Grounded in a Canoe
by Pastor Katya Ouchakof

This time of the year, all I want to do is be outside. More specifically, what I want most of all is to be out on the water somewhere paddling a canoe. When I go canoeing, I can be close to nature. There are cattails and tall grasses, cottonwood trees and duckweed – the smallest known flowering plant in the world! Even on city lakes, you’re likely to see geese and ducks and other water birds, painted turtles, and possibly a muskrat or sandhill crane. Encountering a deer or a green heron is a special treat. Being so close to wild things helps me remember that when God created the world, it was all declared to be very good (Genesis 1:31). From noisy cranes to shy turtles to the duckweed that gets stuck on everything, it is all good. Each of these things were made exactly as God intended them to be.

The sounds are different when you’re canoeing, too. The ripple of the water, the occasional bang of the paddle against the canoe, the dripping of water off your paddle back in to the lake or river. All of these sounds are peaceful to me. It doesn’t take long, even in the city, to get far enough out that you can no longer hear the noise of traffic or lawnmowers or your neighbor’s loud music. When the only musicians are the frogs and the birds and your paddling partner, it somehow seems possible that all creation really will cry out in praise of God! (Luke 19:40; Isaiah 55:12)

While I’m canoeing, my body feels good, too. Through many classes and trainings, I’ve learned how to move the boat efficiently without making my muscles sore. I get a good core workout while paddling, with a bonus workout for my arms. When I get off the water, I feel physically better than before I started. Since it’s a workout, all the good endorphins are flowing through my bloodstream as well. After canoeing my body feels more like a temple for the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19) Canoeing is a hobby that promotes health on many levels.

What things in your life help you feel good physically, emotionally, and spiritually? Where do you feel grounded or centered? When do you feel close to God?

For Jesus, it took time on mountains to re-connect with God (Luke 6:12). What works for you? Do you feel close to God when you read the Bible? 2 Timothy 3 reminds us that all Scripture is God-breathed, so reading it is one way to grow close to God. Perhaps you are grounded when you spend time with others, as we are encouraged to do in 1 John 4. Maybe time in worship does it for you. As Matthew 18:20 reminds us, wherever two or three or gathered, God is there. Beautiful architecture can connect us with God – in Isaiah 6, the prophet met God while in the Temple. Food can also center us – after all, Jesus miraculously fed over 5000 people, and Peter saw a vision of how God can be present even through non-kosher foods (Acts 10:9-28).

Whatever it is that helps you feel closer to God, I hope that you will make time for it. Feed yourself in body, mind, and soul. Connect with God, so you can grow in faith and understanding, and listen more closely for where God is calling you in life.

From the fires and winds of Pentecost to the still small voice that Elijah heard -- take a deep breath, pause, and listen for the presence of God.

In Christ,
Pastor Katya
The Dialogue
Lake Edge Lutheran Church  July, 2017

In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort and healing are with:
• those who grieve including the families of: John Hansen, David Appel, Lynn McConnell, Bill Reddeman, Brian Mikkelson;
• those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Cathy Szudy, John Williams, Sylvia Johnson, Caroline Erickson, Jack Galloway, Charles Hagen, Joe Pliska, Rob Oehlkers, Carrie Ketcham, Tessa Myers, Lorraine Hansen, Dekker Meyer, Sue Frisch, Casimir Brandon, Meredith Oehlkers, Debra Smith, Sybil Gilbert, Judy Marsh, Loretta Erdahl, Bill Jones, Jeremiah Wright, Nancy McFadden, Brayden Stacey, Tony Paulson, Craig Doolittle, Carol Landen, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Luke Latham, Donald Meisel, Dora Gugger, Doris Norgord, Jill Holland-Nash, Audrey Simonson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath, Christine Thompson, Joyce Narveson, Albert Singer, Virgil Mellum, Bruce Burnside, and the family of Maureen Mengelt;
• our neighborhood church partners: Lake Edge United Church of Christ, St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, Monona United Methodist Church, Lakeview Moravian Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and Plymouth UCC;
• our synod and national church staff; our sister congregation, Cristo Rey, El Salvador, and our companion synods, The Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA.

In Our Prayers

Prayer Chain

Within the congregation there is a Prayer Chain, a group of volunteers who will pray for anyone in need. There is no special requisite to do this, simply a desire to intercede on behalf of others. One list comprises people who prefer to be called by phone and then call the next person listed. A second list is for those who receive the requests by e-mail. A complete list of people who pray is on the bulletin board for your information. Prayers can be called or e-mailed to anyone on that list. We ask that you have the permission of the person being prayed for. If you would like to be on either list and receive prayer requests, please call Judy Raebel-McKinley, 242-0395 or e-mail her at jraemck@gmail.com.

Come and Pray With Us

Lake Edge has two weekly prayer groups that are open to all. On Sundays there is Centering Prayer at 9:30 am in the Luther Room. On Thursdays there is a prayer group that meets in the Library from 11:30 am- 12:30 pm. All are invited to these prayer opportunities.
Did You Know?
In July 1845, the New York newspaper editor John L. O’Sullivan coined the phrase, "Manifest Destiny", as the "design of Providence" supporting the territorial expansion of the United States. Manifest Destiny had serious consequences for Native Americans, since continental expansion for the United States took place at the cost of their occupied land. A justification for the policy of conquest and subjugation of the indigenous people emanated from the stereotyped perceptions of all Native Americans as "merciless Indian savages." The Indian Appropriations Act of 1851 set the precedent for modern-day Native American reservations through allocating funds to move western tribes onto reservations since there were no more lands available for relocation.

New Member Classes
July 9 & 16
Our next New Member Classes are planned for Sundays in July. The format lasts for three Sundays. There will be two classes after 9:30 am worship on July 9th and July 16th, from 10:45 am-12:15 pm. We will receive our new members during worship on July 23rd. We would love to have you join our church family in July! Please free up these three Sunday mornings and become members of our church!

Congregational Weekend at Mt. Morris Camp
August 25, 26, and 27th
All ages are welcome. You can be a family of 7 or a family of 1. Rev. Christa Fisher will lead us in exploring "Sabbath" time. This is about taking time away from your busy, normal activities -- a time to rest; a time to refresh your soul; a time for you; a time that might allow for time with God. More information about the details for the weekend are on the bulletin board at church. The Gifts Committee is generously subsidizing all children and youth who attend. Come one. Come all. There are a few rooms remaining in either lodge and lots of sites in the campground. Please sign up soon.

American Red Cross
Blood Drive Tuesday, August 1, 2017
Hosted at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, Madison
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcross-blood.org and enter sponsor code: EastMadison SfP. Walk-ins are welcome! You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit recrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Volunteers Needed!
Please volunteer to help with registration or with providing and serving snacks. Sign up today on the bulletin board for a 2 hour shift between 11:30 am & 6:00 pm and/or to provide snacks. You may also contact Fay Hanson at 222-7675.

MEALS@WHEELS
Meals On Wheels
LELC is responsible for all of the Sundays in July. We need 2 people to deliver each Sunday. One person drives and the other is the navigator. Meals are picked up at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 5101 Schofield Street, Monona @ 11:30AM. Enter the parking lot between the church and the school. The Market Street Diner van will be parked in a small lot to the right by the school. There is a shed next to the school in that same parking lot. Please put empty carriers in the shed. If you are running late, your meals will be in the shed. We are assigned route # 5. Please DO NOT take a different route. You will be given 2 delivery carriers. One for the hot food items and one for the cold food items. Each meal is labeled with the client’s first initial a, last name and address. Do a quick count to be sure you have the same number of meals as is indicated on the upper right corner of your route sheet. For more information, call Lil Genskow at 224-0465, or Chris Maloney Dull at 358-5240. Thank you!

Fred Leidel still riding his bike around town at age 100!
Fred Leidel with friend & LELC Member Kenn Ogunsola
Save the Date! Women’s Summer Event!
Tuesday, July 25; 6:00 pm

We will gather in Good Shepherd Hall for supper at 6:00 pm followed by study at 7:00 pm with Campus Pastor Emily Tveite, Lutheran Campus Ministry in Madison. Come and enjoy fellowship, conversation, and good food with the Women of Lake Edge. All are welcome. If you don’t have time to bake or cook, come anyway—we always have plenty.

Pastor Emily Tveite’s presentation is titled, "Where have all the young people gone? Faith & religious practices under 30." We look forward to seeing you there!

Biography: Rev. Emily Klock Tveite
Campus Pastor, Lutheran Campus Ministry in Madison Pastor Emily Tveite began her work at Lutheran Campus Ministry in August 2015. She was born and raised in Austin, Texas and earned her undergraduate degree in Religion from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She completed her seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. During that time, she served as Intern at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Washington. The experience of working in the Pacific Northwest fostered her interest in working in a climate of declining religiosity and inspired her passion for journeying with those new to the Christian faith. Before working in campus ministry, Pastor Emily served as Associate Pastor at St. John's Lutheran in Oregon, Wisconsin, where her work focused on faith formation for people of all ages.

Presentation Information:
Where have all the young people gone?
Faith & religious practices under 30
As I visit congregations in my role as Campus Pastor, the most common question I hear about youth and young adults is about when they will be coming back to church. Although church attendance among those under 30 is at an all-time low (in a recent study less than 50% of those under 30 reported having attended church at least once in the past six months), over 80% of youth and young adults still report a belief in God and a desire to live a life of meaning and purpose. This presentation will examine themes in the faiths of those under 30, and will explore how caring older adults can connect with youth and young adults in the life of faith.

WELCA at Lake Edge Lutheran Church
Everyone who identifies as female and is a member of Lake Edge Lutheran Church is automatically a member of WELCA, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As an organization we provide Bible Study, charitable giving/fundraising, and community support. As a church, we meet 3 times a year for Bible Study and fellowship. The biggest fundraiser is the Lefse bake sale in November.

Smaller communities called Circles meet monthly during the school year for structured study and small group fellowship. Most monthly meetings “take a break” during the summer. In the fall, opportunities for circles will be available each month on the 2nd Tuesday at 1 pm and 7 pm; the 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 pm and the 1st Sunday in the evening. Please consider which might fit in your schedule and join us!

Merry Widows’ Luncheon
The Merry Widows’ Luncheon will be held on Wednesday July 19 at 12 Noon at the Good Food Low Carb Cafe at 4764 Cottage Grove Rd, in the Rolling Meadows strip mall near Dairy Queen. All widows are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you need a ride, please call Marlene Gerner (221-3418). The Merry Widows meet monthly on the third Wednesday at noon at a variety of locations.
Help Us Feed the Hungry at Luke House

Hours: 4:45-7:00 pm; Thursdays, July 6 & August 3
Mark Your Calendar for the 1st Thursday Each Month
310 South Ingersoll Street in Madison

Luke House provides free dinner at 5:45 pm., Sunday through Thursday. Meals are provided and shared by faith communities throughout the Madison area, with a different menu from each community. Director Paul Ashe encourages community participation and welcomes all to come and dine. "no shirt, no shoes, no service" is not written on the entry, rather it's a gathering place of the servant church.

The first Thursday of every month, Lake Edge Lutheran Church provides the menu and dines as guests of Luke House. The menu for 165 children, women, and men entering the door is: baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread and butter, milk, and desserts.

We humbly ask God to move our community to reveal the Spirit of Christ in our midst. God enters our lives to become relational and that can be risky, for we never know who will be given on loan to love for the day.

Are you called to feed the hungry in our community? Do you have questions? Contact Joan Martin at 839-1370. Hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Global Health Ministries Report

From a recent issue of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin publication "What Matters":

Gratitude to all congregations. There was a 34% increase in contributions to Global Health Ministries.
869 Hospice Kits
799 Newborn Kits
136 Blankets

23 of those blankets came from Lake Edge Lutheran Church Knitters and Crocheters!
And Now a Word About Flowers

As you know, the Altar Guild has a florist provide flowers for the altar area each Sunday paid for by donations made by members celebrating special occasions or honoring loved ones. Again this summer for the months of July and August the Care of Creation committee of the Peace and Justice Mission has offered to create arrangements from locally grown flowers. They will use their God-given talents of creativity and design while enjoying each other’s fellowship and our appreciation. The Altar Guild would like to thank the following people: Michel Hagen, Chris Maloney, Pat Swan, Rainbow Marifrog, Ann Ahern, Meredith Oehlkers, Kari Zimmermann, Daniel Ryan, Erin Kollenbroich and Laura Tollefson.

Young Adult Gathering:
Wednesday, July 5th, 7:00 pm at Glass Nickel Pizza
See Facebook Event for More Details

Get to know other young adults in the community! Anyone age 21-35 (ish) is welcome to join in the fun :) We meet the first Wednesday of each month, in the basement room at Glass Nickel. Food or drinks are on your own.

This month’s topic: Transitions

Coffee & Conversation at Java Cat
Every Wednesday
2:30-3:30 pm

A co-pastor or council leader will be at Java Cat to buy you a cup of coffee (or tea). Discuss community, current events, church, and yourself! We look forward to seeing you at Java Cat on Monona Dr. between Cottage Grove Rd. and Davidson St.

Summer Choir!
Interested in singing in the choir? Want to meet new friends, have fun and worship the Lord at the same time? Summer choir meets on the 3rd Sunday (July 16 & August 20) with rehearsal at 8:30 am in the choir room. All are welcome! Soli Deo Gloria!

Grilling Bishop Mary
Sponsored by Madison Area Young Adult Ministry:
July 9; 5:00-8:00 pm

Bishop Mary Froiland will join us for a grill-out! Bring your toughest questions on faith, religion, and the meaning of life so we can grill her for knowledge while the food is on the grill :) Main dish will be provided (hamburgers, brats, and veggie burgers). Anyone in their 20’s and 30’s is welcome. Please bring a side dish to share and the beverage of your choice. Swan Creek Park, 5175 E Cheryl Pkwy, Fitchburg, Wisconsin 53711. Questions? See the Facebook event or contact Pastor Katya.

Gifts Committee:
Matching Gifts Needed

At the recent congregational meeting, two special initiatives were approved to be funded through the gifts committee.

First, the congregation approved funding a youth pastor part time for the next year for $14,400. Parents and kids both spoke up in support of retaining Pastor Christa Fisher to continue in this position. If you want to directly support this position, please make a gift to the gifts committee for "youth pastor" and we’ll match your gift up to a total of $3,600. The gifts committee has already spent another $3,600 for this position for January through March 2017 and is in need of your support.

Second, the congregation approved funding through the gifts committee of the repair of the front rock wall and fixing the drainage issue near the front door to prevent rain water from reaching our elevator shaft and basement hallway. The total for this project is $12,650. If this project is of interest to you, you can give through the gifts committee for "rock wall repair".

As always, thank you for your support of these types of special initiatives through the gifts committee. Jim St. Vincent, Chairperson, Gifts Committee
July Artist of the Month: Woody Osborne

Wisconsin by Water

From the twisty charm of the nearby Sugar River to the loon-haunted reaches of the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, Wisconsin offers diverse natural areas to visit by water. The prints I’ve chosen offer a glimpse of some of the lakes and rivers I’ve enjoyed paddling and canoe-camping on for almost twenty years. I hope they inspire your own explorations.

I often return to the waters that I love. I am drawn to the familiarity, but alive to the ephemeral and every-changing beauty of those places touched by water. A favorite lake feels different in the fall than it did in the spring. A stretch of river changes character by season, water level, bird migrations—the biota of the region. These are the places I seek when I need to recharge.

When I first started paddling the waters of Wisconsin, I relied on the knowledge of friends for places to paddle. From there, I began to explore our State Parks and State Natural Areas, using guidebooks and maps to find my way. If you need specific guidance, I recommend Canoeing and Kayaking South Central Wisconsin by Timothy Bauer (Menasha Press) or, if you can find them, Paddling Southern Wisconsin and Paddling Northern Wisconsin by Mike Svob (Trail Books).

As I improved in skills and endurance, I began to focus on the lake country north of Lake Superior. Beyond Wisconsin, I have extensive experience in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Minnesota, Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario, and Isle Royale National Park. If you’d like to talk with me about paddling or potential trips—or to inquire about prints—you can reach me at WoodyOsborne01@gmail.com or find me on Facebook at Otter Track Adventures.

I'm grateful to have been invited to share my prints with you.
Woody Osborne

Vacation Bible School Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS 2017 a success!!! It was a team effort involving everything from assisting the Lutherdale Counselors, helping with before and after care, providing activities, bringing and serving snacks, preparing lunches, monetary donations, to helping with the Closing Event.

The children thank you too, for helping to make VBS possible again this year!! We are already looking forward to next year!
Council Members present: Jim Ahearn, Al Anding, Jean Berg, Pastor Stephen Marsh, Linda Newman, Pastor Katya Ouchakof, Diann Oyan, Ron Siggelkow, Milan Summ, George Swamp, Mark Taylor

Call to Order by President Milan Summ at 6:45 pm.

Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Katya reflected on the historic event of Juneteenth. Verses from Exodus and Isaiah chapter 61 were reviewed for context to this event.

BUSINESS
Approve new Membership Support Liaison – Moved by Al, second by Diann to appoint Jean Berg for the remainder of Dee’s Council term for the Membership Support seat. Approved by voice vote.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2017. Moved by Ron second by Mark. Approved by voice vote.

Financial Dashboard – Provided by Jim, for May 2017, the council reviewed the written report. It was noted that the current expense and member giving are both below budget.

Discuss position for volunteer social worker – Mark has done some outreach but there is nothing further to report.

REPORTS
Pastors’ Report- Pastor Stephen has nothing new to report. Pastor Katya noted there are openings in the coming weeks in our outreach ministry at the Java Kat. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Pastor Katya also reports that a new curriculum will be for the fall Sunday School.

MISSIONS
(Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)
Finance & Property – Al Anding reports the mission is looking in to whether replacing the HVAC Controllers one at a time or a complete upgrade would be the best choice. The work on the wall is proceeding. No dates on the parking lot painting yet.

Membership Support – Jean Berg reports that her mission is exploring ideas to be added to our new members class. The mission is also discussing a new directory for Lake Edge.

Ministry Support – Ron Siggelkow reported that a new directory could be placed on our web site with the use of a password or other security measures.

Peace & Justice – Diann Oyan reports that her mission is discussing the options of a Sanctuary Congregation. Presently, Pastor Katya and Diann are gathering interest in this issue. There are lots of options and concerns that need to be developed before a recommendation can be made.

Worship – Linda Newman reports that Ms. Christians has taken the lead in preparation for the Jazz Concert.

PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT TOPICS:
Mold on stucco by Columbarium – This continues to be a concern. No recommendations for the Council at this time.

Designation of last year’s surplus – Treasurer, Jim will make arrangements to transfer last year’s funds to the appropriate accounts.
  >$5000 Noah Property Fund
  >$2500 Noah Mission Fund
  >$2500 General Fund
  +Benevolence distribution will also begin instead of waiting until the end of the year.

REMINDERS:
June Dialogue Articles Due: Sunday, July 25, 2017
Next Mission Meeting: Monday, July 10th, 6:45 PM
Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 17th, 6:45 PM
Snacks for next month’s mission meeting – President & President-Elect

Closing Prayer – Pastor Stephen lead us in a closing prayer.

Adjourn – Motion by Al, second by Pastor Katya to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. 7:42 PM
Finance and Property

Many projects are in the works. The retaining wall by the Monona Dr. entrance will come down later this summer and then rebuilt in early fall. Volunteers will be needed to help take down the wall and remove some dirt. Look for a sign up sheet later this summer. More work will be done after the wall is completed to stop water from coming into the building. The HVAC system is a continuous project always needing something or other. The parking lot will be sealed and re-striped. Hegg Avenue will have chip paving done by the city and Lake Edge will not be assessed for this service. The lights and fixtures will be replaced in the original church building beginning the last week of June. Repair will be done on the chimney of the rental property.

The door to the women’s bathroom has an automatic opener, thanks to the Gift Committee and a not to be named locksmith who volunteered his time and expertise. The men’s bathroom is slated to also be completed with an opener. Thanks to Susan Marsh and Karen Cook for pulling weeds by the parking lot. It looks much, much better. If you see weeds, feel free to pull them at any time. We have plenty of weeds for everyone. The parking lot will be sealed and re-striped. Hegg Avenue will have chip paving done by the city and Lake Edge will not be assessed for this service. The lights and fixtures will be replaced in the original church building beginning the last week of June. Repair will be done on the chimney of the rental property.

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Faith, Sexism and Justice

July 28, August 2, 9 & 16 at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church

Our ELCA Synod and the ELCA national office need your help! We want to include your views and perspectives in some important conversations that will lead to the creation of an official ELCA Social Statement* on Faith, Sexism and Justice. The sessions will take place at St. Stephen’s on four Wednesday evenings: July 28, August 2, August 9, and August 16. Pastor Elisa Brandt and Connie Kilmark will moderate the discussions. To attend, please sign up at this link: https://tinyurl.com/ELCA-Study-Signup. St. Stephen’s is located at 5700 Pheasant Hill Rd., Monona.

To learn more about ELCA Social Statements and their role in your congregation’s ministry and outreach, go to this link: https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements

Financial Dashboard

The church council at LELC has recommended that we publish financial dashboard a few times each year. This dashboard reflects church financials through May 31st of 2017. Please note the following:

- The "Miscellaneous Transfers" category is a temporary account that holds designated offerings which ultimately get assigned to certain expenses. The funds in this account are income, however the account is an Expense account; therefore the number is negative.
- Our checking account balance is adequate in that it covers at least 2 months of our average monthly expense.
- Half of our assigned benevolences for the year will be paid in early July.

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Many people have helped out at the church to maintain the property, thanks to all.
THE MISSING PIECE
by Pastor Stephen
Amidst the many “joys of summer,” there is one that we do not want you to overlook. That is the joy of Sunday worship with the entire Lake Edge faith community in one people-filled and grace-full service!

One of the reasons we worship with one service in the summer months is so that people from the two different services that we usually have can get to know one another. That is very important to our cohesiveness as a faith community, because we are not two different faith communities—we are one. Especially as we are growing with more and more new members, it is part of our congregational value of hospitality that we get to know one another.

Another reason we worship with one service in the summer is so that we can have Sunday after Sunday with a sanctuary full of thankful, singing, praising, growing and joyful people of God! There is something about a full sanctuary of people that is just different than a half-full sanctuary of people . . . and our sanctuary is not full unless YOU are here.

I know people have their reasons, and make their excuses for not coming to church in the summer. Some people actually are leading very busy lives, or actually are away for most of the summer months, or actually have transportation issues. I am not judging people’s reasons for not being here. But I am encouraging each and every member of Lake Edge to examine their faithfulness regarding their worship attendance this summer. Sunday is the day the community of faith gathers as a whole to meet together, to share God’s blessed peace, to hear God’s reassuring word, to partake of God’s welcoming feast, and to be sent forth as the renewed people of God. It is a big part of what Sundays in our community of faith are for. But, there are important pieces of our wholeness that so far have been missing. Do you feel like one of those “missing pieces?”

We are not a whole community of faith without YOU; so we look forward to seeing you.

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