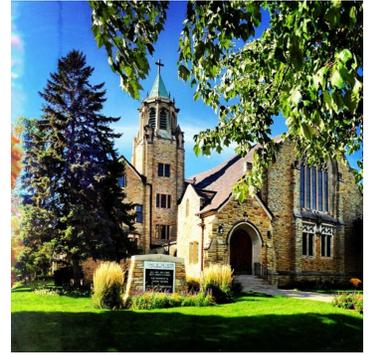




## LOTILink



Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

December 2018

### *The Story Behind the Advent Wreath*

December 2, 2018

*Daughter of Zion, behold your salvation comes. Behold, the Lord shall make the glory of his voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.*



### Introit for the Second Sunday in Advent

#### Greetings!

The words imprinted on the bronze Advent wreath in the front of the church were once well known in the worship life of every Lutheran congregation. They were spoken as a part of the opening Introit on the Second Sunday of Advent every year. ***Behold, the Lord shall make his voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.*** Unfortunately, the use of the Introit and its selective use of psalms and Old Testament writings disappeared from our liturgy with the introduction of the green hymnal in the last 1970's, but the words of the old introit continue to be raised before us.

The bronze Advent wreath which graces our sanctuary was given as a memorial for John Engen 50 years ago by his family which includes his daughters, Ruth Lee and Ellie Holmquist, who are both still members of our congregation today. Incidentally, the water ewer used at baptisms was also a gift of the Engen family in memory of their mother Frances Engen. (18 children and grandchildren of the family were baptized at Lake of the Isles.)

The old introit draws together two passages from the prophet Isaiah 30:30, ***And the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard,*** and Isaiah 62:11, ***Say to the daughter of Zion, see, your salvation comes; his reward is with you.*** This is good news each Advent. The promise of the season is that the promised Savior is coming, not to judge, but to give gifts of hope, peace, joy and love. These gifts are represented by the four candles which are lit one for each Sunday on the Sundays of Advent.

Come join us in worship on **Sunday, December 2nd** and experience the wonder and joy of the Advent season.

Peace, Pastor Arden Haug

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## Never Too Late



It is not too late to turn in your pledge card and puzzle piece.

### Priscilla Circle



Join us  
**Saturday, December 1**  
**9:30am**  
for a time of camaraderie  
in the Christy Room

If you or a friend are interested, please join LOTI Women's Fellowship ~ Priscilla Circle. There is no membership requirement or time commitment. Just come to enjoy the fellowship, for a few minutes, or a couple of hours! (No knitting skills required)

## The First Sunday of Advent- A Musical Parody



Many of the great composers in the Baroque era were known for their musical parodies. This involved copying existing musical ideas or lyrics, or the particular style of another artist and creating something new. Although the intent was often for humor, even respected composers practiced musical parody on sacred works. J. S. Bach for example reused three of his own cantatas for his Christmas Oratorio. Today we might describe this practice as re-working or re-using one's own work, but in the Baroque period it was often viewed as humorously shocking. Our church organist Kenny Vigne, as you may have noticed, is a master of this musical genre.

For the First Sunday of Advent, on December 2nd, the LOTI Church Choir and guest instrumental ensemble will perform a musical parody composed by Dietrich Buxtehude. His cantata *BuxWV 26 Rejoice, Earth and Heaven* was originally written for a wedding celebration of a wealthy and powerful couple in Lubeck, Germany. The original lyrics were *Dear Artist Beat the Timpani*. The sacred words for a Christmas cantata survived in the handwriting of Gustav Duben in the Swedish capital of Stockholm. It is difficult to know whether Buxtehude himself or Duben made the parody. One detail, however, is clear. Buxtehude never included timpani in his sacred cantatas- except for this one- copying the colorful style of the wedding celebration. Interestingly, Bach may have parodied Buxtehude in using timpani for the opening chorus of his own Christmas Oratorio

Join us on **Sunday, December 2nd, the First Sunday of Advent** with a festive collage of music from Vivaldi and Buxtehude to the marching rhythms of a Salvation Army band. Even that may be a bit of a musical parody.

## Upcoming Events

**December 1 - 9:30am**  
Priscilla Circle  
Christy Room

**December 2 - 9:30am**  
Advent I  
Sanctuary

**December 2 - 11:00am**  
Working Speaker Series  
Christy Room

**December 2 - 11:45**  
Family Advent Festival  
Fellowship Hall

**December 7**  
Our Saviour's Shelter Meal  
LOTI & Our Saviour's

**December 9 - 9:30am**  
Advent II Lessons & Carols  
Sanctuary

**December 9 - 9:30am**  
Christmas Tea & Cookie Sale  
Fellowship Hall

**December 15 - 10:00-11:00am**  
Children's Pageant Rehearsal  
Sanctuary

**December 15 - 5:30pm**  
Julbord Dinner  
Fellowship Hall

**December 16 9:30am**  
Advent III Children's Pageant  
& Santa Lucia  
Sanctuary

**December 23 - 9:30am**  
Advent IV  
Sanctuary

**December 24 - 4:30pm**  
Christmas Eve Family Service  
Sanctuary

**December 24 -10:00pm**  
Candlelight Service  
Sanctuary

**January 4**  
Our Saviour's Shelter Meal  
LOTI & Our Saviour's

**January 11 - 5:00 pm**  
Women's Book Club  
Home of Deb Gilroy



## Advent Festival

This is an intergenerational, family event on **December 2, 10:45 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Lots of projects to choose from - something for all ages!

Come and join us to help kick off the Advent season and add some new décor to your home for the season.



## Working Speaker Series

Working is the theme of an ongoing speaker series in which people talk about what they do all day and how they feel about what they do. Many people within our congregation are engaged in fascinating work, and this series gives us an opportunity to learn more about what they do.

On **Sunday, December 2, 11:00 am, in the Christy Room** LOTI Treasurer Ross Bartels and TPT Vice President Melinda Hoke will address the possibilities for financial giving at Lake of the Isles. Ross will focus on the immediate possibilities and challenges of the new tax law and Melinda will speak on the Five Ps, People, Property, Plans, Planners and Philanthropy. She will also answer the questions, 1) Must I have a will, 2) how to include charity in your plan, and 3) What to think about in making a plan.

If you are interested in sharing your Working story, please contact [jannahaug@yahoo.com](mailto:jannahaug@yahoo.com)

LOTI



Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith, Lake of the Isles is a loving and open community of worship, witness, and service in God's world

**Worship Service: 9:30 am**  
**Coffee Hour: 10:40 am**

Children are always welcome in worship. However, if the need arises, the Christy Room is staffed with a Nursery Attendant for your child. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to help you.

## Staff Members

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We welcome your input to the our newsletter. Contact us if you would like to submit events, schedules or other information to share with the LOTI congregation.  
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## Our Saviour's Housing Shelter Meals

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal for 40 the first Friday of every month for many years. This is a wonderful opportunity for families or a group of friends to work together!

Thanks to **Kristi & Bob Brownson** for serving on **November 2**.

Members scheduled for 2018...

December 7 **The Moe Family**

## Sign up now for 2019 Events!

Contact [Cheri Moe](#) or phone (952) 431-5226.

JAN 4	JUL 5
FEB 1	AUG 2
MAR 1	SEPT 6
APR 5	OCT 4
MAY 3	NOV 1
JUN 7	DEC 6

Recipes are provided.

Thrivent members are eligible to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant to cover the cost of the meal and purchase supplies for Our Saviour's Shelter continuing needs. For those who are Thrivent members, but are not able to make the meal, please consider applying for this grant in advance (4-6 weeks lead time) for other volunteers' use to serve.

If you have not served the meal, feel the cost is more than you can comfortably contribute, or would like to work with others, contact [Cheri Moe](#) or [Linda Nelson](#). You will be connected with others for a shared, enjoyable experience.

## Festival Service of Lessons and Carols



2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. It is not surprising that this service coincides with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, "the war to end all wars." The author of the traditional English service, Eric Milner-White, the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, served as a chaplain in the British Army in the trenches of World War I. Having experienced the horrors of war, he wanted to comfort his fellow soldiers with a simple retelling of the prophecies of the Old Testament and the promise and hope of the Christmas gospel.

Harpist Andrea Stern, along with trumpeter Jonathan Brandt and the LOTI

Church Choir will lead the congregation in a Festival Service of Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 9th**. This year's worship service will feature carols and melodies from parts of the former British Empire including A Carol from an Irish Cabin, Suo Gan ~ A Welsh Lullaby, and a newly composed arrangement of a French Canadian carol by LOTI organist Kenneth Vigne, Twas in the Moon of Wintertime.

The worship service will be followed by the annual Christmas Tea and Cookie Sale.



## Visit of Saint Nicholas

St. Nicholas, the bishop of Myra in modern day Turkey, was an early priest in the Christian Church, he died around 342 AD. Legends that surround Nicholas tell of his love for God and neighbor, especially the poor. He became known as the symbol of anonymous gift giving.

St. Nicholas Day is traditionally celebrated on December 6th, so polish your shoes, or you may only receive coal this year, when he visits on LOTI **December 9**.

## Women's Bible Study

Our Autumn 2018 Session begins soon. We'll read and discuss bible lessons from *Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply: Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*, from best-selling author Deb Burma, (author of Living a Chocolate Life) is a celebration of the camaraderie, companionship, and comfort found in getting coffee with a friend. It's about more than just the warm beverage-it's about spending quality time together.

This month's session is **December 13 at 7:00pm** in LOTI Library.



## Children's Ministry



### Winter gear drive

Thank you for your amazing response to the winter coat/gear drive! 153 donations were brought to PPL a few weeks before Thanksgiving, in time for the cold weather. Thank you for helping take care of others in our community in need of help! The St. Martin's Dinner raised an additional \$450 for PPL.

## College Care Packages

Packages were mailed just after Thanksgiving to our college age members. The packages were filled with a variety of snacks and few silly things to help relieve stress leading up to finals. A letter from Pastor Haug, Diane LaMere plus cards from the Sunday School children were included in the packages with positive messages of encouragement. Thank you to the Sunday School families for their generous donations for the care packages.



## children's program



### December Key Dates

<b>December 2</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	Family Advent Festival
<b>December 15</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00 am</b>	Christmas Program Rehearsal
<b>December 16</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Christmas Program During Worship
<b>December 23 &amp; 30</b>		No Sunday School

## Spark Family Magazine



The latest edition of the Spark Family magazine has arrived. Please feel free to take home an issue! They are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary. This is a great resource for families with toddlers up to 4th grade to keep in the car, carry along with you as you run errands, or a great conversation starter during dinner. It is filled with quick and easy ways to fit faith into everyday life. Because it's not dated you can choose to do the chapters sequentially or skip around.

## Growlers & Theology

Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug leads the informal study of theology and "adult beverages," twice monthly at the Parsonage. This month's gathering is a **German Christmas Open House at 7:30pm, December 13.**





Join us for  
**Julbord - Christmas Smörgåsbord**  
Saturday December 15, 5:00pm or  
Sunday, December 16th, 12 noon

Glögg (warm spiced wine or Hot Apple Cider and Ginger Cookies)  
Tomtens Favoritsill - Santa's Favorite Herring  
OP Andersson Herring  
Creamy Dijon and Herb Herring  
Sillsallad - Herring and Beet Salad  
Ägg Skagen - Eggs filled with Creamy Seafood Salad  
Three kinds of Swedish Cheese  
Boiled Fingerling Potatoes  
Citrus Marinated Salmon served with Sweet Dill Mustard Sauce  
Jul Lax - Saffron and Rosemary Baked Salmon  
Julskinka - Swedish Christmas Ham  
Apple Sauce and Mustard  
Cold Roast Beef  
Homemade Beet and Apple Salad  
Pickled Cucumbers  
Blue Cheese & Brie and a Variety of Crackers and Olives  
Glögg Marinated Cheddar  
Jansson's Temptation  
Dopp i Grytan - "Dip in the Pot" - and Home Baked Vört Limpa  
Meatballs and Lingonberries  
Prinskorv - Swedish Wieners  
Sweet and Sour Red Cabbage  
Swedish Potato Sausages and Mustard

**Dessert Table**

Saffron and White Chocolate Tart served with Whipped Cream  
Ris á la Malta - Creamy Rice Pudding - served with Sweet Fruit Sauce  
Ginger Cookies and a variety of Swedish Cookies  
Fresh Fruit Platter  
A variety of Swedish Candy  
Bite Size Flourless "Brownies" topped with Whipped Cream

**\$ 32.00/person, all inclusive.**  
**\$16.00, children ages 5-12 years**  
**Free of charge, children under 5**

**GOD JUL och HJÄRTLIGT VÄLKOMNA!!**

[RSVP for Reservations](#)

[Donate Now to Confirm Your Reservation](#)

The monthly smörgåsbord offers an opportunity for LOTI friends and neighbors to gather for fellowship, enjoy genuine Scandinavian hospitality, and support the benevolence work of our congregation. Proceeds are directed towards those less fortunate in our immediate community. Through the proceeds of the monthly smorgasbord, LOTI supports Joyce Community Food Shelf, Our Saviour's Housing, & Community Emergency Services.



## Children's Program & Santa Lucia

St. Lucia was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred in 304 AD during the persecution under Emperor Diocletian. According to tradition, she had decided to devote her life to God and to give her possessions to the poor. In Sweden in the late 1700's, there were legends of a woman appearing in times of great famine distributing food to the starving. Perhaps because the name "Lucia" means "light," and since her feast day falls on December, the week that marks the darkest days of the year, these stories were in turn attributed to the goodness and generosity of St. Lucia.

St. Lucia will make her lighted appearance as a part of the Sunday School Children's program at Lake of the Isles during worship on **Sunday, December 16th**. The Sunday School will present a retelling of the story of Jesus's birth from the book of Luke. The program will include readings, singing and bell ringing - and of course, they will wear costumes which makes for some memorable parent and grandparent photo opportunities.

## Christmas Eve at LOTI

We will offer two worship services at Lake of the Isles on **Christmas Eve, December 24th**, both with Holy Communion.

The **Family Service at 4:30 pm** will be designed for families with younger children. The service will feature a "living nativity scene" at the manger.



The **10:00 pm Candle Light Service** of Holy Communion will celebrate the mystery of the *Word made Flesh*. The LOTI Church Choir, together with guest musicians will lead the congregation in a retelling of the Christmas story, holy communion and the candle lit singing of *Silent Night*.

## New Year's Eve Worship



The final worship service of the year will be held on **Sunday, December 30th, at 9:30 am**. It will be an occasion to reflect on the old and look to the possibility of God's grace in the new year.

## Women's Book Club

Please join us  
**Friday, January 11**  
**5:00pm**  
Home of Deb Gilroy  
2201 Oliver Avenue South  
(763) 442-0358



We will discuss ***Pilgrim's Progress*** by John Bunyan. This story of man's progress through life in search of salvation is set against realistic backdrops of town and country, the powerful drama of the pilgrim's trials and temptations follow him in his harrowing journey to the Celestial City.

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## LOTI Choir

Weekly rehearsals are **Wednesdays, at 7:15**  
New singers are welcome! Join us!  
As our beloved director tells us...

"You don't have to have a great voice, to make great music."

## Prayer Ministry

The prayer ministry group would welcome anyone who would like to join them on Tuesday mornings in the Christy Room at 9:15-10:00 a.m. Please contact Janna Haug, Deb Gilroy or Linda Nelson for more information if you are interested.

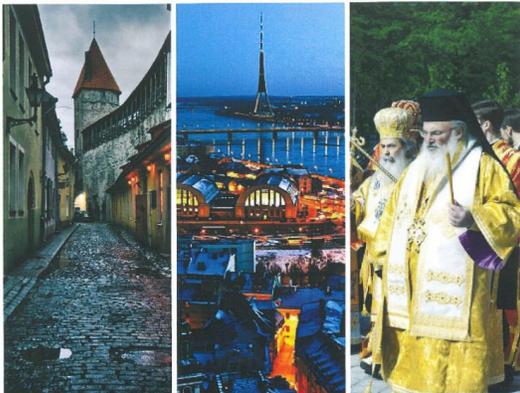
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### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday morning for Bible Study at 10:00. The informal study will explore the Epistles of St. Paul. And yes, coffee and treats are a part of every Wednesday morning.



Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

### SPRINGTIME IN THE BALTICS

FINLAND, RUSSIA, ESTONIA, LATVIA & LITHUANIA

April 22 – May 4, 2019 13 Days

Hosted by Pastor Arden & Janna Haug

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Group Travel Directors

In April 2019, Pastor Haug will lead a European tour to the places where the Haug family served as ELCA missionaries. The 13 day tour entitled *Springtime in the Baltics* will include visits to Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. For more information contact [Pastor Haug](#)



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Sunset behind Lutheran Church chimney, frozen Lake of the Isles, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a popular auction item at the Cut A Rug Gala. To view more of Rob Lingelbach's photos visit [altruistics](#) or [lingelbach.us](#)