

Welcome to Lake Street Church of Evanston

Lake Street Church Connections February 1, 2012 E-blast



You're Invited to
Lake Street's
Slice-of-Life Auction
and Pie Palooza!!

Saturday, February 25, 2012
6:30 pm

Lake Street Church
607 Lake Street
Evanston, IL

Appetizers, drinks & homemade pies
Live and Silent Auctions
Jewelry Mini Palooza
Live Jazz Trio

\$12/person



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Don't miss it!
Bring your friends!

LSC's Slice-of-Life Auction & Pie Palooza TO DO List!

1) **Purchase your event tickets for \$12 per person!**

The advance purchase of tickets will enable a quick and easy check out by having your credit card already on file for the event in a safe, secured and encrypted format.

[Tickets](#)

2) **Check out pictures and highlights of our fabulous Auction offerings and happenings at our new Auction website. Click on the link and scroll through the categories on the left for details and pictures of our actual items. [Auction Items](#)**

3) **Help by volunteering at the event! [Volunteer Form](#)**

4) **Please help get out the word about this great event!**

We created a Facebook Event page that makes it easy to share highlights and full details of A Slice of Life Auction and Pie Palooza with others - even those you wouldn't normally think to ask.

It's easy and it's fun.

You may be surprised at the friends and business colleagues interested in attending if you invite them via Facebook. It just takes a few minutes. One person reports inviting nearly all her Facebook "friends" locally, and being surprised that some immediately indicated they plan to attend.

Here's what we ask:

Please go to the link below and "like" the event.
[facebook link](#)

Then "Share" or post on your Facebook wall. -- When you "like" or post to your wall, more people will see it.

You can use the tab on the right on the event page below, to "invite" whoever you feel comfortable inviting - either among your Facebook friends (their photos will appear, and all you do is click the box next to the photo of who you want to invite), or others - you can add emails. Add a few personal words if you wish.

See You There!

How gratifying it was to look out over MacLeish on Sunday and see the full house! Thanks to all of you who were able to come and participate in our semi-annual business meeting. It was particularly exciting to hear the report from Senior Minister Search Committee and see the excerpt of the newly completed profile video about Lake Street. Remember a full screening is yet to come at the end of March.

Now our community has a budget for 2012. It wasn't easy and it isn't perfect but it will serve us for where we are now. Another round of thanks to all who contributed to the final product by participating in the workshops and completing the survey. The Board realizes our community has hard work ahead as we all work together to plan how best to grow our congregation, increase income, protect and build programming as well as protect our building. We're all in this together. We share a vision of how our community can be a blessing for ourselves and the wider world. We have a commitment to our covenant, to each other and to the values we share.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 9 at 7 pm in the Parlor.

From the Co-Moderators,
Phyllis Nickel and Jeff Zimmerman

OFFICIAL OFFICE INFORMATION:

Healing the Beloved Community - Continued!

We continue on our journey together through the seasons of change at Lake Street Church. By attending to our relationships with one another, we can grow as a community that thrives not only on like-mindedness, but also on differences of opinion. Practice in trust-building conversations can help us develop capacities for strengthening our relationships in all areas of our lives. On Thursday, February 16, from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Parlor, Douglas Sharp and Shanti Elliott will facilitate the first of a monthly series of dialogues on healing in our beloved community. Please join us!

Update on construction project

The downstairs washrooms (under the Sanctuary) are coming along nicely. The plumbing and electrical have passed inspections, the drywall is up and the painting and tiling have begun. We hope to be able to invite you to the "grand opening" in a couple of weeks. The Accessibility Task Force: Carlyle Carter, Glenn Hedman, Michael Graham, David Reed. Chris Ellicott, ex officio.

Our Wider Work.....

In February the Cooperative Ministries Committee will welcome a representative of Interfaith Action of Evanston.

Several subcommittee activities are underway to prepare for our work between January and June 2012. For more information, visit the Community Corner at www.lakestreet.org in January. Contact John Dahle (jmdahle@mac.com) or Jacki Belile (jacki@livingwellministries.net) for more information.

Peace and Justice Committee News

Night Ministry sandwiches. Did you know that the Lake Street Church P&J Committee and other volunteers make 100 sandwiches, once a month, for the Night Ministry to take out on their night bus to serve to Chicago hungry on the south side? We usually also include some kind of fruit in what we deliver to the Night Ministry. Did you also know that the Peace and Justice Committee does not have a budget for this? It costs about \$70 each time. Often, it's members of the P&J Committee that donate the funds for this. Please consider donating any amount to this worthy cause. It will be greatly appreciated. You can make checks out to Lake Street Church and put 'Night Ministry' in the memo line. If you would like to make a cash donation, see Chris or Pat. If you have any other questions, please contact Jeannie Blaho at jean.blaho@gmail.com.

Fair Trade Coffee-It's Back!

The Peace & Justice Committee will be offering fair trade, organic coffee again starting Sunday, February 5. The coffee will be available the first Sunday of every month. In addition, we will be hosting a coffee tasting event on March 4. You will have an opportunity to taste several varieties of coffee and make a purchase at that time. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Peter Slonek or Nancy Darling.

Our coffee is supplied by Higher Grounds Trading Company. The difference between our purchase price and the sale price supports Aunt Mary's Storybook Project.

Higher Grounds adheres to the standards of the Fair Trade Labeling Organization. In addition to paying a fair price for coffee, the organization assists indigenous people in making sound business decisions to protect the environment.

Our coffee sales have supported Aunt Mary's Storybook Project for many years. The Project enables parents who are incarcerated in Illinois to maintain contact with their children. Funds go towards assisting parents in selecting reading material and recording themselves reading stories for their children. The Project was first established in 1993.

The Peace & Justice Committee

Have You Wondered What The Deacons Do At LSC?

Our primary duty is to help the minister meet the needs of the congregation. We do our best to help create an atmosphere of caring and connection at Lake Street Church. We bridge the gap between formal LSC services and needs of the community that are so important but fluctuate. These special needs include emotional, physical, and spiritual activities. Some of the things we do are:

Project Care - includes arranging meals for members of the LSC community as needed; sending cards when people are ill or honoring an

important occasion; visiting members at home or in the hospital; providing transportation and helping members as needed. Project Care help is offered when the minister knows of a particular situation or when a member requests help.

Social gatherings - sponsoring events such as the Dinner on the Grounds (D.O.G.) in both summer and winter and visiting with newcomers in MacLeish Hall. We also sponsor a New Members' Brunch when members are received into the congregation - and our new plan includes coordinating this event with the Newcomers' Breakfasts sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Sometimes we are called on to help with memorial services and other special occasions.

Spiritual events - assisting with Communion, and other special services.

If you need assistance, please contact the minister or us directly. We are available and want to help in any way we can. We want you to feel you have a community that is here for you. In the sanctuary and MacLeish Hall, we will be wearing our yellow Deacon badges - please know that you are welcome to talk with any one of us about your needs, requests, and questions! We have heard from so many people that Lake Street's community support made all the difference during challenging times.

Our Deacons are:

Janet Alexander and Larry Schnur - Co Chairs

Douglas Sharp, Interim Minister, attends our meetings

Fred Ash, Judy Bond, Tami Cole, Jean Engel, Philip Englert, Peter Fitzgibbons, Cam Hill, Eric Jacobson, Sue Lafferty, Nancy Mattick, Elma Smith, Barb Vaughan and Kim Yee are our current Deacons.

[Church News You Can Use](#)

Moveable Feast - March 3, 2012

What's a Moveable Feast? It's a potluck dinner held at various homes of Lake Streeters who sign up to be volunteer hosts. It's always a fun evening, filled with good food and conversation. Families, couples and singles are all welcome to sign up. Sign ups in MacLeish Hall will be on

Sunday, February 5, 12, and 19. You can also sign up by the email or phone below anytime between Feb 5 and Feb 21. I would encourage you to sign up to be a host if you can accommodate 6-8 people either at a table or holding plates on laps in a comfortable room. No need to have special china or flatware! The host's job is to organize the dinner, assigning each guest something to bring. The Moveable Feast coordinator assigns the guests to the hosts. Typically, we need 3-4 volunteer hosts per Moveable Feast date. For questions or to sign up, contact Jeannie Blaho at jean.blaho@gmail.com or 773-216-4691.

LSC Book Group- Beyond Belief

LSC's book discussion group, Beyond Belief, focuses on a wide variety of topics that touch on spirituality. Among our recent readings are Epstein's *Good Without God*, and Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. We meet every Thursday, 10:30 -12 noon in the Parker Room, and usually read a couple of chapters or an essay each week. Our "text" for the year is *Best Spiritual Writing 2012*, a collection of essays from which we read between books.

On the docket for February 2 is an essay titled "Frat House for Jesus" by Peter J. Boyer. This first appeared in *The New Yorker*, September 13, 2010.

On February 9 we will begin a book by Parker Palmer, *The Promise of Paradox: A Celebration of Contradictions in the Christian Life*. You may remember several years ago that we read Palmer's *Hidden Wholeness* as part of our Lenten retreats. As the publisher describes it:

In this probing and heartfelt book, the distinguished writer, teacher, and activist examines some of the challenging questions at the core of Christian spirituality.

How do we live with the apparent opposition between good and evil, scarcity and abundance, individuality and community, death and new life? We can hold them as paradoxes, not "either/ors," allowing them to open our minds and hearts to new ways of seeing and being.

You are welcome to come check it out without having to acquire the book--the conversations are broad ranging. For more information,

contact Elma Smith (elmasmith@yahoo.com) or Dick Whitaker (dwhitaker4@comcast.net).

Joy Club! Wednesday, February 8, 2:00 pm

The newly-formed Joy Club will have its fourth meeting next Wednesday at 2:00 in the Grey Parlor. Following a time of tea/coffee and conversation, the program will be "Ask Katy" and "To Mike With Love." Attendees are asked to submit questions about LSC history by Feb. 3 to Katy Pendleton (Katypen@att.net). Vikkie Holland will treat the group to love songs, sung in honor of her husband, Mike Low. RSVP requested to church office by Friday, February 3.



The Return of the Rhythm Kings!

Come join us at Lake Street Church for a time of celebration and song as we prepare for Lent with a Mardi Gras Jazz Service, Sunday, February 19th at 10:30. The Lake Street Rhythm Kings band with John Blegen on

clarinet; Greg Studebaker, cornet; Tom Barlett, trombone; Don Stiernberg, banjo; John Tuck , bass and Bob Leopold, drums will lead us in worship.

Come dance down the aisle to *Bourbon Street Parade*, sing *When You're Smiling*, and take time to meditate to the soothing strains of *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*.

This is a family affair so bring friends and neighbors and help us lift the rafters. Alice Lane, Music Director

LSC In Transition....



Good News from the Search Committee

The Senior Minister Search Committee was very pleased to announce on Sunday at the semi-annual business meeting that the church profile has been completed (available for download on the church's website at www.lakestreet.org), a beautiful video showcasing the heart of our covenant has been produced (soon to be available on the website too), and the advertising campaign to find the minister with the best fit possible for Lake Street Church has begun.

We'll be showing the full video on March 25th after the Sunday morning service. Plan to stay an extra half hour and enjoy popcorn and a movie. You might just catch a glimpse of yourself!

As much as the Search Committee has produced, we also recognize that personal contact by members of the congregation is likely the best form of advertisement. We invite congregational participation in spreading word-of-mouth advertising about the position. The SMSC is available to answer questions (our individual contact information is available on the website), and as always, we want your suggestions and feedback.

--The Senior Minister Search Committee: Carol Lauhon, Chair; Gordy Hazen, Secretary; Richard Barnes, Paula Fitzgibbons, Susan Larson, Laura Beth Nielsen, Liz Napier Martin, Donna Techau

People You SHOULD Know.....

A Challenge To The Congregation From the Youth Committee
Can you match a face with the names of these high school youth members of LSC?

9th graders: Mei, Jeffrey, Zach, Sam, Meryl, Jake

10th graders: Raven, Isabel, Josh, Russell, Alex, Ramina, Dalyan, Chris, Eli, Ellie, Meaghan

11th graders: Sarah, Laura

12th graders: Jack, Joey, Jackson, Katherine, Natalie

How many of these teens do you know? What does that connection look like? Last names would have made this easier, but where's the fun in a that? Research suggests teens feel welcomed and valued when adults in the congregation show interest in them. Research also suggests a 5:1 ratio. That is, 5 adult congregants connect, in some way, with 1 youth member. The Youth Committee would like the adults at LSC to accept this challenge so that every high school member is connected to 5 adults in the congregation. How you make a connection is up to you, of course. A couple of suggestions on ways to meet one of these youth members:

- Say hello to them at worship or around town
- Have coffee with them during coffee hour
- Invite their family to dinner
- Offer to chaperone a youth outing or lead a sermon talk back

Your connection is a gift both of you will have well beyond high school graduation.

Michelle Brewer, Co Chair Youth Program

Sarah Hanson celebrated a significant birthday in January.

Josh Davidoff received an award from the ETHS Music department, where Josh is a Sophomore and honors student.

John Blegen, webmaster, was featured in the February issue of "The Interfaith Dialogue" published by Interfaith Action of Evanston

LSC Members Helping Connections for the Homeless

Several LSC members are involved in specific volunteer projects with Connections for the Homeless and thus have a positive impact on our local community. This group includes: **Fred Meyer**, who is researching a possible government grant; **Jeanette Cotledge**, who assists clients looking for work; **Jean Engel**, who greets clients arriving for afternoon appointments; and **Philip Englert**, who organizes old files and scans historic documents. There are others. In addition, the wonderful **Lindas (Molidor and Dienberg)** and members of the Sustenance Connection continue to provide regular dinners for Connections Clients. Thank you all!

Thursday, February 16 at 7 a.m. light breakfast, 7:30 program in LSC MacLeish Hall: Connections for the Homeless will host its final breakfast discussion of this fiscal year. The topic will be a conversation about the Task Force to End Homelessness and the plan that is being released in February. Paul Selden, Executive Director and other participants in the Task Force will be present. Please RSVP to Lisa Todd, lt@cfthinc.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, March 15: Connections Gala Spring Benefit: There's No Place Like Home.

See Connections' website at www.cfthinc.org for more information.

What's going on.....

February Calendar

THE WEEK AHEAD AND MORE!

Monthly & Special Events:

February 3, Friday Night Club, 6:30 pm

February 7, Light of the Moon Meeting, 7:30 pm

February 8, Joy Club, 2:00 pm

February 9, Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

February 11, marthas project - paint railings in MacLeish Hall, 9:00 am

February 12, 19, 26 Adult Inquiry Sessions, 11:45 am

February 16, "Healing Our Beloved Community", 7:30 pm

February 19, Mardi Gras Worship Service, 10:30 am

February 19, Inside/Out Lunch, noon

February 25, *Slice-of-Life* Pie Palooza and Auction Bash, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays:

5th & 6th Graders Gathering, 6:30 pm

Confirmation Class, 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursdays:

Beyond Belief, 10:30 am

Meditation Satsang, 7:00 pm

Saturdays:

No Safety Net Improv Group Workshop, 10:00 am

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