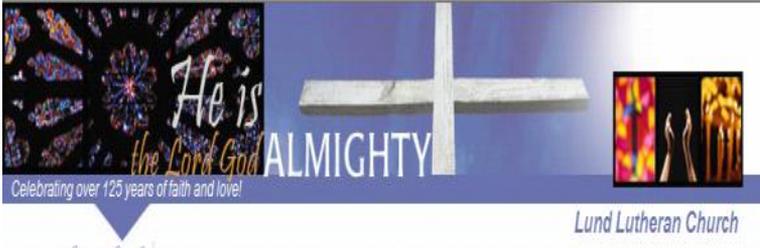


# Lund Newsletter



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## MARCH MADNESS

I am not much of a sports enthusiast. But I am more aware of teams and stats around play-off seasons. The NCAA college basketball play-off tournament is known as “March Madness,” describing the enthusiasm and fanaticism during March as teams “march” to the championships. There is a heightened sense of, should we say, “Devotion” for what is happening on the courts. College players, coaches and fans have a one track mind that has little to do with academics. What’s necessary in life becomes getting an inflated rubber ball through a netted metal hoop more often than their opponents. The players give their all; every bit of concentration, stamina, sweat, and veracity to win the prize: the NCAA basketball championship trophy. To witness their exuberance for winning you’d think they conquered the world—but no, it’s just basketball.

I propose that WE get excited in March. Let’s get a little crazy. We should *let it all out* in our pursuit of the greatest joy. I am not thinking basketball, but about a race the Apostle Paul described in letters to the early churches. He pressed them to pursue the prize, the very best prize of life. In 1 Corinthians 9:23-25 he spoke enthusiastically of sharing the Gospel with those who have yet to hear and receive it: ***“I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”***

What kind of crown? Was it a crown giving us bragging rights? In a way, that’s true. We get to brag, not about how great we are, but about how great our Savior is in transforming lives! Every person who comes to faith in Christ has heard the good news from someone. Sometimes, many times, it is a combination of believers sharing the Gospel through our conversations, prayers, Bible teachings, and testimonies. It is a team effort of Christ’s disciples and Holy Spirit: to honor Christ and expand the team!

Sometimes we become lackadaisical in our personal relationship with the Lord, and we lose sight of the goal. Paul wrote, ***“Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”*** (1 Corinthians 9:26-27) We are to pay attention to the discipline of our Savior as he coaches us through pitfalls and dangers.

Paul’s pursuit was more extraordinary than any NCAA athlete’s. He wrote, ***“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*** (Philippians 3:13-15)

If we follow Paul’s example, we may be accused of lunacy. In the book of Acts, Paul had the occasion to testify about the living Christ to the royal court. One of his hearers exclaimed, *“You are out of your mind, Paul!”* he shouted. *“Your great learning is driving you insane.”* He thought Paul was too radical, but Paul was spot on with his description of Christ’s cleansing power to save. Can you imagine a higher crowning achievement than to say, *“Jesus, you have given me the joy of introducing my friend to you?”* That’s a “Win/Win” reward! I pray that March Madness will infect us with a joyful “team spirit” of sharing the Gospel, that we exercise a **“whatever it takes”** discipline in our faith walk with Christ, and press on to the goal of receiving the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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## World Day of Prayer 2012

### Let Justice Prevail

Friday, March 2 at 1:00 pm

Lake Park Lutheran Church

2002 2nd St. Lake Park

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## God offers us a “DEEPER JOY”

**Join us for Adult Sunday Class at 8:30 a.m. for a great time of fellowship and discussion as we study Paul’s letter to the Philippians.**

**Bring your Bible and your questions. You will be glad you came.**

Lund Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
Thursday Feb. 2, 2012

The Lund church council met at the church at 7pm. Present were Russ and Carol Okeson, Tom and Karen Alexander, LeRoy Squires, Pastor Jim, Sharon Westerholm and Marcy Erickson.

Devotions by Marcy Erickson.

Secretary's report accepted as written. Sharon/Karen A.

Treasurer's report accepted as written. Russ/Tom

Pastors report:

Chad and Holly will be married at a brief ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 2pm with a reception following at the Holiday Inn.

Connie and Shad Balk will be renewing their marriage vows on April 21st (their 1st anniversary) at Lund church followed by a reception at the Fireside Supper Club. Connie is a granddaughter of Milt and Marcy Erickson and is a baptized member of Lund.

Since Pastor Jim and Barb will be in Duluth on Feb. 19th at their nephew's wedding, Chaplain Vicki and Kim will be providing the music and message at morning worship.

There are 50 people signed up for "Sweetheart Night" for Feb. 11th. The Ottesons from Pelican Rapids will provide the message/music after our meal.

Old Business:

1. The shadow box with the flags is completed with the brass plate and history/information included.

New Business:

1. Church council for 2012....the council members will retain their same positions for another year as follows: president.....LeRoy Squires, Vice president....Robin Turnwall, Secretary.....Marcy Erickson, treasurer.....Sharon Westerholm. 2 deacons.....Carol Okeson and Judy Gildersleeve, 2 trustees....Russ Okeson and Tom Alexander, 1 financial secretary.....Karen Alexander, 2 board of education.....Jennifer Turnwall and Karen Halver. Motion was made and passed to appoint Cindy Sauer as associate member to Karen Halver in her absence. Sharon/Karen A.

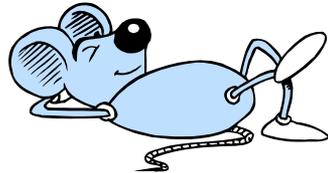
2. Motion was made and passed to schedule 3 outdoor worship services for this summer...June 24th, July 29th, and August 26th followed by potluck dinners. Russ/Sharon

3. VBS...date and program will be decided later.

4. Missions...we received a letter of thanks from Matt Rogness who was our guest speaker on Missions Sunday. He stated that he would help us in any way he could in regards to missions.

Meeting adjourned ...next meeting Thursday March 1st at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Erickson, secretary



HELLO THERE, Mousey here!

February brought us our first Sweet Heart dinner. I got really excited when Jan Anderson, Carol Okeson and Sharon Westerholm were busy decorating the tables and the room. It looked beautiful. I could hardly wait till Saturday when the food was here. I wasn't disappointed either. Lasagna with lots of cheese on. I'm not so much interested in the salad, but it even looked very good. Jan made a beautiful cake and it was so good. Some of the confirmation kids came to help serve and I think that was very nice. Then we got to have Dan and Marilee Ottoson give us some beautiful music and a message on God's love. It was a very nice evening.

We are now into the Lenten season. Christmas and the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and this season leading up to Christ's crucifixion are my favorite times of the year. The Lenten season is both sad and awesome! That Christ had to die on the cross to save us from sin is sad, but that he did, makes me love Him even more, because I know I will have eternal life with Him. And we have soup and sandwiches every week up to Maunday Thursday. We also love our food, and we get to start with Les and Donna Heimarks chili. MMMMmmmmmmmm.

Till next month. God bless you all.  
Mousey

Thank you, to everyone that worked on making our Sweetheart dinner a very special evening.

From the beautiful decorating to everyone that organized the evening and then those that served and cleared up so everything was ready for Coffee the next day, we appreciate you all so much.

# YOUTH EVENTS



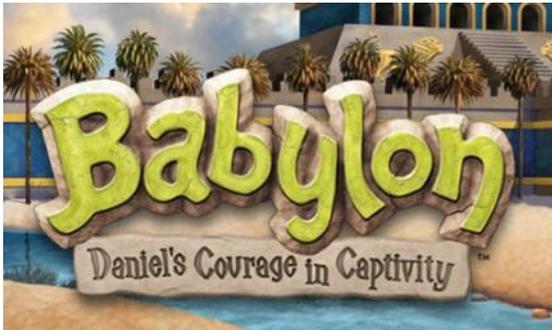
## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday mornings 8:30am  
Children ages 3 and up are  
welcome to attend.**

**STUDENTS WILL BE SINGING  
DURING WORSHIP  
EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

## **CONFIRMATION**

**No regular classes during Lent.  
Students are encouraged to help  
serve Lenten suppers and attend Worship.**

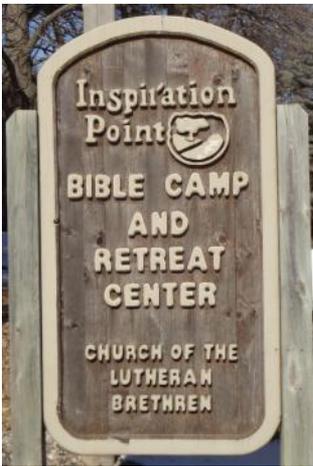


**VBS 2012**

*More information coming soon.*

**My God  
hath Sent  
his angel,  
& hath  
Shut the  
Lions'  
Mouths.  
Daniel 6:22**

New families with children—Please call the church office to get your name on our mailing list to be notified of all upcoming youth activities. (218) 847-9662



Drake and Korgen Halver  
with Tim Erickson, camp staff.



Two of our church youth attended a weekend retreat. Bob Tissot presented: **Purity and Holiness—Pure Expedition** examining what healthy, Godly relationships should look like.

### **The ten qualities of a good friend:**

True friends:

- say hard things in love.
- lead and follow to the right places.
- demand the best from one another.
- promote doing the right things.
- draw closer in tough times.
- ask for and grant forgiveness.
- are consistent—the same in public as in private.
- are recyclable—willing to be used over and over.
- are thankful people.
- accept other friends—inclusive, not exclusive.

### **Seven signs of a pathetic relationship:**

- Poor or no communication.
- Focus is on the physical. "I want." Seeks immediate gratification.
- Ignores significant others.
- Minimizes spiritual and mental needs.
- Is primarily exclusive.
- Seeks out secret places, times, situations and circumstances.
- Quickly justifies and defends actions.



Lund Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday March 13, 2:00PM  
Karen Lundberg is hostess.  
All Women are welcome, bring a friend.

**LCW will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month,**

### March Events

Thursday, March 1 Council Meeting 7:00PM  
Wednesday, March 7 Supper 6:00pm, Lent Worship Service 7:00pm  
Tuesday, March 13 LCW Bible Study  
Sunday, March 11 Daylight savings time begins  
Wednesday, March 14, Supper 6:00pm Lent Worship Service 7:00pm  
Saturday, March 17 Movie Night  
Wednesday, March 21 Supper 5:00pm Lent Worship Service 7:00pm  
Wednesday, March 28 Newsletter articles due.

Confirmation classes will not meet during Lent. Students are asked to help with the Lenten meal and attend worship.

The Mission Committee recently sent a letter to fifteen area LCMC churches -- all within about 50 miles of Detroit Lakes, asking them for input on how they "do" missions. We hope to make a report to you by the April newsletter of any responses we receive. We have also sent some recommendations to the Church Council for their action at the March Council meeting. We are always interested in your suggestions and input. Pray for the Good News of Jesus Christ to be spread abroad and for ways that each one of us can help. We'll do our best to keep you informed.



**Spring Ahead**  
**Sunday, March 11**  
**Daylight savings time**  
**begins.**



*Congratulations to  
Chad Okeson and Holly Wirth  
united in marriage on  
Saturday, February 18.  
May God bless their new life.*

## Birthdays:



**March 5: Karen Halver**  
**10: Jade Hedlund**  
**11: Kris Nelson**  
**17: Donald Okeson**  
**19: Drake Halver**  
**21: Mike Warweg**  
**25: Judy Gildersleeve**  
**26: Nancy Bromley**  
**Jay Richards**  
**27: Karen Lundberg**

## May God Bless you on your special day!

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, please call Pam at the church office. Thank You.



If you would like to purchase flowers for the church at Easter, please let Karen Halver or the church office know by Sunday, March 4. Thank You.

Lenten Services 7:00PM and Suppers  
6:00PM

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Maundy Thursday no meal

Good Friday no meal

Easter Sunday, April 8 Breakfast

8:00AM Worship 9:45 AM

## March is Food Share Month



*Feed the Hungry  
Fill the Trailer*

*Trinity Lutheran in DL is challenging area congregations to*

*help out the Becker County Food Pantry by “filling a trailer” during March 1st—30th.*

*1 cubic foot = \$7.00*

*3,760 cubic ft (semi-trailer capacity) x \$7.00 = \$26,320*

*\$26,320 @ \$.16 a pound (special Minnesota Food Share rate)  
= 164,500 lbs of food!*

*Cash donations are preferred as the food pantry can purchase food at a lower cost.*

*To make a donation, put money or a check in the offering plate and mark it Becker County Food Pantry. Funds are used locally. If you have questions you can call our secretary, Pam Ross.*



Thank you to everyone who worked on the Sweetheart Dinner. The food was delicious, the Ottoson's were wonderful and the fellowship was great.

**Mount Carmel Ministries and Retreat Center  
Alexandria, Minn.**

**On April 15th Jens Hinderlie, Marketing and Customer Relations Manager will join us for a presentation about Mount Carmel. Jens will speak to our Sunday School classes and a few minutes during the worship service.**

**March Volunteers**  
**Reader: Emma Nickolauson**  
**Greeter: Karen Lundberg**

**Sunday Coffee servers:**

**March 4 : Jeramie & Kathy Jacobson**  
**March 11: Milt & Marcy Erickson**  
**March 18: Joel & Bridgette Okeson**  
**March 25: LeRoy Squires**

**Lent Hosts**  
**March 7:**  
**March 14:**  
**March 21:**  
**March 28: Sharon Westerholm & Judy Gildersleeve**

***Correction in Program Booklet:***  
**Bill and Carol Strache's phone # 847-7082**

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Lakes Crisis & Resource Center presents...

Our 22nd Annual Banquet and Auction



**ALLIALL in the Family**

Friday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Speak Easy, Detroit Lakes

Tickets: \$45

Sponsorships available

Call (218) 847-8572 for more information and to reserve your tickets.

All proceeds benefit families in need in our community.

- Social Hour
- Silent and Live Auction
- Italian Dinner & Dessert
- Dinner Show
- Close the evening with the music of Tim Eggebraaten

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