

Lake Superior Light

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2015
12:15 p.m.

- ◆ Vote for 2015 Leadership of Elders, Auditors, and Trustees
- ◆ Ministry Updates
- ◆ Question/Answer Time

Members age 16 and over are encouraged to participate.

Childcare will not be available.

Absentee Ballots are available in the church office for those unable to attend.

NOMINEES FOR 2015 LEADERSHIP:

ELDERS: Joel Asher, Steve Barr, Keith Beauchamp,
 Gordon Mielke, Kevin Palkki, Herb Parsons,
 Wayne Price, Dan Ray, Paul Rhodea, Roger Rhodes

AUDITORS: Mike Apple, Susan Bovan,
 Sharon Elliott, Mary Kay Johnson

TRUSTEES: Bob Hodges, John Reynolds, Tom Swick, Randy Yelle

SELECTION:

*Elders are selected by a 2/3rds majority of votes at Annual Meeting.

*Trustees are selected by taking the top 3 vote receivers at the Annual Meeting. (Their responsibility is to carry out the legal requirements of the State on behalf of the church at the direction of the Elders.)

*Auditors are selected by taking the top 2 vote receivers at the Annual Meeting. (They are to audit the church books and all programs every 6 months.)

January 2015 Preaching Schedule

- 4** The ABCs of Financial Success – A-Attitude
~ Don Withrow
- 11** The ABCs of Financial Success – B-Bondage
~ Brandon Morey
- 18** The ABCs of Financial Success – C-Choice
~ Dave Celeskey
- 25** The ABCs of Financial Success – D-Decision
~ Roger Rhodes

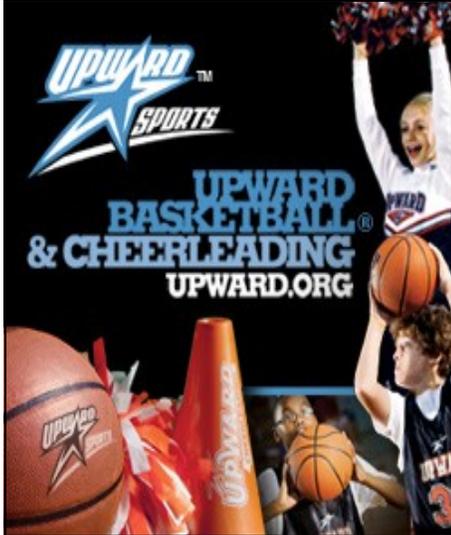
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January Ministry Highlight

UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING HAS ONCE AGAIN ARRIVED AT LSCC!



At the core of this program is the idea to play with purpose. This means that we encourage young people to make smart decisions, improve their physical development, discover their life's purpose through Jesus Christ, and to put others' needs before their own. This is taught in every practice, every drill, every pivot, every pass and shot.

The goal is to become more than just an athlete. We want everyone involved in this program to be introduced to Jesus and to have an opportunity to grow in his or her relationship with Him. Experienced coaches and referees guide players through three stages of athletic growth: game discovery, skill development, and peak

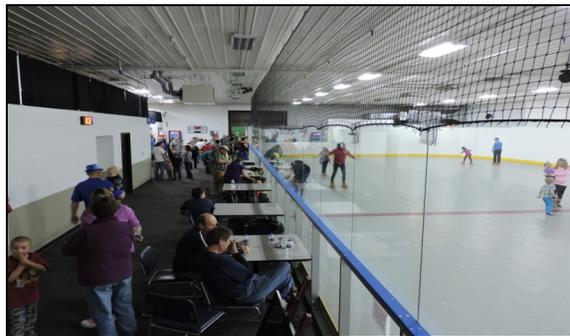
performance, while using the teachings of Christ to foster positive sportsmanship and character.

We here at LSCC have a wonderful opportunity to serve not only the 160 students who registered but their families as well. Would you consider being a part of this season? We have open positions such as refereeing, score-keeping, serving concessions, and sharing a 5 minute devotional during the games on Saturdays at half time.

If you are interested in any of these helpful serving opportunities, please contact brandonm@lscchurch.org or call the church office (249-1431) for more information.



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PARTY AT THE PLEX 2014



Thank you so much to all of the kids who donated groceries to the food pantry. We were able to fill 7 Christmas boxes because of your help. Thank you again and Happy New Year!

In Christian Love ~
Nancy Stoll,
Deacon of the Benevolence Ministry

Book Review

Edge of Honor by Gilbert Morris (fiction) / Review written by April Ellis

A wonderfully descriptive read!

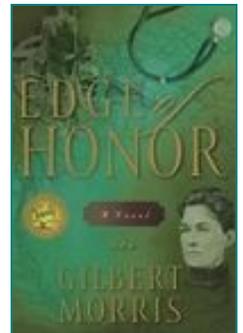
Edge of Honor by Gilbert Morris is a story about an up-and-coming young doctor who lives in Civil and post-Civil War New York City. Quentin Larabee is a surgeon who is set to marry a highly society-conscious Irene Chambers and in doing so, inherit her father's medical

practice. Pulled into helping the wounded close to the front lines, Quentin finds himself pulled into battle. Through his confusion, the young man who was gifted by God to heal, now takes a life. This is a story about honor, respect, doing what is right in the face of adversity, life and redemption.

Your LSCC library is host to many excellent books, all of which sit waiting to be checked out by you, our patrons, each Sunday morning.

If you have a favorite author, we would love to hear about him or her.

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





??? ASK A PASTOR ???

QUESTION: In Romans it says we are justified by faith. In James it says we are justified by works. Which is right?
From: Anonymous

ANSWER: Good question! This question has been asked by many over the years. Are we justified by faith or works? To answer this question, I pose another question: "Is it possible to earn your way into heaven?" The answer to that is a flat no. You can't be good enough, you can't give enough offerings, you can't build enough hospitals, or teach enough Sunday School classes to offset the fact that sin is part of your life and that Christ's blood, shed for you is necessary for salvation. Now we know that this gift, and I use the word gift intentionally, is not something you can barter for. ***For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord-Romans 6:23 NRSV.*** The gift of salvation is free and no number of works can make it any less free. It is by grace alone that you have received it.

So why in James do we see the statement; ***What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?—James 2:14 NRSV*** The free gift of God now seems to come up short. In the book of James, the author claims that faith without works is a "dead faith" so how many works do we need? Is there a quota in our lives? What about those who become believers very late in life? We could keep piling up questions like this but we do not need to. The reason that these questions are irrelevant is that we have a false assumption in this line of questioning. We are assuming that the authors of Romans and James are giving us opposing viewpoints on how to be saved, when in reality James is giving us tell-tale signs and practical ways to show that you are indeed saved.

Basically, the thrust of this is that James does not contradict Romans, but in fact builds on top of it. Romans 5 tells us that yes, we have been justified by faith, but James goes on to tell us that works are an outward display of our faith; that they come out of us and show that our faith is alive. ***What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. —James 2:14-17 ESV***

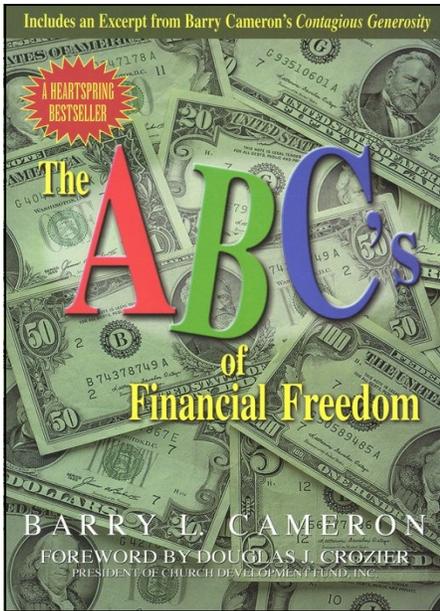
Later in James it goes on to say that it's good you believe there is one God, even the demons believe that, and shudder. (James 2:19) We do not want to be Christians who simply believe and do nothing with our belief. It would be like receiving a great present that we never even open. Our faith allows us to receive the gift but it's our works that let us use that gift in this world. I love what Ephesians says on this and it is my go-to book for resolution on this issue: ***For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.—Ephesians 2:8-9 NRSV***

That is so true! Works have no influence on your salvation. You can't possibly do enough to be saved. Our works do not merit a response from God, but just the opposite. God's gift to us (salvation through Christ Jesus) merits our response! And our response to God's gracious gift is indeed our works.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life—Ephesians 2:10 NRSV. I love the end of that verse where it says "to be our way of life". It reminds me of when Jesus was warning the people about false prophets and claimed that by their fruit you would know them. By the results of their way of life you would know them. Works don't save us, but they can help to define us and set us apart publicly as followers of Christ.

I hope that helps to clear up the question. Maybe it prompted some other questions. Please continue to write in your questions and we here at LSCC will do our best to try and answer them. You can always talk with us one-on-one as well. If you or someone you know has a question that you would like to see the staff answer, please email them to office@lscchurch.org and put "ask a pastor" in the subject line.

Thanks!
David Celeskey, Media Minister



The January 2015 Sermon Series is based on this book by Barry L. Cameron.

“This practical and highly motivating book provides help and encouragement to Christians desiring to practice responsible, God honoring, stewardship. Within the pages of this book, you will discover the Biblical principles that will teach you how to get out from under the burden and bondage of debt, and enable you to declare your own financial independence.”

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please talk to Sara in the church office 249-1431 or office@lsc.tv. The cost of the book is \$10.79 PLUS shipping.

(If more than 3 people order a copy, shipping will be free).

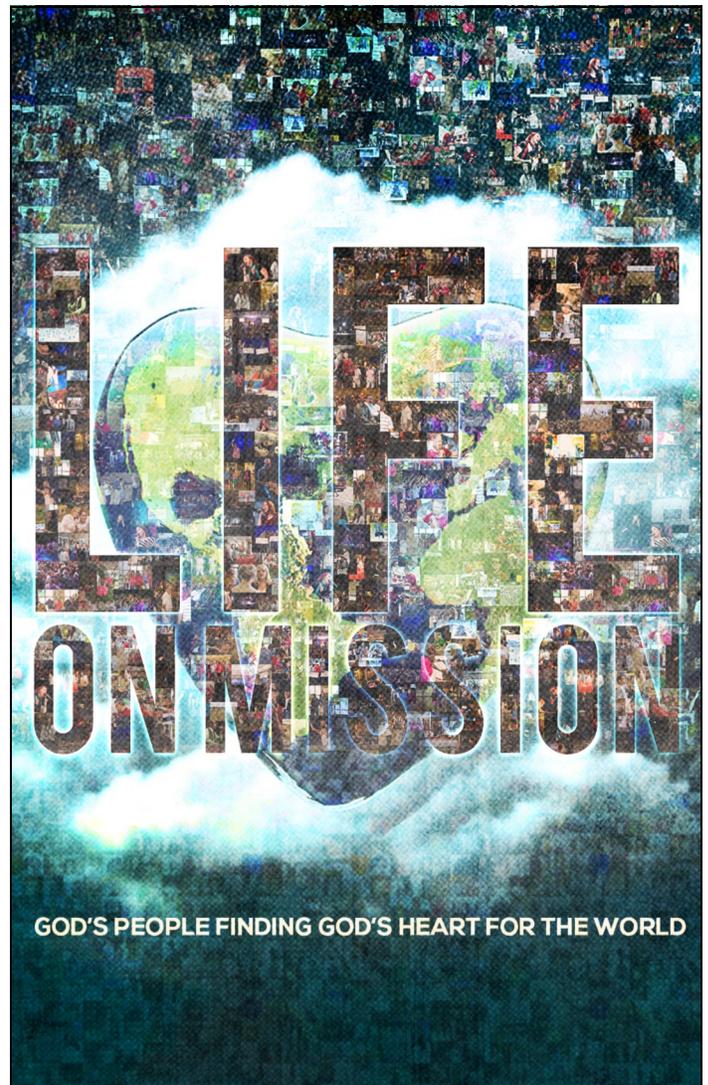
~ Starting Sunday, February 15th ~

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 lifemission@lsc.tv



Guest Central Schedule



January 11	9:15 a.m. Doug Boyle & Wendy Leukuma 10:45a.m. Mary Stunkard & Emily Hagge
January 18	9:15 a.m. Gloria Price & Autumn Trudeau 10:45 a.m. Sarah & Mike Paternoster
January 25	9:15 a.m. Cheryl Schram & Marcia Waters 10:45 a.m. Wendy Schuster & Jennifer Nylander
February 1st	9:15 a.m. Rita Noordyk & Autumn Trudeau 10:45 a.m. Brenda Bickler & Valerie Wrightman



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January 11th

<u>1st service</u> John Bolm Robin Brock Brian Johnson Lou Praznik Tim Tebby Randy Yelle Ben Yelle	<u>2nd service</u> Jim Argeropoulos Steve Barr Jim Beran Mark Farina Jim Kantola Dana Sherry James Smiljanich
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January 18th

<u>1st Service</u> Joel Asher Fred Baij Ed Beauchamp Doug Boyle Bob Hodges	<u>2nd Service</u> Dale Eltman KC Holder Mike Paternoster Tom Rogers Jordan Takalo Tim Takalo Jeffery Trudeau
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January 25th

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

<u>1st Service</u> Joel Asher Fred Baij Ed Beauchamp Doug Boyle Bob Hodges	<u>2nd Service</u> Dale Eltman KC Holder Mike Paternoster Tom Rogers Jordan Takalo Tim Takalo Jeffery Trudeau
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Again, thank you for serving and for continuing to help us give the best we can to God every week!

If you are available to help with either Guest Central or Ushering, please contact the church office at 249-1431 or office@lsc.tv and you will be put in touch with the contact person for that ministry.



December Statistics

	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Worship Attendance	385	410	391	395
Bible School Attendance	67	69	54	46
Operating Fund Budget	\$15,150	\$15,150	\$15,150	\$15,150
Operating Fund Offering	\$18,412.48	\$12,365.25	\$9,873.35	\$23,503.83

UPCOMING EVENTS



We're on the web!
www.lscctv



Women's Event Night
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Lake Superior Christian Church
393 M 553, Marquette

YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE!

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Who you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.
 1 Corinthians 6:19-20




Join your sisters-in-Christ for an evening of fellowship and inspiration with our guest speakers:

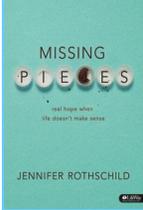
Valerie Olson - Wellness Consultant
Cyndi Souza - Massage Therapist and Fitness Trainer
Erica Griffin, M.D. - Family Physician

- Prayer and praise
- Soul stretching with Cyndi
- Dress ready to move! Awaken your senses with a strength and stretch routine. **Please bring an exercise mat!**
- Presentation on optimal wellness - Disease prevention, including breast cancer prevention, will be addressed. The use of optimal nutrition, safe hormone balancing, detoxification, and stress management will also be discussed.
- Question and Answer session

So then banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body . . .
 Ecclesiastes 11:10

Child care is available if you sign up in Connection Central
 Questions? Call Sarah Schober at 284-1051
 or email: women@lscctv




- January 11th - Worship Choir Meeting 10:40 a.m.
- January 13th - Lydia's Legacy Information Meetings @ 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- January 13th - Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- January 17th - Upward Games Begin
- January 21st - Women's Event Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- January 25th - L.S.C.C. Annual Meeting 12:15 p.m.
- January 27th -  New Tuesday evening Ladies' Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- February 7th - Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.



MISSIONS MOMENT



9 December 2014

The Missions Committee met on the 9th of December with eight members and six visitors present. We did not meet in November due to weather and scheduling problems. We got a report on the past accomplishments and future plans of the SEACM ministry. We also got a report on the status of the hostels in Thailand. Some funding is still needed to bring them into financial stability. We also had 31 newsletters and 3 "thank you" letters to review.

We had letters from the two "Bridge of Hope" children we support. One of the mission team members responds to these children on a regular basis. Gospel for Asia sent an update on one of the missionaries we support in India. These are also posted on the mission's board.

We are blessed with funding and able to send a gift through Gospel for Asia's Christmas Gift Catalog. We helped one of LSCC's missionaries with their need of support. We also made our last Ezekiel gift to Global Radio Outreach for the current year. Your support of missions allowed us to send personal gifts to 11 missionaries we support.

Please take time to look at the mission's board and read the updates from those you help support. There are also many good magazines for you to take and keep up with what God is doing around the world through your giving. Our next meeting is on January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 11. Have a blessed and Happy New Year.



The Committee

Bringing Building Sending