

LONG LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September Newsletter

9-1-2022

Our mission: Called by God to love and serve our neighbors, Long Lake Lutheran Church will proclaim the joy of salvation by teaching, preaching, and providing sacraments to our congregation and to our neighbors.

We are Christ Centered, Purpose Driven & Mission Focused!



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September

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| 4th | 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
10:15 Meetings: Stewardship & Property | 18th | 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
10:15 Missions Team Meeting |
| 5th | Labor Day: Office Closed | 19th | 6:00 Emotions Anonymous |
| 6th | 9:30 Fellowship Café
7:00 AA | 20th | 9:30 Fellowship Café
7:00 AA |
| 7th | 1:00 Grief Share | 21st | 1:00 Grief Share
6:00 Worship |
| 8th | 9:00 Prayer Group
12:00 Senior Cards | 22nd | 9:00 Prayer Group
10:30 Book/Bible Study
12:00 Senior Cards |
| 10th | 10:00 Charity Fun Run | 25th | 9:00 Worship |
| 11th | 9:00 Worship– RALLY SUNDAY!
10:15 Cong Life Meeting | 26th | 12:00 Lunch Ladies
6:00 Emotions Anonymous |
| 12th | 1:00 Friends of Ruth
6:00 Emotions Anonymous | 27th | 9:00 Mission Quilting
9:30 Fellowship Café
7:00 AA |
| 13th | 9:30 Fellowship Café
1:00 Sunshine Circle
5:00 Finance Meeting
7:00 AA | 28th | 1:00 Grief Share
6:00 Worship |
| 14th | 1:00 Grief Share
6:00 Worship– Education Programming Begins | 29th | All Day Prayer Day
9:00 Prayer Group
10:30 Bible/Book Study |
| 15th | 9:00 Prayer Group
10:30 Bible/Book Study
1:00 WELCA
6:00 Council Meeting | | |



From the desk of Pastor Sue:

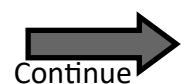


“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Psalm 118: 24

Yes, this is the day! But, how did it get to be September already? I am excited to begin a new year of educational programming, but what I really want is another month of summer. I pray that you found time to rest, relax, and recreate throughout the summer months. I had two very successful Rainy Lake fishing trips with my brother, Rob; I enjoyed a 50th year class reunion where I was asked to memorialize our deceased classmates. I attended an all-staff Camp Vermilion reunion and a family reunion. Talk about hanging out with a lot of people! It was shocking to realize at the family reunion that I now belong to the oldest living generation. Uff dah!

Yes, this is the day that the Lord has made! Every day should be one of rejoicing because we belong to the Lord; we are loved by the Lord, and we are forgiven of our sins. Let us rejoice and be glad! Take a moment to reflect on what brings you joy? Kids, grandchildren, a good book, fishing, gardening, traveling,... counting your blessings? What is it? Reflect on how you feel when you are filled with joy?

Now, imagine, how God feels when you are in a joyful mood. Imagine God watching you in your joy. John 17: 3 says, “But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.” Joy is a common theme in Christ’s teachings—he wants us to be joyful. The key to immeasurable joy is living in close contact with Him, the source of all joy. It is common for people to think that they can worship God out in nature, like out in the woods, in the boat, at the cabin. While that is true, it is not entirely complete. What is missing in creation is Jesus, the Word, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and the fellowship we experience with other believers. While my joy may not be your joy, being in church and in worship with you brings me joy. Seeing you come to church in all kinds of weather, with crabby kids who don’t really want to be there, singing songs you might not enjoy, knowing that you have a zillion other things to do, but you still come to worship, brings me joy that you made the effort to give some of your precious time back to the Giver of time. I hope you are ready to come back and fully engage in all of the ministries that Long Lake Lutheran has to offer. We join together for worship, fellowship, and educational programming on Sundays at 9 am. On Mondays we have Emotions Anonymous at 6 pm for anyone coping with difficult emotions; on Tuesdays come join in the fun at Fellowship Café from 9:30 to noon.



All are welcome to stop in for a cup of coffee, a treat and lots of visiting. An AA group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7. Wednesdays bring a flurry of activity with GriefShare at 1 and WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) worship with Holy Communion, and confirmation education beginning with a family meal at 5:30. On Thursdays a group of us get together at 9:00 am for 60 minutes of prayer and scripture. We are currently working through the Proverbs. At 10:30 we meet for Bible study. We will begin “The New Testament in Its World” by N.T. Wright and Michael Bird. It is an introduction to the history, literature, and theology of the first Christians. On the second and fourth Thursdays people get together to play a card game called “Up and Down.” All are welcome; it is an easy game to learn. If you would rather play a different game, bring your game and your playing partner(s) and start a new table. I would love to see a cribbage group formed.

Of course, there are also many other opportunities in which to get involved. These include Friends of Ruth, Sunshine, WELCA, Lunch Ladies, Live Nativity, church decorating, Food Truck Fellowship, worship assistants, kitchen helpers, community garden and our memorial garden. We have teaching, driving, helping opportunities in our Sunday and Wednesday educational programming. We have a Fun Run and a Meal Packing Event coming up. You will be glad you offered your skills and talents. If you don't know what these groups do, ASK! We'll be happy to clue you in.

All of the ministry teams are looking for new members. These are Missions, Stewardship, Property, Worship and Music, Youth and Education, Finance, and Congregational Life. If you don't like meetings, you can still join a team as a helper and be on their list of contacts.

As is common in most churches 20% of the people do 80% of the work. There are many in this church who offer their help for everything and every time we ask for help. To them, I say a heartfelt “Thanks for all you do!” Don't be part of the 80% who do nothing or very little. Pick something to get involved in. This is YOUR church. Do your part. On Rally Sunday, Sept. 11th, you will have the opportunity to see what each ministry team does, and you will have the opportunity to join them. Each table will have sign up sheets for new team members. At every table you visit, you will get a sticker for your energy card. Collect 6 lightbulbs and turn your card in for a free LLC flashlight. Let your light shine for the Lord by offering your help on a team and let your light shine from your flashlight when you find yourself in the dark!

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Stewardship Team Report

Our Cups are Overflowing with BLESSINGS!!

“Fill my cup, Lord! Run it over!...I’ve been thriving in the wonder of the great unknown...’Cause I’m drinking from a well from another place”

-Lyrics from Fill My Cup by Andrew Ripp

As the summer winds down and we look to the back end of the year, we want to introduce our stewardship focus going into fall – on how Our Cups Are Overflowing here at Long Lake Lutheran. Isn’t it amazing to know we are all drinking from a well from another place? We are all thriving in the wonder of the great unknown!

Do you ever find yourself skipping a beat here or there when a sudden moment in your day makes you feel absolutely full to the brim? I will admit, some days it’s easier than others to recognize these moments, but we thank God for continuously making sure our cups are full (and then some!). There is so much peace in knowing that we will never, ever be empty. And there is so much joy in knowing that not only does He give us all enough, but He gives us more than enough – some overflow for each of us.

This fall, let us be mindful of the overflow in each and every one of our lives and be prayerful of how we can gather up that overflow and pour it out so it can spread further than we ever thought possible. Let’s do something awesome with it!

Our Stewardship team has been meeting monthly and this next season brings excitement within our team. We want to share the following “save the dates” with everyone.

Saturday, September 10th – Fun Run for Hunger, please join us in raising funds for our Life Rice meal packing event. Please join our team Our Cups Overflow!

Sunday, September 11th – Rally Sunday, please stop by our table and say, “hi!”

Sunday, October 9th – Stewardship Kick off Sunday with a Color My Cup event and potluck brunch!

Sunday, November 20th – Commitment Sunday, look for some delicious homemade “Cup” cookies!

From the desk of Shawna Berg:



As I sit down to write this, I am definitely well into the swing of fall activities! We just dropped my son off for his second year of college last week, and this week we took senior pictures with my daughter. Here at church we have been collecting registrations for Confirmation and Sunday School and preparing for Rally Sunday. I love the different pace of summer, the vacation days and different rhythms, but there is something exciting and reassuring about getting back into a regular schedule again.

If you have stepped away from worship for a season, whether that was just for this summer, or maybe even if it was longer than that, I hope you will consider coming back! There are a host of reasons why many of us may not attend worship as often as we used to. Some of us have had a change in life circumstances, and find ourselves caring for an aging parent, or find conflicts with kids activities pulling us away. Time constraints and conflicts make it challenging to be in worship as regularly as we might like, and then, feeling guilty about our lack of participation, when we could be there, we continue to stay away. It doesn't matter how long you have been away, or what the reason was, we would love to have you come back!

Some of us, have been disillusioned by the church. Perhaps you didn't agree with a decision made by a person in leadership at the church. Perhaps you didn't like the politics of some of the people in the pew next to you. Sometimes it is hard to remember that the church, is made up of a lot of imperfect people. This means there will be times when the leadership will get things wrong, and it probably means there will be people who require a little more grace for us to love. That is one of the beautiful things about the church! It is a place where we unite around our faith in Jesus, in spite of all of our other differences. A place where we come together to laugh, to serve, to grow and to support one another.

Maybe you have a lot of questions and don't know where you are on your faith journey. I talked to someone recently who said they hadn't been back to church in several months, because they had been struggling with their faith, and coming to church made them feel like a "phony". You are welcome here, with all of your questions, with all of your doubts, and with all of your imperfections! You don't have to have it all figured out to show up, you can be certain that even those of us in the pulpit don't have it all figured out!

Let us know if we can support you in your faith journey, or if we can work to make Long Lake a welcome place that you want to be a part of and that you want to bring your friends too! We hope to see you ALL in worship soon!

Special Announcements

A new Bible study will begin on Thursday, Sept. 15th at 10:30 am. We will be studying “The New Testament in its World” by N.T Wright and Michael Bird.

This book presents the New Testament books as historical, literary, and social phenomena located in the world of Second Temple Judaism, amidst Greco-Roman politics and culture, and within early Christianity.

It has video lectures and a workbook.

Join us for 90 minutes of learning to understand the culture from which came our New Testament.

GriefShare, a grief recovery support group, began a new series on August 31st. We will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm for 90 minutes of journeying from mourning to joy.

This is an effective ministry program open to anyone grieving a loss. The grieving process is long and intense and there is not just one way to grieve or any prescribed amount of time to recover from grief.

Grief is an ongoing feeling that has to be worked through even with strong faith.

Tell your friends about this ministry; even if they don't go to this church, they are welcome to attend.

GriefShare is biblical, Christ-centered and is an effective tool to help people find or deepen their faith in Christ as they examine soul-level questions about death, dying, mortality and eternal life.

In our culture, grief and the deep hurts that accompany it are among the most significant spiritual turning points in a person's life. GriefShare provides tools and strategy to point grieving people to Christ as their source of their healing.

Road Trip

We are gauging interest in a road trip in October to West Bend, IA to see the Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption, the largest man-made grotto in the world.

The trip will continue on to the Aman Colonies near Cedar Rapids. It looks like about a 4 day trip with Pastor Sue and Julie Nielsen as guides and devotion leaders.

We have not figured out the total cost yet, but will continue to research if there is any interest.



Our Fall Bucket List



- Go to a pumpkin patch
- Go apple picking
- Have a picnic outside



- Plan a movie night
- Host a game night with friends
- Bake an apple pie
- Plan our Halloween Costumes



- Go on a hay ride
- Get lost in a corn maze



- Attend a Fall festival
- Make colorful leaf art
- Go for a hike



- Make a pinecone bird feeder
- Carve a pumpkin



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A Prayer for our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together!

Amen!



LLLC Summer Fun Recap!



Thank you to all who participated in maintaining our beautiful garden!



Fun at Camp Onomia! Thank you to everyone who helped send our kids to camp!



6/19/22 Pastor Sue dedicating the new altar/pulpit for outdoor worship given in memory of Marv Evenson by his wife Colleen Evenson.



Every Tuesday at 9:30am Fellowship Café participants gather for coffee, treats, and good company.



DIVISION 3										
Pos	Team	W	L	Pct	GB	RS	RA	Diff	L5	Strk
1	Cross Pointe 4	8	4	0.667	0	182	145	37	3-2-0	L1
2	Long Lake Lutheran	8	5	0.615	0.5	172	137	35	4-1-0	W2
2	Dale	8	5	0.615	0.5	166	164	2	4-1-0	W4
4	North Isanti Baptist 2	6	6	0.500	2	126	155	-29	0-5-0	L5
4	First Baptist Church of Cambridge	6	6	0.500	2	142	109	33	3-2-0	W1
4	Cross Pointe 3	6	6	0.500	2	148	152	-4	2-3-0	W1
7	River of Life	6	7	0.462	2.5	173	134	39	2-3-0	L2
8	Refuge 2	4	8	0.333	4	141	186	-45	3-2-0	L1
9	Oxlip Ballhawks	4	9	0.308	4.5	154	222	-68	1-4-0	L1

CONGRATULATIONS to our softball team for placing second in their division this summer! Way to go guys and gals!



On July 21st our Youth Pastor Shawna Berg was able to visit our Kids at the Isanti County Fair!



This Summer Walter Horcher (83) of Cambridge, MN stopped in to show his friends the work he did on the stained glass windows.



Thank you to all who helped make this summers Road trip to Exodus so much fun!!



Thank you again to Gary Grell for the beautiful bench he dedicated to his wife Judith Grell.



Food Truck Fellowship and VBS



September Worship Helpers are:

September 4th

Greeter: Yvonne Miller

Ushers: Barry Smith & Margaret McBride

Lector: Chris Hepp

Kitchen: Barb Talbot

September 11th

Greeters: Pat & Pat Weiss– Meyer

Ushers: Dave & Karen Baker

Lector: Ronda Fenlon

Kitchen: Dylan Monroe

September 18th

Greeters: Barry Smith & Margaret McBride

Ushers: Gerald & Connie Anderson

Lector: Judy Carolan

Kitchen: Rose Hass

September 25th

Greeters: Harlan & Madge Lillemoen

Ushers: Margaret Bauer

Lector: John Hass

Kitchen: Josh & Tess Budnick

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers!

August Attendance

August 7th– 78

August 14th– 65

August 21st– 63

August 28th- 70





September Birthdays

September 1st– Connie Anderson

September 2nd– Jean Hansen & Mick Hanson

September 3rd– Molly Hanson & Jennifer Manion

September 4th– Madison Yurich

September 5th– John Spletstoesser

September 6th– Trevor Hill & Nora White

September 7th– Nicholas Hemsworth

September 8th– Gloria Folstrom

September 10th– Phillip Maguire

September 11th– Brian Berg, Norah Larsen & Barb Talbot

September 12th– Victoria Henry & Larry Puck

September 13th– Margaret Bauer, K. Hansen & Lars Halverson

September 15th– Brittany Isle

September 16th– Dennis Hardie

September 17th– Jerry Oldenburg

September 19th– Joshua Hass

September 20th– Connie Engren & Carson Fournier


September 22nd– Nate Dufek

September 23rd– Jack Erickson

September 26th– Harvey Bartz & Tammy Dufek

September 28th– Graydon Townswick

September 29th– Scarlett Spike



September Anniversaries:

09/01 Kathie & Ken Schleif

09/09 Mary Beth & Bruce Riebe

09/11 Barb & Dan Peterson

09/14 Shirley & Jerry Oldenburg

09/15 Sandie & Bob Johnson,

09/19 Kevin & Maureen Schrapp

09/19 Cheryl & Don Knapp

09/19 Roxanne & Jim Peterson

09/19 Daniel & Tiffanie Niemi

09/20 Pat & Pat Weiss-Meyer

09/30 Darin & Kim Magaard



RALLY SUNDAY

September 11th 9:00 am

“Shine Your Light”



You are invited to join us as we celebrate a new school year full of educational programming. Sunday School, Worship on Wednesday (WOW), Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study. Bring your backpacks to be blessed at the worship service on Rally Sunday. Stay for hot dog lunch. Visit the team tables in the Narthex to receive lightbulb stickers. Visit 6 tables and receive a free flashlight.

Wear Yellow



Thank you to all the ones that helped with the Live Nativity float for Bradford days parade. It was great. We had a lot of fun. Looking forward to next year.

Carol Perrin and Rose Hass

Attention:

The Sunshine circle will start meeting again on September 13th at 1:00. And the 2nd Tuesday of the month each month. Please come join us for fellowship, fun and of course food.

Fun Run!

September 10th, 2022

Sign up to partipate today - get a team together! Or consider raising money for this great event! Funds raised will go towards a meal packing event to be held this fall in partnership with LifeRice to send meals to hungry children in Ukraine, and to give to food banks in our community. This will be a fun run with a color station and other fun antics, and will be appropriate for kids, individuals and families! You can walk or run, and it should be a lot of fun. Spread the word!

All Day Prayer Day

September 29th—7:00am– 7:00pm

Spend a few minutes in prayer at Long Lake Lutheran in our sanctuary. The sanctuary will have soft recorded music playing, and at the top of every hour a reader will read a scripture passage and lead an opening prayer. At the end of every hour, a reader will lead a closing prayer. At 6:00 pm you are invited to return for a worship service centered on prayer using the Holden Evening Prayer service. We invite you to pray from the list we provide, then pray from your own heart for the people and the issues that are near and dear to your heart . Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Desk.

Pray for our students who will be confirmed in October. They will head to Camp Onomia for a retreat September 16th-17th to prepare and plan for their service.

Adult Education will be starting September 18th from 8:00– 9:00 on Sundays. Ronda Fenlon will be leading with the series “ The Chosen”.

Garage Sale Season is Here!

The friends of Ruth are always collecting items for baby kits, so while you're out this summer, please keep an eye out for these most needed items:

lightweight cotton T-Shirts (no Onesies)

long- or short-sleeved gowns

swaddling blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, 36” to 52” square

bath-sized bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9oz, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.

Thank you!



Technology Help Needed:

More and more technology is being used in the church and we desperately need a team with a strong leader that can direct us in our technology use, especially for worship. Please consider offering up your time and talents if you have knowledge in this area. It is a huge area with many facets such as equipment, software, website, troubleshooting, etc. Please let Pastor Sue, President Ronda Fenlon, or Finance Chair Bruce Yurich know if you are able to help.

Connections event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply **sign up online at www.ucdir.com**
Church Code mn169 Password: photos
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!

Photography dates: Oct. 13th & 14th from 2:00-8:30pm

Saturday October 15th from 10:30am– 5:00pm

Food Packing Event

Long Lake will be hosting a meal packing event with Life Rice on October 16th. Contact Shawna Berg for more details.



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

Pray for healing for: Colleen Evenson, Mike Schlegel, Aaron Gustafson, Linda Rouen, Richard Hansen, Sharon Johnson, Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene, Diane Englund, Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Karen Baker's mom Floy, Dave and Mel Ringstad's friend Sue, Kent and Joanne Eittrheim's friends Scott and Katie, Karen Baker's niece Angie Bentley, Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie Englund, Lisa Gustafson's brother Eric and Lisa's friend Brenda, John Hass' nephew Kevin Bagne, Bruce Riebe's son Erik and brother in law Bob Hammer, Therese Cather's niece Kelly, Lisa and Martin Lynn's daughter Kelsey, Linda Rouen's aunt Evelyn Patterson, Madonna & Chris Schmidt's son Tristan, Kathy and Ken Schleif's grandson Kade, Pastor Sue's Uncle Ernie.



CHARITY FUN RUN

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

AT 10 A.M.

\$15
PER PERSON



REGISTER NOW!

*BENEFITS LIFERICE FOOD PACKING EVENT THIS FALL
PARTICIPANTS CAN RAISE MONEY FOR CHANCE TO WIN
ADDITIONAL PRIZES!

