



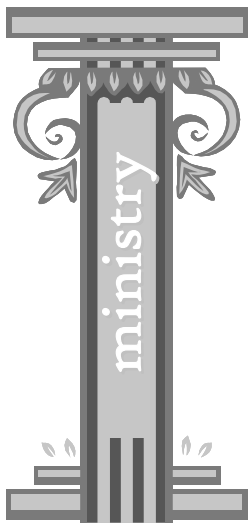
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MINISTRY *of the* CHURCH: OFFICE STAFF

The Ministry Column focuses on hands-on ministries, using our skills and talents to serve others. The support staff in the church office is a great example of ministry column service. They support the pastors, church activities and the congregation as a whole, often with little or no recognition.

There have been some changes in the roles of support staff. But unless you have spent time in the office, you may not be aware of them. After years of having a fulltime or part-time church secretary, that position has been eliminated. Kathi Gallup has now taken on the role of the church administrator, coordinating these critical support activities, taking on many of these responsibilities herself and using volunteers as needed.

Casey Quinn has been a big addition to the staff, working half-time. Casey is a computer whiz and has been using her skills to prepare the Sunday bulletin and the monthly newsletter. She has also completely updated the church website (www.dllc.org). You should check it out if you haven't already! It looks great and for many seeking a church, the web site is their first look at Diamond Lake.

Casey is starting to work to improve communication between the various church databases. These databases were developed individually to serve a specific purpose. By establishing a communications between these databases, their collective utility will be greater than their current capabilities.

Kathi retains some of her previous responsibilities as the volunteer coordinator. She is updating the volunteer / talent list to make it easier to use. That list is critical in identifying the right people to support the various church activities. She will also provide oversight for three new ministry teams that will carry on key elements of equipping ministry: a discernment team which will help people understand their how they are created to serve and find meaningful places to serve; a

training team which will provide training on working with volunteers; and a ministry promotion team which will coordinate ministry fairs and other recruitment tools. Kathi is looking for volunteers to serve on these teams. Interested? If so, contact Kathi.

One other role that Kathi retains is new member orientation. She conducts classes to familiarize new members with church activities and to set expectations and to encourage them to get involved. She also coordinates the new member receptions between services.

Getting new members involved is a key to retention and members of the church Council and Stewardship Committee have formed a New Members Task Force. The Task Force will help Kathi to welcome new members into the congregation and help to get them involved. They are also following up with new members from the last five years.

Kathi, Casey, and the members of the New Member Task Force are showing God's love by supporting the needs of others. How about you? There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Look for opportunities in the yellow sheet in the Sunday bulletin, or ask Kathi how you can get involved.

Chuck Swanson, Council President &
Jay Brooks, Council Member

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From Your Pastor

It will be the first day of August tomorrow and Labor Day Weekend, that final “summer weekend,” is rapidly approaching. I look forward to that weekend with our annual outing to the ‘Great Minnesota Get Together’ – the State Fair!

I love the fair for a number of reasons, first of course is the food! Put it on a stick, roll it batter and dip it into boiling fat and no matter what it was before it has been transformed into something special, something unique, something that at any other time of the year or place you would never even consider eating. But hey, it’s the fair, so you try it and chances are you like it as well

The fair is also one of the best places to people watch. Seeing all those farmer tans takes me back to my roots and can you believe how many shapes and sizes we all come in? I enjoy watching noses curl up when entering the hog barn for the first time or eyes that get wide and then roll back as one is overcome by the miracles happening in the birthing barn.

Yet the best part of the fair is the wonderment I feel being around so many different people, knowing each one of them was created by God with unique gifts and talents to share. Martin Luther called it the priesthood of all believers. Each and every one of us was created for service and fellowship; and what better place than Diamond Lake to serve and develop close personal relationships?

Rally Day will soon be upon us. It is an opportunity to look for ways you might live and serve Jesus here in our midst. It is an opportunity to discover your gifts for ministry, for service, and for fellowship. It is an opportunity to be the hands, eyes and ears of Christ himself to someone needing a friend and a place to call home.

God’s peace,
Pastor Mark



Rally Sunday

September 13, 2009

9:30 am Worship Service

PIE SALE!

COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings everyone! As you read this, the summer is winding down, the Minnesota State Fair is underway, and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the summer.

It has been an eventful summer at Diamond Lake. Vacation Bible School and the Youth trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering were great successes. The second *Caring for Creation* event was held on August 15th. I am confident that it, too, was a great success, but I am writing this before the event occurs. The Church Property Ministry was also busy overseeing the repairs to the church from the car damage and the re-roofing of the activities building.

I am reporting on the July Council meeting. Normally the Council does not meet in July, but for the last two years we have met in July in order to monitor the preparations for *Caring for Creation* and have taken August off instead.

Val Oulman reported that the interest in supporting *Caring for Creation* has been greater this year than last. The theme this year, as I’m sure you already know, is WATER. The Friends of Diamond Lake, our special guests this year, are actively working to help clean up our lake. The food, entertainment, and booths are all set. The Council asked that the event be publicized and members encouraged to come and to bring a guest. The Council wants to thank all who helped plan this year’s *Caring for Creation*. Special thanks go to Val Oulman who chaired the planning committee last year and co-chaired the committee with Cyndi Kresse this year.

The Council also heard from Pastor Mark, Worship and Music Ministry, and Christian Education regarding plans for fall activities. The theme for the Adult Forum this year is *Book of Faith 2: Where Grace Takes You*.

Members of the Council and Stewardship Ministry in an effort to strengthen the welcoming and supporting of new members are planning new activities. The goal is to help integrate new members into church activities more easily and effectively.

I look forward to seeing you on Rally Sunday, September 13th, as we start an exciting new year.

In Christ,
Chuck Swanson, Council President

FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation begins with relationships. Our relationship with God, our parents, and even our friends strengthen as we spend valuable time nurturing each one. We all enjoy spending time with people we are close to. Recent studies have uncovered some interesting things about Youth and faith formation. Youth faith is stronger the more time they spend with the **entire** congregation, and not just their own age group. Time spent with young adults, senior adults, and younger children, of the entire congregation have developed strong faith relationships that help Youth stay connected.

With this in mind, the Youth Committee at Diamond Lake recognizes the importance of these faith relationships. We have remodeled our committee into three distinct ministries: Planning, Program, and Relational. The Planning ministers met in the spring and successfully planned out the next 18 months of ministry for the youth. This brings great visibility to upcoming ministry programs. The Program minister(s) will actually be the point person responsible for organizing, staffing, and managing the scheduled event. Not all events are the same, so there may be several people helping with larger ministries. The Relational ministers are like faith mentors: they “hang out” with the kids, walk the journey of faith with our young people, participate in the ministry programs, and make caring connections with the youth.

Some of the areas of ministry where we'll need relational ministers are the following: monthly service nights (first Wed of each month), Sunday school, FNL (Friday Night Live) for Youth & Parents (Sep 18th), Luther Park fall retreat (Oct 23 – 25th), St. Paul's La Natividad Service (Dec 18th), Youth Quake (Mar 19-21), a Twins event and the annual summer trip. As you can see there are plenty of opportunities to spend developing relationships and nurturing the faith within our Youth.

We invite you to discern your gifts. What are you good at? Are you a people person? If so, consider whether God is calling you to be a Relational Minister to our youth. Are you good at organization? If so, consider whether God is calling you to be a Program Minister for one of the youth programs already on the calendar just waiting for your leadership. Are you a visionary and do you see the big picture? If so, consider whether God is calling you to join the Youth Committee (we meet quarterly) to help provide strategic focus on faith formation.

Strong faith is derived out of authentic healthy relationships. Please help our Youth continue to develop their faith by sharing your life faith stories at a planned ministry program or by just hanging out with the Youth on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Peace to you!

ATICL (All Things In Christ's Love),
Diamond Lake Youth Committee

ANNUAL PIE SALE



Mark your calendars for the week following Labor Day and join us for a great cause. We use the proceeds from the Pie Sale to supplement the Christian Education budget. These funds have recently enabled us to upgrade the furnishings of Sunday School rooms.

The Pie Sale Activity Dates are:

- ◆ Wednesday, September 9: pie crust prep #1
- ◆ Friday, September 11: pie crust prep #2
- ◆ Saturday, September 12: pie assembly, baking and wrapping
- ◆ Sunday, September 13: **PIE SALE!**

We need help with EVERYTHING and welcome any time you can give. You may choose what you would like to do and specify a time that works with your schedule. We are flexible! We welcome all ages and we encourage you to come as a group and bring your friends.

Please sign up on the Pie Sale Signup Sheet which will be at the Welcome Center mid-August. Signing up will allow us to plan our work shifts.

If you would like to donate supplies, watch for our “shopping lists” of requested ingredients near the signup sheets.

It is a true fellowship of friends, newly formed and existing, young and young at heart. Come join us and share the experience of “baking with friends” for a good cause.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Visit the table in the Welcome area after church on AUGUST 23, 30, SEPTEMBER 6 or 13 (Rally Sunday) to register your child on the spot *or* go to the Diamond Lake website and register online.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS BLESSING



Bring your backpacks on Rally Sunday, September 13th, for the official *Blessing of the Backpacks* during the service.

CALLING ALL PARENTS . . .

. . . of Sunday School students! *Together in Faith* is a new curriculum designed for parents and kids together. For the first three classes of the year, we would like at least one parent to attend class with his or her child. The three class dates are: 9/20, 9/27 & 10/4. Regular rotations and classroom activities will begin on October 11th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Diamond Lake Sunday School children need your help! It takes a lot of volunteers to fill all of the roles of teachers and assistants for the 2010 Sunday School year. If you have talents in cooking, art, sewing, history, or playing games, we need you. If you are interested in teaching alone, team teaching, or just assisting, we need you. Whether you have young kids, no kids, or are an empty nester, we can use your talents.

Please contact Rita Marr-Gerhke at 612-875-8594 (rita@ritamarr.com) to learn more about how you might make a difference in the faith formation of the Diamond Lake kids.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS

All confirmation students in grades 7, 8, and 9, make sure you are working with your parents on choosing a confirmation mentor. Pastor Amy sent materials home a few weeks ago with a list of willing mentors. Once you have a yes secured from a mentor, please send that name to Pastor Amy. She has received 10 names so far and is still waiting for 13 more. It's very important that your mentor is chosen and the name sent to Pastor Amy by Sept 2, but the sooner the better, so she can get word out to the mentors about training and their schedule for the year.

THE DIAMOND LAKE WEBSITE

If you are looking for electronic copies of the Bulletin, the Announcements, or the Newsletter, you will find them on the Diamond Lake website. The Bulletins and Announcements can be found *in the calendar*. Click the worship service entry and a window will pop up displaying the Bulletin & Announcements. Click the Newsletter button on the home page for a link to the Newsletters.

BOOK CLUB



Welcome all readers! We are starting up Book Club on September 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at church to discuss, *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton. Judy Peacock will have treats for us. Please let Judy (jpeacock@usfamily.net) know if you will attend the meeting.

We will meet the second Thursday of each month until May. We read a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. If you would like to join us, please come on September 10 or call Kathy Gustafson at 612-9220275 (msgus50@msn.com) for more information.

We are considering an “either / or” read for October or November. Choose *My Life in France* by Julia Child or *Julie and Julia* by Julia Powell. Both books will be discussed, but the REAL reason for these choices is the endless possibilities for TREATS! Chocolate Soufflé anyone?

GREETING CARD SALE \$10

The Card Ministry at Diamond Lake meets monthly to create a wide variety of cards for our church members: *welcome, new birth, baptism, Senior and teen birthdays, wedding, thank you, get well, condolence*, and special staff or committee requests. We welcome any interested individuals to participate on the second Wednesday of the month (see separate article), but also invite all members to support our ministry in another way. We have created a variety of cards for purchase. Each packet of four cards (*birthday, thank you, sympathy, get well, or congratulations*) is available for \$10.00. All proceeds from the sale of these specially-made cards will be used to purchase supplies. Please check our display on Sunday, September 20th, and support the work of this ministry.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

All servant schedules for September through December have been distributed by mail or eMail. If you have not gotten yours or you are having difficulty opening email attachments, please contact Kathi in at 612-866-2579 or dllc.office@dllc.org to have a copy “snail” mailed to you.

You will find monthly servant schedules in the newsletter and on the website at www.dllc.org.



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

This fall, Diamond Lake is kicking off its new mission:

Welcome Home. Our new *Welcome Home* program, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services' Family Program, will provide housing and services to our neighbors in need. LSS has several transitional housing facilities in Minneapolis. We will be involved specifically with the apartment building at 2414 Oakland Ave. S. Along with various supportive services, these apartments are made available to homeless families to help them get back on their feet.

Diamond Lake members will have many opportunities throughout the year to participate in this important mission project, including:

- creating welcome baskets
- helping with apartment "makeovers"
- facilitating mothers' morning out
- hosting special events for families
- donating goods and services

You will be hearing more about *Welcome Home* in the coming weeks. If you would like more information about *Welcome Home*, contact any one of the following committee members: Robb Bass, Darin Busch, Jan Johnson, Drew Kleven, Tom Luukkonen, Sarah McGarvey, Al McNee, Mark Orvick, or Barb Swanson. We look forward to working with you. Together we can make positive changes for those in our community who are in great need.

THE NEW LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE



The New Lutheran Study Bible, NRSV (New Revised Standard Version), translation as well as introductions, notes, and articles are written by over sixty Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. Experience the Bible and its message through solid background material, unique Lutheran insights, and opportunities for faith reflection. Softcover, \$20.00, Contact the church office to purchase a copy.

BAPTISM CLASSES

. . . focusing on infant and child baptism are held several times throughout the year. If you are planning a baptism this fall, please sign up to attend the Baptism Class to be held on **September 27th at 10:00a.**



We are making a serious effort to REALLY go GREEN this year at Diamond Lake. As you gear up for Rally Sunday (September 13th) and begin anew this fall, consider communicating with members electronically as much as possible. You will find links on the website that encourage you to sign up for email notifications, newsletters, prayer chain, etc.

For those of you that are putting together materials for your ministries, please consider following these simple steps:

1. Condense your materials to as few pages as possible.
2. eMail your materials to webmaster@dllc.org so that they can be uploaded to the website.
3. Notify as many members as possible that the materials may be viewed on our website rather than printing them. We can provide you with email addresses for nearly everyone in the congregation.
4. Print only as a last resort and be sure to duplex when you do.

By changing the way you think about communications, you will be saving paper, money (on both paper AND stamps), and ultimately our beautiful planet.



Music @ The Diamond

Señor (& Señorita) Choir

No, it isn't *really* the Señor Choir, but we're too hip and fun to be called *The Senior Choir*. Come join us and find out for yourself! We sing regularly for Sunday and special services throughout the church year. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, September through May at 7:30 p.m. and are open to all adult singers. The twenty-five-member choir sings a broad variety of choral literature by composers of the Christian tradition from Tallis, Bach, and Mendelssohn to Rutter, Parker-Shaw, and Hohavness.

You do NOT need an AARP card in order to join The Señor (Senior) Choir! We welcome all adults who



enjoy singing. For further information, contact Bruce Gleason at brucegleason@comcast.net.

Diamond Lake Carillon Choir



The Carillon Choir is a hand bell ensemble open to all adults.

NO MUSIC READING REQUIRED!

We meet on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00. Come join us for music, fellowship, and fun! The best way to experience this unique ministry is to come on a Monday night and give bells a try. We **NEED NEW MEMBERS - YOU ARE NEEDED!** We look forward to seeing you soon!

Diamond Lake Children's Bell Choir



The Children's Bell Choir is open to all young people in grades 3 and up. **NO MUSIC READING REQUIRED!** We meet on Monday evenings, 5:30-6:15. Come join us as we learn how to ring the bells, and have a great time together!

For more information on The Carillon Choir or the Children's Bell Choir, Contact Chuck Linderkamp at cklinderkamp@comcast.net or 612-722-8912.

Youth Choir The Youth Choir is open to students in grades 7-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. (There are no rehearsals on Service Wednesdays, the first Wednesday of the month.) The Youth Choir sings during the 11:00 worship service every fourth Sunday of the month. For more information on our Youth Choir, contact Paul Batz, Director, at pbatz@mdaleadership.com.

We'd like to extend a very special THANK YOU to Andrew Pritchard who has been the Youth Choir accompanist and substitute organist here at The Diamond for the past three years. Andrew has changed jobs and is no longer available on Wednesday evenings. However, we have it on good authority that he will still attend church at Diamond Lake as his schedule permits. *Thank you Andrew!*

Special Music

We always welcome the talents of volunteer musicians throughout the year. If you would like to sing or play your instrument during a worship service, please

contact the church office and let us know that you would like to share your gifts!

Children's Choir(s)

The children's choirs provide joyful music-making experiences through song, movement and age-appropriate rhythm instruments. We have two Children's Choirs: kindergarten through Grade 3 and The Spirit Choir, Grades 4-6.

We're on the search for a children's choir director and hope to have someone on board soon.

Parents, take note:

Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings (a change from last year's Wednesday night rehearsals).

Let's get every kid singing!

Even if you aren't interested in making music, we'd love to have your involvement or input on any and all worship or music matters at Diamond Lake. Are there things you'd like to see done differently? Would you like to help shape our programs? Or do you just have some great ideas? We'd love to see you at our fall kickoff event (details to come) or stop in at one of our monthly meetings (6:30 pm, fourth Wednesday of each month). For more information, call (or buttonhole¹) Cynthia Dickison at 612-824-9458.



Thank you, again, for your recent volunteer support.
Pam Young,
Development Manager,
Annual Giving Communications

Thank You friends for all you did to make the reception after Peter's funeral so lovely.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Love,
The Peter Erickson Family

¹ To accost and detain (a person) in conversation by or as if by grasping the person's outer garments

ADULT FORUM SERIES 2009 - 2010

Diamond Lake is continuing its conversations about our *Book of Faith*, an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) initiative aimed at a deeper understanding and experience of the sacred texts of the Bible.

The initiative invites members of the church to “become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered and sent by the Word”.

Beginning Sunday, September 20, 2009 this year’s series will explore “Where Grace Takes Us” - how God’s grace leads us in vocation, creativity, creation and community.

September Adult Forum Schedule

Sep. 20: Adult Forum Kick Off introducing the DVD of our theme, "Where Grace Takes Us"

Sep. 27: Frederick J. Gaiser, Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary: "How I Read the Bible: An Open Conversation (Between Unequal Partners)"

Please join us in the North Room at 9:50 am on Sunday mornings with your coffee and donut. You'll be glad you did!



We are so grateful for our Diamond Lake family. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and gifts remembering Steve's mother, Esther Lindberg.

She was a very special person and we will miss her. The time we have had with family and friends has been especially meaningful.

The summer has been a cooler one on Lake Vermilion - as well as significant rainfall - we wish the Twin Cities could share in some of it.

As this newsletter goes to print, we will be looking forward to being back among you.

In God's grace,
Pastor Reany and Steve

ONCE-A-MONTH COOKING CLUB

It's time to start cookin'! Last spring there was a lot of interest in a cooking club that would meet to prepare a freezer full of entrees for each family. Let's get together and get organized! Wednesday, Sept, 30, 6:30 pm in the North Room.

OPERA CLUB (NEW!)

For the past few years, a small group of Lakers have been going to the Minnesota Opera together. We thought that perhaps more of you would like to join us. Opera lovers can be found everywhere, and if you give us a chance, opera lovers can be developed right before your very eyes!

If you haven't been to the opera lately (or EVER), you will be amazed at the new and improved opera performances at the Ordway by our very own Minnesota Opera. The sets and costumes are spectacular. The singing is world class. But the best little secret of all is surtitles! Every word that is sung regardless of the language is projected in English above the proscenium stage. So even if you haven't brushed up on your Italian, you'll still know exactly what's going on.

We have chosen La Boheme by Puccini this year. (This is the opera upon which the Broadway musical *Rent* was based.) It is playing the second week of March 2010. Once we firm up the date, we will let you know. If you are interested in joining us (who isn't????), please contact Dave Dahlgren or Casey Quinn through the church office.

Journal of Life and Growth	Baptisms
	Owen Eslinger: 8/9/2009
	Trenton Tapper: 8/23/2009
	Sadie Taylor: 8/30/2009
	Marriages
	Derek & Erin Zobel: 8/22/2009
Transferred to the Church Triumphant	
Ann Schwalbe: 7/31/2009	
Donald Cundy: 8/2/2009	



“Thank you for your congregation’s generous gift of \$1,800 made to Minnesota FoodShare, which we received on Thursday, August 6, 2009. This contribution will provide critical support for our year-long work easing the burden of hunger in Minnesota.”

To view the letter from Minnesota FoodShare in its entirety, please visit the Newsletter link on the Diamond Lake website at www.dlcc.org.



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Worship Services

*Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
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September 6

Worship Service: 9:30 am

September 13: RALLY SUNDAY

Worship Service: 9:30 am

Pie Sale

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday School Final Registration

September 20 (note service times)

Worship Service: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Adult Forum Begins: 10:00 am

Sunday School Begins: 10:00 am

September 27

Worship Service: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Baptism Class: 10:00 am

*Please join us for coffee fellowship
following each 8:30 am – or – 9:30 am service.*

Diamond Lake Ministers

Every member of the congregation

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Director of Bell Choirs..... Chuck Linderkamp
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