

Chain of Lakes



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A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

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Come join us for worship on Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week.

FREE Breakfast served at 9:30 a.m.

Special Worship at 10:30 a.m.



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Notes from Pastor Paul



From March 24th to 26th Doug Cushing spent 48 hours with us at Chain of Lakes Church. Doug is the coach for our new church. In the Presbyterian Church (USA) new churches are offered the opportunity to have a coach. Rev. Ken Mc Cullen—who is on the Steering Committee for Chain of Lakes—helped set up the coaching program. Research

shows that it is vital for new churches and especially organizing pastors of new churches to have a person who can provide counsel and reflections.

Doug was the organizing pastor for Tyger River Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. That church started in 1997 and today has about 200 people come to two worship services. The following link shares history about the development of the church: <http://www.tygerriverpres.org/about/history>

I have a monthly phone conversation with Doug. I started the conversations with him shortly after I received the call to serve as the Organizing Pastor of Chain of Lakes Church. He asks me to fill out a form and then we talk for about an hour. He lets me discuss what is of most interest to me. He's occasionally directive, but usually listens and reflects.

This visit of Doug's was the third one he has made. We certainly kept him busy. On Tuesday, March 24th he met with our staff during the afternoon. He shared with the staff some of his own stories. That evening he met with our Friends group. At the meeting he talked about the retention system of new guests that Tyger River has set up.

I was disappointed that Doug couldn't prevent the half-a-foot of snow that we received in the north Metro on Wednesday, March 25th. The snow stopped us from having a breakfast with others at Chain of Lakes. It didn't stop the two of us from having a lengthy conversation about what is happening with Chain of Lakes Church. At lunch the two of us met with Chaz Ruark, Executive Presbyter of Twin Cities Area Presbytery, and Newell Krogmann, contract staff for church development for the Presbytery. On Wednesday evening a group of us from Chain of Lakes shared a meal and had conversation with him. Doug asked people to share their greatest joys and concerns about our new church. The conversation was rich, lengthy, and surely will be continued.

On Thursday he spoke at a luncheon for leaders in the Presbytery. I was pleased that approximately twenty pastors and elders attended the luncheon. Besides

hearing from Doug I shared a status report on the progress of our new church, Jennifer Huehns (staff at Chain of Lakes) shared a terrific presentation about how our new congregation uses Facebook, and John Ivers shared a demographic report on our geographic area. Immediately after the luncheon I whisked Doug to Bloomington where he caught up with his brother, who is the pastor of an Evangelical Free Church. In the next few weeks Doug will write a report about his visit that will be shared with the Steering Committee, the Church Development Team of the Presbytery, and anyone else who is interested in reading it.

It was very heartening to me to hear that of the eight churches Doug has coached, he has received the most enjoyment of any through his involvement with Chain of Lakes.

All of us need a set of outside eyes every now and then. We at Chain of Lakes are very appreciative of how Doug has helped us develop as a new church.

Steering Committee

At the March Steering Committee meeting, the Steering Committee:

- Enjoyed a meal provided by Angelica Van Iperen
- Listened to part of Dave Nyberg's faith story
- Received an extensive report from Ward Sessing, chair of the Property Task Force
- Reviewed how Chain of Lakes is doing with its out-reach goals
- Reviewed the work of the Facilities Task Force
- Authorize the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday
- Authorized a special offering for victims of the Japan earthquake for March 20
- Changed the job description for the Child Care Attendant and the job description for the Administrator.
- Authorized the purchase of a headset for worship
- Extended Joanne Shingledecker's contract to the end of May 2012

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

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Maundy Thursday and Easter Worship



We have two marvelous worship services planned.

- ☼ On Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. we will have "Dinner with Jesus." This is the evening that the church remembers what happened in the Upper Room. Ken Mc Cullen, Bob Cuthill, Kellie Burriss and Pastor Paul have planned a moving service. We will sit around the Communion Table and remember what it must have been like for the disciples to share a final meal with Jesus. The food that we eat will be the spiritual food that Jesus and our own community offers. Child care will be available.
- ☼ On Easter Sunday we will have Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. During worship we will enjoy a skit written by Ken Mc Cullen that shares the Easter story; we will have special music, and Pastor Paul will preach about the Resurrection.

Small Groups

At Chain of Lakes we currently have a number of small groups that are meeting.

- At 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings at the Senior Center, Pastor Paul is leading a group called God Calls Leaders. This study looks at how God called ordinary people in the Bible to do God's work. We'll look at how these examples can make an impact in our life today.
- The final gathering of "The Me I want to be" will be Wednesday, April 13 at the Senior Center. Everyone gathers for a meal at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 the adults will watch a video series together called, "The Me I Want to be" by John Ortberg and then spend time in a small group talking about the video. The children will go to a separate educational program at 6:30. The group is done around 7:30.
- A women's group is reading the book, "What She Said" Quotable Women in Scripture by Dale Lindsay Morgan. The next gathering is Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 at the Lovell Office. You may still sign up for this group. This group will meet for 9 weeks. Contact Val Owens at 763-427-9503 or Gloria Ivers at 763-571-9726 for more information.
- A prayer group will be meeting about once a month. The group will be praying after worship on Sunday, April 10th.

Kids News

Kids Choir meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School Schedule:

April 17 – Jesus Lives (Easter story)
 April 24 - NO Class (Easter Sunday)
 May 1 – Doubting Thomas
 May 8 – Breakfast on the Beach
 May 15 – The Great Commission



What's coming up:

Palm Sunday the children will be participating in the Palm Sunday Procession carrying a special banner they made during a recent Sunday school class. Children are reminded to bring their **One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks back on that day.**

Gary Wassum is planning an event for boys and their dad's.

We have a VBS team in place, but we could use more help. All adults who are interested in either planning for or participating during the week of VBS please contact Joanne at kidsministry@colpres.org. Vacation Bible School is scheduled August 22-25. Registration forms will be available May 1. We encourage all of the children to join us for this week of fun activities and to bring all their friends. The theme for this year is "Shake it Up: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe." Through Biblical festivals the children will explore the Bible as an exciting cookbook.

Sunday, May 15 will be the last Sunday for Sunday school before we begin our summer programming. All Education volunteers will be honored that day.

Watch for a special celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

Property Task Force

The purpose of the Property Task Force is to acquire property for Chain of Lakes Church. The Task Force hired Langer Real Estate Services to assist in the property development. Our coach, Doug Cushing, emphasized the importance of having property to show our presence in the community. The Task Force has narrowed the selection from 8 possible properties to 2 near the intersection of Lake Drive and Lexington. People from Chain of Lakes serving on the Task Force are Bob Cuthill, John Ivers, Dave Nyberg, and Pastor Paul.



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Chain of Lakes Church Purpose:

We are called to be an authentic, Christian community where:
Strangers become friends
Friends become disciples
Disciples impact the world.