Long Lake Lutheran Church

September 2019

Country Spire

Rally Day is September 8th! Faith Family Revnion!

Some mission work and lots of fun activities! Hot dogs, chips, root beer floats, yard games, bingo

September 11th

Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:00-7:20 pm First night of Children's Church

September 15th

First day of Sunday School

September 18th

First day of Confirmation

September 21st

3rd Annual Artisan Fair



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Purpose Balanced

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I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8

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Pastor

Sue Olson

From the desk of Pastor Sue...



Be Thou My Vision WOV 776

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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

Do you have 20/20 vision? If you do, you are very lucky and very unique. Globally, it is estimated that approximately 1.3 billion people live with some form of vision impairment. With regards to distance vision, 188.5 million people have mild vision impairment, 217 million have moderate to severe vision impairment, and 36 million people are blind. Those of us with some form of corrected vision, like glasses, contacts, cataract or Lasik surgery can see clearly what we once saw cloudy and distorted. Thank God for the ability to see and interpret what we see.

Our eyes are one of the most fascinating and complex parts of the body with which God has blessed us. We rely on them every day, yet we don't give them much thought until something goes wrong and our vision is affected. We can see beauty, sunsets, sunrises, ocean waves, expansive deserts, blue jays, sunflowers, clouds, children, and a bazillion different and amazing parts of God's creation. Our eyes also produce tears. Tears of joy and tears of sorrow, tears from wind in our eyes, or strong onions. Did you know that those three kinds of tears all differ chemically from each other? Isn't that amazing? Give thanks to God for the gift of vision.

<u>Psalm</u> 16:8 " I keep my <u>eyes</u> always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Matthew 6:22-24 says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

2 Corinthians 4:18 "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

As we approach the year 2020, we will be focusing on looking ahead with 20/20 vision. We have come a long way in our 128 years of serving God at LLLC. We can look forward with anticipation of all that God has in store for us. The Visioning Team will be called back together with new people added to make plans for our future. We have a lot of idea generators in this congregation and we want to hear everyone's voice. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!**

I Can See Clearly Now

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright (bright)
Bright (bright) sun-shining day

Oh yes I can make it now the pain is gone All of the bad feelings have disappeared Here is that rainbow I've been praying for It's gonna be a bright (bright) Bright (bright) sun-shining day (Ooh...)

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies

Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright (bright)
Bright (bright) sun-shining day

Speaking of looking forward, I want to say a few words about looking forward as a faith family. What does it mean to belong to a church, or more specifically, to belong to Long Lake Lutheran Church? Like any family, there are obligations and contributions that help make the family system run smoothly. The household functions better when every member of the family contributes in some way. One person cannot do everything required to run a household. Similarly, in the church, everyone should participate in the workings of the church. We pick up after ourselves, we clean up our messes, we offer help when jobs need to be done, and we contribute financially to keep the lights, heat, water, and garbage services turned on.

As a member of this faith family, I encourage you and your family to become active on at least one team. These include: property, congregational life, stewardship, finance, education, youth, worship and music. Additionally, we have a safety and security task force and a green team. Choose one that matches your interests and passions. Checking out a team meeting does not mean that you have to commit the rest of your life to serving on that one team. You and your family could choose one event to put your efforts towards.

We provide opportunities to grow in our knowledge and faith through bible and book studies. We enjoy many fellowship activities such as Live Nativity, Congregational Bonfire, Fellowship Café, Trunk or Treat, and more. The more involved you become in this faith family, the more you will feel like you are an integral part in its overall health. Belonging to a faith family is good for your mental, physical, spiritual, and overall well-being. With 20/20 vision, I invite you to look to the future of LLLC with you and your family appearing in the education, activities and worship parts of this church.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the prayers, love and support, along with the meal, flowers, gifts, and reception for my Ordination. It was memorable because Long Lake Lutheran Church knows how to take care of their pastor! Thank you. Pastor Sue



Congratulations Pastor Sue!







Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Shawna Berg



Fall is one of my favorite times of year. I remember being a kid and being so excited about picking out new school supplies, a new pair of shoes and a couple of new outfits for school. Then there was the anticipation of learning who your teacher was, seeing your friends who you hadn't seen in a while and a sense of a new beginning. Fall always for me feels like a new beginning and a new start.

In the church it marks the start of a new program year. Education programs resume, and people get out of vacation mode and back into their regular worship patterns. For all of these reasons and more it seems fitting that fall also marks a new season of my ministry here at Long Lake Lutheran! I am very excited to be moving into a full time position here at Long Lake that will continue to lead the Children, Youth and Family Ministries here and will also provide preaching and pastoral support for Pastor Sue. This fall feels full of new and exciting possibilities!





Transition isn't always easy, but the council, transition team and lay leadership here at Long Lake have worked hard to figure out how to move Long Lake forward and provide innovative solutions for this congregations needs. If you see them, please thank them for helping to navigate this transition and for giving so much of their time and gifts to the process! I look forward to continuing to partner with you all in ministry as we look forward to exciting things together.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR CONFIRMATION MEETING

WE WILL BE MEETING FROM 6:00 PM-7:20 PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH!

Council Minutes 08/07/19

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

Call to order 7:07PM Matt L

Light of the Christ Candle Matt L

Devotions (Ronda) - Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God". The Season of WAIT. This verse reminds me to personally take time with God to quietly wait and listen. LLLC has been in a period of waiting and listening and being patient as we move through the Call Process. Our prayers have been answered and we have called Pastor Sue and will celebrate her ordination and then installation on the 14th.

Meeting agenda was presented. Jennifer made a motion to approve, Kara 2nd. Motion passed.

July meeting minutes were presented. Marsha made a motion to approve, Jennifer 2nd. Motion passed.

Youth: Aluminum cans are a simple way for our youth to raise funds. Please consider bringing in your aluminum cans for recycling.

Finance: \$'s are looking pretty good

Property: The Team leader position remains open. A custodian has been hired.

Rally Sunday plans are underway. There is a LOT of good things happening. Please plan on joining us September 8th, you won't want to miss it.

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9PM, Tammy 2nd. Motion passed.

Closed meeting with The Lord's Prayer. Blessings, Ronda





Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Whew! What happened to August? Time sure flies when you're busy! I'm sure that most of you know that we had a very busy August. Mainly, we were preparing for a celebration to install our very own Pastor Sue! What an honor it was to have such a well-attended ordination and installation for our wonderful Pastor! I'd like to thank all of you who pitched in to make Long Lake so welcoming and appealing to all our members and guests that we had. It's always nice to impress the Bishop when she visits!

Pastor Sue wasn't the only staff member that we settled in here at Long Lake last month. I'm excited to say that we have also hired our very own Shawna Berg as a full time Family and Youth Ministry Director! Shawna will also be providing some pastoral support and preaching for us from time to time. We are fortunate to have Shawna here; she brings many new ideas and over 20 years of experience to Long Lake! Shawna's official start date as a Long Lake employee is September 1.

We have also hired a custodian. His name is Randy Lilleboe. Randy has a great attitude and is learning the lay of the land around here. Randy isn't a member here, but if you do see him, please say hi to him.

On another note, there are so many opportunities to get involved and serve at Long Lake. I'm so impressed with the volunteers that help out in so many ways, and I thank each of you for that! We can always use more volunteers, so please don't think we can't use additional help. I would like to see more men getting involved. I understand that we all have things to do outside of church, but guys, please consider finding one or two (more) ways to share your talents with Long Lake. It could be something as simple as joining a committee, or perhaps leading a team as a council member. Plain and simple, our church could use more male involvement and leadership.

We are a little less than 6 months away from our next annual meeting. That being said, our church council will have three seats open. Please prayerfully consider serving on our church council. This is a great opportunity to not only serve Long Lake but learn a lot about Long Lake as well. You will meet so many others that care deeply about our church, and you will build friendships with members that you maybe wouldn't have normally. I can honestly say that serving on the council can be a very rewarding experience.

Just a reminder, Rally Sunday is September 8, and we will be having one service at 8:30. Please come up for worship, fellowship, and fun as we kick-off the new Sunday School year! There will also be an abundance of opportunities to interact with the many committees and teams of our wonderful church! I hope to see you there!

Education Jennifer Manion



Greetings!

I am so excited to begin another season of Sunday School! We are gearing up for a great Rally Sunday.

Sunday school's first mission project is going to help children at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's hospital. We are collecting items to give to the hospital. Here is a list of things:

- crayons,
- Crayola washable markers,
- bubbles,
- books (board books for infants and toddler thru teenage are needed),
- knitting needles and cotton yarn,
- puzzle books (Word Find, Sudoku, Crossword, etc.) for adults
- toothbrush and toothpaste sets,
- new release and current DVD's (child and adult)
- You could also find their wish list on Amazon https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/
 wishlist/287JWNP7MUYFZ.
- Using this option, you can have it delivered right to the hospital.



Please see Shawna or myself for signing your child up for Sunday School, Confirmation, or any other educational programming.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please let us know your talents for helping with children.

Thanks for all you do everyday!

Important dates:

Rally Sunday and blessing of backpacks--September 8
first day of Sunday school and blessing of teachers--September 15 (9:30)
9th grade Confirmation retreat---September 27 and 28
Trunk or Treat--October 26

Confirmation celebration---October 27



YOUTH Tammy Dufeck

Upcoming Dates to note:

September 8th - Rally Sunday

September 11th - Confirmation Parent Meeting 6-7:15

September 15th - First Day of Sunday School

September 18th - First Day of Confirmation

September 27-28 - 9th Grade Confirmation retreat at Camp Onomia

High School Youth

Join us for Breakfast Club Bible Study every First and Third Sunday at 9:30! First Breakfast Club will be on September 15th!

High School Special Events will happen every Second Sunday begin-



ning October 13th! Watch for more details!

Mark your calendars for November 8th - our all night Moonlight Madness lock-in!

STEWARDSHIP Kathie Schleif



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



We at Long Lake Lutheran and the community have much to celebrate. Congratulations to Pastor Sue on her ordination and installation!

Congratulations to Shawna for accepting the youth director position.

We have completed a year of transition with GOD'S HELP! Thank you, Lord!

We will have a LLL reunion of our family here on Rally Sunday, September 8. See more in the Spire for details.

From the devotion book called The Power of Being Thankful Joyce Meyer writes:

Prayer is just like breathing – regular, easy, second-nature and we can pray our way through life as part of the way we live. Our physical lives are sustained by breathing; our spiritual lives should be maintained by praying.

We can pray while we are mowing or while we are being still. We can pray while we shop, wait for an appointment, doing chores, etc.

Prayer is simply talking with God and expressing your heart to Him anytime and anywhere.

Looking forward to our 2020 year of celebration in this community

Pray your way through day!

Kathie





MIRGATION LIFE Wara Hepp

Happy September!!

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ² A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; ³ A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; 7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. - **Ecclesiastes 3**

The changing of seasons is always a perfect time for reflection. With fall right around the corner, it is a reminder that God has built our world with such intention. The same goes for our lives and the life of our church. There is always intention no matter what season we're in. I couldn't be more excited for the new season God has led us to. He has given us a new pastor and youth director to guide us in building back up our once strong foundation and the plan that we envision for 2020 looks BRIGHT!



Congregational Life has been busy creating some foundational elements as well. We met in August to come up with a logo and tag line that best represents our committee. From that Margaret McBride graciously put it together for us in one image:.

We aim to be the hands and feet of Christ and shine our light through the support we offer our church and community. We'd love to have you join us!! Our next meeting is set for September 15th after 2nd Service. During this meeting we'll be discussing the following events:

• Our next event will be inter-generational. Congregational life will host the Bonfire and on the same day the Youth hosts the Trunk or Treat event! This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to come together! The date is set for 10/26/19.

Discussion around creating new a new directory for 2020. Prayers and Blessings!

Kara Hepp kara@larsengardens.com

FINANCE Marsha Weidner

Praise God for Fall!

As summer is coming to a far too soon end, fall is a perfect time to remind ourselves of all the abundant opportunities that God has put in front of each and every one of us.

For me, this is the last full quarter of serving on our Church Council and the Finance Team's chairperson. Which presents an opportunity for you, yes for YOU to become the next chairperson of the Finance Team. Please don't think that you need a degree in finance to lead this team. This team has many knowledgeable, good-hearted people that will help you monitor the church finances. Sometimes we are asked our ideas and ways we can support giving, or upgrading or sharing of our finances. I understand that this position may seem a bit daunting, but trust me when I tell you that over the last 128 years, Long Lake has faced about every financial challenge imaginable. Also during the past 128 years, we have had many generous volunteers serve on and lead the finance team.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our team, or even leading it. Mark your calendars for the following Mondays at 7 pm to come see how your generous givings are used here at Long Lake.

October 7th November 4th December 9th

Hope you can make the meetings.

Marsha



MORCHIP and MUSIC



Worship and Music

Fall is in the air! I love the crisp nights and all the fall programming starting back up. Rally Sunday looks to be a great day to spend with church family and see all the opportunities available here at Long Lake. We will have sign up sheets at our table and would love to know what musical talents you all have! If you or your child sings or plays an instrument please let us know! We would love to add more special music to the services. We will also have a sign up sheet looking for any volunteers that would be willing to staff the nursery during services, especially the 9:30 service.

The next worship and music meeting is September 3rd at 6:00 pm. What do we do at our meetings? We pick hymns for the next month of worship and talk about the liturgy being used. We talk about the order of worship and make sure things are flowing smoothly. We plan for special worship events like Spoke Folk that was here in August. The choir and altar guild are also part of our group so we make sure things are running smoothly for them. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Also, save the date for the MN adult and teen challenge that will be coming to worship on October 6.

Rachel

Choir resumes September 10th at 6:30 pm!







The Property Team met on Tuesday, August 20 at 5pm. We are looking into getting the insulation in the attic touched up again. Before we do that, we

need to accomplish a couple tasks. We are looking for volunteers to assist in mounting 4 or 5 spotlights in the sanctuary and running wire in the attic. These lights will

be used for the Live Nativity and God Bless, can be used for other events as needed.

We also need to run the phone line for the fellowship hall in the attic. After the lights are wired and the phone line is re-run, we can get the new insulation shot in, hopefully before winter.

Do you like to paint? We are looking for a few volunteers to make some minor repairs in Shawna's old office and put a new coat of paint on the walls.

One other project that we need

to get accomplished is hanging the TV in the conference room. If any of these projects interest you, please reach out to a property team member or the church staff. These are great opportunities to serve and fellowship!

We are still looking for someone to serve as the property chairperson. Please give this some serious and prayerful consideration. This is a very important position to our church needs. Not only for the property team, but also the council. The property

> team is in the process of growing, and we need a new leader to keep us on track. If you're at all interested, please reach out to Matt Lundeen with any questions.

The Property Team



MISSIONS Ronda Fenion



August Missions Meeting Attendees: Karyn H., Jim W., Will R. and Ronda F.

Jim W. had another GREAT Mission experience in Brazil.

Will R. is making some headway on his roof and home but can always use a helping hand. Please reach out to Will to see where you might fit.





Local Habitat Trip was cancelled due to lack of interest.

September - December our Mission focus will be LO-CAL! If you are aware of a local need (both monetary and sweat equity) please reach out to Ronda Fenlon. We are open to all suggestions.

ADULT FORUM will begin again on Rally Sunday, September 8th.

We will continue to meet in the conference room at 9:30 am every Sunday.

We will be using Brene Brown's "The Gifts of Imperfection" as our study guide.

All are welcome to join!

Save the Date Third Annual
Artisan Fair
September 21, 2019
09:00 am-3:00 pm
30+ Vendors showcasing their talents
Door prizes
WELCA will have food available for sale

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





Wow, where did the last three months go? We hope all have had a great summer and are ready to rally together again in September.

Ladies, the Friends of Ruth will be having it's first fall meeting on Monday, September 9, 6:30pm, and you are invited to join us! From gathering supplies for and assembling baby kits, maintaining the children's worship bags, planning and putting on the Christmas Tea and the Spring Luncheon, new and nurturing friendships, and inspiring devotions, we look forward to another giving and fulfilling year together.

God's peace, Joanne Eittreim



"Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better." Ecclesiastes 4:9 The August meeting was held on August 13th with 11 members there.

Gary Grell has given fabric in memory of Judy, so we went through that and we will be able to make a lot of nice quilts and blankets. Thank you Gary.

At our meeting, we had a good time of friends, fellowship, and fabric. Next meeting will be September 10th at 1:00 pm Please come and join us.

Rose Hass

The deadline for tickets is September 8th! Sign up and pay today!

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!



ELCA

Our group is again participating in the Coats for Kids collection sponsored by the Pilgrim Cleaners, as we have for several years now. They will accept all sizes of coats, not just kids coats. It runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 13. We'll gather donated coats on the coat rod on the right-hand side of the entrance to the fellowship hall from the narthex.

l Blessings for an enjoyable fall! I Lillian Reetz







Please consider joining us to make mission quilts. We gather 6 times a year to tie them and stitch around the edges. This is a great way to fellowship with your friends and to make new friends!

No experience is necessary, there will be a job for people of all experience levels!

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month and begin the day at 9:00 am and end the day at 4:00 pm. We have a potluck lunch and also bring a snack to share with coffee during the day!

This fall we will meet:

Wednesday, September 11th Wednesday, October 9th Wednesday, November 13th

Please consider stopping by for part or all of the day!

LIVE NATIVITY



24th Annual Long Lake Lutheran Live Nativity SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 7 - (NEW START TIME)
3PM through 7PM, with Chili and Chicken Wild Rice Soup Supper

Sunday, 9:30 All Congregation Live Nativity Communion Service Pancake Breakfast service by the Men of LLLC to follow

Please stop by our booth during Rally Sunday:

Returning Volunteers - Please let us know if you plan to help again this year by signing up during Rally Sunday.

New Volunteers - characters, crew member, or volunteer opportunities in all areas of support before, during and after the event.

Focus Volunteers needed:

Lead and coordinate our advertisement, marketing, and communication

Volunteer as a resident of Bethlehem (Costumed, no speaking required)

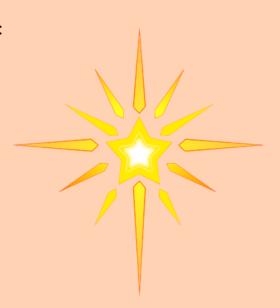
Takedown Leaders – help organize and put away event scenes and props on Sunday to ensure we safely and efficiently clean up and prepare for further Advent and Christmas events at LLLC

Get involved in the planning and preparation by attending:

Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm

Questions? Contact:

Donna Larsen: donna@larsengardens.com 763-350-8209 Kara Hepp: kara@larsengardens.com 763-350-0250



Spaghetti Dinner

Come Enjoy

All You Can Eat

Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, beverage and dessert



When:

Friday, October 4, 2019

4pm - 7pm

Where:

Long Lake Lutheran Church
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti

Hwy 47 and 277th (6 miles north of St. Francis)

Tickets:

Adults \$6 Children 6 - 12 yrs \$3 Under 6 free

THE GREEN TEAM

"When we know better, we do better." Maya Angelou

This is our theme for making the congregation of Long Lake Lutheran a knowledgeable group of Christians who are working together to be wise in our use of the resources that God has provided for us.



We are going to practice the three R's (no, not reading, 'riting and 'rithmatic) but 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.'

We've decided to have our team introduce new methods for better use of materials to save water, electricity, kitchen waste, etc. for the betterment of our earth.

We'll have less in the landfill, preserve natural resources, and have a cleaner, greener earth!

You will notice blue recycling containers placed all around the church. Please review the informational card/label/poster by it that will show you what may be put in the container.

Be willing to think a moment before you throw everything into a wastebasket. Ask yourself "Is this something I can recycle?"

Look for the Green Team table on Rally Sunday where you can find more information and ideas for you to consider – remember; the more we know, the better we will become at taking care of our church.

We will have a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to worship!

Karen Baker

We would like to introduce our new parish nurse, Sherryl Mahrer. She will be available to take blood pressures on the second Sunday of each month between services beginning October 13th. She will also provide individual help with other medical concerns as they arise. Her number is 612-803-1291. She invites you to call and leave a message; she will get back to you as soon as she is able.

Sherryl has a background in long term care, hospice and home health, and working with persons with mental and physical disabilities. She has an RN degree from Anoka-Ramsey and has over 40 years of experience. Sherryl has been a member of LLLC about 16 years, sings in the church choir, and participates as the narrator of the Live Nativity.

Rally Sunday **Faith Family Reunion**

"Put the Rally back into Rally Sunday"

Sunday, September 8

8:00 am: Coffee & Muffins

8:30 am: Hymn Sing

9:30 am: Worship

10:30 am: Fun for All Ages

Mission Minded

Helping local school food programs

Outdoor yard games • Indoor bingo Hot dogs · Chips · Popcorn · Root beer floats



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Birthdays Date Connie Anderson 1 Jean Hansen 2 Mickey Hanson Molly Hanson 3 Jennifer Manion Madison Yurich 4 5 John Splettstoesser Trevor Hill Nora White Jack Borer 7 Jonah Johnson Gloria Folstrom 8 Philip Maguire 10 Brian Berg 11 Odin Olson Barbara Talbot 12 Henry Victoria Kaylee Moeller Larry Puck Margaret Bauer 13 Karyn Hansen Brittany Isle 15 16 Dennis Hardie Jerry Oldenburg 17 Joshua Hass 19 Connie Engren 20 Carson Fournier Derek Johnson Nathan Dufeck 22

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Linda Merchlewitz

Lillian Reetz

Merri Roos

Cole Dryden

Scarlett Spike

Tamera Dufeck

Graydon Townswick

Date Baptism Anniversaries

- Linda Oliver
 Kyler Hennen
- 2 Madge Lillemoen Dennis Wanless
- 3 Elijah Hylen
- 6 Violet Sonsteby
- 8 Nancy Sandahl Morgan Engren
- 15 Harlen Lillemoen Ernest Englund Glenna Sorenson Kylee Lehman
- 16 Kenna HillThomas Hill17 Cora Maguire
- 1) Cora Maguire
 19 Chesney Bell
- 19 Chesney Bell23 Madilyn Borer
- 26 Adam Staff

 Kylee Staff

 Everett Wachsmuth
- 28 Sandra Johnson
- 29 Jakob Engler
- 30 Kathie Schleif

Date Anniversaries

- 1 Kathie & Ken Schleif
- 9 Mary Beth & Bruce Riebe Onna & Raymond Owens
- 14 Shirley & Jerry Oldenburg
- 15 Sandie & Bob Johnson
- 17 Andy & Melissa Browen
- 18 Karyn & Don Hansen
- 19 Cheryl & Don Knapp Kevin & Maureen Schrapp Roxanne & Jim Peterson Dan & Tiffanie Niemi
- 21 Karen & John Bartz Karin & Tom Bartz
- 26 Dennis & Ronda Fenlon
- 27 Jennifer & Aaron Sonsteby
- 30 Darin & Kim Magaard





.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 bringing 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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September Calendar

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8am - Worship	9am - JoAnne Eittreim's	6pm - Music & Worship	5pm - Community Meal	9am - Prayer Team	6 pm - Wedding Rehearsal	Cullen Bartz Wedding
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Education Team 6:30pm - 4-H Stoeckel			7 pm - Worship Team 7 pm - Youth Team			
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Rally Sunday	6:30pm - Friends of Ruth	1pm - Sunshine Circle	9am - Mission Quilters	9am - Prayer Team	4pm - Wedding Rehearsal	3pm - Tatiana Nathe
8am - Worship 9:30am - Worship	7 pm - Finance Team	6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - AA	5pm - Community Meal 6pm - Children's Church	1pm - Senior Game Day 6:30pm - Council Meeting		
10:45am - Cong. Life Mtg		7pm - Live Nativity	6pm - Confirmation	•		
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8am - Worship	6:30pm - 4-H Stoeckel	5pm - Property	5pm - Community Meal	9am - Prayer Team		9am - Artisan Fair
9:30am - Sunday School		6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	6pm - Children's Church	1pm - Welca		
9:30am - Worship		7pm-AA	6pm - Confirmation			
10:45am - Stewardship			6pm - Worship			
			7 pm - Thrivent			
			7 pm - Worship Team			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8am - Worship		6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	5pm - Community Meal	9am - Prayer Team	9th grade confirmation retreat	at
9:30am - Sunday School		7pm - AA	6pm - Children's Church	1pm - Senior Game Day		
9:30am - Worship			6pm - Confirmation			
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8am - Worship	11:30am - Lunch Ladies	6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	5pm - Community Meal	9am - Prayer Team	4pm - Spaghetti Dinner	Mitchell Wedding Offsite
9:30am - Sunday School		/pm - AA	6pm - Confirmation			
			6pm - Worship			
			7pm - Worship Team			
			7 pm - Youth Team			

September Volunteers

Volunteers Schedule for September 2019

September 1, 2019

8:00 am

Greeter:

Will Remus

Usher:

Carol Perrin

Lector:

Karen Baker

9:30 am

Greeter:

Pat & Angie O'Keefe

Usher:

Jennifer Sonterre

Lector:

Kara Hepp

September 8, 2019

8:00 am

Greeter:

Wayne & Becky Olson Paul & Jackie Gruber

Usher: Lector:

John Hass

9:30 am

Greeter:

Lisa Gustafson

Usher:

Linda & Carlee Oliver

Lector:

Margaret McBride

Altar Guild

September 1 Hansen/Bauer September 8, 15, 22 & 29

Nancy Johnson

Bread Maker

Jennifer Manion

Council Rep

8:00 am

Marsha Weidner

9:30 am

Jennifer Manion

6:00 pm

Kathie Schleif

<u>September 15, 2019</u>

8:00 am

Greeter:

Marcy Stoeckel

Usher:

Dave & Karen Baker

Lector:

Kelsey Hooker

9:30 am

Greeter:

Jenny Boniarczyk

Usher:

Kathie Schleif

Lector:

Dennis Hardie

<u>September 22, 2019</u>

8:00 am

Greeter:

Dale & Wanda Strike

Usher:

Richard & Jean Hansen

Lector:

John Hass

9:30 am

Greeter:

McBride/Smith

Usher:

Pat & Angie O'Keefe

Lector:

Jennifer Sonterre

September 29, 2019

8:00 am

Greeter:

Paul & Jackie Gruber

Usher:

McBride/Smith

Lector:

Karen Baker

9:30 am

Greeter:

Donna Larsen

Usher:

Dennis & Karen Hardie

Lector:

Kathie Schleif

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-

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