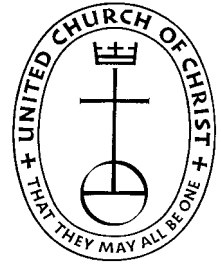




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New Business for the May 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting

At its April meeting, the Cabinet considered the budget update as prepared by Treasurer Kevin Parker. We are happy to tell you that the second-ask pledge appeal of March yielded generous responses of increased and new pledges. Lake Edge continues to have a significant budgetary deficit, however—around \$81,000. The Cabinet's prayerful and considered response to the report is that we cannot proceed under the burden of a continuing deficit and must entertain radical possibilities for reducing the deficit so that the church can move forward to a financially sound year.

Boards are expected to apply stringent standards to their funding requests in order to achieve significant reductions. The Cabinet will discuss reduction of staff hours and possible elimination of staff positions to enable the church to function responsibly through the year. Cabinet members are investigating other uses for the building to generate funds; sharing worship space with another congregation, learning the rental value of the space, and considering property sale value.

Solutions like space sharing, rental, and property sale, however, do not address immediate budget demands. The Cabinet moved to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 20, to consider immediate solutions, such as programming and staffing reductions and draft a plan to enable deficit reduction. Our financial situation requires decision-making too grave for the Cabinet to enact without congregational input. Thus, in addition to a summary of reports and election of officers, the Annual Meeting agenda will include presentation by the Cabinet of a deficit-elimination plan for the congregation to consider and approve.

The Cabinet urges *all members* to attend the Annual Meeting as a part of a unified worship service at **10:15 am on Sunday, May 16**, in the Sanctuary. Please note that there will not be 9:00 or 11:00 services on this day.

Asking your prayers as together we strive to maintain our core mission and meet our budget,

LEUCC Cabinet

Pastors Lisa Schoenwetter and Deborah Dean-Ware

Senior Pastor's Letter

I'm certain that the cover of this newsletter came as a shock to some of you. This is the kind of news that no one wants to hear.

There are many explanations for how we have arrived in this financial situation. Those of you who were a part of Lake Edge a year ago will remember that the congregation faced an even larger deficit then. A number of things happened so that we could end the year in the black, included cutting staff hours and Pastor Paul's resignation. However, increased giving accounted for a large portion of that budget's recovery.

There's a difficult piece of wisdom that all churches need to remember. Balanced budgets come from increased giving on the part of those who have pledged before. Budgets are not

balanced by attracting lots of new members, because new members tend to pledge less than those who have a long-term relationship with the church. The primary reason for this across all religious communities is that new members tend to have young families. In a straitened economic environment, young middle-class families get hit hard. The adults are usually more recently employed than the people they work with. Their salaries are lower and they are more likely to have their income cut or their jobs eliminated. Unlike the boom years following World War II, just to survive economically today both parents usually have to work outside their homes. They simply do not have the discretionary income that is available to those of us who are farther along in our careers.

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The strongest givers in any church are the people who have increased their pledges step by step over a number of years. Most of us who have a long-term relationship with church started out giving much less than we do today. One of the responsibilities of the church is to nurture its newer and younger members to the point when they will be able to share in caring for those who follow them. It might seem unfair that those who are already giving the most are usually asked to bear the brunt of a financial crisis. The Bible assures us, though, in Luke 12:48b that *“from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”*

Although it doesn't seem particularly comforting, we should also remember that many, if not most, of our sister churches are facing the same problem. In the past, churches have been more recession-proof than they are today. In part that's because the current national financial crisis is so severe.

Finally, I'd ask you to remember that churches in an interim period often see their income decline. The bad news is that this is normal. The good news is that it is usually temporary.

The Cabinet is working hard to find new sources of income. You'll hear more about that at the Annual Meeting on May 16. Please check within your own circles of friends and colleagues for ideas about how we might accomplish this.

All of your ideas and all of your commitment will make a difference. You may want to consider the amount of your pledge again. You may have a creative insight into the problem that we all need to hear. All of us have one avenue for change open to us, though, and that's prayer!

*Wishing You Peace,
Pastor Lisa*

Recent Celebrations of Baptism

March 14 - Abigail Klun, daughter of Tara and Pete Klun, and granddaughter of Steve and Jean Bachhuber

March 21 - Luciana Marie Bell, daughter of Elisa Welch and Carolyn Bell

April 18 - Daria Beckett, daughter of Marcia and Andrew Beckett

With great joy, we welcome Abigail, Luciana, and Daria into the faith and family of Christ here at Lake Edge United Church of Christ.

What is the Annual Giving Campaign Committee?

The Annual Giving Campaign Committee was formed this past January to plan, conduct, and evaluate the yearly financial pledge campaign. The group completed a second pledge campaign this winter and has selected a new program for the 2011 campaign. The new program is designed to encourage collaboration among our members and friends to support the financial health and growth of Lake Edge UCC. Watch for opportunities to become involved this fall.

The committee meets monthly and conducts a lot of work via email. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 29, starting at 6:00 pm in the Library. The group reports to the Board of Trustees. Members include our church treasurer Kevin Parker and Senior Interim Pastor Lisa Schoenwetter, as well as several wonderful volunteers from our Lake Edge community. We are also very lucky to have the state UCC consultant and church member Rev. Joanne Thomson available to guide and assist us. Our facilitator is Anne Schoenemann. You may contact Anne if you have any questions or comments for the committee at 839-8045 or acm071061@charter.net.

Confirmation is Sunday, May 2 at 10:15 am

We will be honoring our twelve confirmands (7th & 8th graders) on Sunday, May 2, at a special worship at 10:15 am, with a reception following in Fellowship Hall. We will have an abbreviated traditional service at 9:00 am, and then our 10:15 am service will be a blended service with the choir, organ, and our Worship at the Edge band. Please note that there will be no 11:00 am service that day. *Please join us in this powerful service where our young people affirm their baptismal promises and become full members of Lake Edge United Church of Christ and the church universal!*

Our 2010 Confirmands (and their mentors):

Jorie Collins and Julie Logan

Monica Endres and Lynn Gall

Danielle Gwinn and Marilyn Hanold

Jack Kress-Russick and Steve Pieroni

Terry McMillan and Michael Truman

Laura Schlesinger and Laurie Bakken

Sabina Roberts and Barb Lewis

Peter Wied and Ralph Holmes

Kyle Wienke and Jeremiah Parranto

Catherine Wilson and Karen Torvell

Alex Wittwer and Lorece Aitken

Amber Wyman and Rita Pieroni



**Heart and Soul
From Your Parish Nurse**

For Our Minds: "How could such sweet and wholesome hours be reckoned, but with herbs and flowers?" – Andrew Marvel

For Our Bodies and Souls: Spring is here, time for planting! And planting means we'll have new ingredients for use in our cooking. Gardening and cooking with fresh herbs and vegetables are undeniably two of this world's simple and wonderful spring pleasures. Don't have a garden? You don't need one. Anyone of any age, in nearly any setting, can enjoy both planting and cooking – it's simple. Really. Even in a small apartment it is possible to create an aromatic and healthy kitchen herb garden. And it is just as easy to find ways to use those herbs in our cooking; the library is full of great cookbooks filled with light, flavorful meal ideas.

Let's give it a try! The easiest herbs to grow from seed are: basil, choose a compact variety; chives; dill, a dwarf variety; and Greek oregano (great flavor). If cuttings are available, try: sage, a dwarf variety; and Vietnamese coriander, a little unusual but it re-grows well after cutting. Or, of course, we can use bedding plants.

Start with the pot or container. Plastic or glazed pots are best because they retain the moisture in the soil, but any type of container will work as long as it has small drainage holes at the bottom. If need be, we can make our own drainage holes by using a drill, or hammering a nail through the bottom a few times. Next, sprinkle small stones or gravel into the bottom of the container to further aid water drainage and aeration and place the container on a saucer.

Using soil-based compost (peat-based composts don't retain enough water for most herbs), fill the container within about an inch of the top, and then plant the seeds or plants. A 3" pot can hold 2-3 seed; a larger pot will be needed as the herbs grow.

Water the seeds gently from the top (just until water begins draining into the saucer underneath). After this first watering, we'll water them just as they become dry, and feed them weekly.

A bright windowsill or table is the perfect place for our little herb garden (as long as the sun isn't too intense – that can cause burning of the leaves). Once our seed pots are in place, we wait. And while we wait, we can explore new recipes for the delicious meals we'll soon be creating.

Spring is definitely here my friends, carrying the promise of "sweet and wholesome hours" right into our homes, right into our kitchens. Please celebrate Spring with me; plant, eat God's healthy food, give thanks.



Senior News



Thursday, May 6 "Do You See What I See?" 9:30-11:30 am
Dr. Roger Zimmerman, a member of our congregation and a retired optometrist, will tell the fabulous story of providing the gift of sight to people who have no resources to buy eyeglasses.

Tuesday, May 11 "Behind the Scenes" 9:30 am-12:00 pm
Tour the site of Wisconsin Aviation facility in Madison. After the tour, we have a reservation for lunch at The Jet Room. RSVP to Mary by Monday, May 10.

Tuesday, May 18 Book Talk 9:30-11:00 am
We are on to Chapter 5 of Holly Whitcomb's book "The Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting."

Thursday, May 20 Faith Studies 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Our final gathering until September, 2010, will focus on our topics of faithful living.

Friday, May 21 Empty Nesters Dinner 6:00 pm
Our group continues to enjoy great food and fun conversation as we enjoy these years of being empty nesters. Watch for restaurant location to be announced!

Thursday, May 27 Fish Hatchery Tour 10:00-11:00 am
Join us for a tour through the process of breeding fish to populate our lakes with marine life that we enjoy.

Please contact Mary Hoffman for more information on all programs for seniors.

Board Of Christian Outreach (BOCO)

Quilt Show

Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day
There is a possibility that Lake edge will present a quilt show in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Be looking for more information in our eNews.

Lake Edge's **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering totaled \$5175.94 with additional monies coming in. You know that you were a part of building sustainable communities, responding to disasters, and ministering to those less fortunate when you gave. Thank you for your generosity

Pentecost Sunday is May 23. On that Sunday we will take up a special offering, **Strengthen the Church**. This special offering grows the UCC's future by:

- funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations
- nurturing lay and pastoral leadership
- building youth and young adult ministries
- supporting the God Is Still Speaking Ministry and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ

All of these gifts will be directed toward our local conference as well as our national office. If you wish to give, there will be a special envelope in your bulletin on May 23.

Sunday School – End of Year Party!

Join us for an end of year party for our children hosted by the Board of Christian Education on Sunday, May 23, from 10:10-11:00 am!

Flowers for Pentecost – Let’s Get the Red Out! – And Don’t Forget to Wear Red!

Would you like to donate \$5 or more towards red geraniums or impatiens to decorate our Sanctuary for Pentecost on Sunday, May 23? These flowers will then be planted in the garden beds around the church so we can enjoy them all summer! Orders and payment (please indicate “Flowers”) are due by **Friday, May 14!**

Late Risers Breakfast

Thursday, May 13, 9:00 am
Original Pancake House, 516 River Place
Mark your calendars now for the second Thursday of each month to join us for breakfast at the Original Pancake House, 516 River Place, at 9 a.m. The fellowship is great!

Hospitalized? Please Let Us Know

Just a reminder that if you or someone you love is going into the hospital, and you want to make sure that they receive a pastoral visit, you’ll need to let us know here at the church. We can’t always find out that you’ve been admitted, and with hospital stays now becoming increasingly brief, it’s all too possible for your church to miss your hospital stay. We want to come and visit you, and you can ensure that it happens if you’ll just let us know that you’re there. Additionally, it helps to identify Lake Edge UCC by name at the time of your admittance.

June 6 is Baccalaureate Sunday

During worship on Sunday, June 7, we’ll be celebrating the members and friends of Lake Edge UCC who are graduating from high school this spring. This will take place at the 9:00 service. At coffee hour between the services we’ll celebrate with a cake and a reception sponsored by the Diaconate. We’ll also be announcing the award of the several scholarships that our congregation has available for students going on to college, either to four-year programs or to Madison Area Technical College. We hope you’ll come and help us celebrate with our young people.

Library News



Upcoming Book Discussion

Sunday, May 23, 10:10 am, Library
“*Shanghai Girls*” by Lisa See. Two sisters leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles.

The book is available in the Library for checkout. Everyone is invited to attend, regardless of whether they have read the book.

Spring is Here! Time to Clean Out Your Closets!

My name is Peter and I’m one of the 2010 confirmands. My challenge to you is to clean out your closet and find those gently-used business suits and work clothes you no longer wear and bring them in to Lake Edge. We will be collecting the whole month of May in the Narthex. YOUR Donations will go to the Community Action Coalition and help those less fortunate who are looking for employment, and those entering the workforce for the first time, dress for success.

Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean Up!

Sunday, May 2, 1:00 pm
Come join us as we help keep our stretch of highway clean. Looking for a few good Lake Edge members to help pick up trash along County Hwy N just north of Cottage Grove. With 10-15 people, we can get the job done in less than 45 minutes!

We will meet in the **Arby’s parking lot** (on the south side of I-94), as the Park ‘n’ Ride is no longer there due to road construction. All you need to bring are your work gloves. The bags and stylish orange vests will be provided. Often we decide to go out for lunch or coffee at a nearby establishment after the dirty work is done! If you are available to help or want more information, please contact Jim Ahearn at Jim.Ahearn@hausmann-johnson.com or 345-2767.

Upcoming Area Bloodmobiles

St. Bernard Knights of Columbus
Parish Center, 2450 Atwood Avenue
Monday, May 17 1:00-6:00 pm

State Capitol Rotunda
Tuesday, May 25 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Wednesday, May 26 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Thursday, May 27 9:30 am-3:30 pm


Next Bloodmobile at Lake Edge UCC

Save the date: Tuesday, June 8, 2:00-6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.
Note: All donors age 16 and older are welcome. Please call coordinators Carol and Bob Naylor at 873-9714 with any questions.



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Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Traditional Worship
Childcare – 8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Education Hour – 10:10 - 10:50 am
• Adult Education Opportunities
• Sunday School (age 3 through 6th grade)

Fellowship Time – 10:10 am
(coffee/tea, cookies and conversation)

11:00 am – Worship at the Edge
(lively music and a more informal style)

*No matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Come just as you are.

