

# Chain of Lakes

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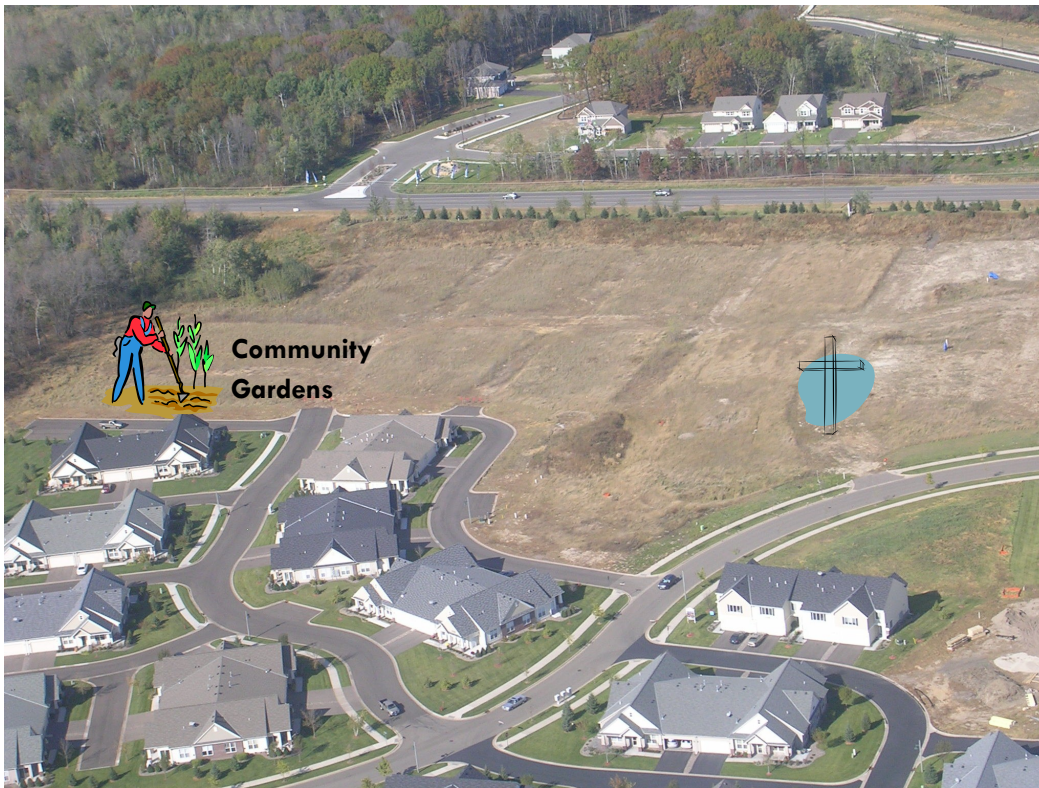
MAY 2013

## Chain of Lakes sharing gardens with the community!

This year is the first of many where Chain of Lakes Church is sharing their property with the community for gardens. Anyone from the church and the community is welcome to have a garden plot. Thanks to the investigative work of George Black and John Ivers water will be available for garden use. If you would like to have a plot, call the office at 763-208-8049 or call George Black at 763-862-3161.

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The bottom picture shows the area of the gardens.



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## Notes from Pastor Paul



Recently we had our first planning meeting for Sundaes on Wednesday. It was an excellent gathering of folks who were very excited about what will happen during our worship this summer. Our first worship service will be Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Northpoint Elementary School in Blaine.

We are going to ask everyone in our new church to participate in Sundaes on Wednesday. In particular we are going to invite you to bring a new person to worship and help our new church get the message out about Sundaes on Wednesday.

I shared with our group that I see four opportunities that we have to start Sundaes on Wednesday.

1) Sundaes on Wednesday is a significant opportunity for Chain of Lakes to grow in numbers of people during the summer, a time when congregations typically lose momentum. Many people are gone during the weekends and will want to worship close to their home. Because of the late spring, even more people will probably be leaving the area on the weekends this summer. These folks will be open to a mid-week worship experience

## Special Offering

The Steering Committee has authorized a Special Offering for May. The goal for the offering is \$5,000. We are making terrific progress as so far \$1,625 has been given.



2) Sundaes on Wednesday is an opportunity to worship closer to the target area for Chain of Lakes. Many people in our target area are familiar with Northpoint Elementary. It will be convenient for them to come to worship.

3) Sundaes on Wednesday is an opportunity to connect to other Presbyterian churches. This year Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery are being asked to sponsor a particular "Sundaes on Wednesday" service. The church that is sponsoring a service will be encouraged to send people to that service and perhaps share special music and a bit about the ministry of their church.

4) Sundaes on Wednesday is also an opportunity to share the message that Chain of Lakes is willing to be innovative in their ministry by responding to circumstances in the community.

Not many churches are willing to give up their Sunday worship in order to connect with the community.

Please keep Sundaes on Wednesday in your prayers as we continue in our planning for this wonderful opportunity!



## Steering Committee

Notes from the April Steering Committee Meeting:

- Enjoyed a delicious meal shared by Val Owens
- Talked about partnering with the Church Development Team on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Evaluated the very successful Easter egg hunt
- Received a report from the Marketing group and decided to focus on four recommendations
- Voted to go forward with Sundaes on Wednesday starting June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Approved a budget for 2013
- Prayed together

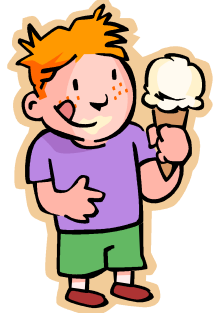
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Everyone from Chain of Lakes is invited to a lunch and prayer walk at our property after worship on Sunday, May 19th. We will be joined by people from the Church Development Team and FOCOL (Friends of Chain of Lakes). After the lunch and prayer walk a retreat is being held at Presbyterian Church of the Master in Coon Rapids.

## Ice Cream Social

One the evening of Wednesday, June 5th we are hosting an Ice Cream Social on our property for the community. The Worship & Outreach Team will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. to plan the event.



## Ways to Serve

A group will be helping out at Manna Market Mondays, May 13th and 27th between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Sonlight Church of the Nazarene, 3860 Flowerfield Road in Blaine.

## Support Our Troops

Steve Van Meter, son to Pam and Kevin Van Meter, is currently serving as a marine in Afghanistan. Please keep him your prayers and show support by sending a card, letter or small package. Mail to:

Cpt. Van Meter, Steven B.  
3/4 HQ Detachment  
India Company—4th Platoon  
Unit #46028  
FPO AP 96427-6028



Chain of Lakes Church is participating in the Blaine Triathlon on Saturday, May 18th. Our own Pastor Paul will swim, bike and run the race that begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Lakeside Commons Park in The Lakes Development. We are looking for volunteers to stand at our booth from 7:30-11:30 a.m. to hand out literature and balloons. Then we need six volunteers to be at the water stations to pass out water to the triathlon participants. Please sign up on the communication card during worship or call the office.

## ♪ Music Ministry ♪ by Kristel

“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul.” Matthew 22:37

Where do you start and stop? Do you hit the ground running when your feet touch the floor in the morning? Or do you take the time to warm-up to the day with a cup of coffee or breakfast with a loved one? Does your day come to a screeching halt when you finally get home and all you can think about is going to bed? Or do you wind down and enjoy your evening finally resting with a sense of peace?

Where are you on Sunday morning when we gather to worship? Do you rush in after gathering your family, thinking it will only take you 5 minutes less than it really takes to get there? Or do you come early and prepare your heart, meet someone new, or pray for your neighbor? Everyone comes from different places and situations and I would like to encourage you to allow yourself the time (even if it's in the car!) to pray, turn on some Christian music, or start a discussion with your family about why you're excited to be going to church. Let's prepare our hearts and our minds for the glory of God!



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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.**

