



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Youth Sunday

August 30, 2026

9:00 am

**Grounded in The Gospel,
Guided by The Spirit,
We are A People And Place of Grace!**

WELCOME!

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Center City, MN ELCA

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WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here. At Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, we are “Grounded in the Gospel, Guided by the Spirit.” We are a people and a place of grace, where we welcome and invite all people to come as you are and be open to who God calls you to be.

- Children are wanted & welcome in worship! We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction. It is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church. If your child makes noise, you are not bothering us. You are blessing us. Activity bags and kits are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- We invite you to write your name and contact information on the blue connect card in the pew in front of you and/or sign our guest book in the entry. If you would like to be included on our email list, please add your email address. We would love to keep you informed of what’s happening around Chisago Lake Lutheran! The reverse side of the card has space for prayer requests as well. You can drop your card in the offering baskets or the Welcome desk in the entryway. Thank you!

Be Well! Be Loving! Be Courageous! Be the Church!

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PHONE- 651-257-6300 | OFFICE HOURS – Mon - Thurs, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Attendance: August 23 = 377: Sanct - 127, On-line - 172, WOW - 68, Tues - 10

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

"God So Loved the World"

We the Kingdom

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of
the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all nations and all people, you meet us where we are and reveal yourself in ways we can understand. By your Spirit, help us build bridges of compassion and truth so that others may come to know your love through our words and our lives. Make us bold, gracious witnesses to the hope we have in Jesus Christ, the One who draws all people to himself. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-34, Pew Bible NT p.131

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 3:16-17, Pew Bible NT p.88

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Pastor Brian and Stacy Johnson

SERMON

“Helping Others Know the God They Don’t or Won’t”

Pastor Brian

SONG OF THE DAY

“A Life Worth Dying”

Josiah Queen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always; **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions – all signs of your gracious love. Receive them back for the sake of Him who gave himself for us: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"The Lord's Prayer"

Bryan Fowler

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!; **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS – *Please contact the office with any requests or updates.*

- Marc Fischer (brother of Lori Sampson) who is receiving chemotherapy for Pancreatic Cancer. Prayers for recovery from complications from shingles and pneumonia, so Marc can continue his chemo treatment and prayers of support for his family.
- From Midge Nelson: Update on Brian Wischnak from his wife Kathy. Brian is now in Coralville @ the U of I Rehabilitation Hospital and working on getting strong enough to come home!! Thank you to everyone who has kept him in your prayers.
- Emma Benson had surgery for Thyroid Cancer recently. They removed her thyroid and were able to remove all the tumors, no further treatment required.

YOUR FAITH. YOUR JOURNEY: YOUR NEXT STEPS. Calling **All 7th and 8th Graders** for a Confirmation Orientation gathering, **Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6PM.** *Friends are welcome!*



NOTICE! WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 - WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

Join us for a special **Rally Sunday** as we kick off another great year together!



Congregational Picture



Kids' Carnival



Potluck

Worship • Fellowship • Food • Fun

Come celebrate Rally Sunday with your CLLC family!



God's work.
Our hands.

CLLC will again be participating in the ELCA-wide day of service. Activities will take place **September 13**, as part of our Rally Day activities. We will again be assembling baskets of goodies for local

First Responder including EMT's, law-enforcement and volunteer fire departments. We have the goodies for the baskets and are collecting **\$10 gift cards** for local convenience stores, coffee shops, or fast-food restaurants. Please drop any donations in the office. Thank you!

TREE OF LIFE KID'S CHOIR begins **Wed., Sept. 23 in the Sanctuary at 6:15 pm.** K-6th Grader are invited to join! Barb Yotter will be the director. Contact the office with questions.

CALLING ALL CRAFTY (AND WANNA-BE CRAFTY!) PEOPLE!



Do you have paper, stamps, stickers, or craft supplies just waiting to be used? If you are interested in checking it out a **Paper Crafting Group will be meeting here at CLLC** on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 1:30pm. Join us for a casual time to work on projects, swap ideas, learn something new, and enjoy each other's company. *Card makers, scrapbookers, Cricut fans, beginners and curious crafters are all welcome!* Contact Judy at 257-1788 or Myrna at 715-222-1994 with questions.

HAND CRAFTS AND FELLOWSHIP. *Meeting at Trinity in Lindstrom, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month beginning Sept. 8th, 9:15am -11am.* A casual circle to share laughter and ideas; bring whatever you are working on. Enter through the Courtyard doors off the parking lot. We would love to see you!

COMMUNITY MEAL ANNUAL FUNDRAISER PICNIC: Monday, September 14, 4PM-6PM. Chisago Lake Lutheran is supporting this fundraiser by providing cookies and volunteers! We have been asked to provide Chocolate Chip cookies (NO NUTS please) Signup in the Lobby.

COMMITTEE Spotlight – Personnel Committee

This week we are highlighting the most visible of our staff members.



Rev. Brian King, Pastor. Ordained for 30 years as of June 16, 2026! Married to Jen for more than 34 years and has four children and two grandchildren. Pastor Brian enjoys biking, weightlifting, history, the outdoors, watching movies, college football and wrestling, music of all types, service/mission trips, Mt. Dew, and ice cream. He doesn't like hot weather or mosquitoes and he's not too fond of beets either!



Stacy Johnson, Children, Youth, and Family Coordinator. Stacy has served as the Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator since 2016. A graduate of Luther Seminary, Stacy has over 20 years of experience in youth and family ministry. Prior to Chisago Lake, Stacy served a congregation in Nisswa, MN. In her spare time Stacy enjoys spending time outdoors, especially in winter! She is the proud mother of her daughter Linnea.



Myrna Westen, Worship Accompanist. Myrna has been a church musician for more than 30 years and enjoys sharing her love of music through teaching piano lessons. She has an Associate's Degree in Piano Pedagogy from St. Catherine University in St. Paul and is certified to teach pre-school music. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling with her daughter, fostering cats, reading, crafting with friends, cooking, and helping people.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Rite of Installation; Bishop Justin A. Grimm –
St. Paul Area Synod. *Sunday, September 13, 3:30pm* at
Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley
Registration not required but helpful as we plan the day.
<https://spas-elca.org/bishop-installation/>



Rite of Installation; Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery –
Northeastern MN Synod. *Saturday, September 12, 2:00 pm* at
First Lutheran Church, Duluth. *Registration not required but helpful*
as we plan the day. <https://nemnsynod.org/>



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NEW MEMBER CLASSES! Our Chisago Lake Lutheran Family has been rapidly growing over the past year. If you are interested in becoming a more active and integral part of our family in faith, we invite you to join us for our next round of New Member classes on **Sundays, September 20 and 27, from 10:15-11:15 am** in the Green Room. Pastor Brian leads each of these informal, fun, and engaging classes! 😊 We will officially welcome new members at our service on *Sunday, October 11 at 9:00am.*

August Council Highlights from Lori Sampson, Council President **Elevator Update:**

After several attempts to repair the elevator, it has been determined that a more extensive solution is needed. The Church Council has authorized the Property Committee to solicit quotes for a major overhaul of the elevator. Unfortunately, this process may take several months to complete. We understand the inconvenience this causes and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. We will share additional information and updates as they become available.

Finances: The treasurer's report indicates a deficit. The month of July had extra building projects (not budgeted) and higher expenses including quarterly insurance. Giving trends tend to slow down during summer. Thank you for your continued support of our congregation, capital campaign and for patio furniture. Your giving is appreciated and every gift matters.

Community Meal Representative from CLLC is still need. Please consider this volunteer opportunity to serve. Information available in Church Office.

Tap Tags (QR Code): These will slowly be removed from the back of the pews due to some concern regarding the adhesive. A new method to share the tap tags will be used. These tags share information to visitors and members about our church and the bulletin. They are easy to use, I recommend giving it a try!

Approved August minutes will be available after September meeting. Please reach out to any council member with your questions or concerns.

THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, August 30

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:30 am – Worship On the Water, Center City Docks
- 6:00 pm – Adult Forum: “AI & Identity”
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, August 31

- Noon – Bible Study – Youth Room
- 4:00 pm – Community Meal, Zion Lutheran in Chisago City

Tuesday, September 1

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
- 7:00 pm - AI-Anon Meeting in Undercroft

Wednesday, September 2

- 6:00 pm – Confirmation Orientation

Thursday, September 3

- 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn

Sunday, September 6

- 9:00 pm – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:30 am – Worship On the Water, Center City Docks
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Officiant: Rev. Brian King

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Readers: Annika Hall, Cora Hinsch, and Adelia Otte

Ushers: Louise Angrimson, Laura Lohlein, Lee Turner, and Tim Christensen

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Erica Paffel and Anthony Weber

Fellowship Hosts: Deb and Craig Hegerston

Current Ways to Give to the Church Thank you for sharing your generosity with Chisago Lake Lutheran! You have continued to share what God's entrusted to you and we are grateful. Ways you can give include:

1. Mail your envelope/check to the church office at
1 Summit Ave, PO Box 175, Center City, MN 55012
2. Or sign up for regular online giving through our partner company Vanco on the church [website](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org). It is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. www.chisagolakelutheran.org
3. Or use your phone to scan the QR Code which takes you directly to our church website and use Vanco to give a one-time gift or recurring payments.

