

# Chain of Lakes

## CHURCH

A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

Worship Location:

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**Come one, come all to a**  
**Summer Sunday School**  
**Carnival**

**Sunday, June 12th 10:30 a.m.**

**During the Sunday school hour children will participate in  
carnival-type games with a piñata & sack race.**

**Adults are encouraged to participate  
during fellowship time.**

*Kids: \$30 gift certificate to DQ awarded to the  
child/youth who brings the most guests!*

*Adults: Please bring 1 dz. Cupcakes and a 2 ltr. Pop*

## Notes from Pastor Paul



The Presbyterian Church (USA) recently voted to change our denomination's Book of Order so that a person's sexual orientation will not exclude a person from ordination or installation as a pastor or elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This vote became reality when the Twin Cities Area Presbytery became the 87<sup>th</sup> Presbytery to affirm this change.

To learn more about the implications of this vote, check out the following web sites:

- A churchwide letter from the leadership of the Presbyterian Church (USA).  
<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2011/5/10/churchwide-letter-concerning-amendment-10-/>
- A comprehensive news story from Presbyterian News Service about the vote.  
<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2011/5/11/pcusa-relaxes-constitutional-prohibition-gay-and-l/>
- [Resources](http://oga.pcusa.org/) from the Office of the General Assembly.  
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We've never really had serious or thorough discussions at Chain of Lakes about the issue of ordination of LGBT folks. I'm guessing that some people within our congregation might be upset about this action. I encourage you to share your thoughts in a respectful way, and also be open to listening to other viewpoints.

The debate over the ordination of gays and lesbians in the PC (USA) has gone on way too long. It has divided our precious denomination into camps and sometimes feels like war. Churches and individuals on both sides of the issue have left the PC(USA). I have always been in favor of the ordination of gays and lesbians, but also want to work together with people who have a different view on the issue. I'm respectful of the pain that this issue has caused people on both sides.

My dream is to build a congregation where we can find power and strength in what unifies our understanding of the gospel. I want to build a church that interweaves the strengths of the conservative and liberal traditions. I anticipate and hope that people at Chain of Lakes Church will have different views on the ordination of gays and lesbians. Despite our different views we will live into our Core Value of Healthy Disagreement, find ways to share the complete gospel, and thus impact the community.

## Property Task Force

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the congregation voted to express a preference for property #9 while not excluding property #4 from future consideration. The Property Task Force—a sub-committee of the Presbytery's Church Development Team—will attempt to put together a Purchase Agreement for that property that is satisfactory to Chain of Lakes Church, the Church Development Team, and ultimately the Presbytery. If a Purchase Agreement on property #9 cannot be reached, then a Purchase Agreement will be pursued on property #4. A map of these properties can be found at the Worship Center. Please keep this very important process in your daily prayers.

## Steering Committee

At the May 19 regular meeting the Steering Committee:

- Enjoyed a moving faith story shared by Nancy Amundsen.
- Evaluated our Outreach Goals and how the congregation is doing. Different Steering Committee members signed up for a specific Sunday to help distribute welcome bags to the congregation.
- Decided to have the mid-year evaluation event take place after worship on Sunday, June 26.
- Voted to have a congregational meeting after worship on June 5 regarding future property acquisitions.
- Decided to wait to indicate a preference for property acquisition until the congregational forum took place. That forum happened on Sunday, May 22.
- Voted to have a special meeting after the congregational forum on Sunday, May 22.
- Approved Liaisons from the Steering Committee to each team in the church. The liaisons are:
 

Outreach:	Paulette Zvorak, Tiffany Godfrey
Worship:	Dave Nyberg
Education:	Nancy Amundsen
Facilities:	Jonathan Tse
Personnel:	Angelica Van Iperen
Stewardship/Finance:	Dave Nyberg
Facilities Task Force:	Angelica Van Iperen
Property Task Force:	Dave Nyberg
- Approved the Position Description of the Treasurer position at Chain of Lakes Church.
- Approved a plan for automatic withdrawal giving.

At the May 22 special meeting the Steering Committee:

- Approved the following motion: "Encourage the congregation at the Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting to express a preference for property #9 while not eliminating #4 from consideration."

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## Special Offering

Congratulations to the congregation for giving \$2,600 to the special offering that was held in May. Including a future pledge of \$400 to the offering, the congregation will receive \$3,000. While this is below the goal set of \$4,000 this is still an example of inspired giving. Thanks to everyone who has expressed their commitment to the ministry of Chain of Lakes Church through their financial giving.

## Mid-Year Evaluation

The Steering Committee is asking all participants at Chain of Lakes Church to participate in a mid-year evaluation which will take place after worship on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The evaluation is a follow-up to the planning process that took place last fall. During our gathering we will evaluate what is going well, what can be improved, what needs to be changed or stopped, and how we proceed in the future. Everyone is welcome. The evaluation will take place immediately after fellowship. We will enjoy a lunch and then gather for approximately 90 minutes. Everyone's participation is very important!

## Vacation Bible School

**August 22-25, 2011**

**5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Ages 4 yrs through 5th grade**

Pick up your registration forms at the  
Worship Center.

Or register online at [www.colpres.org](http://www.colpres.org)

## Kids News



### Summer Sunday School Schedule:

- June 12—Carnival
- June 19—On this Rock
- June 26—The First Believers
- July 3—No Class
- July 10—One Body, Many Parts
- July 17—Philip and Nathanael
- July 24—Disciples are Generous
- July 31—Pricilla and Aquila
- August 7—Hospitality
- August 14—Amos Works for Justice
- August 28—Sermon on the Mount: Children of God
- September 4—No Class

Kids Choir will not be meeting at this time.



**Register Today!**





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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.