

Chain of Lakes



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A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

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Welcome Sherri Varsho

Sherri Varsho is the new Child Care Provider at Chain of Lakes Church. She has already started working at Chain of Lakes Church and will be present in the Child Care space every Sunday during worship, Sunday School and other arranged times. The Education team of Chain of Lakes interviewed three candidates for the position and unanimously recommended that Sherri be hired. Please take some time to get to know Sherri!



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Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 8th four mothers from Chain of Lakes will share talks called, "Being a Faithful Mother." During the sermon time Nancy Amundsen, Kellie Burriss, Amy Moore and Val Owens will talk. Mother's Day is both a wonderful day and a difficult day. Whatever your thoughts about Mother's Day come to worship!



Notes from Pastor Paul



The momentum is continuing at Chain of Lakes! As we move towards the end of our first, full ministry year in our new congregation I can see the progress that we have made!

Consider that:

- We had the highest attendance of the year on Easter Sunday. Seventy-one people came to enjoy special music shared by Kellie Burriss and her father, enjoyed the video skit about the resurrection, and listened to the sermon I shared called, "The Earthquake that Never Stops."
- For the past ten Sundays we've averaged 50 people in worship.
- We had over 50 people attend worship on the Sunday after Easter—typically called a "Low Sunday."
- Three-fourths of the families who attend Chain of Lakes were not attending worship two years ago.
- We've had 14 new guests attend worship so far in 2011.

Even with this progress we must stay vigilant in bringing new guests to worship. We must continue to have a laser-like perspective on receiving new guests. This continues to be the one goal for Chain of Lakes in 2011.

The Myths of Immigration



The Friends Group of Chain of Lakes Church is promoting a talk by Professor Katherine Fennelly called, "Myths of Immigration," on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Worship Center. Fennelly is an Adjunct Professor at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, School of Public Health. She has written extensively about Immigration issues and teaches three courses on the topic. After her talk there will be time for questions, answers, and further conversation. This is an excellent event in which to invite a friend!!

Special Offering

The Steering Committee authorized a special offering to be taken in May at Chain of Lakes Church. The goal of the offering is \$4,000. This will help our congregation as we face the sometimes erratic giving in the summer. All new people who have identified themselves as part of Chain of Lakes Church will be encouraged to fill out an Estimate of Giving card. This card is an estimate of what new people will give to Chain of Lakes in 2011.

Thanks

Congratulations to the congregation for giving \$200 to the scholarship fund of Bentley Ducharme and \$486 to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Steering Committee

At the May Steering Committee Meeting the Steering Committee:

- Enjoyed a meal shared by Paulette Zvorak
- Listened to a passionate faith story shared by Paulette Zvorak
- Discussed and evaluated the congregation's Outreach Goals
- Read and discussed Doug Cushing's report on his visit to Chain of Lakes
- Voted to hire Sherri Varsho as the new Child Care Provider at Chain of Lakes Church
- Authorized a special offering for May
- Received a report from the Property Task Force
- Had discussion about how to publicize the Steering Committee and its purpose to the congregation
- Prayed together

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Publicity Task Force

On Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the church office come to a meeting of the Publicity Task Force. We are looking for clever, creative persons to help strategize an outreach plan for the beginning of our Summer Sunday School, which will start on Sunday, June 12. Let Pastor Paul or Joanne Shingledecker know if you can come.

POTLUCK PICNIC

To celebrate the end of the Sunday school year and to honor the volunteers, a potluck picnic is planned for **Sunday, May 15th** following worship. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share:

- A-H bring a main dish
- I-P bring a salad
- Q-Z bring dessert

Outdoor games for all ages!
Good food and fellowship!



Kids News

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



Sunday School Schedule:

- May 8 – Breakfast on the Beach
- May 15 – The Great Commission
- May 22, May 29 and June 5th—No Sunday School
- Summer Sunday School begins June 12th!



SAVE THE DATE!

June 12th kicks off Summer Sunday School!

And to celebrate, kids will be taking the Light Rail with Joanne Shingledecker, Director of Children’s Ministry and will arrive at the Mall of America for lunch.

More information to come!



Joanne Shingledecker and Chain of Lakes Church would like to thank the following person’s for their ministry to children and youth at Chain of Lakes:

- Nancy Amundsen, Heather Butterfield, Gloria Ivers, Michael Learned, Amy Moore, Jan and Dean Morin, Val Owens, Angelica Van Iperen, Gary Wasum, Paulette Zvorak, Christina Glasgow and Katie Nelson.



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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.