

# Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

***We are God's people  
being transformed by the Holy Spirit  
to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ  
in the world in word and action.***



We believe all people share the worth that comes from being loved and forgiven children of God. We want it to be known that we welcome all people – regardless of race, age, culture, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family status, marital status, gender identity, physical or cognitive ability, or economic condition – into the life-transforming story of Jesus Christ. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

***If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed in this WELCOME BROCHURE, contact the person listed, or make a note on a CONNECT CARD from the Welcome table in the narthex. We'll be happy to hear from you!***

# Worship

*Celebrating God's presence together in worship services and in our daily lives.*

Here are the words of invitation we use to welcome people to the table of the Lord: *"The Risen Christ has invited us to this table. Whoever you are, however you feel, for whatever reasons you are here, come to the feast. Whatever your condition, whatever questions you have, wherever you are on your spiritual journey: know that our host is the one who has given his life for the world, the one who was raised to new life, and the one who invites us to come to the table."*

**Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 8:00am and 10:30am.**

It takes the gifts and talents of many people to create meaningful worship in this place. Here's how you can help:

## **Prepare the worship space...**

**Altar Guild** sets up the bread and wine for Holy Communion, cares for linens and vestments, and prepares the altar area for worship celebrations, including funerals and baptisms. If you'd like to help with Altar Guild, contact Sheri Buys at 612-799-2036 or [slybuys@q.com](mailto:slybuys@q.com).

**Worship Environment Team** works to enhance and amplify the seasonal worship theme and experience using all the senses. People with a variety of skills – planning, design, building, sewing, writing, photography, drama, or a willingness to roll up their sleeves and make it happen – are invited to plug into worship environment opportunities going forward. If you're interested, contact Sue Bergly at 952-898-3289 or Kat Vann at 612-709-1279 or [katvann222@yahoo.com](mailto:katvann222@yahoo.com).

## **Assist with Worship...**

If you would like to serve as a **reader** during worship for scripture readings and prayers, contact Allan Hetland at 651-636-2027 or [bighet42@gmail.com](mailto:bighet42@gmail.com); to **usher** contact Bob Wold at 612-722-8529; and for **servicing communion** or **van driving**, contact Sue Hamre in the office at 612-729-2323 or [office@lakenokomis.org](mailto:office@lakenokomis.org).

## **Make Music...**

**Kids Choir & Drums** is for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children, who can sign up for choir, drums, or both! Choir is directed by Deb Wobig, and Drumming is directed by Kat Van.

**Salt & Light** is for 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders interested in music, drama, words, art and a variety of spiritual practices and is led by Jodi Gustafson.

This year you'll sign up for small, fit-into-your-schedule rehearsal sessions from 6-7pm on Wednesdays:

- **Session 4:** 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, making music on 2/10 at the 10:30am worship service.
- **Session 5:** 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, making music on 3/10 at the 10:30am worship service.
- **Session 6:** 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10, making music on 4/14 at 10:30am worship service.
- **Session 7:** 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, making music on 5/12 at the 10:30m worship service.

We will have optional Simple Dinner from 5:30-6pm for a nominal fee to make it easier for families to transition from work and school to church.

**Adult Choir** sings music from many different cultures and traditions. All voice parts are welcome and you don't need to be able to read music to have a great time! We help to lead worship three times in most months, alternating between early and late services.

**Handbell Choir** is for everyone post-high school. New ringers are always welcome. Some ability to read music is helpful, but we're happy to teach you if you don't

know how yet! We ring in worship once a month, and rehearse on Sundays at 9am, and you can sign up for one session or the entire year.

**If you can't make regular rehearsals, but still want to make music, there's a place for you, too!** We have several short-term opportunities through the year, and there's always room for soloists and instrumentalists. Let us know you're interested and we'll find a place for you!

**For young children:** Our nursery is staffed during 10:30am worship. Rainbow bags filled with quiet activities are available for young worshippers and are located next to the side doors to the sanctuary. A wiggle space is available in the narthex for caregivers to sit with their children during worship. To volunteer in the nursery, call Deb Denison at 612-721-3296. We ask those who utilize the nursery to volunteer their time.

Check the newsletter and website for details about additional worship opportunities. If you are interested in playing or singing in any capacity, contact our team:

**Jodi Gustafson, Music Director**

612-385-6106 or [missapple@gmail.com](mailto:missapple@gmail.com)

**Deb Wobig, Children's Choir Director**

651-308-4937 or [debwobig@gmail.com](mailto:debwobig@gmail.com)

**Kat Vann, Drumming Director**

612-709-1279 or [katvann222@yahoo.com](mailto:katvann222@yahoo.com)

## Connect

*Connecting people with each other to strengthen our community of faith.*

We make every effort to create a truly welcoming environment where people can build relationships with others and find a place of belonging in this community.

**Sunday Fellowship:** Following each worship service on Sunday mornings, you can enjoy coffee and goodies

while you visit with friends new and old. Sign up in the narthex to help with this important ministry of hospitality, perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary!

**Fellowship Events:** The Connect Team helps organize events for children, youth, and adults to come together for fun and fellowship. Events have included campfires, game nights, bowling, a Fat Tuesday Celebration, and community picnics.

**Prayer Chain:** You can remember in your prayers all those who are ill or who are recovering from illness or surgery and activate our “prayer chain” by contacting Kathy Schou at 701-260-8091 or [kath@schouonline.com](mailto:kath@schouonline.com).

To help with any off our Connect opportunities or learn more, please contact Karen Ojeda at 612-724-2449 or [karen.ojeda@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:karen.ojeda@minneapolismn.gov).

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*Nurturing members of all ages to grow as disciples of Christ.*

We believe that faith formation is a life-long journey where we truly are Always Being Made New! Check out these opportunities for all ages:

### **Children & Youth...**

**Sunday School:** Children ages 3 to grade 6 meet on Sundays during the school year from 9:15-10:15am. Pre-Kindergarten children learn the classic bible stories, while 1-6<sup>th</sup> graders follow the scripture readings that are used in worship on Sunday mornings.



**Confirmation:** From September – May, 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth gather for confirmation on Sundays from 9:15-10:15am

and Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. For their third year of instruction, 9<sup>th</sup> graders join with 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders for CLASH and The Deep End for the majority of the year. Students typically affirm their baptism (are confirmed) in the fall of 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

**CLASH and The Deep End:** From September – May, 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth gather for CLASH (Christ Loves All Senior High) on Sundays from 9:15-10:15am, and The Deep End on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. CLASH and The Deep End include relationship building, topical conversation, bible study, service projects and fellowship events.

**Summer Opportunities:** Info about Vacation Bible School, Wapo Bible Camp, Boundary Waters Canoe Trips, and a high school mission trip is available in the Children, Youth & Family Handbook on the church website.

*Registration and Medical Forms for preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade children and youth are on the church website.*

## **Adults...**

**Faith & Life Conversations:** From September – May, adults gather on Sundays from 9:15-10:15am in the Nokomis Room for topical conversations and Bible studies that are relevant for living out our faith in daily life. The high school youth join in the Faith & Life Conversations on occasion for intergenerational learning.

**Christ & Culture in Film:** What's your story? Can contemporary films and fiction help us tell God's story and our own? Join with others for conversation around compelling literature and films (on a large screen). For more information, contact Glen Wheeler at 612-724-2655. Check the bulletin board in the narthex for the full schedule. Come once to check out your favorite book or film or join us every month!



**The Faith Club:** This group, for both men and women, meets during the school year

on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the church library and is ideal for those with children in music groups. If you are interested, contact Allan Hetland at 651-636-2027 or [bighet42@gmail.com](mailto:bighet42@gmail.com).

**Rebecca Circle:** This women's circle meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. For their monthly Bible study they use *Gather*, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Contact Bev Petersen at 612-727-2869 if you would like to join them.

**Animate Faith:** Bringing together leading voices such as Nadia Bolz-Weber and Brian McLaren, this course explores central topics of Christianity through video, journaling and provocative questions. The current study group meets monthly for dinner and conversation. If you are interested in joining, contact Erica Larson.

**Library Committee:** The mission is to stimulate and enrich Christian faith, to inspire, inform and entertain. There are resources and books for all ages, and periodic book discussions and author events are offered. Stop by the library on Sundays to indicate your interest in the committee or suggest book titles.

**Cherish All Children:** CAC is a ministry of the ELCA that empowers, equips, and supports congregations to prevent child sexual exploitation through prayer, education, relationship-building, and action. Join this team to explore other opportunities for prevention by contacting Ginny Rudloff at 612-722-1359 or [vrudloff@comcast.net](mailto:vrudloff@comcast.net).

**Going Green:** Lake Nokomis Lutheran has become a GREEN congregation! We received a grant in 2017 to help us improve our efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost waste. We continue to focus on environmental stewardship and care for creation. We ask all groups to use compostable products or reusable products for events. For information, contact Becky Dowzak at 612-721-2575 or Erica Larson at 612-729-2323.

**Other Future Possibilities:** A mom's group, men's groups, 4-

6 week Bible studies, Lent Book & Bible studies, Theology on Tap...what sparks your interest? Let us know!

If you would like to talk about how to get involved with a faith formation offering, or explore the possibility of a new opportunity, please contact Director of Faith Formation Erica Larson at 612-729-2323 or [elarson@lakenokomis.org](mailto:elarson@lakenokomis.org)

## Serve

*Touching many individuals by providing services expressing the love of Christ.*

**Health Cabinet:** The purpose of the Health Cabinet is to be a presence in worship and in the life of the congregation through learning opportunities, monthly blood pressure checks, the annual blood drive, and creating awareness of health and wellness issues.

Contact Parish Nurse Barb Tauferner at 612-724-1864.

**Hospitality Committee:** Many hands are needed to help with our ministry of care to those in our community. Volunteers help with functions throughout the year such as weddings, funerals, and special events; as well as overseeing the care and cleaning of the kitchen.

Contact Becky Dowzak at 612-721-2575 to get involved.

**Meals on Wheels:** We deliver meals every 9 weeks to those who are shut in and less mobile than ourselves. Drivers are needed! Contact Andrea Bolstad at 612-720-9576 or [dreaann@msn.com](mailto:dreaann@msn.com).

**Food Shelf:** Drop your donations off in the Target Grocery Cart and mesh bins that are located in the church narthex. There are contribution envelopes in the grocery cart for donations that you can add to the offering plate during worship. Volunteers are always needed at the food shelf on Tuesdays from 10am-3pm. To volunteer, contact the Minnehaha United Methodist Church office at 612-721-6231; or Bette Stacey at 612-724-1780.

**MinneHarvest:** Assist Minnehaha United Methodist by distributing groceries at their MinneHarvest Food Mission,



which is held on the 4th Saturday of the month. Contact Linda Ojeda at 612-724-6385 or Diane (Slovik) Akerson 952-893-1228 for more information.

**Loaves and Fishes:** Volunteers serve a meal to approximately 250-300 working poor and homeless individuals at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. We serve 4 - 5 times a year on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Upcoming serving dates are October 29 and December 31, 2018. Contact Diane (Slovik) Akerson at 952-893-1228.

**Affordable Housing:** We provide shelter and hospitality to families experiencing homelessness through the **Families Moving Forward** program. Save the date for our next hosting week: August 4-11, 2019. Watch for opportunities during the year to **advocate** for affordable housing public policy and funding. For more information, contact Kat Vann at [katvann222@yahoo.com](mailto:katvann222@yahoo.com), Robbie Becker at [robertadbecker@aol.com](mailto:robertadbecker@aol.com).

**St. Joseph's Home for Children:** We collect gifts and money to be used at Christmas and throughout the year for children at St. Joseph's Children Home for Children beginning in November. Children's offerings from September through December also go towards this worthy cause. Contact Diane (Slovik) Akerson at 952-893-1228.

**Gardening Group:** If you would like to help with planting and maintenance of our beautiful landscaping and courtyard, please contact Ida Miller at 612-727-3699.

We also have periodic service events such as **Feed My Starving Children**, youth group **service project nights**, and **congregational projects** on Sunday mornings. Check the newsletter and website for news about these special events!

# Reach Out

*Reaching out to the neighborhood, inviting the community to share in our ministry, so that we can be the hands and feet of Christ.*

**Congregational Welcome:** We are glad you are here, and we welcome members and visitors alike. We seek new ways of helping people make connections within our community of faith, and are working to improve our social media presence.

**Community and Global Involvement:** We care about our community and world! A portion of our church budget is dedicated to service and mission in our local community and around the globe. We partner with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Kubi District, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria; and with neighboring congregations St. James Episcopal and Minnehaha United Methodist to serve our community and world. We are members of the Nokomis East Business Association (NEBA) and seek to be a presence at local events such as the Nokomis Block Party.

If you are interested in helping with our social media, publicity and outreach efforts, or with providing welcome for visitors and new members, contact Dave Miland at [djmland@hotmail.com](mailto:djmland@hotmail.com).

## Exploring Faith & Justice

Many in our congregation have expressed an interest in a Faith & Justice Team, and ten members participated in a conference on Race & Privilege in the church in 2016. We are in the midst of ongoing conversations about racial justice, and creating an action plan for our congregation. If you are interested in this ongoing conversation and work, please contact Karen Ojeda at 612-724-2449, Glen Wheeler at 612-724-2655, or Erica Larson at 612-729-2323.

## Property Team

The mission of the property team is to coordinate the purchase, maintenance and repair of church equipment, facilities, and vehicles. We also provide input to the church office and the church council on expenditures and budgeting. We currently meet at 6 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to join us at these meetings. Or, if you prefer not to attend meetings, we can use your help with property maintenance and repair tasks. We have developed a list of tasks to be completed, which we are happy to share. Contact John Becker at 612-244-9245 to learn more, to volunteer your time, or to share your thoughts.

## Congregation Council & Church Leadership

Our Council is responsible for leading our congregation in stating our mission, doing long range planning, setting goals and priorities, and evaluating our activities in light of our mission and goals. Our Council serves as liaisons and works with ministry areas including Worship, Education, Connect, Serve, Outreach, Building and Property, Finance, and Stewardship.



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The ministries of Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church are only possible through the work of the congregation and our Ministry Teams and Church Council. You can get involved in dreaming, planning, and leading our ministries by serving in the areas of Worship, Connect, Education (Grow), Service, Outreach, and more, and by helping with short term projects. Please contact us and we will help you find a place to use your gifts and talents in meaningful ways!

**Interim Pastor Chris Hagen**

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612-724-1864 or [btauferner@yahoo.com](mailto:btauferner@yahoo.com).

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**Cody Anderson, Building and Property**

**Jeanette Boothe, Worship**

**Eric Grube, Council Co-President, Building & Property**

**Diana Grundeen, Council Co-President, Service**

**Kami Hopkins, Education**

**Patty Kendall, Building & Property, Finance**

**David Miland, Secretary, Outreach**

**Karen Ojeda, Connect**

**Cindy Olson, Worship**

**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**

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