

Long Lake Lutheran Church

September 2021

Monday, September 6th

Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Sunday, September 12th

8:15 am Adult Forum

RALLY SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship

After the service, check out all the information (and things on a stick) and make sure to get signed up for new activities
11:00 am Mission Team Meeting Youth and Education Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

1:00 pm Sunshine Circle

Wednesday, September 15

6:00 pm Worship

6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 16

1:00 pm WELCA

6:00 pm Property Team Meeting

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

Sunday, September 19

8:15 am Adult Form

9:00 am Worship with Pastor Eric Nelson presiding

9:00 am Sunday School begins in worship

10:15 am Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, September 22

6:00 pm Worship

6:00 pm First night of Confirmation and Children's Church

Sunday, September 26

8:15 am Adult Forum

9:00 am Worship and Sunday School

10:15 am Live Nativity Meeting

Wednesday, September 29

6:00 pm Worship

6:00 pm Confirmation and Children's Church



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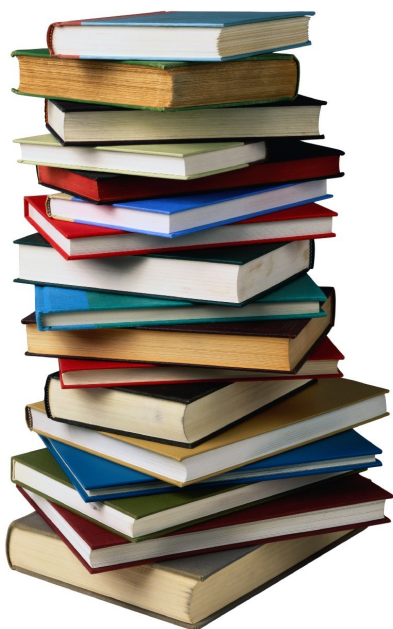
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*⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you
 Matthew 5: 44*

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PASTOR SUE OLSON

What do we mean when we say, “all are welcome”? We welcome newcomers into our worship space and into fellowship. We welcome ALL to the Lord’s Table. We wish to be a welcoming church. What does all of this mean?

All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Romans 15:7 “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Hebrews 13: 1-2 “Let mutual love continue.² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Imagine there are a few new people standing outside our church. What are they wondering as they stand there? Well, one of the most basic things might be “How do I get inside?” They might look at two church buildings and wonder, “Why are there two churches? Which one should I go to?” As they stand outside our church doors, they might have deeper questions, too. They might be wondering to themselves, “Will I be welcomed? Can I belong here? Is there a place for me?”

Once they come inside, they may wonder, “What next? What is expected of me? Is there room for me to sit near the back? Where are the bathrooms?” We have greeters and ushers who can recognize when someone looks new or confused. They can offer a warm welcome and can ask if the new person has any questions. They can make sure that the new people get bulletins, get guided into the sanctuary. But, more importantly, the greeters and ushers should alert me, the pastor, and the council rep that there is someone they haven’t seen before. We have blue Welcome Bags on the welcome desk that have the book, “We Want You Here” along with some literature about LLLC. Please make sure newcomers get a bag. One per family. Don’t be stuck to your “normal” pew! I don’t see any super glue on your pants. Go sit beside a newcomer and introduce yourself.

During church, visitors may be confused as to the way we do things; they may be afraid to come up to communion for fear of doing something wrong. Be cognizant of a newcomer’s discomfort and do something to help!

Once church is over, they may want a cup of coffee and donut, but the fellowship hall looks daunting. All those people, and the coffee is way at the far end. Will they join in the melee or will they dash for the door? The difference happens when they are invited by a church member into the fellowship hall and are accompanied to their table. No one should ever be sitting alone during our fellowship time! No one!

North Americans report being more lonely and isolated than ever. No matter what our age or stage in life, we thirst for authentic community, where we can find our place and contribute. We long to belong, to be accepted and find refreshment and peace for our souls. How can we welcome those visitors with the greatest hospitality?

We need to look at our hospitality from inside and out. Maybe even upside down! Next time you come to church, look with a newcomer’s eyes. What does the outside of our building look like? How about our landscaping? Is it pleasant and pretty? How about our signage inside and out. Is it clear where the bathrooms are, the nursery, the worship space, the fellowship space?

We use a lot of insider language such as “sanctuary, narthex, sacristy, chancel area, liturgy, fellowship.” What and where is “The Cornerstone?” Not every knows what those words mean. We need to think like a new person when we tell them where we are meeting.

What if we had “exit greeters” who said farewell to folks and invited them to return? What if we invited newcomers to come back and name one or two upcoming events or opportunities? What if we told them we were excited to see them and that we hoped they enjoyed their time among us? What if we let them know we will be praying for them and that our office and pastor can be reached during the week if they have questions?

We have opportunities for ministry all around us. There are so many unchurched people and so many seekers these days. St. Francis doesn’t even have an ELCA church. I see new houses being built all the time in every city around us. I think God has big plans for Long Lake Lutheran Church in rural Isanti County. I believe we are solid in our preaching, teaching, Word and Sacrament. Let’s make every effort to ensure that we are welcoming to ALL!

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY **SHAWNA BERG**



I have always loved fall. Ever since I was a kid, there was something about the fall. The process of getting ready for a new school year was always fun. I loved getting to go school shopping and getting new supplies and clothes to get ready for new year. As I got older in school, the beginning of a new school year is when I would set new goals for myself for the year – goals about what I wanted to achieve in sports or school, goals about the kinds of friends I wanted to have and how I wanted to spend my time. The fall, just always felt like a time for new starts for me. As a matter of fact, I still have an urge every fall to go shopping for new clothes, the family budget doesn't allow for this, so I settle for setting new goals for the year.

I am also reminded at this time this year, that change, of any kind is difficult. Trying to get my kids transitioned back into their school schedules, adjusting our family schedules back to the more structured school year schedules and falling back to the program year schedules here at church is hard. This often plays out with over exhausted kids, and parents the first few weeks of these new changes, so I always need to remind myself, to show a lot of extra grace to each other as we make our adjustments.

Many of us fell out of our normal habits this summer – we know that we want to take advantage of every nice weekend we can here in Minnesota, and so for many people that meant that you had the great opportunity to spend many weekends at cabins and doing so many of the fun activities that summer brings. Getting back into the habit of regular worship attendance can be challenging after the summer, but then you add on the fact that many people stepped away for a lot longer because of the pandemic or other things that were going on in your lives. Stepping back in to the life of the congregation when you have been away for a long time can be very intimidating! Whatever the reason is that you have been away – please know, that we would love to see you back! Fall is the time for a new start, to get involved in worship again or maybe even to step out in faith to serve in a new ministry. Whatever your reason is for stepping away for a time, we hope you will consider joining us again. I hope that we will all show each other a lot of extra grace as we move into this new program year and as we figure out what the best way to do ministry is for this church. Changes can be challenging, but exciting and we have some really great opportunities ahead.

A Fun Photo Recap of VBS!



Council Minutes 08/12/2021

Attendees: Pastor Sue Olson, Ronda Fenlon, Amanda Saelens, Kara Hepp, Julie Neilsen, Shawna Berg, Dennis Wanless, Angie Spartz, Rachel Maguire, John Hass, and Margaret Bauer

Meeting called to order by Kara at 6:31pm

Christ candle lit by Pastor Sue

Devotions: Angie – Break Free by Marianne Williamson

Approval of July Minutes-this was done via email by attendees

Approval of August Agenda

1st motion made by Julie Nielsen

2nd motion made by Ronda Fenlon

Discussion- add Technology

Motion passed

Staff Reports

Pastor Sue read the beginning of her report –“Leading the Team-Based Church”. A great reminder that we are all working for the same boss and the same mission. There are no superstars but teamwork is the key. Shawna shared what services and programs the mission team worked on while in Alaska. Kara shared her experience while in Alaska and what “serving humble” means. Some of our mission team members will be sharing at the August 22nd service.

Team Reports

Thanks to the teams who were able to send reports prior to meeting.

Congregational Life- Many volunteers needed for “Food Truck fellowship,” please sign up to help.

Youth- Margaret shared a youth’s perspective from the Alaska mission trip and thanked the support from our congregation.

Mission-Ronda shared that the Swedish meatball dinner will be August 25th, proceeds to support our missionary.

Worship and Music- Rachel stated that the congregation votes resulted in a 9am service for worship.

Education- Ronda will share with Amanda the thoughts regarding Adult education start time after retrieving feedback.

Finance- Dennis shared we are “on target”. We are at 55% with our giving/spending of the budget. Our accountant moved \$20,000 to the money market account. Process will be reviewed for future. Finance team asked each team to review budget items and connect with Dennis by text if you have any questions.

Property- John shared the Tillers proposal for the cleaning of the pews/chairs of \$2172.00

APPROVAL OF PEW/CHAIR CLEANING

1ST motion made by Ronda Fenlon

2nd motion made by Dennis Wanless

Discussion- Dennis shared that this would be a 1 day process but would need a team of 4-6 people to help with the movement of pews back and forth for the cleaning. John will coordinate with Pastor Sue and the volunteers needed when scheduling the cleaning.

Motion passed

Recommendations from the Taskforce- Some team members feel the taskforce should continue with the current situation. The “Safe Plan” is no longer required. Margaret will be meeting with members and confirming after a year of volunteering if they would like to continue to be on the team. Discussion of removing some of the Covid information from doors and windows.

HOUSEKEEPING (PROCEDURAL ITEMS)

Mama’s Cows Cleaning- Pastor Sue meet with Mary from Mama’s cleaning service. They proposed to do a Deep Cleaning of both buildings with 2 people for approximately \$2000. Also, they offered to clean weekly for 8 hours at \$20 an hour for each person.

APPROVAL OF MAMA'S CLEANING SERVICE

1st motion made by Ronda Fenlon

2nd motion made by Julie Nielsen

Discussion- Team reviewed budget to confirm we have money budgeted to support. Timeframe also reviewed with education/Rally Sunday. Pastor Sue will work with our cleaning volunteers. A contract will be created and reviewed by personnel team.

Motion passed

Property Chair-

APPROVAL OF JOHN HASS AS PROPERTY CHAIR

1st motion made by Dennis

2nd motion made by Ronda

Discussion- this will be for the remaining of the term which is Feb 2022

Motion passed

Bridge Loan- This has been discussed with personnel and finance teams previously. Ronda shared the thought and reason this option was presented. After meeting and getting feedback from experts, the property and finance teams feel that the budget will support the needs with our geothermal and wall concerns at this time.

Olson Advancement Report- Steve Olson met with some council and congregation members. Steve suggested before inquiring an architect, we revisit our “what, why, and purpose” statement. We seem to have some interested people and a great momentum!

E-mail Procedures (check-in)- In February, we made some changes regarding approving minutes by e-mail to provide the congregation with the minutes in a more timely manner. Team decided to continue approving meeting minutes via email, submitting team reports prior to council meeting (include yourself to confirm message sent), and bring questions to council for team reports. Please continue to read team reports and reply to council reps with feedback. This supports a more timely and effective council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Congregational Life Rep- There is no replacement for this chair at this time. Angie will be stepping down at the end of August.

Technology-Dennis signed the contract for Verizon but we have no confirmation that this has been completed. Kara will reach out to Bruce Yurich for confirmation.

NEW BUSINESS

Rally Day- Great Fall Get Together theme-please get creative and think how you can share/present your team with a fall get together or “something on a stick” idea for our Rally Sunday September 12!

Property/Finance meeting- This is the same night as the Food Truck Fellowship this month. Both teams feel there is no need to change. They will help, eat and meet all in one night J

Review of Master Calendar

September devotions- Margaret Bauer

September Council Reps-

9 am –Dennis Wanless

6 pm –Rachel Maguire

Spire articles due 8/25/21

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

1st motion made by Dennis Wanless

2nd motion made by Rachel Maguire

Happy Fall,
everyone!

It seems like

the summers always seem to
fly by, this one includ-

ed. However, I am hoping the weather cooperates and we get a few bonus weeks. I am also hoping for a normal school year for the youngsters so they can get their full experience.

Shawna has the schedule set for both Sunday School and Confirmation for the year. Our main focus will be on Wednesdays for education, but Sunday School will be available for those who prefer on Sundays during the second half of the service.

Adult education will start back up this fall. The first date is on Rally Sunday, September 12th from 8:15 -9:00 in the conference room. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Perhaps you want to go to one and see if it suits you? That is okay. I encourage you try something new, but not if you are uncomfortable.

I wanted to give a quick recap of Vacation Bible School this year. I appreciate the flexibility for those who were still able to participate after the date had to be changed last minute. But it was a necessary change and things happen for a reason. Sometimes we just aren't sure of His reasoning. Everyone has busy summers, as they seem short in our great state, so finding a good time for VBS in the summer is challenging. We will try again next year with a new format to see if that works better for the majority of people.

As we gear up for Rally Sunday, I hope to see many smiling faces geared up for the school year. Perhaps you will find something fun on a stick?

Our next education/youth meeting will be on Rally Sunday, so please stick around and be part of our brainstorming team. Amanda



EDUCATION

AMANDA SAELENS



YOUTH

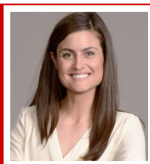
MARGARET BAUER

Hello September! So many things happening this month for our youth! School is back in session along with sports and other activities. We have the Mn State fair still happening and plan on having our own "Great get together" on September 12th for Rally Sunday. We will have registration forms and confirmation information available for any that did not receive them by mail or email. I do believe there will also be something on a stick! Parent meeting will be held Wed September 15th after service to discuss the 2021/2022 year. We will be having the Youth Garage sale September 16th (all day) and 17th (half day). We need lots of help especially with set-up and items for the sale. September 24th and 25th will be our 9th grade Confirmation Retreat. Please reach out to Shawna or myself with any questions or ideas. We would love to talk to you! Also, please feel free to join our monthly meetings held the 1st Sunday of the month after service.

Youth Council rep,
Margaret

Happy Fall!

I am beyond excited to open the windows and get some fresh air flowing throughout our house! The fall is always such an exciting time of year! From the start of school and church activities to the physical changes of our landscape that take place right before our eyes, it's a very vibrant time of year. With a new season approaching, I can't help but reflect on some of the memories made this summer, most of which came from church activities!



COUNCIL PRESIDENT KARA HEIP

The biggest adventure for me was the mission trip to Alaska. I was able to take this trip with my husband, Chris, thanks to you, our church members, who helped us financially and in prayer and my mother and mother-in-law who both were able to stay at our house to help take care of the animals and kids! With all this support I was able to really take in this experience. There were so many takeaways from this trip that I wish I could share them all; however, here are just a few.

First, behind the scenes work is just as important as the instant gratification work. Throughout the week our team split up to do various jobs either offsite or within the church we were staying at. Some of those jobs you got to see firsthand the impact you were making and others you were simply doing a task that needed to be done without getting to see the result of your effort. It's easy to sit here and say that the jobs I like the most were the ones where I could see how my efforts were impacting others. A good example is serving at Stone Soup. Here, we were able to give food to people who were hungry. I could see and feel the impact I was making, which don't get me wrong, was an amazing experience, but we also had jobs where we were sorting and folding clothes for hours, pulling nails from boards, organizing heavy windows, or rummaging through trash. Some of those we got to feel the satisfaction of completing the task, but many others we didn't. It would be easy to feel like we didn't make an impact; however, we'd be fooled. These tasks may not have been finished while we were there, but our small part helped keep a much larger mission going and I compare that to our mission as believers in Christ. Not all jobs that we do will have an immediate impact, but they contribute to a much larger mission. Without us doing both types of work (behind the scenes or instant gratification) accomplishing our mission is a lot harder.

Beyond mission work, we were able to hear stories, sermons, and Alaskan history from many people who took the time to talk to our group. It was all so fascinating. During an evening we spent with Helping Hands Alaska, a 'Bush' Pastor told us to "consider it a privilege that we know the truth of the gospel" and encouraged us to share this good news with everyone. Everyone meaning ALL people groups. I've never viewed me growing up in the church, in the Word, as a privilege per say, it was just always what it was. My mom made it a priority for us to go to Sunday school, church services, help at various events and participate in volunteering without a thought that it was something I was privileged with. While these were just part of a normal routine for us, we got the opportunity to grow up in a community of people who taught, supported, and encouraged us to lean on God. He was and has always been part of my life. The stories of the Bible are household and ones that we just naturally look to, to seek encouragement and understanding. I honestly can't imagine a life where that is not the reality. It didn't even hit me until the Pastor that night spoke those words and called it a "privilege". Gaining that perspective was very eye opening for me. It has fueled a sense of gratefulness and has also humbled me. It gave me a sense of want to find ways to get outside my comfort zone both physically and/or spiritually. I hope to pass on the perspective that knowing Christ is not the reality for many and is a privilege that we have, to my kids. With that privilege we have an obligation to introduce Him to everyone and we can do that by our actions and words.

I could write about this trip for hours as there were many other moments that, upon reflection, have such deeper meaning. I encourage everyone to take part in a Mission trip at some point in their life! It truly is a life enhancing experience and one that I will forever be grateful for!

I hope everyone has a great September! See you at church!

PROPERTY JOHN HASS



The carpet and pews are scheduled to be cleaned on the 9th of September. We will need a few people to help move pews from the church, and tables from the fellowship hall during this project. The fall check-up and tune-up on the geothermal system in the church and the boiler system in the Cornerstone building will be done soon. We are watching the performance of the geothermal system. Some additional repairs may be needed in the future. The lawn mowing is going very well. Thanks to all of the volunteers willing to take free rides on the mowers.

Our committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP JULIE NIELSEN



What does Rally Sunday mean to you?

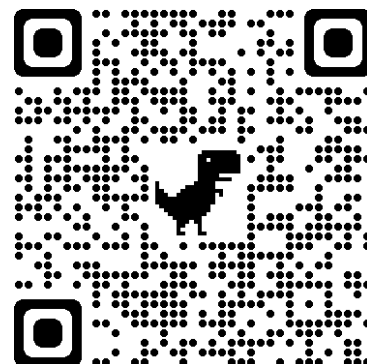
Before I got involved with the different committees I am on, it has taken on a new meaning. In the past I thought it was just the time of the year when Sunday School and Confirmation started up for the year. Yes, that is when they start, but Rally Sunday is more than that. It is also a time of the year for the different teams and committees share what they do, a time of the year when you can sign up if you are interested on being on team, a time of the year to say maybe that is something I would like to do.

I first signed up for a committee approximately two years after joining Long Lake Lutheran, and it was at that Rally Sunday that I became aware of all the different opportunities that was offered.

Rally Sunday is September 12th, so check out the opportunities that are offered. All of the teams could use more team members.

Let us then approach the throne of God with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Julie Nielsen
Stewardship Chair



VISIONING 2.0

Breathing New Life into our Buildings.

Both buildings have been deep cleaned by Mary Johnson and her helper, Thomas. All floors have been cleaned, waxed and buffed. Everything has been wiped down and sanitized. There is growing enthusiasm to beautify the Cornerstone so that our education programming will be offered in a wonderful space. Many of the ideas will cost little to nothing. Upgrading the bathrooms may be the most expensive, but is still doable. Anyone who has a stake in programming in the Cornerstone should declutter their area and keep it organized for easier cleaning. Someone has offered to buy paint when we are ready to spruce up the rooms; we just need volunteer painters. We have an offer for a sign on the Cornerstone so people will know what that building is used for. Lighting, ceiling fans, paint, cleaning, signage, landscaping, etc. all go a long way in showing our youth and our mission quilters that they are valued. It also makes the building more attractive for newcomers wishing to enroll their children in our educational programming. Thank you to Mary and Thomas, Property Team, and all of our other volunteers who care for our buildings. Please include the Youth and Education Teams along with the Mission Quilters in any change and upgrade decisions.

EDUCATION RESUMES!

Parent informational meeting for Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm after worship. This is an important event for students and parents to learn more about the Confirmation schedule for the year! The first night of Confirmation will be Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 pm beginning in worship.

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 19th beginning in worship at 9:00 am! We are excited for our group this year and our new plan for Sunday School!

Opportunities for Adult Education will be held Wednesdays after worship and Sunday mornings with Adult Forum beginning at 8:15 am on September 12th! Talk to the office if you have questions about either of these opportunities!

RALLY SUNDAY HELP!

Hey y'all! Bring your tractors and farm machinery to the grassy area for Rally Sunday, Sept. 12th, for the Great Fall Get Together. Bring your 4-H projects from this year or last to display along with your ribbons. Bring your animals, too.

LIVE NATIVITY



Plans are underway for our 25th Live Nativity presentation. Carol Perrin, along with Rose Hass' help, will coordinate. The first meeting will take place September 26th! Come and be a part of Long Lake history!

Who wants to see the Music Man at Chanhassen Theatre?

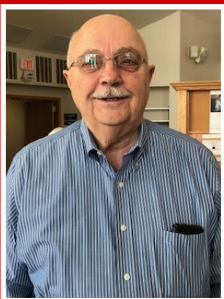
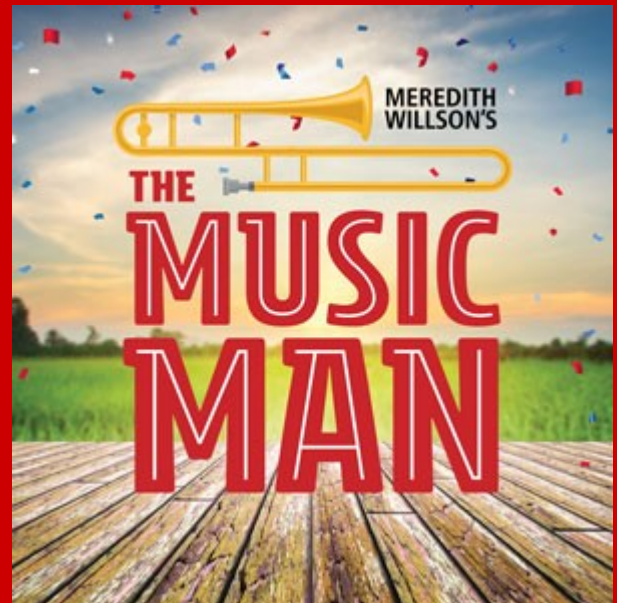
October 17th Sunday

Dinner 4:30 pm, Show 6:30-9:00pm

\$80.53/person includes dinner and show

I already saw it and it is phenomenal!

- Pastor Sue



FINANCE DENNIS WANLESS

As you've seen in the Giving/Expenses Graph included in the Bulletin each month, our finances this year are right on track so far. Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support!

The Finance Committee is working to better define our various funds and determine the best responsibility area to oversee each fund. We also continue to work with the Property Committee to help develop costs for some needed maintenance and repair projects. Another focus is to establish contracts to use with vendors who provide services to LLLC.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 16 at 7 pm.

QUILTS & QUILTING



Mission quilting will resume on Monday Sept 28th in the cornerstone building. We plan to meet each month to make up from the we didn't get-together. So mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of each month. We will start at 9 am and be done by 4pm. We will be watchful as the CDC task force may need to make changes. We have morning coffee and potluck lunch so bring something to share. Coffee is always on.

On a related note, Camp Onomia will be hosting a Quilt Auction on Saturday, September 18th at Camp Onomia. There will be a bake sale, silent auction of gifts and crafts, quilt raffle and more. For more information, go to CampOnomia.org.



EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

Emotions Anonymous. You are not alone. Emotions Anonymous (EA) is a fellowship of people who share their experiences, feelings, strengths, weaknesses, and hopes with one another in order to solve their emotional problems and to discover a way to live at peace with unsolved problems. We come to EA to learn to live a new way of life by using the twelve-step program. Through it, we find serenity and acquire peace of mind. Everyone is welcome in EA. All that is needed to join us is a desire to become emotionally healthy. We meet every Monday at 6:00 pm in the conference room. Everything, including attendance, remains confidential. Our group is co led by Pastor Sue and Mike Hanson.

ALTAR GUILD

Please consider joining us as part of this important ministry team. You will work with an experienced person to set up and take down preparations for Sunday service. Karen Baker is the team leader; please contact her to get involved.

MISSIONS

RONDA FENLON



Missions Report

There was NO meeting in August

The Mission Team worked with Congregational Life to host the 2nd Annual Food Truck Fellowship 8/19. Thanks to all volunteers and attendees who came out to enjoy some food and fellowship.

The Mission Team is hosting Jim W 8/25 for a Swedish meatball supper and more fellowship.

Blessings, Ronda

Missions Spotlight September 2021

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Founded to save lives and speak out, DWB has treated tens of millions of people since 1971.

Principles

Providing Medical aid where it's needed most – independent, neutral, impartial

Commitment to providing the best care possible to every patient

Independence allows us to go where many other organizations can't or won't

Impartiality and neutrality are not synonymous with silence

Medical Projects in over **70 countries** around the world:

Afghanistan Armenia Balkans Bangladesh Belarus Belgium Bolivia Brazil Burkina Faso Burundi Cambodia Cameroon Central African Republic

Chad Colombia Democratic Republic of Congo Egypt El Salvador Eswatini Ethiopia France Georgia Greece Guinea Guinea-Bissau

Haiti Honduras India Indonesian Iran Iraq Italy Ivory Coast Jordan Kenya Kyrgyzstan

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Focus Issues:

COVID-19 Global Response, Cyclone Idai, Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo, Global Migration and refugee crisis, Haiti: 10 years after the earthquake, Lake Chad Crisis, Migration Crisis in the Americas, Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Search & Rescue in the Mediterranean



Missionary Needs

Before our missionary Jim Werronen heads back to New York for Street Life Ministries, donations of new men's underwear and socks are needed, any size. We're hoping to fill up his vehicle with these items and will be collecting them through Rally Sunday, September 12th. Donations can be dropped off at church.

We raised \$970 at our Mission Fundraiser Dinner! Thank you for the support!

Did you know?...

The **Community Garden** has contributed over 200 lbs to Family Pathways. Many thanks to those who have helped with the garden, and to those who have enjoyed its produce!

ADULT FORUM BEGINS!

Adult Forum begins Rally Sunday 8:15 - 9AM in the Conference Room

Book is The Shelter of God's Promises

Written by Sheila Walsh

Where do you turn for shelter in the Worst Storms of Life?

You know God's promises, but are they for you, are they for now, are they for this? God is the only promise maker who is always a promise keeper. God's promises will never fail you!

Wow, What a Difference!

Mary Johnson and her work partner with "Mom's Cows Cleaning Service" have deep cleaned both buildings and will begin a weekly maintenance pattern of keeping our buildings clean. There seems to be a lot of "junk" in many of the spaces that could be thrown away. I know that is a difficult concept in a church because no one wants to hurt anyone else's feelings. At least, I hope that is the reason! If you are in charge of any specific area, please declutter. If an old chair (or whatever) is broken or damaged (or no longer usable), let's throw it away when the dumpster comes for the rummage sale. Let's be good stewards of our beautiful buildings, use them, and tidy them up after we use them. Thanks, Mary and Thomas, for your amazing hard work. Our church is so clean!

From Street Life Ministries...

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Street LIFE Ministries! We are grateful for your prayers and generous donations. God has been faithful to provide extra volunteers this summer though we have only had two teams. One group came from a local church which is an answer to many years of prayer. Although 2021 is also looking different from years past, God is still on the move in New York City.

Thank you for the in kind donation of *two large boxes of clothing* that we received on 7/3/21.

The clothing is a blessing to those we serve at Tompkins Square Park and most recently the Bland Houses in Flushing.

May the Lord bless you richly!

WELCA

Our WELCA group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. Right now we don't have much business to discuss, but we are meeting in the summer months mostly for social reasons. We missed each other during the social distancing months. We have volunteers to do a devotion and bring a dessert for each meeting. All women who are members of our church are automatically a WELCA member. Please feel free to join us at any meeting. We would be happy to have you! Our group is responsible for care of the church kitchen and some from our group put on the funeral lunches.

Blessings, Lillian Reetz

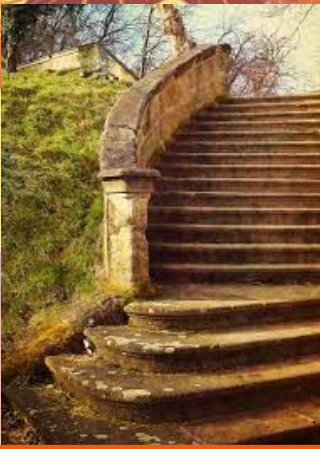
SUNSHINE CIRCLE

We will have Sunshine Circle on Tuesday, September 14th at 1:00pm.

FRIENDS OF RUTH

The Friends of Ruth had a great time helping with worship and serving coffee and donuts on August 29th. If you were there you know what the color of the day was for our group! With flamingos on our minds, we invite you to "flamingle" with us in April at our Spring Luncheon. More info coming later.

On Monday, September 13th, 6:30pm, we will have our first meeting of the fall in fellowship hall and invite all women/all ages to join us. Hope to see you there!



A.A. Step By Step

Step Nine

Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage and prudence
- these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.

Consider all parts of the above paragraph - take good judgment - one does not run out and confess to all your friends and neighbors your wrong doings. It is best to carefully think about how you have injured those closest to you and start repairs with them. Usually it is a family member that we need to start with. Generally it is best to not go into all details but to take our time and get stronger in our sobriety.

Much the same approach applies in the work field. We shall at once think of a few people who have been affected by our behavior. We probably need to use a little more discretion than we did with the family. We will have to do more explaining about what we are trying to do so we should have a firmer AA foundation under us before we attempt the amends. Once we do, we can make our apologies and freely admit the damage we have done. We can pay, or promise to pay, whatever obligations, financials or otherwise, we owe.

The one consideration we must qualify in our desire to make a complete disclosure of the damage we have done is the occasional situation where a full revelation will seriously harm the one to whom we are making amends. When we make amends we need to be really clear about what we are apologizing for and the best way to say we're sorry. What we are really doing is taking responsibility for our behavior. We need to be sure this process itself will not be self-defeating or hurtful. Sometimes we need to apologize directly and other times, instead of saying "I'm sorry" we need to change our behavior. Then there are the times when just bring-

ing up what we have done and apologizing will make matters worse. We need to trust timing, intuition and guidance in this process of making amends.

Sometimes we need to make amends to someone who is no longer with us physically. We may feel this frees us from having to deal with these issues but they will continue to haunt us until they are dealt with. This might be done by writing our thoughts in a letter. We could take this letter to the graveside or another quiet space and read either silently or aloud or bury it. We can do whatever feels right for us. The important thing is to find a way to articulate our thoughts and feelings.

Step Nine opens the door for us to heal ourselves and our relationships. The purpose is to right what we have done wrong. If we can do it in no other way we can do through our prayers and meditation with our Higher Power. It makes no difference if our apology is accepted or not (although we'd prefer it were). Our forgiveness does not depend on them. All we can do is the right thing. How they react is between them and their Higher Power.

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- "How It Works"
- "The Language of Letting Go"
- "Path to Recovery"

Date	Birthdays
1	Connie Anderson
2	Jean Hansen Mick Hanson
3	Molly Hanson Jennifer Manion
4	Madison Yurich
5	John Splettstoesser
6	Trevor Hill Nora White
8	Gloria Folstrom
10	Phillip Maguire
11	Brian Berg Norah Larsen Odin Olson Barb Talbot
12	Victoria Henry Larry Puck
13	Margaret Bauer Lars Halverson Karyn Hansen
15	Brittany Isle
16	Dennis Hardie
17	Jerry Oldenburg
19	Josh Hass
20	Connie Engren Carson Fournier
22	Nate Dufeck
23	Linda Merchlewitz Lillian Reetz
26	Harvey Bartz Tammy Dufeck
28	Graydon Townswick
29	Scarlett Spike

Date	Baptism Anniversary
	Larry Anderson
1	Linda Oliver Nancy Goodhart Kyler Hennen
2	Madge Lillemoen Dennis Wanless
3	Eli Hysten
8	Nancy Sandahl Morgan Engren
14	Josh Myers Julia Myers
15	Harley Lillemoen
15	Ernie Englund Glenna Sorenson Kylee Lehman
16	Kenna Hill Thomas Hill
17	Cora Maguire
19	Chesney Bell
25	Emilyn Zilmer
26	Adam Staff Kylee Staff Everett Wachsmuth
28	Sandra Johnson Austin Dahlheimer
30	Kathie Schleif

Date	Anniversary
1	Kathie & Ken Schleif
9	Mary Beth & Bruce Riebe Onna & Raymond Owens
14	Shirley & Jerry Oldenburg
15	Sandie & Bob Johnson
16	Karyn & Don Hansen
19	Cheryl & Don Knapp Dan & Tiffanie Niemi
20	Pat Meyer & Pat Weiss-Meyer
21	Karen & John Bartz
27	Jennifer & Aaron Sonsteby
30	Darin & Kim Magaard

Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries, Wedding Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sep 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 6pm - Emotions	30 6pm - AA-Contact Office	31 6pm - Worship in person	1 6pm - Worship in person	2	3	4
5 9am - Worship HC	6 Labor Day-Office Closed	7 7pm - AA-Contact Office	8 6pm - Worship in person	9 6:30pm - Council	10	11
12 RALLY SUNDAY 8:15am - Adult Forum 9am - Worship 10:15am - Mission Team 11am - Youth and 10:15pm - Cong. Life	13 6pm - Emotions	14 1pm - Sunshine Circle 7pm - AA-Contact Office	15 6pm - Worship/Adult Ed 6:45pm - Conf. Parent	16 1pm - WELCA 6:30pm - Property Team 7pm - Finance Team	17	18
19 8:15am - Adult Forum 9am - Worship HC 9:30am - Sunday School 10:15am - Stewardship	20 6pm - Emotions	21 7pm - AA-Contact Office	22 6pm - Children's Church 6pm - Confirmation 6pm - Worship/Adult Ed	23	24	25
26 8:15am - Adult Forum 9am - Worship 9:30am - Sunday School 10:15am - Live Nativity	27 6pm - Emotions	28 7pm - AA-Contact Office	29 6pm - Children's Church 6pm - Confirmation 6pm - Worship/Adult Ed	30	1	2

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*³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers,
³⁹nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the
love of GOD in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.*

Romans 8: 37-39