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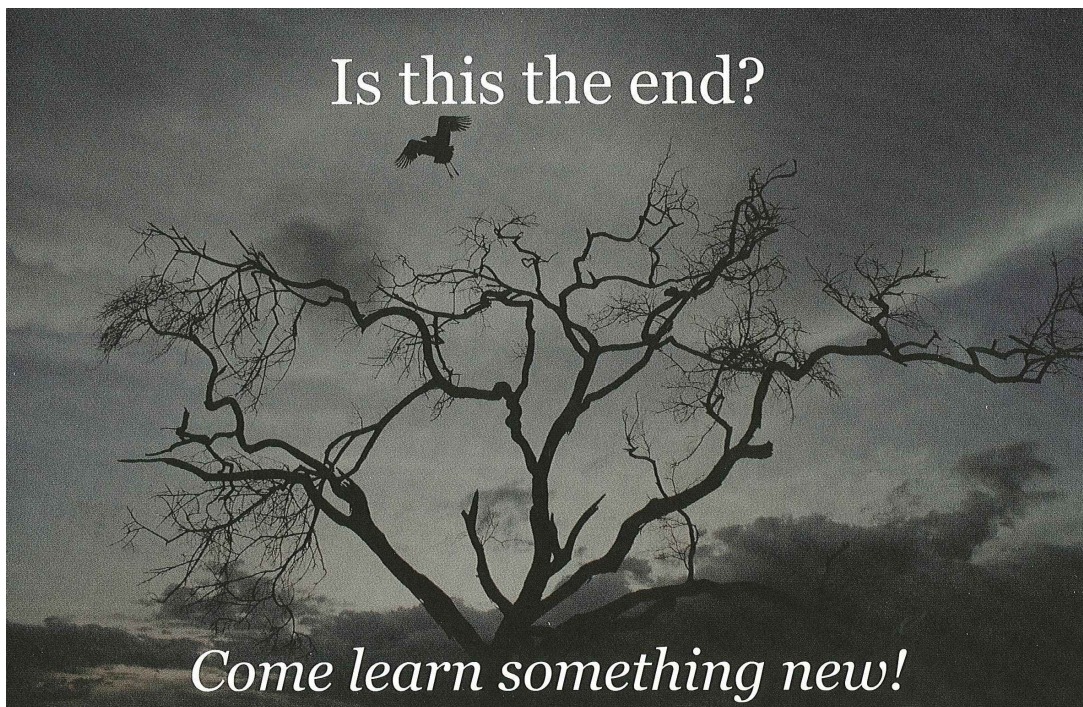
New Sermon Series

Sundays, January 20 - February 3, 2013

10:30 a.m.

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The end of the world is a topic that has fascinated and frightened humans for centuries. Why is that? Join us at Chain of Lakes as we take a thoughtful look at this topic. Everyone present will be given the tools to help make sense of all the buzz surrounding the end of the world. We're most interested in what Jesus taught his followers. Come learn something new!



Notes from Pastor Paul



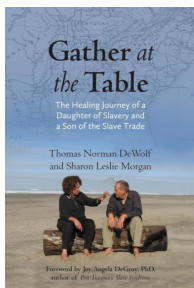
Everyone who knows me knows that one of my favorite expressions is “Yea, God!” 2012 was the best year we’ve had at Chain of Lakes. This past Sunday at the Annual meeting I shared four reasons that our new congregation can say “Yea, God!”

- New people—many of them young. We received an influx of young people at Chain of Lakes in 2012. So much so that we have started a new group called, “Club 20-40.” The group is meant for people in that age range. The presence of this group has given our congregation a wonderful sense of energy and vitality. On Saturday, January 5th our group went sledding at Como Park. As I looked around at the group I came to the realization that none of the people who came knew each other a year ago. They were all strangers—and now had become friends! There is great potential in this new group.
- Hiring of Kristel as our Music Director. After a lot of prayer, God was very good to us in calling Kristel Peters to be our Music Director. Her story of finding out about the job and then applying could not have been planned by any of us! Her experience in the church and her relational gifts has led folks to want to share their musical gifts in worship. In her brief time here she has already started to empower people to be music leaders. I fully expect that our new congregation will soon have a band who frequently leads worship along

- with frequent special music.
- Moving to Da Vinci Academy. We had hit a plateau while worshipping at the Lino Lakes Senior Center. That facility was a good choice at the beginning of our journey together, but we weren’t developing there. Many Sundays I came home from worship thinking that we felt like an old, small, Presbyterian church—exactly the opposite from what a new church should be like. Thankfully God—and yes, I believe God gave us this opportunity—led us to worship at Da Vinci Academy. We are closer to our eventual property, we have learned that we can set up and break down every Sunday, we are receiving visitors, and we feel like a new church.
- The gift of property that the Presbytery of the Twin Cities gave to us. The property gives us a focus for the future. We know now the immediate area which we will target. It’s important for us to remember that the property is a tool to be used to help us live out our Purpose and Core Values. Some other “Yea, Gods” for 2012 are the partnership with Lino Lakes Elementary STEM, the amazing stewardship of the congregation, the moving service with the Cameroonian community in November, and the baptisms we celebrated at the end of the year.

As we move into 2013, please keep this precious ministry of our new church in our prayers. Starting a new church from scratch can only be done when we are in tune with what God wants. God has unbelievable desires for the ministry of Chain of Lakes Church. Let’s keep in tune to what these divine desires are.

New Small Groups



Small group on Race during the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday

Come to a one-time small group on **Monday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.** at Carbone’s in Lexington. We will discuss the book “Gather at the Table” by Thomas Norman De Wolf and Sharon Leslie Morgan.

This is a powerful story of the relationship between the man whose ancestors were slave traders and a woman whose ancestors were slaves. Their relationship shares the intricate dynamics of our racial relationships.

Small group on the book of Revelation

Pastor Paul will be leading a two week small group on the book of Revelation. The group will meet on **Wednesday, January 30 and February 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at the church office.



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Steering Committee Notes

The Steering Committee of Chain of Lakes is made up of six people from our new congregation, two people appointed from the Presbytery, and Pastor Paul, who is the Moderator. The six people from Chain of Lakes serve two year terms. If you have ideas or comments about the ministry of Chain of Lakes Church, please contact a Steering Committee member.

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Presbytery Reps.</u>
Gary Long	George Black	Pastor Paul (Moderator)
Dave Nyberg	Justin Leitch	Rev. Newell Krogmann
Val Owens	Melanie Vosdingh	Vacant—this position is vacant



Ordination & Installation of our newest members Sunday, Jan. 6



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Ministry on Sundays will be exploring the many people who interacted with Jesus.

January 13	John the Baptist
January 20	Zacchaeus/Rich Young Fool
January 27	Mary and Martha
February 3	The Widow and her Gift
February 10	Review Sunday

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Exploring three simple questions in which they will become to know the god of love, hope and purpose. This is a six week series beginning January 13th, in which the youth will explore who God is, who am I, and who is God and me together.



We will be worshipping on Ash Wednesday, February 13th at our worship location, DaVinci Academy. More information will follow.

🎵 Music Ministry 🎵 by Kristel Peters

"The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again" -Matt Redman, 10,000 Reasons

We've sung this line on Sunday mornings a few times and if you listen to Christian radio, you may have heard it come through your speakers. There are many things I appreciate about this worship song that has, in a sense, topped the charts over the past year. It is lyrical, easy to sing, new, and is a bit of an earworm. Setting aside the musical qualities of the song, I love how it reminds us that everyday, in all matters of life, we are to look to the Lord and worship His holy name. Sunday morning worship is not the only time we should set aside during the week to sing God's song and acknowledge His holiness. Every day is a new opportunity in our personal worship to bless the Lord in all things. Psalm 103:1 sums it up well, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."



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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.

Our Worship Location

Directions: Located at DaVinci Adademy Charter School
13001 Central in Blaine, at the intersection of Highway 65 and 131st Ave
(just north of Cub Foods)

Come Join Us! Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

