

Chain of Lakes

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A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

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Will I see my pet in *Heaven?*

Is God's love for animals similar
to God's love for humans?

What does it mean to
bless an animal?

*Come hear a response to these and other questions
about pets and animals on October 9th in worship at
Chain of Lakes Church.*



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Sunday, October 9th - 10:30 AM

During worship will explore the connection between
faith and our pets and animals.

- In the sermon Pastor Paul will address questions about pets and animals.
- Faith stories will be shared.
- Resources about organizations who care for pets & animals will be distributed.



Notes from Pastor Paul



During the last week of September Kellie Burris, Jennifer Huehns, Val Owens, Joanne Shingledecker & Paulette Zvorak joined me in attending Leadership Institute at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, Kansas. This church was started in 1990 has grown to be one of the largest Methodist churches in the country. Every fall they share a Leadership Institute conference. Through small classes, large group talks, and worship,

participants learn how Church of the Resurrection has become so successful. I've attended Leadership Institute six times. This was the largest group from a church that I've taken to the conference.

By far the best workshop for me was lead by Martha Grace Reese. She has developed a wonderful process to help churches develop the practice of evangelism. I bought all four of her books and look forward to using the ideas at Chain of Lakes. One quote she said that resonated with me is "it's hard to teach people how to do evangelism if we are not clear on why we do evangelism." At Chain of Lakes we have done a lot of work on teaching the "hows" of evangelism. We can do better at teaching the "whys."

Adam Hamilton, the Senior Pastor of Church of the Resurrection did an extraordinary job of teaching. One thought that resonated with me was when he shared five basics that every church needs to get right. He said that the basics are: 1) Developing healthy relationships; 2) Having leaders clarify the purpose; 3) Having leaders help their congregations discern God's vision; 4) Pursuing excellence while facing shortcomings with honesty; 5) Sharing worship that is moving, meaningful, and led well.

Bill Hybels from Willow Creek Church spoke on Friday morning. He imagined himself on his death bed and being asked to share five leadership ideas. The ideas are: 1) Vision—taking people from here to there; 2) get the people engaged; 3) make worship memorable; 4) pace yourself for the long haul; 5) pay attention to whispers from God.

The best part of the conference was to listen to the excitement of the people who attended from Chain of Lakes. They were touched by the ministry and mission of Church of the Resurrection and very interested in taking some ideas back to the north metro for ministry. I rate a conference a success if one idea is still implemented in six months. I'm hoping and praying that six ideas will be implemented from this conference in March 2012.

Some comments from the other attendees:

Truly breathtaking moments. And I learned so much! I'm excited to put into action many of what I've learned; for example, developing a common vision for Chain of Lakes, and to conduct trainings for lay persons. (Jennifer Huehns)

It was very spiritual. Sharing Communion with thousands of people was very moving for me. I could feel the love and warmth of the Holy Spirit all around us. After receiving the elements and prayer, I felt so happy, calm, and renewed. (Paulette Zvorak)

An awe inspiring experience. It opened my heart to the people around me who I shared the week with. And to remind me to open my heart to listen for God's whispers. (Val Owens)

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee met at Pastor Paul's home for a cookout for their September meeting. Dave Nyberg, Nancy Amundsen, Angelica Van Iperen, and Pastor Paul attended the meeting. At the meeting the Steering Committee:

- Shared recent "Yea God!" moments in their life
- Asked Pastor Paul to present a process for being a disciple at Chain of Lakes at the October meeting
- Reviewed a proposal for setting up meal groups
- Reviewed an idea from Pastor Paul about visiting people from Chain of Lakes before the end of 2011
- Voted to hire Judy Urban to lead a retreat on the topic of Shared Ministry. The retreat will be Saturday, November 12
- Received a report on developments regarding the purchase of property
- Received Financial reports
- Prayed for the congregation and the world
- Developed the following policy statement for being a disciple at Chain of Lakes

"At Chain of Lakes Church we aspire to be disciples who:

- ~ regularly worship;
- ~ participate in a group once a year that helps me grow in faith;
- ~ serve at Chain of Lakes and in the world;
- ~ give as we can financially."

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is Monday, October 17 starting with a meal at 5:30. Members of the

Steering Committee are:

Class of 2011

Nancy Amundsen
Dave Nyberg
Paulette Zvorak

Class of 2012

Tiffany Godfrey
Jonathan Tse
Angelica Van Iperen

Church Development Team reps

Newell Krogmann
Ken McCullen

Moderator

Paul Moore

Property Task Force

The Property Task Force continues to ride the ups and downs of property purchase. On September 20 the group decided to make another offer on the property just north of the Lakes Development area. This offer has been communicated. Members from Chain of Lakes on the team are John Ivers, Dave Nyberg & Pastor Paul.

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Meal Groups

One way to follow-up on our ministry year theme of friends is to be in a Meal Group. Meal groups meet once a month with the sole purpose of building relationships and friendships among the people who participate. The groups will meet until the end of 2011 and then will decide if they want to continue in 2012.

Sunday after worship group

Mary Ann Archer

Dwight & Paulette Zvorak

Paul & Amy Moore

Ama Sabah

Joanne Shingledecker

Val Owens (leader)

The first gathering is Sunday, October 30 at Pastor Paul and Amy Moore's home.

Tuesday p.m. group

Heather Butterfield

Angelica Van Iperen

Gary & Betty Long

Dave & Katie Nelson

Dave Nyberg (leader)

The first gathering is Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. at Applebee's at Victory Center.

Wednesday p.m. group

Kevin & Nancy Amundsen

Sarah Womack

Tiffany Chopra

John Ivers (leader)

Gloria Ivers

Jennifer Huehns

The first gathering is Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 p.m. at Blue Heron in Hugo.

Outreach Team

The Outreach Team is working on a number of events for the upcoming holiday season. On November 18th we will host a Thanksgiving Party and collect gifts for children in need. December 10th we will have a special night of comedy performed by Homeward Bound Theatre and raise money for Lino Lakes Elementary. We are excited for these events. More information to come!

Kids News

The Sunday School schedule for October - November is as follows:

October 9 – Jacob and Esau

October 16 – Esau Gives Away His Birthright

October 23 – Jacob and Esau Forgive

October 30 – What Does Stewardship Mean?

November 6 - Joseph the Dreamer

November 13 – Joseph and His Brothers

November 20 – Together Again

November 27 — May not have class as it is Thanksgiving weekend

All children 6th grade and under are welcome to participate in Sunday School or Child Care.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP

Tiffany Chopra will be holding an informational meeting for middle school youth and their parents after worship on Sunday, October 16. Please let the office know if you will attend by calling or sending an email.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Joanne Shingledecker is looking for 4-6 people to sew very simple costumes for the Christmas pageant. Fabric and patterns will be furnished.

Parent's Corner

Often parents ask, "Do I need a course in theology to raise Christian kids?" The answer is simple, "NO!" Raising kids to love the Lord does not require spending time or money in class or taking special training. It does require in sharing your faith with your kids. Here are some suggestions:

-Pray with and for your children. Make it a practice each day either before you or they leave for school/work just to say simple thanks for the new day or bless us as we go about our day. Bedtime is another time to pray thanking God for being with you all through the day whether it was good or bad.

-Read the Bible or a Bible story book. One of the most significant factors in spiritual growth comes this simple task.

-As you are busy transporting children to and from places, "wonder" together about God. Example: "I wonder what God was thinking when spiders were created." Or, "I wonder what God's thoughts were about the purpose of mosquitoes." It's okay NOT to know the answers.

-Become part of a church family. Let others share their spiritual strengths with your kids.

Making God part of your daily routine through your words and actions teaches you child more than about your convictions.



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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.