



# Lake Superior Light

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Just about all of us love the Packers; a few of us love the Lions. I love steak and shrimp. Many of you love pasties. We love our pets. Our praise team loves to sing and play their instruments. Some love kayaking, snowmobiles, snow shoeing, cross-country or downhill skiing. Some love to read. Some love that certain TV show. We love our spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, and families. Back in the 1960s, The Beatles sang "All You Need is Love." What kind of love were they talking about? Love, love, love. We all "love" so many things, but really, what is love?

Of course, most all of us are familiar with the agape' love found in the New Testament. It was a new word that was first used and defined by God and then understood and practiced by all believers. Agape' love is not a feeling, but an attitude. This attitude was first displayed toward His Son (Jn. 17:26), in general, toward the world (Jn. 3:16, Rom. 5:8) and specifically toward those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:21).

Love is recognized only from the actions it produces. God's love is shown in the gift of His Son (1 John 4:9&10). This love was not out of affection for any excellence in the object(s) of its love (Rom. 5:8). It is a deliberate action by God, with no cause except for the nature and character of God himself (Deut. 7:7&8). Jesus was the perfect expression of this love among humankind (2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 2:4; 3:19; 5:2).

Christian love is shown toward God first of all, by obedience to His commandments (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10; 1 Jn. 1:5, 5:3; 2 Jn. 6). Then, Christ followers display agape' love specifically toward other believers and generally toward all people. Again, this love is displayed by a decision and commitment to the welfare of others, regardless of our affections. Love works for the best for all (Rom. 15:2) and works no harm to anyone (Rom. 13:8-10).

With Valentine's Day this month, we want to express our affection towards our favorite people, especially our sweethearts. Above that showing of affection, let's also demonstrate our agape' love as well.

Agape' love is essential for a long lasting marriage relationship. Randy Garriss, the Sr. Minister at College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, MO, has decades of marriage counseling experience. He relates that there is one of three different kinds of "love" that couples have for each other before marriage.

The first is "I love him/her because he/she makes me feel good. That person gives me what I want. A marriage based on this kind of "love" is doomed to last about 2 years. When one person no longer receives those good feelings from the other, that person looks for someone else.

The second kind of "love" is "We are good for each other. We complete each other." That kind of love usually produces a marriage that lasts around five years. Over time, we all change, grow, and mature. Then they feel like they have "grown apart." They are no longer the same people. They then look for another someone to complete them.

The third kind of "love" has a commitment above and beyond feelings. This love is committed to what is best for the other person, regardless. The one person invests themselves in the welfare of the other and vice-versa. When feelings change, as they always do from time to time, they are still committed to and invested in each other. These marriages tend to last a lifetime. Randy also says these relationships are almost exclusively among Christians.

Why does that kind of love last? Because it reflects the kind of love God has for us. This month, have a great Valentine's Day showing affection to your Sweetheart, and also commit to show God's agape' love to everyone with whom you come into contact.

I love you all,  
Don

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## February Ministry Highlight

### TECH Team Ministry



A number of years ago a “tech team” was unheard of in churches. If you had a microphone for the worship leader and an overhead transparency projector for song lyrics, you were good to go. No one was using the internet, let alone connecting with other brothers and sisters in Christ through it.



These days things are quite different. Between the technical aspects of wiring up a band, the sound systems, the use of video for lyrics as well as story telling, and the means to transmit all that happens on a Sunday across the world, we have developed quite quickly in little old Marquette, Michigan.

The tech team at LSCC is the rag-tag group of nerds and artists alike that help to make things work in the background. We produce, we create, we find ways of telling God’s story through the mediums at our fingertips, and we want you to join us! We are wanting to push our capabilities in video, in sound, in lighting, and in social media interaction. If these ideas excite you, there is a reason!

Perhaps God has gifted you in these areas and you have yet to use that gift for the church. Consider this an open invitation. You can begin by e-mailing [dave@lsc.tv](mailto:dave@lsc.tv) (Dave Celeskey). We would love to talk with you and get you plugged into this dynamic, growing ministry. In a world where media and technology is so often for negative things, please, be a light and help to use it to advance the Kingdom of God.



David Celeskey  
Minister of Media



Thank you LSCC for the generous Christmas gift and the gifts of going away. They have blessed us greatly! We will miss you all, but we continue to keep you in our prayers. God bless you all!

Love, Josh & Jen Dickey

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#### A REMINDER:

We are always on the look-out for questions for our “Quiz the Minister” section of the newsletter. If there is some question about God or the Bible that has been on your mind for a long time, please take a minute to either write it on your Sunday Communication Card, write it on a piece of paper and put it in the mail-slot on the office door, or e-mail it to [office@lsc.tv](mailto:office@lsc.tv) with “Quiz the Minister” in the subject line. Admissions can be submitted anonymously (as the last 2 have been), or you can put your name on it. Let’s keep them coming!

**DON'T FORGET!** If you have a favorite book, we would love to hear about it.

If you have a favorite author, we would also love to hear about him or her. Please submit your book/author reviews to Deb Fuller, Library Coordinator, or Sara Perfetti, Office Manager, so we can include them in the monthly newsletter.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who worked at the Christmas Tea this past December. Thanks to your efforts, we were able to donate just over \$500 to the Care Clinic @ Sawyer!



## The Day the Earth Stood Still

How many times have you run into an issue where **science** and **church** don't seem to fit together? The scientific community says one thing, and the churches say another about an ever growing range of topics: evolution or creation, cloning, genetic mutation, age of the earth, where we came from, etc. In the U.S. there is a strong undercurrent of separation. There is a notion that science and the church, more specifically that science and the Bible, are to be held in two separate hands. This is a great illusion, as we all live in the same world, the same reality. There cannot be two truths to the matters of matter. **Currently, I am in a class studying the Trial of Galileo, the famed astronomer of the 1600s.** Galileo, like many cultures, held that there was no distinction of the divine and the secular world. He didn't hold one idea as spiritual and another as mundane. God was a holy part of his life and in his science. He saw that the Bible and science were telling the same story. Misconceptions simply came from human error.

Galileo had proposed an idea that curtailed Copernicus' own thoughts. This was the idea that the earth revolved around the sun. Now, today we know this to be true through much observation. However, at the time proposed, this was seemingly heretical and seemingly against the Bible. Priests of the day quoted the book of Joshua in opposition to Galileo; **"On the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, Joshua spoke to the LORD; and he said in the sight of Israel, 'Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and Moon, in the valley of Aijalon.' And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in midheaven, and did not hurry to set for about a whole day...."** - **Joshua 10:12-13**

The understanding of these verses by the clergy of the time was that the sun and moon moved across the earth. They saw this literal interpretation as descriptive of God's natural order of creation, and to speak anything against this, was to speak against the Bible. The cultural and scientific understanding was that the sun and moon moved and that the earth stood still. **(also see 1 Chronicles 16:30, Psalms 93:1, and 96:10 for other geocentric verses).** Galileo, a devout Christian, had observed differently. He had seen with his own eyes a different way of understanding not only the world, but the very text of Joshua itself. Galileo observed that the sun had its own rotation. Indeed, it is that rotation, combined with its gravitational pull, that causes the other planets to orbit around it. If the sun were to stand still, that is stop rotating in it's place, at the center of the universe, then subsequently the planets and moons would also lose mobility. It wasn't that the sun stopped orbiting the earth, as one interpretation could be understood, it was that the sun simply stopped moving **(rotating)** and this would give the same apparent effect. The whole solar system would then, in effect, stop! In fact, the Bible says that it stopped moving in midheaven **(center of heavens?)**. This was a primary argument given to the clergy in regard to a heliocentric view of the solar system.

Nevertheless, there was great argument and debate and trial over Galileo's "heretical" thoughts. Unfortunately to the discredit of the church, this separation of science and church was to prove an embarrassment, as today we clearly know that Galileo was correct in a sun-centered view. Why do I bring this up? Too often I find myself in great discussion of science, creation, and nature, and there is an assumption made that since I am Christian I am either for science or for the Bible, but not both. I'm willing to bet that the same is true for others. Do you feel like you need to pick one or the other? Do you feel like the two don't mesh? I would encourage you to have a world view that embraces both. Scripture says that the "heavens declare the glory of God" **(Psalm 19 & 148...to name a few!)** We are able to discern God from observations in the natural world **(which is what science is!)** as well as from His revealed word **(The Bible)**. **The two go hand IN hand, not hand AGAINST hand,** as my opening lines suggested. The key is to discern where our human understanding has gone astray, either in the science or observations **(Did you know many of our scientific thoughts have been horribly wrong? It hasn't been that long since we've known about germs).** Also we need to be able to discern in our understanding of the Bible where men have erred. (I think about Germany leading up to WW2). The two realms **(science, Bible)** do share one reality. That reality has been created and orchestrated by God. I pray that when we enter into discussions of that reality, that we remember to bring God into it as well.

## GREETER SCHEDULE

### February 8

9:30 - Susan Lane, Walt Aho, Cindy Asher, Barb Koski, Steve Buteyn

11:00 - Jim Kent, Kayla Argeropoulos, Brian and Shirley Johnson, Carl Johnson, Steve Buteyn

### February 15

9:30 - Susan Lane, Walt Aho, Cindy Asher, Barb Koski, Steve Buteyn

11:00 - Jim Kent, Kayla Argeropoulos, Susan Bován, Duane DuRay, Carl Johnson, Steve Buteyn

### February 22

9:30 - Susan Lane, Walt Aho, Jackie Baumler, Barb Koski, Steve Buteyn

11:00 - Brian and Shirley Johnson, Susan Bován, Duane DuRay, Carl Johnson, Steve Buteyn



### February 2015 Preaching Schedule

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>The ABCs of Financial Success:</b><br>E-Encouragement<br>~ Dave Celeskey |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>The ABCs of Financial Success:</b><br>F-Funding<br>~ Dave Celeskey       |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Game Changers: Anger</b><br>~ Brandon Morey                              |
| <b>22</b> | <b>Game Changers: Lust</b><br>~ Brandon Morey                               |

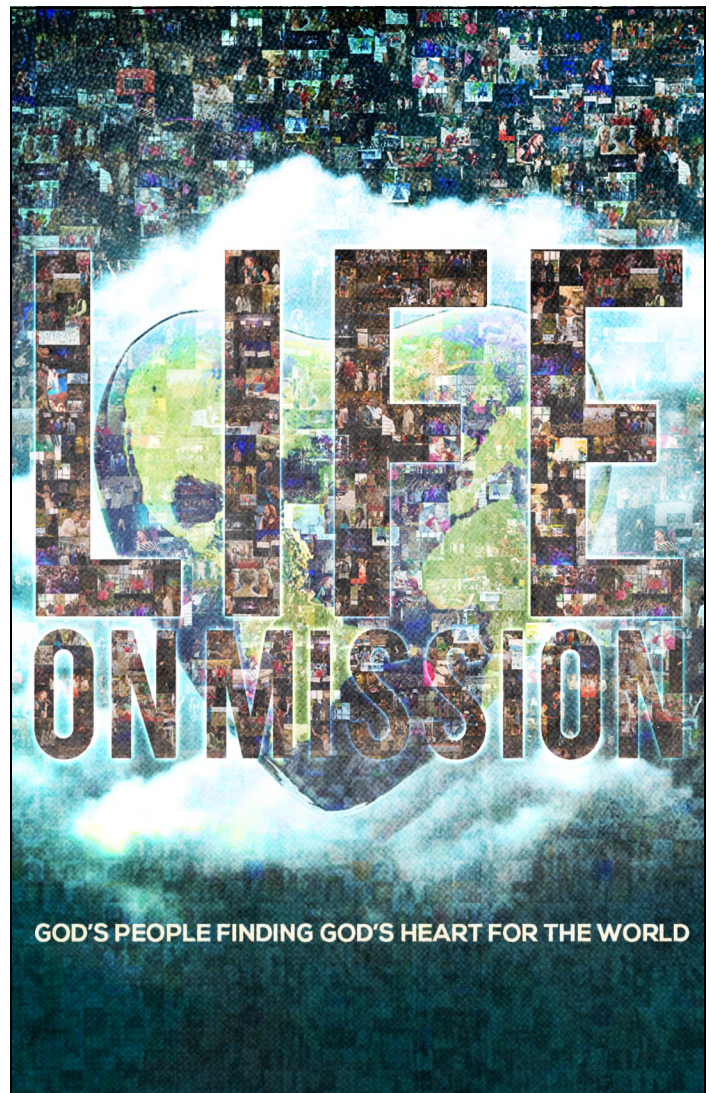
## ~ Starting Sunday, April 12 ~

The series, Life on Mission, offers clear Bible teaching and provocative discussion which is designed to empower members and regular attendees of our church, to share their faith with people right in their own neighborhood.

This campaign is designed to be a natural way for you to invite your friends and families to church to learn about Jesus. Throughout the series you will learn how to connect with unbelievers, how serving others can open their hearts to the gospel, and how paying attention to your own spiritual growth can strengthen your witness.

New and current weekly Life groups will drive newcomers and seasoned church members alike, toward spiritual growth and authentic faith community. Participants will gather weekly to dive into DVD teachings from Pastor Tim, taking the truths of living a life on mission to deeper spiritual and relational levels, and forming new friendships through meaningful discussion.

We are currently looking for people who may be interested in starting a new Life group. If you are one of these, please talk to any staff member or email [lifonmission@lsc.tv](mailto:lifonmission@lsc.tv)



**Question: We see dinosaurs (their bones that is) in museums. Why aren't they talked about in the Bible? Or are they? :) - Anonymous**

Thanks for asking such a great question! Many people have asked this very same question for many years.

At one time or another, it seems we all have been fascinated with dinosaurs. They grabbed our imagination as kids, and may still do so today. We watched them on TV, in the movies, cartoons and read about them in books. In 1993, the movie, "Jurassic Park," was a big hit that ignited the dinosaur craze all over again.

Dinosaurs, the great "Terrible Lizards" as the name (in Greek) implies, are commonly thought to have lived hundreds of millions of years ago and become extinct long before man came on the scene. So, it should follow that there is no mention of dinosaurs in the Bible, right? Is there any evidence of people living along with dinosaurs? What does the Bible really say, if anything, about dinosaurs?

The word "Dinosaur," itself is not in the Bible. The Bible was written long before "dinosaur" was first used for those animals in 1841. But, are other names used?

There are three names used in Scripture that may refer to dinosaurs. The first is the Hebrew word Tanniyn (pronounced "taneen"). It is used more than 30 times in the Bible and is usually translated "dragon." It seems to be a general term for dinosaur-like creatures. The other two names are pronounced similarly in both languages. They are Leviathan (**Job 41:1; Psalms 71:14 and 104:26; Isaiah 27:1**) and Behemoth (**Job 40:15**).

Behemoth is described in verses 15-24 of Job 40. Some of its characteristics are: eats grass like an ox; makes his tail stiff like a cedar (literally, "makes his tail hang like a cedar"); his bones like tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron; the first of the works of God (the largest); for his shade the lotus trees cover him; the willows of the brook surround him. Bible footnotes sometimes say Behemoth was *probably* an elephant or a hippopotamus. The largest full skeleton of a dinosaur that we know about is about 10 times larger than an elephant. The tail like a cedar also does not apply to a hippo or elephant. So a dinosaur is a better fit to what is described here; maybe something like a brachiosaurus.

Leviathan is described by Job 41; **"no one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up.; Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror; His back is made of rows of shields, shut up closely as with a seal. One is so near to another they clasp each other and cannot be separated; His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth; Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin; On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear."**

Psalms 104: 25-26 tells us **"Here is the sea, great and wide, ... and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it."**

Isaiah 27:1 reads in part, **"In that day the Lord ... will punish Leviathan ... and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea."** Although this passage appears to be poetic, rather than literal, God calls Leviathan a dragon (Tanniyn), identifying him as a type of dragon or dinosaur.



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Leviathan, is often footnoted in our Bibles as a crocodile. Yet swords, spears, darts and javelins are all capable of piercing their skin. A dinosaur living in the water is a better fit, perhaps something like a kronosaurus.

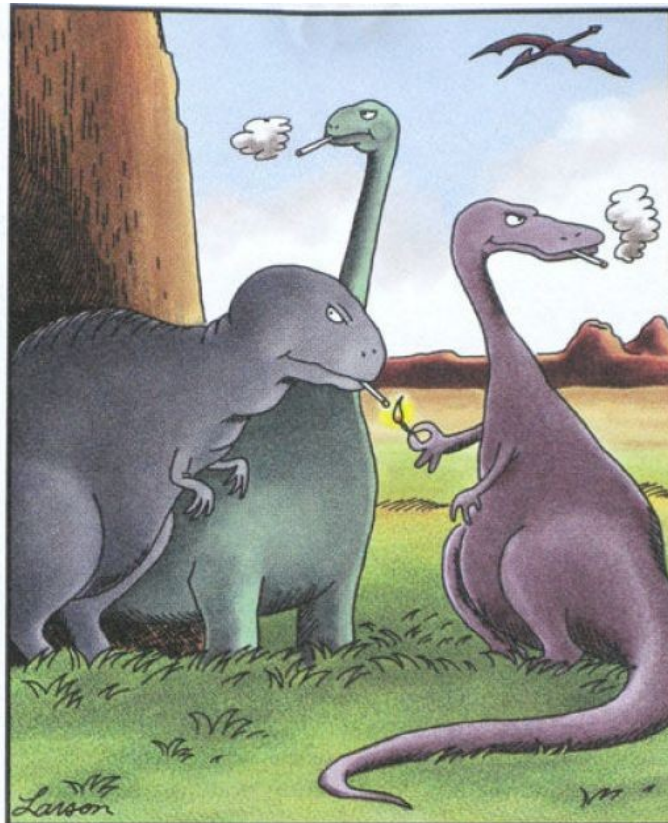
The books of Job and Psalms are books of Hebrew poetry and contain much figurative language. However, there is enough describing what sound like dinosaurs. Also a literal translation is appropriate in many places in those books.

We believe most dinosaurs died in the great flood described in Genesis, but some may have survived. Some may have even been on the ark. Many people groups have stories, myths, and legends passed down from generation to generation describing encounters with dragons. From the Middle Ages come stories of knights slaying dragons, but there exists hard evidence that people walked with dinosaurs.

Discovered in the early to mid 1900's, along the Paluxy river bed in Texas are footprints of humans and dinosaurs in the exact same strata. There are a few spots where a human actually stepped on the dinosaur footprint. This has been documented, filmed and is quite well known. So there is evidence that people co-existed with dinosaurs.

The evidence seems to support dinosaurs in the Bible. Please keep those questions coming! We love to answer them!

~ Don Withrow



The real reason dinosaurs became extinct





February 8th	9:15 a.m. Cheryl Schram & Gloria Price 10:45a.m. Wendy Schuster & Jennifer Nylander
February 15th	9:15 a.m. Wendy Leukuma & Doug Boyle 10:45 a.m. Judy & Tom Rogers
February 22nd	9:15 a.m. Connie Oslund & Marcia Waters 10:45 a.m. Mary Stunkard & LaDonna Slack
March 1st	9:15 a.m. Connie Oslund & Rita Noordyk 10:45 a.m. Emily Hagge & Mary Kay Johnson

**Usher Schedule**

**February 8**

<u>1st service</u>	<u>2nd service</u>
John Bolm	Jim Argeropoulos
Robin Brock	Steve Barr
Lou Praznik	Jim Beran
Tim Tebby	Brian Johnson
Randy Yelle	Jim Kantola
Ben Sebaly	James Smiljanich

**February 15**

<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
Joel Asher	Dale Eltman
Fred Bajj	KC Holder
Gary Bovan	Mike Paternoster
Doug Boyle	Tom Rogers
Bob Hodges	Jordan Takalo
	Tim Takalo
	Jeffery Trudeau

**February 22**

<u>1st service</u>	<u>2nd service</u>
John Bolm	Jim Argeropoulos
Robin Brock	Steve Barr
Lou Praznik	Jim Beran
Tim Tebby	Brian Johnson
Randy Yelle	Jim Kantola
Ben Sebaly	James Smiljanich

**March 1st**


<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
Joel Asher	Dale Eltman
Fred Bajj	KC Holder
Gary Bovan	Mike Paternoster
Doug Boyle	Tom Rogers
Bob Hodges	Jordan Takalo
	Tim Takalo
	Jeffery Trudeau

Again, thank you for serving and for continuing to help us give the best we can to God every week!  
Please remember to check in with Gary Bovan each week you are here to serve, so he knows you are here.  
If Gary is not in church on a Sunday, please check in with Randy Yelle. Thank you!

**January Statistics**

	<u>January 4</u>	<u>January 11</u>	<u>January 18</u>	<u>January 25</u>
Worship Attendance	336	367	365	351
Bible School Attendance	33	53	78	61
Operating Fund Budget	\$14,205	\$14,205	\$14,205	\$14,205
Operating Fund Offering	\$9,981.00	\$13,771.10	\$11,804.79	\$11,378.25


**Women's Event Night**  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**



All Allyson and her friends want is a peaceful, grown-up evening of dinner and fun - a long-needed moms' night out. But in order to enjoy high heels, adult conversation, and food not served in a bag, they need their husbands to watch the kids for a few hours ... what could go wrong?

Get out of the house and come and enjoy this laugh-out-loud movie!  
 Invite a friend for a movie and popcorn - a sure cure for cabin fever!

Child care is available **if you sign up in Connection Central**  
 Questions? Call Sarah Schober at 284-1051  
 or email: [women@lsc.tv](mailto:women@lsc.tv)



**Join your sisters-in-Christ for a day of winter fun and fellowship**



**Saturday, February 21**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
 Connie Oslund's home  
 769 Mather Avenue, Ishpeming

**We will be hiking a trail any skill level would enjoy!**  
 If you don't want to snowshoe, please come anyway to enjoy games and fellowship!

**Please sign up in Connection Central so we can organize carpooling etc.**

**Please bring:**  
 A dish to pass (salad, entrée, or dessert)  
 snowshoes (we will have extra)

**Contact Connie Oslund 361-1931 or Chris Corkin 228-6584**  
 or email [women@lsc.tv](mailto:women@lsc.tv)  
 with any questions or for directions



Mission Meeting

13 January 2015

The committee met on 13 January 2015 with six members and several guests present. We opened the meeting with prayer by all present. Our first order of business was to listen to our local campus minister and some students going on a mission trip to Mexico to construct a house. They told us what their financial needs were above their personal funding. The next thing on the agenda was the need for additional funding for the two hostels supported by SEACM in Thailand.

We had 22 newsletters and 4 thank you letters to peruse. Many of these are posted on the mission board, including some magazines from Voice of the Martyrs, Gospel for Asia and Israel, my Glory. These are for anyone interested to take.

We had an interview with one of our own preparing to return to the mission field and complete her year of teaching. She experienced many difficulties the first half of the school year, but is determined to finish her commitment.

Because you support missions, we are able to continue to help some worthy organizations and individuals: His House, expenses for mission trip; another of our own, help with support; Gospel for Asia, bicycles for missionaries; Rapha House, security and expenses for girls.

Thanks for being a part of missions! God is good!

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