

# Long Lake Lutheran Church

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### Country Spire

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We are streaming & posting on our Facebook page, so make sure to keep checking there for information including sermons, daily devotions, & fun things to do with your family during your time at home.

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*Whoever dwells in the  
shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the  
Almighty.  
I will say of the LORD,  
"He is my refuge and  
my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."  
If you say,  
"The LORD is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High  
your dwelling,  
no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near  
your tent.  
-Psalm 91:1,2,9,10*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upon recommendations from the CDC and Bishop Svennungsen, Long Lake Lutheran Church will remain closed until the Executive Board will assess the COVID-19 situation to decide when we can open up the church and begin to gather together again.

We are posting the worship services on our Facebook page and also on our YouTube site.

The Hooker family fundraiser has been postponed due to gathering restrictions. Since their expenses continue, we invite you to contribute if you are able by sending checks designated to the Benevolence Fund. Renae has now been moved home.

Continuing to contribute to your church is more important now than ever before. Our mail is being picked up daily so you can still send in your checks. Electronic giving is also an option on our website. There is a button marked "give now." Go to [www.longlakeluth.org](http://www.longlakeluth.org) to continue your tithes and offerings. Call us if you need any help setting up electronic giving.

If you don't use social media, please let us know and we will look for other ways to stay in contact with you. And please let us know if there is anything you need and aren't able to get out to get. We have some volunteers available to help.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE

Let us pray: God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore to us wholeness of life, we pray especially for Renae Hooker, Dave Johnson, Dale & Karen Lundeen, Dale Strike, Jim, Sharon, Claudia, Larry, Diane, Barb, Grace, Jim and those close to our hearts, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Will Remus' niece, Barb Ladd, passed away.

Jennifer Mannion's mom, Jacquie passed away.

Julie Nielsen's cousin, Barb's husband, Clint passed away.

Donny Weidner is having difficulty coping with stay at home orders and people getting sick.

Wanda Strike's two sisters, Oriet and Janet, died within a week of each other.

Connie Anderson's dad, Elmer passed away.

to all mothers, grandmothers,  
great grandmothers,  
step mothers, foster mothers,  
pet mothers, and those who  
lost their mothers





## SOMETHING FUN FOR THE FAMILY



### Spring Word Search



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SPRING  
MAY  
GREEN  
WARM  
UMBRELLA



MARCH  
FLOWERS  
GRASS  
SHOWERS  
EASTER



APRIL  
BASEBALL  
SUNSHINE  
RAIN  
BIRDS



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## PRAYERS CONT'D

God we pray for peace and comfort for all who have lost loved ones. And God, we give you thanks for all medical professionals, EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and all people working on the Coronavirus and its effects on our country and our citizens. Keep them well, safe, and strong, and guide us as all we work through these difficult and unknown times. You reminded us many times to "fear not." Help us to keep that courage that You, Lord, are always near. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

If you have a prayer need, please contact Pastor Sue either by phone or email, or private message on Facebook.



### FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SUE

"Love your neighbor! Wash your hands!"

"Let's spread the Gospel, not germs!"

I know you are itching to get back into your church building. So am I! I don't have a date, as of this writing, but rest assured, we will not open up until we are convinced we can keep people safe from the Covid-19 virus. I will be conversing with synod leadership and my pastoral colleagues in order to bring us back together safely. We will be devising a plan similar to Governor Walz' plan to dial up activity only as deemed safe and science based. That may mean continued social distancing with fewer people at any one service sitting 6 feet apart from any non-family member, no fellowship hall activity such as coffee and doughnuts, no lingering in the building after services, vulnerable people staying home, with a lot of sanitizing happening between services. This will take a number of healthy volunteers to wipe down pew backs/rails, door handles and other surfaces people may come into contact with. The prayer ground will have to be taken out of the sanctuary until the virus is gone. It will take wise and cautious actions on the part of everyone coming into the facility, even when going to and from your cars.

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## PASTOR SUE CONT'D

Your executive team has been meeting weekly to discuss finances. They are carefully reviewing the financials in an effort to maintain the strength of the congregation. The finance team applied for and received the Payroll Protection Program money which will be used to cover wages for the most part, expenses for a smaller part. This is a bridge to get us through the worst of times, but your continued financial support is crucial in keeping our ministries in place, our staff employed, and our building maintained.

I want to thank our council who made the painful, but right decision on March 14th to close the church. Thank you to the Executive team (Matt Lundeen, Dennis Wanless, Kara Hepp, Ronda Fenlon) that continues to meet and plan. Thank you to our loyal and dedicated staff, Shawna, Jen, Krista, Kristy, Randy and Donna who have answered the call to work differently. Shawna has rescued the worship services more than once! Thank you to all of you for your understanding, patience, and adherence to our stay away from the building request. I know this is difficult and different, but we have begun to address some worship needs, communication gaps, and technology issues that will benefit us in the long run.

Until we can be together again, take heart. God's work has not stopped because of Covid-19 and because our buildings have closed. I have seen wonderful things happen with you supporting one another through prayer, phone calls, notes, and helping with other needs. We don't know what the future holds or what worship will look like with social distancing, but we do know that when restrictions are lifted, we will have a joyous reunion!! Stay strong and healthy!

Pastor Sue

## SOMETHING YUMMY TO MAKE

### RHUBARB CUSTARD BARS

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold butter

#### FILLING:

- 2 cups sugar
- 7 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 large eggs, room temperature, beaten
- 5 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed and drained

#### TOPPING:

- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

#### DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, combine the flour and sugar; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, for filling, combine sugar and flour in a bowl. Whisk in cream and eggs. Stir in the rhubarb. Pour over crust. Bake at 350° until custard is set, 40-45 minutes. Cool.
3. For topping, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth; fold in whipped cream. Spread over top. Cover and chill. Cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.