

Chain of Lakes

CHURCH

A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

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(East of Lake Drive and Main Street)

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Comedy Sketches About Families At Christmas Time

Saturday, December 10th at 6:30pm

Chain of Lakes Church
1189 Main Street Lino Lakes, MN

\$10 adults/\$5 children

A portion of the proceeds will provide milk to low income children at the Lino Lakes Elementary School

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Notes from Pastor Paul



On Tuesday, November 8th the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area voted unanimously to approve a property purchase for Chain of Lakes Church. The property is located on the northern edge of the Lakes Development adjacent to Main (125th Ave) in Blaine.

Many people have asked me what the next steps are for this piece of property. Let me do my best to answer as many questions as I can.

What are the next steps?

The purchase agreement for the property has conditions in it that our congregation requested. We want to work with the neighborhood to remove the sound barrier between the property and Main; we would like to have access to the property off of Main; we have to get a conditional use permit from the City of Blaine. Until those conditions are satisfied the Presbytery will not close on the property.

Who will work on these conditions?

On Tuesday, November 8th the Presbytery appointed a committee of eight people who will work on these conditions. Four people from Chain of Lakes were appointed to this group. They are Kevin Amundsen, Mary Ann Archer, John Ivers, and Ken Mc Cullen. I am serving on the committee as ex-officio, which means that I will speak, but not vote. Four others from the Presbytery were appointed to serve.

How long does the committee have to do its work?

We're still working this out with the sellers. The purchase agreement gives this committee anywhere from 120 to 210 days to satisfy the conditions. It's unclear when the date for this time period starts.

When can we start doing ministry on the property?

Once the Purchase Agreement is finalized and a closing is held, then we can use the property for ministry. I would personally like to start using the property as soon as possible.

When can we put a building on the property?

It's premature to talk about putting a building on the property. Traditionally churches have 100 families before they engage in a building project.

Who pays for the buildings on the property?

Traditionally the Presbytery has paid for the property and the congregation pays for the buildings. Some grant and other possible helpful ways do exist; however the people of Chain of Lakes will be the primary funder of any buildings on this property.

What else should I do?

Give thanks to God for this significant step on our journey of starting a new church. Starting a new church has many ebbs and flows. When we accomplish such a significant event as we did at the Presbytery it's very important to

celebrate and give thanks to God. Give praise to God for the progress we've made on this property. Having a unanimous vote by the Presbytery on this property is another indicator of how God wants to have a new church in the north Metro. Also give thanks to the two property task forces and to people from the Presbytery who spent many hours securing the piece of property that will be our future home.

Attention all 5th through 8th graders

BOWLING/PIZZA PARTY!

Come to a bowling/pizza party on Friday, November 18th. We will meet at Brunswick Bowling Alley in Blaine 11351 Ulysses Street in Blaine at 6:30 p.m. After bowling the group will go to Pastor Paul's home to eat pizza and play games. All youth are encouraged to invite one friend. Please bring \$5 to help cover the bowling and pizza.

New Disciples at Chain of Lakes

At Chain of Lakes we don't have members, we have disciples. On the second anniversary of our first worship service, Pastor Paul and a Steering Committee representative will lead a New Disciples process. Each participant will spend some time learning their own faith journey, what it means to say Jesus is Lord and Savior, the background behind the Purpose Statement and Core Values, ways to get connected. We will hold a joining ceremony at the end of our time together. Lunch will be provided; a free will collection for lunch will be taken. Child care is scheduled to be provided.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Come worship with the other churches in our area at the Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Paul is preaching. If you would like to sing in the choir, come to a choir rehearsal that evening at 6:15 p.m.

Estimate of Giving Cards

Thanks to everyone who handed in an Estimate of Giving card on Sunday, November 13th. Your financial commitment will help Chain of Lakes live out its purpose and values in 2012. If you didn't hand in an Estimate of Giving card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thanks to all who financially support the ministry of Chain of Lakes Church.

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YOUTH MINISTRIES



The children at Chain of Lakes packed a total of 17 shoeboxes during the Sunday school hour to be sent over to children suffering from poverty all

over the world. These boxes will be sent through the organization of Operation Christmas Child which sent over 77 million gifts last year alone to children all over the world. Thanks to your donations 17 children will get a Christmas gift this year and hear about God's love.

December 11th the youth will meet after church and each child is asked to bring a dozen cookies. The plan is to go around to neighboring nursing homes and care centers and drop off cookies and Christmas cards to the elderly. Parents are welcome to come. One idea would be to also sing Christmas carols. Tiffany Chopra is organizing this program and would like to have at least 2 other adults to drive and help out. Please contact the office for more information.



December 30th Tiffany Chopra is planning a youth New Years party! The current idea is to meet at 5:30 at the Senior Center. There will be dinner served and we will play games. More information on this event to come. Stay tuned!!



BE A SANTA'S HELPER THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas at Chain of Lakes we are asking folks to give gifts to a low-income family in our area through CEAP. CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program) is a community-based, non-profit agency that partners with other agencies to help people in need. They provide emergency support and facilitate personal skill building & self-sufficiency while enhancing self-esteem.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. Jennifer Huehns will contact you with your family name, address and phone number. Each family has already designated gift ideas and clothing sizes. You will then be asked to deliver the gifts personally to your adopted family during the week of December 19th. It is recommended you contact the family in advance to make delivery arrangements.

Helping out a family is a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas. By participating in this ministry you will be making an impact on a family who will greatly appreciate your help.

Parent's Corner

Family rituals and traditions can provide ways to help our kids connect with God and to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness. Some, like adding Jesus to the nativity scene on Christmas Day, lighting a candle on baptism anniversaries or joining hands around the dinner table at Easter, can connect to specific Christian celebrations. During the next few weeks as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, take some time as a family and create a new family tradition.

Here are some simple ideas that might bring meaning to you. Light an Advent candle each Sunday night as a family for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Make simple paper ornaments that symbolize parts of the Christmas story. Plan an evening to make popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together; how about serving Thanksgiving or Christmas meals at one of the many homeless shelters, or visit a live outdoor nativity.

Whatever you do, remember the best way to create these special times is to look for ways to include God both in the celebration and your daily life. Before you know it, you and your kids will have begun a new tradition and the kids will be the first to complain if you try to change it.



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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.



**Pictures of approved
property purchase for
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Church**

