

# Chain of Lakes

## CHURCH

A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

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# MARDI GRAS



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## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 19th

9:00 a.m.

Suggested Donation:

\$5 for adult

\$3 for children

Pay at door, or purchase  
tickets in advance.  
See Ushers.



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You are invited to bring family and friends for the **MARDI GRAS** celebration. The menu will consist of pancakes, bacon & sausage, OJ, coffee, and more. Plus games and fun! Mark your calendars and join us for a fun time before we enter the season of Lent.

## Notes from Pastor Paul



Earlier this year the Steering Committee set one goal for Chain of Lakes for 2012. That goal is that we at Chain of Lakes will share our message with the community so that 18 families become disciples. This goal developed over a two-month planning process that involved all our Ministry Teams, staff and other

leaders in the church.

I'd like to pick apart this goal a bit in this article.

First of all the goal is not to grow by 18 families. The goal is to share our message with the community so that 18 families become disciples. Our ultimate desire at Chain of Lakes is for people to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We articulated this desire in the Purpose Statement of our new church.

There is a huge difference between wanting to grow and wanting to create disciples. We want to create disciples who think with their head, love with their heart, and serve with their feet. I want us to be sold out in our new congregation to creating and developing this type of disciple. I believe the world is waiting for more churches to be completely devoted to creating and developing disciples. We don't want to grow in numbers—we want to create disciples.

The second focus is we are going to share our message. We are developing a common message, really an identity at Chain of Lakes. It's an identity of

hospitality, acceptance and authenticity. This message is resonating with the people at Chain of Lakes. I've seen this message resonate as you've told me that these qualities are what define our new congregation. This excites me as this identity is consistent with our Purpose Statement and Core Values that we developed.

The third focus is that we are sharing this message with the community. At Chain of Lakes we have an outreach focus. Our message is not something that only happens between the people at Chain of Lakes. We believe we have something of value to share with people outside our congregation. If we live into this goal, we won't be a club, but instead we will be in the community sharing our message.

Fourth, I want to make sure that we keep the entire part of this goal in our language at Chain of Lakes. No one in our congregation should say, "we have to grow" or "we have to get 18 new families." That language is not inspiring and not what we're trying to do. What we want to do is share our message with the community so 18 families become disciples. If we hear anyone using "growth language" please politely correct that person.

Having this goal excites me. I look forward to coming to work each day as the Organizing Pastor of Chain of Lakes because I am excited about working with you to achieve this very important and exciting goal. Please pray this year that we can follow God in successfully achieving this goal that God has given to us.



### Worship Leader Training

**Sunday, February 26th following worship**

There will be a training for all Ushers, Door Greeters and Fellowship servers on Sunday, February 26th following worship. This training will help us grow in understanding the call to ministry. Your trainers will help clarify expectations, roles, and processes for working as a team and to feel comfortable with your ministry tasks.

Anyone is invited to stand in on this training to learn more about what each position requires. Contact the office for more information.

### Ash Wednesday Worship

To start Lent everyone is encouraged to come to worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the service is "Redefining Temptation." We have a very creative service planned! Through brainstorming, a video presentation, Communion, and praying at prayer stations we will be sent into the world with a new understanding of temptation." Child Care will be available.

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**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

On **March 9** all kids 1st grade and older are invited to serve at Feed My Starving Children.



Chain of Lakes children are first on the list, then we can offer invitations to friends. We only have 20 spots reserved. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to serve with the kids. The plan is to meet at the church parking lot and leave around 5:30 p.m. that Friday, then we will be serving from 6-7:30 p.m. Afterwards we will be going out to eat at McDonalds.

Contact Tiffany Chopra or the church office with questions.

***Kids Swimming Event at Shoreview Water Park******Parent's Corner***

How does a parent's faith impact a child's faith? Children learn about faith in the same way they learn about parenting, by observation. Before a child can speak, they are watching, listening and forming an understanding of what their parents are doing. When parents pray, read the Bible, participate in church, they are showing trust in God. Parents are impacting their child's faith. If parents are not praying, reading the Bible or complaining about church and are more concerned about getting than giving, this also impacts a child's experience of what it means to live faithfully.

Just as parents equip themselves with the wisdom and experience of other experts, parents need to do the same with their faith. If children are to develop a rich, lasting faith, parents need to develop their faith by engaging in spiritual practices that deepen their relationship with God. Praying, reading, studying scripture; listening and singing songs and hymns; celebrating the Sabbath; connecting with other believers; and serving in the community are just some of the ways parents can mature in their own faith – and the faith of their family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Rotation Sunday School continues with the following schedule during Lent.

The theme focus is Jesus Teaches in Parables. The following parables will be used:

Feb.26 – The Rich Fool in the Game Workshop

March 4 - Workers in the Vineyard in Art

March 11 – House Built on Rock or Sand in Cooking (come find out what Oobleck is)

March 18 – The Good Samaritan - Drama

March 25 – The Prodigal Son in the Theater

**Palm Sunday is April 1, join us in the "Palm Parade"**

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING***

It's not too early to be planning our big summer event.

Vacation Bible School is the week of August 6-9. This year we are planning to hold VBS on the land recently purchased for our building. Our theme this year is Market Place A.D. The children will experience life as it was in Jesus time and will be able to hear Bible stories told by "disciples" who knew him.

We need lots of people to help with the planning, so if you would like to be part of the planning please **contact**

**Joanne Shingledecker**, Director of Children's Ministry soon.

We are going to have a planning meeting later this February.



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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.