available pastors for help on certain Sundays. Our communion schedule may vary due to the availability of pastors.

#5. Please don't forget your church over the summer. Worship continues at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and 8:00 and 9:30 am on Sundays. If you do happen to go to another church, I appreciate seeing their bulletins and newsletters. Bring back new ideas!

#6. You are invited to join me on Tuesday mornings beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for an outdoor, nature, walking bible study. We will meet at LLLC at 7:45 and carpool to various locations for 1 hour of hearing the Word of God in a natural setting. In case of rain, we will meet in the sanctuary at LLLC.

I pray that you will be able to enjoy God's creation this summer. Relax and read! Read God's book. Read another good book. Read the book of nature. Listen eagerly to God's voice. Listen to nature. Listen to one another.

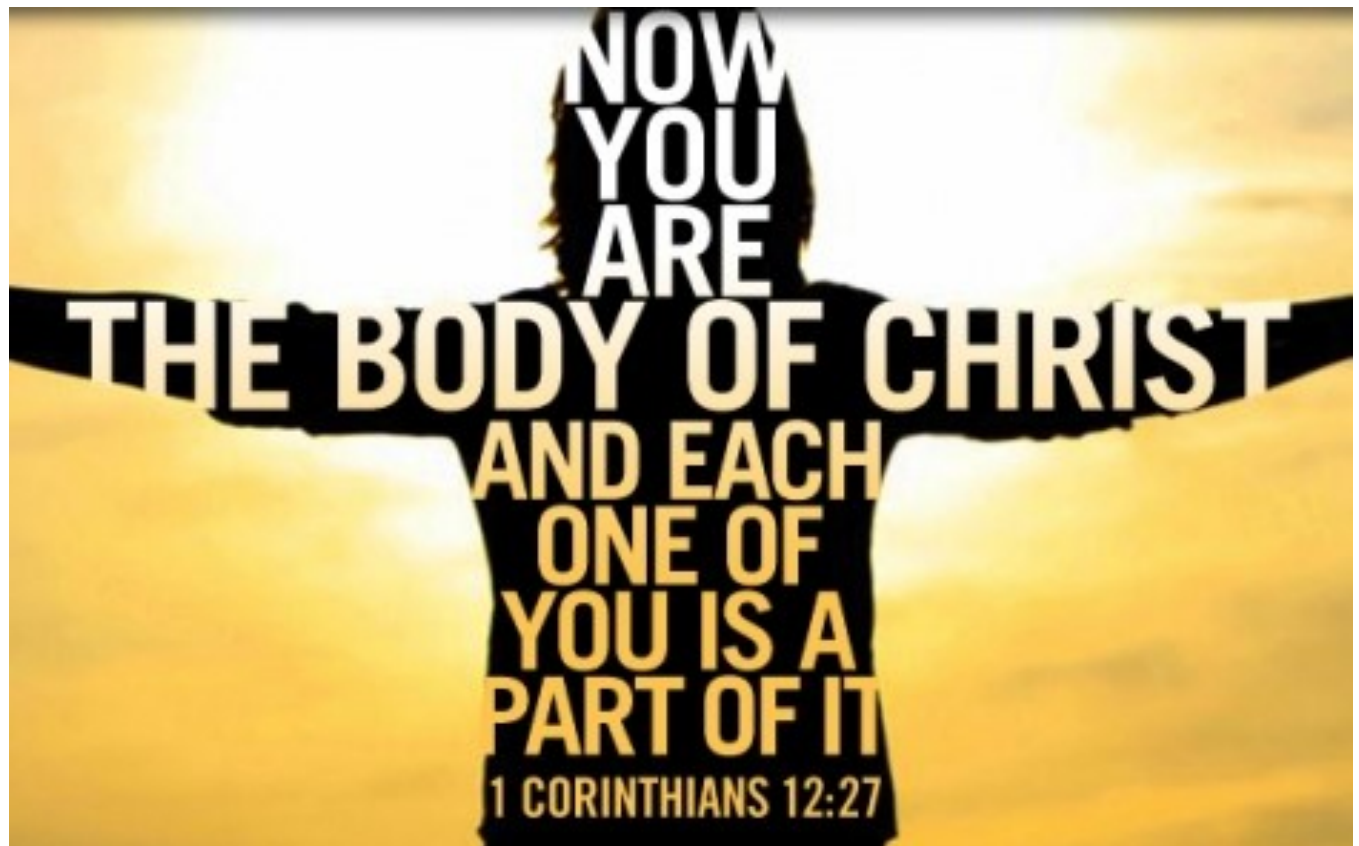
*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns.*

*Isaiah 52:7*



# 10 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

1. Attend regularly
2. Give generously
3. Love radically
4. Volunteer/Join Teams
5. Pray often
6. Offer to share your talents
7. Contribute to solutions
8. Feed positivity-starve negativity
9. Welcome visitors
10. Invite



# *Shawna Berg*

## *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*



Wherever you lead me, I'm gonna follow  
I'm trusting you God, you are good  
Life will get crazy, wild and amazing  
I'm trusting you God, you are good.  
I'm gonna live each day like anything can happen  
Can't hardly wait to see what's next  
I wanna face this world with wonder and excitement  
Face every challenge every test

I'm sitting in my office listening to music for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. The words for the theme song are really striking a chord with me.

This last Sunday we celebrated our graduates, and I thought these words were perfect for them – entering into a new phase of their lives, with a lot of unknowns but a lot of excitement too! I can't wait to see where God is leading them. These words are also perfect for many of us. I turn on the news these days and I often feel like life is just getting too crazy and overwhelming. Here at Long Lake Lutheran I'm sure many of us feel like our heads are spinning – I've been here since August and in that time we have said goodbye to a youth director, two Pastors, one support staff, a custodian and a parish nurse. Wow! That is a lot of change. We have had funerals of loved ones and walked through challenging health diagnoses and life changes, I'm sure there have been days when it all has seemed like just too much – yet in the midst of chaos there has been some pretty amazing things happening too.

Since August, we have baptized 11 children and welcomed them into God's family, and our family here at Long Lake. In October, we celebrated with 8 young people and their families as they re-affirmed their baptism and celebrated their confirmation. We presented Bibles to our third graders, had 15 students celebrate their first communion and presented quilts to our graduates. In addition, we supported six different mission projects, sent a large group to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children and shared the message of Christ's birth through the live Nativity to over 300 people in our community. We've celebrated countless meals together, both in the fellowship hall and around the altar. God's word has been preached and shared. Gifts of money, music, hospitality and more have been shared time and time again. This church is strong, and I have no doubt that God will lead this church in amazing directions and to continue to do good things. As the song says – "can't hardly wait to see what's next!"

Serving you with joy,

**Shawna**

# Council Minutes

**5.5.19**

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes (April Makeup Meeting)**

**Attendees:** Pastor Bob, Kathie S., Kara H., Jennifer M., Pastor Sue, Tammy D., Ron S., Marsha W., Matt L. and Ronda F.

Matt Lundeen called the meeting to order at 10:52AM

Tami D. lit the Christ Candle

Kara led the devotions – Joyce Meyers “What have I done today to make someone’s life better?”

Staff – we need custodial help. Two individuals are interested. \$10/hr (10-12 hours/week)

Please keep the office staff informed of ALL meetings (dates, time, location)

Congregational Appreciation Night Dinner June 14<sup>th</sup> – starting event VBS weekend

Interserve Contract is being extended (Shawna) 20 hours/week for the summer months

Safety & Security task force is being lined up.

Green team is a future task force initiative.

Ministry site Profile has an anticipated completion date of 5,15,19.

Marsha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tami 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.

Team reports were viewed via email prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**5.16.19**

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Kathie S., Kara H., Jennifer M., Pastor Sue, Tammy D., Rachel M., Ron S., Marsha W., Matt L. and Ronda F.

Matt Lundeen called the meeting to order at 6:04PM

Kathie S lit the Christ Candle

Kara led the devotions - Holy waiting is good, essential, necessary. Pray for patience and learn to be content. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. They that wait on the Lord renew their strength.

Pastor Sue will be on vacation June 5-11.

Congregational Life – Invitation to congregation with-in the Bulletins beginning Sunday. Sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Thank you/Appreciation Dinner. Open to all members of LLLC. Dinner 5:30-7:30PM.

Summer Choir will be introduced again if there is enough interest.... Please see Pastor Sue if interested.

Need a new custodian, please see the office for details.

Kara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Team reports were viewed via email prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

## **June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30PM Next Council Meeting**

Pastor Sue was dismissed and members of the Transition Team provided the Ministry Site Profile to the Church Council/Call Committee.



# *Council President*

My fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we officially enter summer with this Memorial Day weekend, I'd like to thank God for the many sacrifices that were made by men and women so we could enjoy our freedoms. As it is said in John 15:13, there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Long Lake is continuing with the transition process. The Transition Team has completed the MSP (ministry site profile) and passed it on to the Call Committee (the church council plus two youth). I'd like to thank the Transition Team for all their hard work and sacrifice of their valuable time.

The Call Committee has been hard at work planning and working on the call and interview process. We are also having weekly meetings as we process the MSP and prepare for Pastor Sue's interview.

We are still looking for a person or two to fill the custodian position. If you know of someone that may be interested in this, please tell them to contact the church office. We would love to find two people to share this position.

As summer begins, I pray that all of us have a safe and enjoyable summer. In all your summer activities, please keep Long Lake in your prayers as well.

God's Peace

Matt Lundeen





# Education

Greetings and Happy Summer (almost!)



We had a wonderful season of singing, laughing, and learning about our Lord and Savior. Confirmation and Sunday School ended with games, treats and fun! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that continue to help our children grow and learn.

Thank you to our confirmation mentors: Bruce Riebe, Marcy Stoeckel, and Margaret Bauer. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers of: Beaner Bell, Kara Hepp, Charlotte Sonterre, Kathie Schleif, Larissa Schulze, Mo Spike, Abby Fournier, Chris Hepp, Mia Sonterre, and Jen Sonterre. Also we are blessed to have the leadership of Shawna during this time of of transition. I couldn't do this without her!



We are gearing up for VBS. Have you signed up yet? Do you know of any children that would like to experience God's Love in one weekend? This is going to be the best weekend ever!

We are going to be collecting books for Africa as our mission for VBS this year. Do you have any books you would like to donate?

Please see <https://www.booksforafrica.org/>

Or Shawna and Jennifer Manion with questions

# Book Donation Requirements



Books For Africa accepts:

- popular fiction and nonfiction reading books (soft and hard cover).
- books that are 15 years old or newer.
- primary, secondary, and college textbooks (soft and hard cover) with a 2002 or newer publish date.
- reference books published in 2007 or later .
- medical, nursing, IT, and law books with a 2007 or newer publish date.
- some Bibles or religious books, please place them in a box separate from other donations and mark the box as “Religious texts.” **Bibles are sent only when requested by African recipients.**

Books For Africa does NOT accept:

- Magazines or journals of any kind, including academic journals.
- Home decorating or wedding books.
- Cookbooks.
- Ethnocentric books, such as the biography of Abraham Lincoln or the history of Ohio.
- Foreign language books except for French books. French novels and dictionaries are welcome.
- American history or civics.
- Music books for K–12.
- Murder mysteries or anything with “kill,” “die,” “murder,” etc. in the title.

God’s Blessings!!

Jennifer Manion

# YOUTH



## Upcoming Summer Stretch Activities Completed Grades 6-12

June 19: Mini-Golf/Feed My Starving Children 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Deadline-June 10

Cost: \$10

June 26: Baking for Public Servants/Bowling 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Deadline: June 23

Cost: FREE

July 10: Humane Society/Sky Zone 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Deadline: July 7

Cost \$20

July 17: Twins Game 10:30 am-5:00 pm

Deadline: June 10

Cost: \$25 for ticket (may change depending on sign up/extra \$ for food)

July 24: Valleyfair 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Deadline: July 18

Cost \$35/money for food

August 7: Serve at nursing home/Cheap Skate 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Deadline: August 4

Cost: \$10

August 14: Bunker Beach 10:00 am-5:30 pm

Deadline: August 7

Cost: \$20/money for food

Contact Shawna for more information on any of these dates. Chaperones will be needed for these events as well! Scholarship money is available and fees can also be paid with any fundraising monies in their youth account.

# Stewardship



June a Month of Celebration

Thank you Lord for the abundance you have provided us. To the main characters of the Fellowship Café, Will and Julie N., THANK YOU for all your volunteer hours to provide other members to come visit, eat, and just hang out at church other than worship or meetings.

Thank you to the transition team members for many volunteer hours of hard work to accomplish the ministry site profile for our future of LLL.

Congratulations to our 2019 high school graduates. God will guide you through your next chapter in life. Be sure to take the time to reflect on your Christian foundation that has been built with God's help. Your family, friends, God parents, Sunday school teachers, confirmation mentors, the Holy Spirit, and Pastors have been there to support you through your journey. You will face challenges in your life and your faith will be tested due to satan putting doubt in your mind. Your prayer life and faith will be important and you need to be plugged in daily with Jesus to keep your lifeline to God flowing freely. Long Lake Lutheran will be here to support you. Feel free to reach out if needed for any guidance anytime you may need along your journey. You are loved by God first and He is always with you. He will help you find a way even where there doesn't seem to be one.

***John 14:6, "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life."***

Congratulations to our lay associate Pastor Sue on her graduation from Luther Seminary ! May God bless you in your future purpose He has planned for you.

***Jeremiah 29:11 For, I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, " plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

There is always something to do at church. Volunteer for an hour or more weekly or whatever you can offer God. He has given us all that we have and we need to continue to be Jesus' hands and feet on earth, being He is preparing our mansion for our eternity with Him.

Stewardship is everything I do after I see I believe.

Your stewardship chair,

Kathie





# Congregational Life



The congregation of Long Lake Lutheran Church is invited to a dinner of appreciation on **Friday, June 14th at 5:30 PM**. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community of faithful friends as we break bread together and help vacation Bible School kick-off their annual event! Let's give thanks to the Lord as we continue to serve as one church, brought together in Christ.

While sign up is not required, we'd appreciate it if you would use the sign up sheet located in the Narthex. This will help with dinner estimates.

## Did someone say "Cookie Baking Contest"?

Do your cookies have what it takes to win the best cookie contest? Bring two dozen of your best chocolate chip, miscellaneous, or dietary friendly cookies to the dinner and let the battle begin!

My name is Daniel Manion. I'm a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 511 with the St. Francis Lions Club.

My eagle project is building a retaining wall for Long Lake Lutheran Church. The wall will be around the garage to help with the foundation and to drain the water away. It will also be used as a garden.

Would you be willing to support my eagle project with a contribution? Please see me with questions. I will also have a board up soon in the Narthex with information.

Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Manion

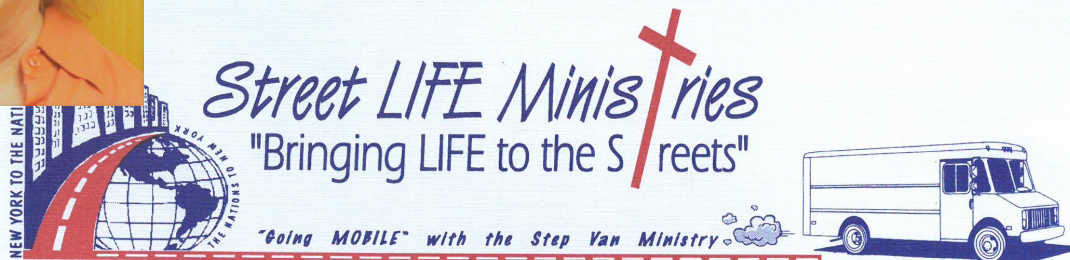


**Habitat  
for Humanity®**

The 2019 Adult Habitat for Humanity mission trip is being planned for Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> to Rochester. This is a great way to demonstrate your servant heart and have some fun with other LLL members. Sign up on the kiosk if you would like a call with more information. An organizational meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Spire for more information too!



# Missions



April 17, 2019

Long Lake Lutheran Church  
3921 277<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Isanti, MN 55040

Dear Friends:

Greetings from Street LIFE Ministries! Now that spring is here we are seeing more people coming out to Tompkins Square Park. Just the other day a man approached the step van and said, "I know I may not look like it but I'm staying in a shelter right now. I need to find a job." He shared part of his story and how he got in the position he is in. It's been one thing after another. So we gave him a resource sheet with employment opportunities and prayed with him. We trust the Lord to open doors for him so that he can get back on his feet again.

We wanted to express our thanks for your donation on 3/10/19. We received 4 boxes with:

*Adult clothing*

*Various toiletries*

*New socks*

Your generosity is a blessing to the homeless and poor we serve at Tompkins Square Park. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

For the King and His Kingdom,

*David Van Fleet*

David Van Fleet  
Executive Director

154-11 Ash Ave., Flushing, NY 11355, Phone: 718-539-2324, fax: (2040)  
[www.STREETLIFE.org](http://www.STREETLIFE.org) OR [slm@StreetLife.org](mailto:slm@StreetLife.org)



**2019 Fall Artisan Fair –**  
**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 9AM -5PM**  
**Calling all Painters, Sculptors, Crafters, Quilters, and Hobbyists**



Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Long Lake Lutheran Artisan Fair and Sale celebrating the talents of the many artisans in our midst. Presenters will have the opportunity to rent one or two 6-foot spaces for \$15 each to display/sell their works during the day. Displays will be set up in the Church Narthex, Fellowship Hall and on the Church lawn. The rental fee will cover a wide range of advertising and promotion, and refreshments will be prepared and sold by WELCA.

Sign up begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Spaces will be open to the public after July 15<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited so don't delay.

Please join in the fun!

# PROPERTY

## HELP WANTED-CUSTODIAN

Long Lake Lutheran Church is seeking a dedicated, hard-working person (or persons) to clean the main church and possibly the Cornerstone. The position is approximately 10 hours per week, with flexible hours. Starting pay is \$10/hr. If interested please contact the church office.



# *Donna's Update on Ministries*

## **LLLC CHOIR NEWS!**

Sing a joyful song to the Lord!

After a brief pause between Christmas and Lent, we joyfully came together to prepare special music gifts for Holy Week. I praise God and thank each of you for the opportunity to lead this group!

Thank you for our beautiful voices and dedication to attend practice and services. We concluded our 2018-2019 season on Mother's Day. Choir practice will resume the first weeks of September—watch the announcements for dates and times.

“Pick up” choir will begin for summer celebrations in the upcoming weeks—come a few minutes early, quick review, and sing a joyful song!

Blessings and love,

Donna Larsen  
Choir Director

## **LIVE NATIVITY UPDATE**

Believe it or not, our planning, preparation, and scheduling for the 2019 Live Nativity continues.

Please mark your calendars and begin inviting your friends and neighbors for Saturday, December 7 4-7 pm or Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 am.

We are always in need of volunteers—particularly participants in the event, including supportive roles and costumed (non-speaking) parts. Please consider being a part of our largest outreach event. The Commitment is small—fewer than 8 hours over 2 days—to reach over 500 people with the Blessed Christmas Story.

One particular support needed is someone willing to focus on our marketing and advertising. Please reach out to Donna or Kara if you have skills to help in this area.

Blessings in Christ

Donna Larsen and Kara Hepp

We offer a 13-week grief counseling course called GriefShare that aims to build a support network around the bereaved and help them understand and sort out their feelings as a group.

You are welcome to begin attending at any session. Each is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen.

GriefShare is being held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Cost: none  
Child care: no  
Any questions call:  
Sharon Sudeith at  
763-444-4483

#### Funeral Notes:

To all members and non members, the serving groups got together and made the decision that a price change was needed. The new suggested price will be \$4/plate instead of the \$3/plate. The menu is the same. If catered in, price will be the same, \$4/per place across the board. We have added a new menu item—if coffee and bars are wanted only, the price is \$2.50/person. Pastor Sue also gave her yes vote for this change.

God Bless,  
Loretta



Sunshine Circle met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. We worked on completing graduation quilts for ten graduates. We had lunch and fellowship.

Anyone is invited to join us the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sincerely submitted  
Judy Grell



#### *Funeral Serving Information*



*"Two can  
accomplish  
more than  
twice as much  
as one, for the  
results can be  
much better."  
Ecclesiastes  
4:9*



## *A note from Eric Nelson...*

Beloved Long Lake Lutheran community,

It has been a wonderful year of learning on internship so far. I will continue my time at Augustana in West St. Paul until August and then head back to Luther for another year of classes. I am excited for your planning for the future with a new youth director to serve Long Lake for the longer-term.

Given the nature of a new leader in that position at Long Lake, we will be worshipping elsewhere to let him/her settle into that role without having me around as an old leader. Kaitlynn has enjoyed volunteering as parish nurse, but will also be moving on from that role so we can worship together regularly as a family. Additionally, we will be getting busier at our house in the fall with another baby expected in early November! You will certainly see us around every now and then to visit. Long Lake remains our home church and such a big part of my hearing the call to ordained ministry. I cannot state how grateful I am for your support and how much I have learned working alongside you in ministry.

I know there has been such a great deal of transition over the past year. It was difficult not to walk with you in that time. I know the strength of Long Lake Lutheran and want to offer my continued prayers and encouragement. In my time, I saw the way that Long Lake was church together. As you keep transitioning, I want to encourage that unity to keep growing with every generation together as the church. I know you will keep working both in congregation and staff to see and hear how God continues to call you to be church together.

Though the past year was unexpected and difficult, it is encouraging to consider how the church grows through these times. Just as the Holy Spirit came to both Jews and Gentiles in the early church (Acts 10), breaking apart what was familiar so God's presence would be known to all, these unexpected changes can bring about movements of the Spirit. It is uncomfortable. It is unfamiliar. But God is at work and I pray all the best in your continued transition as you watch for how God is at work in your community.

God bless you all. We look forward to visiting every now and then.

In the love of Christ,

Eric, Kaitlynn, Owen, and Declan



## *A.A. Step By Step*

### *Step Six*

*We're entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character*

This step asks us whether or not we are entirely willing to have God remove all these defects of our character. In other words, are we willing to behave differently from the way we have in the past? Are we willing to change ourselves and be changed? If we are not willing, we are faced again with self-will. We are once again insisting on our own way even if it is the destructive way.

Step Six is about willingness. We cannot remove our character defects without the help of our Higher Power. Some days we are more willing than others. We must constantly pray for willingness. The impossibility of achieving this Step perfectly, however, does not mean we should not try to do it as completely as we can.

This Step is the most difficult of all the Steps to take from a technical standpoint because of the words “entirely ready.” Almost no one is “entirely ready” to have his or her defects of character removed, or if you wish, our sins.

If we ask, God will certainly forgive us our transgressions but in no case does He render us white as snow and keep us that way without our cooperation. That is something we are supposed to be willing to work toward ourselves. He only asks that we do our best to the building of good character.

This is where we run into trouble. No matter how much we progress we make there is always that little white lie, that candy we can't pass up, the gossip we can't resist, and so it goes. There is always some point we just can't give up. What we must recognize now is that we exult in some of our defects. We really love them. We just look at them differently and then they seem OK.

Many wonder how Step Six can be worked. To do so would be perfection. Only Step One, where we made 100% admission of powerlessness over alcohol can be practiced with absolute perfection. The remaining eleven are goals to estimate our progress. Difficult but not impossible. Beginning-not the end.





We are going to see Mamma Mia at the  
Chanhassen Dinner Theater!

Saturday, October 12 at 1:00 pm, tickets are \$75/person for the  
dinner and show plus gas for the van.

Tickets are limited, so sign up today!

**Summer is upon us which means cabins, vacations,  
and busy weekends. Please continue to support Long  
lake in the ministries that still happen here over the  
summer.**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
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*Congrats to the class of 2019!*



*Carter Fournier  
Jennifer Rowe  
Kaitlyn Bender  
Emily Koester  
Samantha Titus  
Charlotte Sonterre  
Eli Hylan*



Victoria Louise and  
Willian David Zupancich



Our littlest, newest,  
members



Lovey Presley  
Gilbert

A big thank you to Pastor Elaine Silpala and Pastor Howard Skulstad for helping us out with these baptisms during this transitional time here at Long Lake! It was great to have Pastor Howie back in the building!

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Birthdays</b>   |
|-------------|--|
| 2           | Evelyn Anderson  |
| 3           | Brynn Brown  |
| 4           | Laura Anderson<br>Sandra Johnson<br>Joanne Kriesel<br>Jennifer Orr |
| 5           | Todd Hill  |
| 6           | Sue Eberhardt<br>Nicholas Phillips<br>Bruce Selvig                 |
| 8           | Lucas Rouen<br>Brooklyn Zilmer                                     |
| 10          | Aaron Gustafson  |
| 11          | Mackenzie Larsen<br>Mary Beth Riebe                                |
| 12          | Jim Vincent<br>Brian Wynne   |
| 13          | Korbin Lynn<br>Delanee Wachsmuth                                   |
| 14          | Audrey Herbst  |
| 17          | Laila Isle<br>Will Remus   |
| 19          | June Huge<br>Bill Sudeith  |
| 21          | Kelly Anderson<br>Brooklyn Goslinga                                |
| 22          | Betty Lundeen<br>Scott Nelson                                      |
| 24          | Leslie Jaques<br>Jim Peterson                                      |
| 25          | Marion Jernell   |
| 26          | Alvin Arens  |
| 28          | Paul Fournier<br>Sherryl Mahrer<br>Luke O'Keefe                    |
| 30          | Joan Anderson<br>Al Koester<br>Kala Schleif                        |

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Baptism Anniversaries</b>                                     |
|-------------|--|
|             | Connie Anderson<br>Kerri Hill<br>Zachary Thompson<br>Blaine Wald |
| 1           | Carol Anderson   |
| 3           | Olivia Larson<br>Will Larson                                     |
| 5           | Emily White<br>Ariana Browen                                     |
| 6           | Loretta Fornberg   |
| 7           | Miura Yurich   |
| 9           | Shelby Snidarich   |
| 12          | Cullen Bartz   |
| 13          | Katherine Allison<br>Trygve Thompson                             |
| 15          | Owen Nelson  |
| 18          | Maguire Hepp   |
| 19          | Mark Anderson  |
| 24          | Brody Brown<br>Oaklyn Anderson                                   |
| 25          | Joleen Kriesel   |
| 27          | Katelyn Schleif  |
| 30          | Wesley Sonstebly   |

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Anniversaries</b>  |
|-------------|---|
| 6           | Dan & Heidi Vandenheuvel  |
| 8           | Dorothy & Merwyn Larsen   |
| 10          | Karen & Dale Lundeen<br>Dale & Wanda Strike                             |
| 11          | Dave & Mollie Brown   |
| 12          | Becky & Paul Agranoff   |
| 14          | Stephanie & Dale Matson   |
| 16          | Bryan & Glenna Sorenson   |
| 20          | Connie & Gerald Anderson<br>Matt & Angie Hylen                          |
| 22          | Tony & Betty Nechanicky   |
| 24          | Judy & Gary Grell   |
| 25          | Lori & Al Koester   |
| 27          | Richard & Lana Bergman  |
| 29          | Rick & Connie Engren  |
| 30          | Aaron & Lisa Gustafson<br>Beaner & Mitch Bell<br>Kaitlynn & Eric Nelson |

*Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries, Wedding Anniversaries*





## Long Lake Lutheran Church 2019 Softball Schedule

|                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Tuesday, June 4</b><br>7:00 p.m.  | Long Lake Lutheran<br>@Karmel #2            | Karmel Covenant Church<br>Karmel Field    |
| <b>Tuesday, June 11</b><br>7:00 p.m. | Long Lake Lutheran<br>@South Isanti Baptist | Sandquist Park<br>Field 1                 |
| <b>Tuesday, June 18</b><br>7:00 p.m. | Cross Pointe #2<br>@Long Lake Lutheran      | Long Lake Lutheran Field                  |
| <b>Tuesday, June 25</b><br>7:00 p.m. | New Hope #1<br>@Long Lake Lutheran          | Long Lake Lutheran Field                  |
| <b>Tuesday, July 9</b><br>7:00 p.m.  | Salem Saints<br>@Long Lake Lutheran         | Long Lake Lutheran Field                  |
| <b>Tuesday, Jul 16</b><br>7:00 p.m.  | Eagle Brook<br>@Long Lake Lutheran          | Long Lake Lutheran Field                  |
| <b>Tuesday, July 23</b><br>7:00 p.m. | South Isanti Baptist<br>@Long Lake Lutheran | Long Lake Lutheran Field                  |
| <b>Tuesday, July 30</b><br>7:00 p.m. | Karmel #2<br>@Long Lake Lutheran            | Long Lake Lutheran Field                  |
| <b>Tuesday, August 6</b><br>7:00 pm  | Long Lake Lutheran<br>@ Cross Pointe #2     | Cross Pointe Church Field<br>Cross Pointe |
| <b>Tuesday, August 13</b><br>7:00 pm | Long Lake Lutheran<br>@ Cambridge Luth. #1  | Cambridge Middle School<br>CMS Field 2    |

# June Calendar

Long Lake Lutheran Church

Jun 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| <div>26</div> <div>8 am - Worship</div> <div>9:30 am - Adult</div> <div>9:30 am - Worship</div>  | <div>27</div> <div>Memorial Day-Office</div> <div>11:30 am - Lunch</div> | <div>28</div> <div>7 pm - AA</div> <div>7 pm - LLLC Softball</div>                            | <div>29</div> <div>5 pm - Community</div> <div>6 pm - Worship</div> <div>7 pm - Worship Team</div>  | <div>30</div> <div>9 am - Prayer Team</div> <div>6 pm - Call</div>                                     | <div>31</div>                               | <div>1</div>                                  |
| <div>2</div> <div>8 am - Worship</div> <div>9 am - Missions</div> <div>9:30 am - Adult</div> <div>9:30 am - Worship</div> <div>10:30 am - Education</div> <div>6:30 pm - 4-H</div> | <div>3</div> <div>9 am - JoAnne</div>                                    | <div>4</div> <div>7 pm - AA</div> <div>7 pm - LLLC Softball</div>                             | <div>5</div> <div>5 pm - Community</div> <div>6 pm - Worship</div> <div>7 pm - Call Committee</div> <div>7 pm - Worship Team</div> <div>7 pm - Youth Team</div> | <div>6</div> <div>9 am - Prayer Team</div>   | <div>7</div>                                | <div>8</div> <div>11 am - Private Party</div> |
| <div>9</div> <div>8 am - Worship</div> <div>9:30 am - Adult</div> <div>9:30 am - Worship</div> <div>10:45 am - Cong. Life</div>  | <div>10</div> <div>6:30 pm - 4-H</div> <div>6:30 pm - Friends of</div>   | <div>11</div> <div>1 pm - Sunshine</div> <div>7 pm - AA</div> <div>7 pm - LLLC Softball</div> | <div>12</div> <div>5 pm - Community</div> <div>6 pm - Worship</div> <div>7 pm - Worship Team</div> <div>7 pm - Youth Team</div>                                 | <div>13</div> <div>9 am - Prayer Team</div> <div>1 pm - Senior Game</div> <div>6:30 pm - Council</div> | <div>14</div> <div>VBS Evening Picnic</div> | <div>15</div> <div>VBS</div>                  |
| <div>16</div> <div>9:30 am - Adult</div> <div>9:30 am - Outdoor</div> <div>10:30 am - Stewards</div>   | <div>17</div> <div>6:30 pm - 4-H</div>                                   | <div>18</div> <div>5 pm - Property</div> <div>7 pm - AA</div> <div>7 pm - LLLC Softball</div> | <div>19</div> <div>11:30 am - Summer</div> <div>5 pm - Community</div> <div>6 pm - Worship</div> <div>7 pm - Worship Team</div>                                 | <div>20</div> <div>9 am - Prayer Team</div> <div>1 pm - Welca</div>                                    | <div>21</div>                               | <div>22</div> <div>2 pm - Call</div>          |
| <div>23</div> <div>8 am - Worship</div> <div>9:30 am - Adult</div> <div>9:30 am - Worship</div>  | <div>24</div> <div>11:30 am - Lunch</div>                                | <div>25</div> <div>7 pm - AA</div> <div>7 pm - LLLC Softball</div>                            | <div>26</div> <div>12 pm - Summer</div> <div>5 pm - Community</div> <div>6 pm - Worship</div> <div>7 pm - Worship Team</div>                                    | <div>27</div> <div>9 am - Prayer Team</div> <div>1 pm - Senior Game</div>                              | <div>28</div>                               | <div>29</div>                                 |
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# *June Volunteers*

## *Volunteers Schedule for June 2019*

### **June 2, 2019**

#### ***8:00 am***

Greeter: Chris & Kara Hepp  
Usher: Bruce & Renae Hooker  
Lector: John Hass

#### ***9:30 am***

Greeter: Rich & Jessica Larsen  
Usher: Linda & Carlee Oliver  
Lector: Angie O'Keefe

### **June 9, 2019**

#### ***8:00 am***

Greeter: Harley & Madge Lillemoen  
Usher: Carol Perrin  
Lector: Marcia Johnson

#### ***9:30 am***

Greeter: Joanne Eittreim  
Usher: Dennie & Karen Hardie  
Lector: Kathie Schleif

### **June 16, 2019**

#### ***9:30 am Outdoor Worship service***

Greeter: Marcy Stoeckel  
Usher: Conrad & June Huge  
Lector: Wayne Olson

#### **Bread Maker**

Larsen

### **June 23, 2019**

#### ***8:00 am***

Greeter: Dale & Wanda Strike  
Usher: Ronda Fenlon  
Lector: Melissa Sorenson

#### ***9:30 am***

Greeter: Lillian Reetz  
Usher: Sharon Johnson  
Lector: Margaret McBride

### **June 30, 2019**

#### ***8:00 am***

Greeter: Will Remus  
Usher: Pat & Angie O'Keefe  
Lector: Donna Larsen

#### ***9:30 am***

Greeter: Linda & Carlee Oliver  
Usher: Smith/McBride  
Lector: Donna Larsen

#### **Council Rep**

***8:00 am*** Marsha Weidner  
***9:30 am*** Marsha Weidner  
***6:00 pm*** Ronda Fenlon

#### **Altar Guild**

June 2 & 9 Donna Larsen  
June 16 & 23 Nancy Johnson  
June 30 Bergman/Stock

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:28*

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