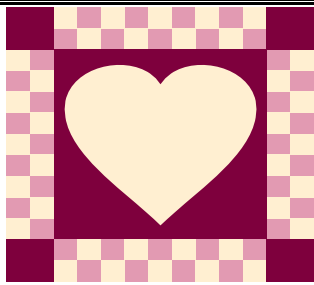


THE COUNTRY SPIRE

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Mission Quilts

What a great time to make new friends and fellowship with old friends, while at the same time make mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief and our own community.

Please think about joining us. Check out our new schedule.

Fabric: Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric, or in any type of patchwork pattern of smaller squares or any shape. If squares are preferred, twelve 21" squares or forty-eight 11" squares sewn together using a half-inch seam allowance make a 60" X 80" top for a beautiful quilt, 64" X 84" for the back.

Recommended fabrics for LWR quilts include pre-washed cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, and upholstery and drapery samples (no fiberglass). Please be sure there are no stains or holes or that the fabric isn't too worn or thin before using it to make a quilt.

This year along with giving quilts to Lutheran World Relief, we would also like to give the prettier quilts to people in our own community.

We would like to welcome anyone who would like to sew tops and backs at your own home and bring them when we do the tying at church. If you don't have the time but have the fabric, you can donate it for the mission quilts. We also need fillers, which can be blankets, batting or anything that provides warmth. Fabric and filler can be dropped off in the mail room.

Again the size is as follows:

Tops need to measure 60" wide X 80" long

Backs need to measure 64" wide X 84" long

This year we will have a new schedule and will meet the 2nd Monday of the following months in the Cornerstone building.

September 14, 2009; November 9, 2009; January 12, 2010; March 9, 2010; May 11, 2010 and July 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

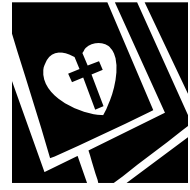
THERE IS NO NEED TO KNOW HOW TO SEW; AT THESE MEETINGS WE WILL TIE AND PIN THE QUILTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. WE HAVE SUCH GREAT FUN! COME FOR AN HOUR OR FOR THE WHOLE DAY!



During this time of transition, we will have our oak box set up in the Narthex to collect all comments, suggestions and/or concerns you may have.

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FROM THE PASTOR

September, 2009

Have you ever thought about church hopping? Have you ever thought about changing churches? WHY?

Is it because you are upset with what your current church teaches? Is it because you don't like the pastor, some of the members, or some of the programs? Is it because your church is changing too much for you? Are you looking for that perfect church where everyone thinks like you do or believes like you do, and where there are no hypocrites? Are you looking for that magic church which meets all your needs? If you are looking for the latter two kinds of churches (perfect and/or magic) you will be greatly disappointed. There are no such congregations in the world!

On the other hand there are healthy growing congregations. There are qualities of healthy growing congregations. Here is a list of few of those qualities.

Healthy Growing congregations are:

- Mission focused;
- Welcoming of new people;
- Sharing Faith;
- Having a sense of belonging;
- Focusing on the community;
- Caring for children, youth and families;
- Understanding and valuing differences.

Our Long Lake Lutheran Congregation is in a time of transition. I would call it a time of renewal. By "congregation renewal" I mean a renewal of our ability to notice and experience God in our midst. It is a renewal of the congregation's desire to partner with God in achieving God's mission for the world in a particular place. For Long Lake Lutheran that particular place is rural Isanti County, Minnesota.

To achieve this renewal we must all participate.

I recently read a story of a young monk who was very dissatisfied with the spiritual quality of his monastery. He decided to leave so he could find a Perfect Monastery. Everywhere he went however he found something missing; one thing here, another thing there. In his disappointment, he finally went to talk to an old monk. He shared his disappointment. The old monk told him that he should quit looking. The old monk had a large bag full of spiritual treasures. He told the young monk to look in the bag and take any treasure he found there. The young monk looked in, chose the Heart of Jesus and then returned to his own monastery where he would live and minister for the rest of his life.

**"FOLLOWING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF LOVE
AND FORGIVENESS
WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND OUR DOORS
TO ALL PEOPLE
AS WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL AND GROW
IN CHRIST'S LOVE"**

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Dave



Long Lake Lutheran Council Meeting August 13, 2009

Long Lake Lutheran Church Council Minutes, August 13th 2009. The meeting was called to order by John Bartz at 7:05 pm. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with devotions, reading from Mark chapter 9. The master calendar was reviewed. The Softball team is doing good. Midsummer festival is under way, that will be Aug. 16th. They are planning for the 3rd grade Bibles. Confirmation orientation under way, Rally Sunday will be Sept. 13th. Teachers are being lined up. Spire deadline is Aug. 17th. Council reps. for September are Steve V. and Tina A.

There is one correction to the July minutes. That is, that Sept. Mission is Sunday School and Oct. Mission is IHN. Minutes excepted as corrected.

Financial report by Matt H.: We have \$5,489.32 to our name as of meeting time. If after Sunday things aren't what we need, the executive council will meet.

Richard and Jean Hanson attended the meeting with some concerns. Richard said that it is not the place of the Pastors to talk about finances. We as a council need to do this. We maybe need to look at refinancing and another thing we maybe could do, would be to have an adopt a bill. These are things to look at. Jean had heard some comments about calls not being returned. This is something to look at and work on. If you do not get an answer on the cell phones, please call the church. Both Pastors are available on their cell phones.

Pastor Dave: Pastor wants to do the stewardship program in the fall. He will work with Tony on this. He has been looking at a 3 Sunday program. We would need one outside person. There will be a meeting Aug.27th with the council and the transition team.

Pastor Rhonda: The bulk of the month was spent preparing for and attending the National Youth Gathering

trip to New Orleans. We successfully journeyed with seven of us to New Orleans for seven days to take part in an adventure that changed our lives. All of those who went can't wait to share our experiences with the congregation on the 30th of Aug. at our Prayer-Share dinner. In addition to the New Orleans trip, she has been working on Day camp, Baptism class, Sunday School planning, Confirmation planning, wedding counseling, and planning for Rally Sunday and other day to day duties. Rhonda's hours will go back to the 24 hours a week that she was working before summer began. There is going to be no charge for Sunday school as was in the last months Spire.

Youth by Rhonda: The Youth will be selling treats at the auction and 42 people went to Valleyfair. They are planning a lock-in in Sept. They are looking at getting a program together for all ages on Wednesday nights.

Property by Steve V.: We received a thank you note from the Northern Lights 4-H club for the use of the building. Steve has been working very hard on the auction.

Stewardship by Tony S.: Planning to move stewardship up to the fall. The ball field is almost done. We need to give a big thank you to Bob and Sandy Johnson for this.

Worship and Music by Candy M.: We will be going back to two services in September; 8:00 am and 10:30 am services and a 9:15 am education hour. They are looking at doing a country Gospel service.

Finance by Matt H.: We are going to look at automatic withdrawal for members that want this. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with this.

Congregational Life by Rose Hass: The waffle breakfast is scheduled for Sept.13th. We have decided to cancel this for now. I will call on Friday.

Education by Monica A.: Sunday School lessons are ordered, and they are looking for a few more teachers. They are sending out thank you notes for the help at Day Camp. Baptism class is August 15th, with 3 couples taking part.

Old Business: The flower beds will need about 160 blocks for the 2 beds.

The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Rose Hass
Council Secretary



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LLLC Happenings:



September 2nd - We will be having training for Confirmation Mentor on Wednesday at 6:00pm.

September 9th - Back to School BBQ for 6th -12th grades. Join us from 6:00-8:00 pm.

September 11th - Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30 am-7:30 pm.

September 13th - Rally Day, First Day of Sunday School at 9:15 am. Worship times changed to 8:00 and 10:30 am. Squares are serving breakfast!



Our Spaghetti Dinner is Friday, September 11th, from 4:30-7:30. WELCA is requesting that members donate bars and cookies. Please bring them to the church kitchen.

COMMITTEE CORNER

YOUTH: Will meet September 6th after Worship.

EDUCATION: Will meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. In September, this will be the 10th.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Will meet on the 2nd Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join our committee, please come to our next meeting, we would love to have you join us, or if you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Bible Verse for September:

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Adult Forum

Our Adult Forum will begin this fall on Sunday, September 20th, during our 9:15 am Education Hour. We will meet in the conference room and will be lead by Ronda Fenlon. Pastor Dave will also be available for some of the discussion. The discussions for the first forums will center on the book, "The Purpose Driven Church", by Rick Warren. Books will be available. We are open to donations for these books as well.

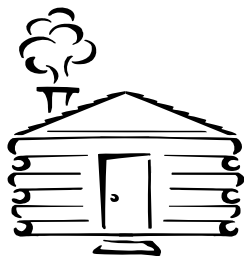
CONGREGATIONAL MEMBER & VISITOR GIVING REPORT

<u>WEEKLY GIVING NEEDED EACH WEEK:</u>	\$ 6,497.89
Contributions given last week-August 16	<u>\$ 4,797.42</u>
Net gain (deficit)	\$(1,700.47)

COUNTY MRKT. CARD PROCEEDS-Aug. \$ 17.50

RECYCLING DRIVE TO DATE \$ 8,233.87

ATTENDANCE: Sunday: 160



Greetings from Luther Point!

September 2009

Thanks Be To God for a Great Summer Staff Team! Our summer season of camping concluded on Friday, August 14. We heard and received several comments and reports of how caring, committed and energetic our summer staff team was this year. We are thankful that they heeded the call to be a servant this summer! God

was at work through their witness and continues to be at work in this holy place.

60th Anniversary Celebration: Mark your calendars for Sat., September 19, 2009. Details are on our website: LutherPoint.org. Check your church for the Poster that was sent out. In our most recent newsletter "The Point" the weekend is laid out in detail regarding times and events. There is the 21st Annual Quilt and Craft Auction, a Craft and Art Fair, and the 60th Anniversary Commemoration. **PLEASE NOTE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE** the PIG ROAST MEAL IS SUPPER THIS YEAR. Entertainment by two or three local bands will take place during the meal time and into the evening. **You can also view and bid for quilts online this year at LutherPoint.org.**

Calling All Folks to Volunteer: Please consider being a volunteer during our 60th Anniversary event. We will need several people here to help with a variety of pre-event setup chores and during the day of the 19th as well. Normally we have our summer staff available during the month of August when we traditionally hold our Annual Quilt / Craft Auction. This year with the Auction moving to September 19th we have a great need for folks to volunteer. **Please contact us:** Marcel@lutherpoint.org or 715-689-2347 if you can help.

Calling all Former Staff and Parents of Former Staff: A Former Staff Reunion will be held Sept 18-20. You are invited to come to all or part of the festive weekend. Saturday will be a day of celebration and remembrance and Sunday will be a brunch and special Camp Service. More information is available online. If you are a parent of a former staff person, please make every attempt to contact your son or daughter and let them know about this day. We would like to see as many of our former staff as possible. On site lodging is available, please inquire with Lisa@lutherpoint.org. Also, please call or email us with current information on any former staff's whereabouts. You can go online to find the staff that we are missing information on.

Fall Retreat Offerings: 2009/2010 Theme: NOTHING (Can Separate Us From The Love Of God-Romans 8:38-39) Last year's Weekend Campers enjoyed worships, Bible studies, challenge activities, mural painting and creating skits. If you miss summer camp, or just want a taste of what it might be like, there are more opportunities this fall, as well as next spring. You can go online or download a registration form. More information online at www.LutherPoint.org.

October 2-3 Senior High Weekend
October 16-17 6th-8th Grade Weekend
October 9-11 Quilting Retreat
December 5-6 Grandparent / Grandchild

Thank you for your partnership!
Craig M. Corbin, Director



Sunday School

How would your kids, ages 3-8th grade like a fun learning experience full of Christ centered faith formation, songs, bible lessons, experiential learning, crafts, games, and lots of new friends? That's what this year's Sunday School program is guaranteed to be – as Pastor Rhonda, Monica Ahlman, and the rest of our Education Team focus on youth and family as a cornerstone of the congregation.

And since it's that time of year when we start to think about fall programming it's time to register. This year, though, we need to have an exact count of our children for our Sunday School planning and curriculum purchasing. If you and your kids want to be part of this year's awesome programming, make sure to fill out the registration form at the bottom of this page and **return it to the church by August 23rd.**

Sunday School Registration Form 2009-2010

Parents name: _____

Child: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Baptismal Anniversary: _____

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Child: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Baptismal Anniversary: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Any Allergies or special needs we should know about? _____

Church of America) monthly meeting on September 17th at 1:00 pm.

CIRCLES, GROUPS & SQUARES



Sunshine Circle's Project of Interest:

We are giving prayer shawls to members who have lost a spouse or child. Also to the Cambridge Hospital. If anyone would like to help by making a shawl at home and bringing it to church, we have a Sunshine box in the West hallway. We welcome help from all women of the church.

We had a couple of fun outings this summer. So we now will be back to making our Baptismal blankets.

Have a senior this year, (2009-2010), please let us know so we can have a little idea of how many Quillows we need to plan for. Maybe we can get a head start on them!!

If you would like to join us, we meet a 1:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the church. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 8th.**

"Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better."
Ecclesiastes 4:9

Thank you Sunshine Circle



FRIENDS OF RUTH

As co- leaders, Mindy Peterson and Karen Baker, met in June to discuss the way we were going to handle our duties as leaders for the group. We want to emphasize that this Fellowship of Friends of Ruth are for the working and nonworking women who need to come together with other women of the church for fellowship. It's a time to work on projects, talk about our faith, and strengthen our Christian beliefs by sharing and caring for each other. So come and join our group evenings this Fall on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Friends of Ruth will meet throughout the summer months of June-August for Walking in Fellowship. We will meet the first Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. to walk and talk about what we have found at garage sales or ideas we have for our first event coming up this Fall. Be sure to join us and wear your tennis shoes. We will start out slow and go as far as is comfortable with our goal to complete the whole block, which is approximately 3.8 miles by the August meeting.

Our official meetings will begin on September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Karen will have devotions and snack for that meeting. We will be working on assembling mid-wife kits and chatting about the ideas we have for our Fall event which is titled: "A Cup of Christmas Tea" . It will be on the last Sunday in November from 1-3 p.m. with us serving a light dessert and tea. We'll have some other things as well, so mark your calendar for November 29th.

Come and Join us!
Friends of Ruth



WELCA

All the church women are invited to join us at our WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran



The Squares

Our group is up and running again! We will meet in September on Wednesday, the 16th at 6:30 p.m., with dinner being served. Anyone who is interested in joining can call Will Remus at 763-444-9156.

A Little Humor

A cat died and went to heaven. At the gate, he told God how he had been abused all his life on earth – people swept him with a broom, he had nowhere to sleep, etc. God tells him he is going to make his life very comfortable in heaven. The next day 6 mice came to heaven. They gave God a similar story about their hard life on earth – how they had to be running all the time because cats were constantly chasing them. God tells them he'll make their life in heaven comfortable. They ask that He give them roller skates so that they wouldn't have to do much walking or running anymore. God granted their request, fitting them with skates. A week later God was passing by and found the cat comfortably resting. He asked the cat how things were going. The cat said, "Oh wonderful, God, and those meals on wheels that you have been sending me are delicious!"

An 85 year old couple; having been married almost 65 years, die in a car crash. They had been in good health the last 10 years, mainly due to the wife's interest in health food. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite with a Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed", the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "Remember, this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to see the championship golf course the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

"This is Heaven," St. Peter replied, "You play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out. "How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet?" St. Peter asked, "This is Heaven. It is all free!"

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods?" The old man asked timidly. "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like, of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your stupid bran muffins. I could have been here 10 years ago!"



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