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Experience the joy of a
Fresh Start

Celebrate Easter with us!

Where strangers become friends.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

March 30th at 11:00 a.m.

Located on the church property in The Lakes
- Directions at colpres.org

Easter Sunday Service

March 31st at 10:30 a.m.

Free Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
at Da Vinci Academy (13001 Central Ave) in Blaine

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Notes from Pastor Paul



I recently had an experience with a group where the leadership of the group seemed disinterested and lacking. That experience made me think about my own leadership style. I developed an acronym that I committed myself to in terms of

leadership for the rest of 2013. The acronym is DBS. I'm still working out these ideas in my own mind, but let me briefly share my thoughts as to how I understand DBS...

D—Discerning. I want everything I do to be a reflection of what God wants in my life. I constantly want to ask myself the question, "What would God do in this situation? How is God leading me? How can I stay on the same page with God, not getting ahead or behind the Almighty?" As Presbyterians we believe that our lives are not our own—they are God's. One of my favorite parts of the Book of Confessions is from the Heidelberg Confession, "That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ." Our task is not to come up with terrific ideas, but instead be attuned to the terrific ideas that God has for us. When we discern well the pressure in our lives fades.

Become a Disciple

We don't have members at Chain of Lakes we have Disciples. Pastor Paul is offering an orientation for anyone who would like to join our new church as a "Disciple at Chain of Lakes." The orientation will take place after worship on Sunday, March 24th starting at 12:30 p.m. We will enjoy a lunch at the Lovell Office which is located at 4175 Lovell Road #115 in Lexington. We will share our own faith journeys, learn what it means to say Jesus is Lord and Savior, learn about the history of our new church, what it means to be a Disciple at Chain of Lakes and ways to get connected. Child care is scheduled to be provided.

B—Bold. It seems to me that we in the church are way too timid in our leadership. We take baby steps when God wants us to take giant leaps. Let's be bold! Let's take risks! Let's continue to understand that the church is a movement that was started by the boldest leader in the history of the world—Jesus. If we aren't doing something bold, then we are missing out on the leadership style that Jesus modeled. The world is waiting for a group of people who are willing to be bold in a discerning way.

S—Strategic. Often in the church we feel like we lack resources—even though the gift of grace is the greatest gift the world has ever experienced. When we lack something it's important to focus our efforts. We must ask ourselves the question, "Where will our efforts lead to the most fruit? What should I stop doing so that I can give more time to these efforts?" Rick Warren wrote that leaders often have so many irons in the fire that we put out the fire. Where do we have to focus our efforts in a strategic way? A strategy is a focus that will best help achieve a goal.

I'm interested in your thoughts. Send me your thoughts to pastor@colpres.org on this acronym and what you feel are some important qualities of leadership.

Small groups meeting during Lent:

- *Tuesday at 3:30 at White Pine Senior Living in Blaine*
- *Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at James Maatman & Lena Truong's residence in Blaine*
- *Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Val Owens residence in Anoka*
- *Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Ruthann Coburn's residence in Blaine*

SNOW MUCH FUN !!!



Chain of Lakes families spent the afternoon on Saturday, February 23rd painting the snow on the church property. The fun in the snow included the creation of Mr. & Mrs. Snowman.



A group will be helping out at Manna Market Mondays, March 11 & 25 between 4:45 and 7:00 p.m. at Sonlight Church of the Nazarene, 3860 Flowerfield Road in Blaine.

CLUB 20-40

Club 20-40 is a group for everyone ages 20-40. Come to Brunswick Zone in Blaine for bowling on Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. Kids are totally welcome. We'll order pizza/dinner while there. All levels of bowlers and non-bowlers should come! Trash-talk is encouraged. League bowlers should, out of courtesy, use their weak hand so they don't make the group look bad. Options for laser tag and arcade games. Child care will be offered. Let Sally Leitch know if you will attend, 612-644-8602 or sign up during worship on the communication card.



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Community Event

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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.

