

# Long Lake Lutheran Church

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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

<sup>26</sup> But the  
Advocate, the  
Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father  
will send in my  
name, will teach  
you everything,  
and remind you  
of all that I have  
said to you.

John 14:26

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Long Lake continues to follow recommendations made by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health in regards to places of worship. Following directions from the Minnesota Department of Health we ask that you wear a mask if you are entering the building. Due to COVID-19, LLLC buildings will remain closed until further notice. Watch Facebook & emails as more information is available.

We will be having a Back to School Blessing for all of our students on Sunday, September 13th at both services! There will be some special activities between services for our students and there will be an opportunity to register for both Sunday School and Confirmation!

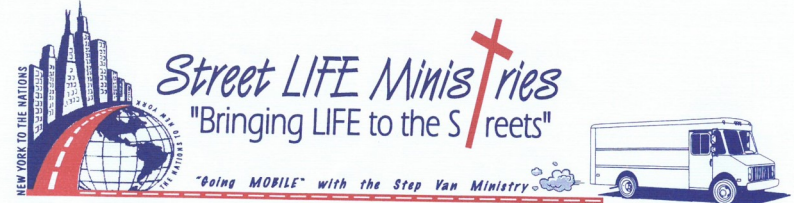
We will be celebrating First Communion on Sunday, September 13th at the 10:00 am service. Come and help these students finally get to celebrate this milestone!  
**Mackenzie Larsen, Olivia Larson, Deven Magaard, Sophie Magaard, Lyrah Plath, Archie Spike, Scarlett Spike**

We are collecting donations to purchase bleachers in memory of Dale Lundeen. Please think about giving a little extra this week to help us raise the money for these, which will cost about \$2,500.

Fellowship Café is meeting on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Bring your own chair, coffee, and snack and come and have some great conversation with your church family!

Friends of Bruce and Renae Hooker have started a website that you can visit to share their story and donate money to the family <https://renaebruceandfamily.godaddysites.com/>

# Your gifts to StreetLife!



July 10, 2020

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Dear Friends:

Greetings from Street LIFE Ministries! We hope this letter finds you well, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. This season has been a very busy time for us as many people are in need of basic necessities like food, clothing, and hygiene items. Twice a week we had been visiting our friends at Tompkins Square Park and many new people came. About three to four times a week, we've been dropping off food to the immigrant workers who hang out looking for work in our area of Flushing. Since they haven't been getting much work, the food has been a blessing to them and their families. We've also made some home deliveries to people in our community during a time when many are afraid to leave their homes and even numerous restaurants and grocery stores had shut down. The Lord has graciously provided the food and other donations to make this possible.

We wanted to express our thanks for your donation received on 6/30/20. We received 3 boxes with the following:

7 new men's t-shirts  
24 new men's socks  
8 deodorants  
40 pairs of men's socks  
25 pairs of women's socks  
57 caps

30 t-shirts  
3 bras  
Carhartt jeans  
9 long-sleeve t-shirts  
Pajama bottoms

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

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[www.STREETLIFE.org](http://www.STREETLIFE.org) OR [slm@StreetLife.org](mailto:slm@StreetLife.org)

We don't love our neighbor as we are supposed to - but God loves us anyways - and we are still an important part of the team. God's grace saves us even when we don't deserve it.

Things are strange right now, we miss our rituals and traditions because right now, they look a little bit different than we are used to. I know in my own life, that sometimes I've spent too much time lately focusing on all of the things I'm missing or are different, instead of taking my own lessons from baseball and celebrating the wins and the successes.

Take some time over the next few weeks and say a prayer of thanks for your Long Lake Lutheran Team and all of the council leadership that has been working so hard for you throughout these last few months. I continually thank God for being placed on a team with such dedicated servants, that care so deeply about God and their church. I pray that you enjoy these last days of summer, in whatever way is restful and relaxing to you, I will probably be at the ballfield, enjoying God's beautiful creation, and marveling in God's grace.



# PRAYERS

**Pray for healing for:** Dave Johnson, Renae Hooker, Dale Strike, Larry Oliver, Claudia Hanson, Diane Englund, Jim Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Donnie Weidner, Donnie's sister Kay; Will's sister Grace; Jean Hansen's brother Jim; Connie Engren's Brother-in-law Terry, Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Loretta's sister Darlene, Karen's mom Floy, Connie Anderson, Mo Spike, Dave Ringstad's cousin Brad, Shawna's friend's daughter Lyla, Ron Selix's sister Donna, Shawna's friend Lilah, Pat O'Keefe's sister Carrie, and all who are struggling with health issues.

**Pray for strength and comfort for** their caregivers.

**Pray for:** Those in the path of the Gulf hurricanes and California fires.

**Pray for:** all who are returning to school either in person, hybrid, or online. Students, teachers, aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, and all who help our children learn. Pray for patience and understanding to parents who have to teach and guide their children from home while trying to work.

**Pray for:** Our country, our state, our legislature, and our leaders, Street Life Ministries and our missionary Jim Werronen, all medical professionals, military and their families, law enforcement, people with addictions, all those affected by COVID in any way.

**We all pray:** Loving God, help us as we take up the cross of Jesus to follow in his footsteps. We know it will not be easy. Help us as we choose our actions so that we may be Christlike in our behavior and our intentions. Forgive us when we fail. Strengthen us to stand up against the evil forces of the world and set our minds on divine things rather than human things. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

## From the desk of Pastor Sue...

Grace and peace to you from God, our Father, and from our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Proverbs 22:6 NIV

*<sup>6</sup> Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

Oh, how I wish it were that simple. School is beginning in one form or another. Hybrid, in person, online. So many ways to do school. Sunday School and Confirmation planning have been impacted by Covid-19 just as school, work and recreation have. We would love to have the opportunity along with you and your family to live out our baptismal promises of teaching your children the stories of the bible, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and what it means to be Lutheran. But, these are different times in the life of the church, just in case you haven't noticed! How do we reach our families and our children when it is difficult to meet in person, everyone is Zoomed out, overly tired of computer screens, and weary of the world during COVID, elections, hurricanes, fires, tornadoes, civil unrest and the constant changes in the recommendations on our health? We can't let our guard down against Satan. We absolutely must continue to teach our children in the way they should go.

Some of this teaching will fall on families and we encourage you to reach out to me or to Shawna for help. We will do our best to put together Christian Education in some form, but we will need you to put in some effort as well. We



## Shawna Berg, Director of Youth & Family Ministries



I've spent a lot of time at baseball games this last month or two of summer. There was an article the Methodist church put out about baseball in April of 2018, that I recalled recently as I was watching my son in a baseball tournament. It was relating 10 ways Baseball was like church.

- Most of us have some experience with it.
- Sometimes it feels like it will never end
- So. Many. Traditions
- Always a line for food and drink
- It requires a sacrifice
- At some point we all get to stand and sing
- It's a team endeavor
- There's something beautifully unifying in traditions
- 'Home' is the final destination
- Participants will never be perfect...

but we get to play anyways!

I got a good chuckle out of it at the time I read it, but I also couldn't help but reflect on how true this is. Baseball is the only sport that as a hitter if you succeed only 3 out of 10 times you are considered great. That means most of the time, you fail. You probably are going to make an out most times you are up to bat, yet you are still a contributor. There are some interesting lessons we can learn from that. That is how it is for us too in our lives as Christians- we mess up all the time.

time away from the church become a permanent thing. Much like we need your support, we need to be with God as well. It is important to understand how important your givings are to LLLC. Whether you feel your offering is great or small, remember that you are returning a portion of what God has given to you. LLLC appreciates whatever you can give. We pray that you can give regularly. Please don't think that your offering is so small that it won't be missed. If just a few other givers feel the same way, that amount that is withheld quickly turns into a larger amount.

As summer comes to an end, we will be coming back to church and Rally Sunday will be different, but the Word of the Lord remains the same. God wants to have a relationship with each and every one of us.

Please remember, COVID has created situations that make many uncomfortable to be gathered with others. Your church leadership has worked very hard to develop alternative forms of worship and gathering. As summer ends and fall brings cooler temperatures, I feel that we will resume indoor worship. For a while, indoor worship will be done differently than we are used to, but where two or more are present, so is Christ.

I look forward to worshipping together in our beautiful church, whenever that may be. I hope you are all excited to do so as well.

Please continue to keep our church, and the church abroad in your prayers. All of them need support during this uncertain time.

God's Peace,  
Matt Lundeen

will have to work together to inspire our children to want to know more about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This begins with leading by example.

Luke 18:15-16 NIV <sup>15</sup> People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Shawna and I, along with the Worship and Music Team, would like to do something different with our Wednesday night time together whether it is in person or online. It is still in the planning stage, but we are hoping to involve the youth in more of the planning, reading scripture and singing in the first half of the service. Then, when the students and teachers are dismissed, the adults can use the time to learn more about the Lutheran faith and current issues with their children or sing and fellowship. We would truly like it to be family night. Unfortunately, during the pandemic, we cannot have our meal time together. Hopefully, that will change during the school year.



Jesus uses harsh words to instruct his disciples.

Matthew 18: 1-6 *"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*

*<sup>2</sup> He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup> "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*

We don't want to be that harsh, but we do pray that you will take seriously the Christian education of your family. We want to support you in instructing your children, but you have to bring them to us, make a point to dial in when we meet by Zoom, set aside some time for family devotions, tune in to church or come to church either in the parking lot or when we begin inside once again. Most of your kids can't drive yet. Thank goodness! That means it is up to you to bring them to us. Please invest the time and the effort to build their base of faith. The world before them can be difficult and with a strong faith background and the knowledge that they have a faith family who loves and cares for them can make all the difference in the world in how they cope. Please join us in teaching and building up this faith.

## **Matt Lundeen, Council President**



Well, where did summer go? It seems like Covid has caused time to slow to a crawl, but it keeps moving on as always. As I write this article, I am enjoying the gorgeous weather we are having and thinking that today would be a great day to be at the State Fair.

I know that I could still get my fair food via drive thru, but aside from a corn dog and an endless glass of milk, that's about all I MUST have from the Great Minnesota Get Together.

Much like the State Fair, LLLC has had to change the way we serve our guests. I must say that I prefer our "drive thru" much more than the State Fair's. We don't have an entry fee, and every other week we provide a meal that sustains us indefinitely.

I'm so happy to see all of you every week. I've had opportunities to chat with many of you and even with folks who are looking for a new church home and are checking out Long Lake. What a time to be church shopping!

Typically, summertime takes many families up to cabins and weekend outings. LLLC has seen this happen summer after summer. It takes a toll on our finances and attendance, but we always look forward to a strong rebound starting at Rally Sunday and the return of another school year, bringing us all back together in the church. Don't get me wrong, summer in Minnesota is short enough, and I understand the need to get away and relax. I pray that you don't let some