



# Presbynews



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## The new year brings a new focus on care

Dear Friends,

I am happy to be welcoming 2012; 2011 was a challenging year. We can say that we made it through fire and came out stronger! God has renewed LPC in many ways. I am grateful to God for countless blessings.

2012 begins with exciting ministries. Since New Year's Day is a Sunday, we have the opportunity to begin the year by worshipping God. That's a great way

to start the year off right!

On January 8, the series on the Great Ends of the Church begins. Ellen Sletton has created beautiful banners to grace the sanctuary. Each banner will be a visual reminder of a Great End. The Great Ends of the Church are foundational beliefs of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. We will discover how we are incorporating the particular Great Ends of the Church into the life and ministries of Lakeside Presbyterian Church. The Spirit may inspire us to demonstrate some of the Great Ends in new ways. The six Great Ends of the Church will be taking us up to the Lenten Season.

Our continued focus on care giving will be strong in January. LPC is helping to host the class entitled, Powerful Tools for Caregivers. Debra Laine, of the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, is responsible for this class. This class will be on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the lounge, starting January 23.

The Session of Lakeside Presbyterian Church recognizes that many of our members are highly involved in providing care for a family member. On Saturday, January 14 we will be extending a little care to these caregivers. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. We will enjoy a nice lunch, have an opportunity for private consultations, and provide some education and

support. A resource fair will be accessible following lunch. Respite care will be available on site or in homes. Please contact the church office (525-1967) if you are able to attend. Knowing the numbers helps us with food preparation. If you have any questions or concerns I will be happy to visit with you. Our goal is to offer you care and support.

May God continue to bless the ministries and missions of Lakeside Presbyterian Church in great ways during 2012!

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Kari*



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## Call for a ride

Need a ride to worship or any other church event? Call one of our drivers:

Robin Anderson	728-6204
Brooke Appleby	390-7361
Bill Archibald	728-5790
Marcia Kohlhaas	727-5979
Don Uttley	724-7737

## LPC Office Hours

Mondays	8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Tuesdays	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesdays	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursdays	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM



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Deadline for submitting material for the February issue is Friday, January 20.

## Giving Forest, living forest

In January of 2009, Cory Skerjance, a Forester with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), prepared a Woodlands Stewardship Plan for Lakeside Presbyterian and its property at Young Lake called Giving Forest. The plan divided the property into eight areas or stands. It was suggested that stand number two, a fifty year old area of 55 acres, be harvested within the next 10 years.

The Giving Forest Committee met and decided to get the process started. With the help of Forester Skerjance, a search for a logger was begun, bids were taken, and logger Doug Hustad was chosen to do the harvesting. A contract was drawn up and put into effect. During the winter of 2010-2011, 48 acres were logged. With the logging done, it was time to think about planting.

In March of 2011 a Conservation Plan was entered into with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a branch of the DNR. A plan was developed to plant 30,000 trees—white pine, red pine, and spruce.

Arrangements were made to purchase the trees from Itasca Greenhouse in Cohasset, Minnesota. The white and red pines were pre-treated with *Plantskydd*, a deer retardant, before delivery. On May 13 the first load of 24,000 trees was delivered to the property.

On May 14 the planting began! Many members of LPC, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts and their parents came together at Giving Forest for an exhausting yet pro-

ductive weekend. After that first weekend it became obvious that 30,000 trees were going to be more than was needed and the second load was canceled. This left us with the more manageable amount of 24,000 trees. The rest of May and into June consisted of many hours spent planting trees by many friends of the forest. When the planting season was over, we had approximately 21,500 trees planted. Another 2,500 trees await planting in the spring of 2012. They were placed in trenches to await planting.

This fall members of the committee have been busy spraying the white and red pines with *Plantskydd* and cutting down all of the poplar trees, which grow like weeds. This has to be done each fall and spring for the next

four years to satisfy the contract with the NRCS. While spraying and cutting, we have noticed that our seedlings have been doing well, with many knee high and looking healthy, even during what can be considered drought conditions.

A huge THANK-YOU to everyone who has had a hand in the planting and care of our Giving Forest! We could not have undertaken this project and had such success without every one of you.



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## Feeling stretched as a caregiver?

“Powerful Tools for Caregivers” is an educational series designed to help unpaid family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, friend, someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming will help you take the tools you choose and put them into

action for your life—tools meant to reduce guilt, anger, and depression and to help you make tough decisions.

You will receive a book, “The Caregiver Handbook,” developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$25 to help defray the cost of the book is suggested, but not required to attend the class.

Classes will be held in the LPC lounge on Mondays from January 23 to February 27, from 4:00 to 6:00PM.

For more information or to register, contact the church office at 525-1967 or [office@lakesidepreschurch.org](mailto:office@lakesidepreschurch.org). Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

## Powerful Tools for Caregivers

### Out to Lunch Bunch



**Where:** Black Woods Restaurant,  
2525 London Rd.

**When:** Jan. 8,  
12:15 PM

The Singles

Over 50 group will be joining the Out to Lunch Bunch this month.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Call Donn and Florence Anderson, 724-6304 with questions.



### Learning Circle

Learning Circle will meet January 8th and 15th at 8:45AM in the church library. We will continue a discussion and study of the book Sabbath by Wayne Muller.

Please join the Learning Circle for this spiritual journey to find the rhythm of life and the balance between work and rest.

### Wednesday meals

Volunteers are needed to provide a simple soup and sandwich supper for Wednesday Ministries. Sign up in fellowship hall or call Sandy at 525-1967.

### Communion and Prayer Service

A Communion and Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:45PM in the sanctuary.

This special service will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, with a focus on prayers for healing. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



### Faithbuilders

All men are invited to join Faithbuilders at 7:30 AM on Saturdays for fellowship and rousing discussions.

Jan. 7—Phillip Yancy, The Jesus I Never Knew, Part 1

Jan. 14—Phillip Yancy, The Jesus I Never Knew, Part 2

Jan. 21—Hashing it Out, Do Sports Lead to Violence?

Jan. 28—Living the question 2, The myth of redemptive violence



### Address changes

Flying south for the winter? Please let the church office know where to send your church correspondence during your time away.



## Our Church Family

### Death



Vernon K. Nelson passed away Friday, December 9. A memorial service was held at LPC on December 16.

### Residential and nursing home residents

**Aftenro:** Stan Sheldon

**Bayshore:** Elaine Ellian

**Benedictine:** Joyce Torvund

**Chris Jensen:** Dorothy Blatnik

**Diamond Willow:** Florence Jeannette

**Edgewood Vista:** Roberta Johnson

**Heritage Haven:** Herb Gerber, Charlie Saburn

**Primrose:** Lilah Child

**St. Ann's:** Shirley Hoff, Evelyn Tonkin

**Pines III:** Janis Brazerol, Mary Gorman, Florence Merkel, Joyce Pierce, Art Wright

**Silver Bay Veterans Home:** Donald Crassweller, Harley Johnson

**The Shores:** Florence Stillman

**Westwood:** Jack Hofslund, Kathee Johnson, Maureen McLachlan, and Ann Weisenhaus

## January Volunteers

### Dial Hope

Jan. 2-15 Kay Gower

Jan. 16-29 Marcia Kohlhaas

Jan. 30-Feb. 12 Molly Payette

### Nursery Care

January 8 Rhonda Olson & Brooke Appleby

January 15 Steve & Sue Arnold

January 22 Tonya Roth & Liz Baczkiewicz

January 29 Elsa & Dan Lillo

### Custodians

January 1 Chuck Bailey

January 8 Larry Hotop

January 15 Harlan Johnson

January 22 Jerry Lawson

January 29 Rick Mellinger

### Communion Servers

Reed Byers Diane Mundell

Jill Christie Cindi Sorenson

Peg Johnson

### Ushers

#### January 1

Marcia Heyser – Head Usher

Walt Gower – Scrip

Marcia Kohlhaas

Genevieve Martin

#### January 8

Gary Simonsen – Head Usher

Bruce Mork – Scrip

Jerry Walls

Molly Payette

#### January 15

Carolyn Genskay – Head usher

Kay Gower – Scrip

David Treichler

Julie Trevillion

#### January 22

Dan Lillo – Head usher

Dave Genskay – Scrip

Steve Arnold

Faye Swanstrom

#### January 29

Dave Wicker – Head Usher

David Uttley – Scrip

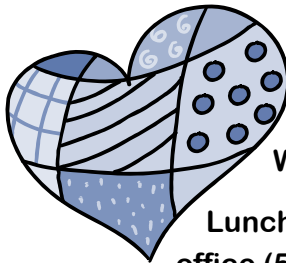
Colleen Martin

Ann Aspoas

### Greeters/Servers

Session/Council

## Caring for the Caregiver



**When:** Saturday, January 14 (9:30AM - 1:30PM)

**Where:** Lakeside Presbyterian Church Lounge

**Who:** Anyone providing care for a family member

**Lunch will be served. Please call the church office (525-1967) if you would like to attend.**

## Lakeside Pres. Welcomes Joyce Jutila



LPC's lounge was filled to overflowing as we met and welcomed Pastor Kari's mom, Joyce, at a December tea, sponsored by the Membership and Pastoral Care Committee. Joyce recently moved from Florida with its balmy winters to our fair city with its frosty and challenging winters. She has rapidly settled into a cozy apartment in the Lester Park neighborhood and seems to be adjusting to the cool temperatures!

If you haven't had the opportunity of meeting Joyce, please introduce yourself to her. She is an amazing and inspiring woman. Welcome to our church family, Joyce!

## Annual Meeting January 22

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 22 following worship. The purpose of the annual meeting is to review the programs that LPC has offered over the past year, celebrate the programs' successes, ask questions, and make suggestions for the coming year.

The 2011 Annual Report will be available in the sanctuary on January 8.

All committee and organization chairs, please remember that your 2011 Annual Report was due in the church office by January 1. Call Kim in the church office (525-1967) if you have any questions.



## Thank you!

A big Thank You to all that remembered me this holiday season with cards and gifts. It was truly heart-warming to be thought of by so many of you. I hope that you all had a joyous and blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

~ Kim Ochocki

Thanks to all who gave me such loving support during my recent recovery from knee surgery. Cards, calls and visits were just what I needed to keep my spirits upbeat. What a wonderful church family we have!

~ Marcia Kohlhaas

## Restock your freezer with pasties

The next pasty making days and sale are coming up January 10th and 11th. Orders may be made through any circle chair, LaVonne Kurrle at 525-4414, or the church office at 525-1967.

The cost per pasty is \$3.50.

Your help is needed to prepare the pasties, too! All volunteers are welcome on January 10th and 11th.



## Pasty Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pasties: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Scholarship reminder

Lakeside Presbyterian Church has a number of potential scholarships available for educational endeavors. The scholarship programs include: Kent D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, LPC Scholarship, and Florence Hanson Waits and James Grant Waits Scholarship. New application and renewal deadlines will be occurring during the up-coming months. Students are encouraged to consider applying for these financial supports.

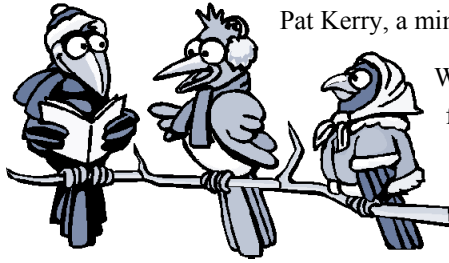
The Kent D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship is available for full-time junior or senior college students enrolled in the fields of engineering, math, music or one of the sciences. Initial application deadline is April 1, 2012. The Scholarship is renewable each year of schooling to a maximum of three years, with the renewal request deadline of March 1, 2012.

Additional information, guidelines, requirements, and application forms are available in the Church Office. If there are specific questions, please contact Jim Anderson, Chair, Memorial/Scholarship Committee.

## Keep your unwanted items at your house!

Do you have items for the next LPC rummage sale? Please keep them at your house for now. We'll let you know when it is okay to drop them off at the church. We will soon be cleaning room 102 and anything left there could disappear!

## Library Corner



*Bad to the Last Drop and Too Much at Stake*  
by Pat Ondarko and Deb Lewis

These two mysteries are set in Ashland and Bayfield, Wisconsin. Best friends, Deb Lindbert, an attorney, and Pat Kerry, a minister, team up to solve two murders.

When Joe Abramov, a loner and eccentric, is found dead in his apartment, Deb and Pat help determine if Joe was involved with the CIA or had hit it big in the lottery. The characters in *Bad to the Last Drop* include the customers at the Black Cat, the local coffee house, and Joe's sisters from Russia. You will want to read fast to see how this ends.

*Too Much at Stake* takes place at Big Top Chautauqua when a dead body is found wrapped in a tent roll. You will learn about the area and the performers and volunteers at Big Top. And you will read about how Deb and Pat solve this caper.

A third book in the series, *Now and Zen*, is coming soon.

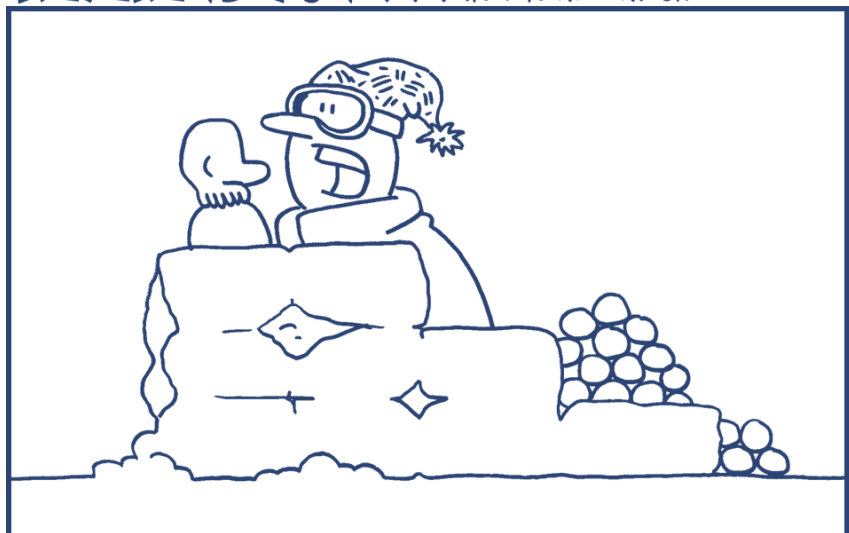
*God's Word in My Heart* by Paul J. Loth

Each devotion in this book has three parts—think, learn, and pray—plus a short Bible verse that could be memorized. Some of the topics in the book include church, prayer, friends, faith, and avoiding bad situations.

This book could become a nighttime ritual read as a family or for children to read on

Book reviews by Diane Mundell.

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LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST SNOW

# Your role in the church finances

## Help us wrap up 2011

As 2011 comes to a close, the Church is trying to cover all of its expenses for the year and also honor the commitments we have made to Local and Unified Mission Causes. If you were not able to meet your pledge by year's end, you can still designate donations for 2011 during the first part of January.

## Financial Update-11/30/11

2010 Carryover	\$ 3,476
Total Income	\$ 197,175
Total Expenses	\$ 194,179
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 18,776
Total Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 12,304)

## Preparing for the 2012 Budget

Our thanks go out to the 66 people who have pledged so far this year. The 2012 offering envelopes are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

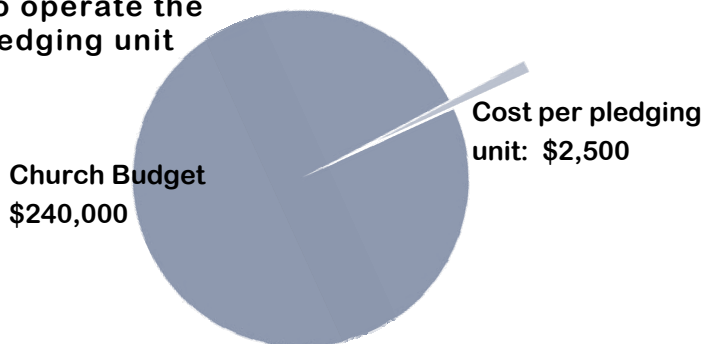
There is still time to pledge for 2012. You can drop off your 2012 pledge

cards in the Sunday offering or at the Church Office. The office also has extra pledge cards. The pledges for 2012 are slightly behind last year's levels and we encourage everyone to pledge something for the upcoming year, as this is critical to our budget planning.

The Administration Committee and Session/Council have both reviewed the draft 2012 budget. Most expenses are unchanged for 2012. Some are dropping due to careful use of resources, while a few are increasing. Both the Christian Education and Building & Grounds committees requested small budget increases this year to help serve the church better. A small increase in the personnel budget is also planned for 2012.

Overall, it costs about \$240,000 a year to provide the services needed for the congregation, including over \$20,000 in mission giving built directly into the budget. This equates to an annual cost of about \$2,500 per year or about \$50 per week for each pledging unit.

## Annual cost to operate the church per pledging unit



## Senior Driver Class

A four hour driver improvement refresher class, offered through St. Cloud State, will be held at LPC on January 16, beginning at 8:30 AM. Participants will get a better understanding of crash data, new vehicle technology, laws, defensive driving tips, and the latest in traffic safety information. There are no tests to take!

First time participants must take an eight hour course (offered at other Duluth locations) to qualify for the 10% insurance discount. The refresher course may be taken every three years to keep current on the latest information and maintain the 10% insurance discount.

Register online for course #27371 at: [www.stcloudstate.edu/continuing studies/mhsrc/registration.asp](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/continuing_studies/mhsrc/registration.asp)


Call 1-888-234-1294 if you have questions.



## Flower Calendar

The gift of flowers is at your fingertips. If you'd like to provide flowers for a Sunday church service—just for fun or in honor of a special event or occasion—sign up on our flower calendar. It is located on the wall across from the office door in Fellowship Hall. Remember to notify the office on the preceding Monday if you want a special memorial recognition put in the Sunday bulletin.

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Tub Toter Day</b> 10:30AM Worship No Church School Classes	<b>2</b> 5:30PM TOPS	<b>3</b> 4:45PM Union Gospel 6PM M&M Task Force 7PM Deacons	<b>4</b> 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice	<b>5</b> 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 9:30AM LPW Board 10:30AM Memb & PC 12:15PM Prayer Time 7PM Pack 15	<b>6</b> 5:30PM AA	<b>7</b> 7:30AM Faithbuilders 9AM Deacons un-decorate
<b>8</b> <b>Food Shelf Day</b> 8:45AM Learning Circle 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship 11:45PM Blood Pressures	<b>9</b> 1PM Rhoda/Martha 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15	<b>10</b> --- <b>Pasty Bake and Sale</b> --- 6:30PM Administrative Committee	<b>11</b> 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 6:45PM Communion & Prayer Service 7:15PM Choir practice	<b>12</b> 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 10AM Lydia Circle 12:15PM Prayer Time 7PM Pack 15 7PM Giving Forest	<b>13</b> 5:30PM AA	<b>14</b> 7:30AM Faithbuilders 9:30AM Caring for Caregivers
<b>15</b> 8:45AM Learning Circle 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship	<b>16</b> 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15	<b>17</b> 5:45PM Worship Cmte. 7PM Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice	<b>19</b> 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 12:15PM Prayer Time 7PM Pack 15	<b>20</b> 5:30PM AA	<b>21</b> 7:30AM Faithbuilders
<b>22</b> 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Communion served 11:45AM Annual Meeting	<b>23</b> 4PM Caregiver Program 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15 7PM Christian Ed	<b>24</b> 6:30PM Mission Committee	<b>25</b> 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice	<b>26</b> 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 12:15PM Prayer Time 7PM Pack 15	<b>27</b> 5:30PM AA	<b>28</b> 7:30AM Faithbuilders
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## January Committee Meetings

Administrative.....	January 10 .....	6:30 PM
Building & Grounds.....	January 10 .....	6:00 PM
Christian Education.....	January 23 .....	7:00 PM
Deacons.....	January 3 .....	7:00 PM
Giving Forest.....	January 12 .....	7:00 PM
LPW Board .....	January 5 .....	9:30 AM
M & M Task Force.....	January 3 .....	6:00 PM
Membership/Pastoral Care.....	January 5 .....	10:30 AM
Mission & Social Concerns.....	January 24 .....	6:30 PM
Session/Council.....	January 17 .....	7:00 PM
Worship Committee .....	January 17 .....	5:45 PM



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