



Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

The Current Word

2018 #1

LNPC and Sabbatical – we've done this before!

"It's not cheap, it is not easy and it is not always fun, but taking time away to ask awakening questions, receive the days God has given, and to profoundly reflect and renew matters. Sabbaticals done well create the space and the freedom to move beyond the chronos time of the clock and live into the kairos time of God."

Ten years ago, we committed to providing a Sabbatical opportunity for our Teaching Elder, Kara. At that time, the Presbytery was just beginning to encourage deliberate Sabbatical for the ongoing health of clergy, and the health of their relationships with their Congregations. Clergy 'burn-out' has become a significant issue throughout the denomination – and all churches. A chaplain-member of COM regularly asks both Teaching Elders and their congregations, "How do you take care of yourself /your Pastor?" Twelve years ago, the Session approved including Sabbatical in the Terms of Call of the 'next' Pastor. That 'next' has now been with us for ten years – perhaps partially due to our ongoing understanding of self-care as being part of the Creation-care so loved by God.

LNPC has committed itself to ministries of hospitality, wholeness, and Sabbath. The spirit of Sabbatical seems a necessary component of that mission. While the *intent* of maintaining work/life boundaries and setting aside Sabbath or reflective time is present, the reality of congregational life rarely provides the space for reflection, for perspective, for renewal. Sabbatical can provide that rest, that reflection, and, hopefully, that renewal, reuniting the Pastor and congregation to new and creative understandings of their roles in God's ceaseless engagement with humankind.

Ron Heifetz encourages leaders to get off the dance floor and into the balcony to gain clarity on situations from a broader perspective before re-entering the dance.

We are approaching our second official experience of Sabbatical! We have entered with less trepidation than we did five years ago. We can do this! We *have done* this! Last fall, the Pastor and Session met to outline a plan. A Task Force is working to ensure that bases are covered, continuity is experienced – particularly in Worship, and the 'flock' will be tended. But this time, we have the gift of funding through the Lilly Foundation! Kara and a group of creative writers in our midst proposed an ambitious but restorative vision to the Foundation – finding that place where our hearts sing. While Kara seeks heart-singing in Europe, retreat, and the normalcy of life, the congregation will explore what 'heart-singing' looks like in our lives, with our families and community.

Sabbatical leave for pastors and church educators is a planned time of intensive enhancement for ministry and mission. ... This "extended time" is qualitatively different from "vacation" or "days off." It is an opportunity for the individual to strategically disengage from regular and normal tasks so that ministry and mission may be viewed from a new perspective because of a planned time of focus. Sabbatical leave is an extension of the biblical concept of a Sabbath day and a Sabbath year for renewal. It is both an act of faith that God will sustain us through a period of reflection and changed activity and an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies.

SABBATICAL BEGINS AUGUST 1!

Kara's Plans

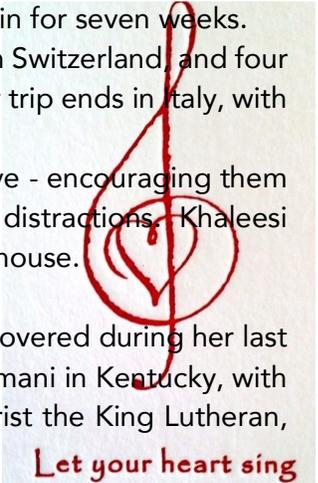
For three months, Kara will immerse herself in experiences that take her out of her roles and work, to reconnect with God, herself, those she loves, and the world, through extended travel in Europe with her family, reflective, creative time alone at home, and a silent retreat.

The Roots will begin their travels with ten days in Berlin, where Andy will teach a class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the Bonhoeffer Haus, and Kara and the kids will explore the city (and their roots!). From there they will head to Paris, where they have booked an apartment in St. Germain for seven weeks. Some side trips from Paris include London, a one day hike between two villages in Switzerland, and four days in Taize to worship at the monastery with folks from all over the world. Their trip ends in Italy, with a few days each in Venice and Florence.

The kids will start school a month late, and their schools are being very supportive - encouraging them to explore and learn a lot, and not saddling them with math worksheets or other distractions. Khaleesi will be looked after by two different month-long dogsitters who will stay at their house.

When they return, Kara will have one month remaining of sabbatical.

Some of that will be at home, with some work again at the mosaic studio she discovered during her last sabbatical. One week in October will be spent at Abbey of our Lady of Gethesemani in Kentucky, with her pastor group (Phil from Edgcumbe, Jodi from Humble Walk, Peter from Christ the King Lutheran, and Jamie from Bryn Mawr).



Let your heart sing

Our plans

Sabbatical is a gift to us as well. We have some money and flexibility to play with, as we ask, "What would make our hearts sing?" On June 3 we will begin fleshing out our plans, but so far the idea is that we build in things that help us focus on the "belonging to each other" part of things. Worship will happen on six Sundays, which Lisa will lead, as she preaches through our series on Grace and focuses on "Grace in time and space." Our Six Saturday of Sabbaticals will take the form of "field trip church" for all ages. We have some initial ideas - like a service at the Minnesota Zoo, a service on a lake, and service projects for the neighborhood. These plans will take more concrete form in the next few weeks. There will be one 5th Sunday in sabbatical.

Many of Kara's responsibilities will be divided up between Lisa, staff and elders, but there are ways **you can contribute** to the congregation during sabbatical! There is a sign-up sheet at the church building with several ways to pitch in, such as coordinating kid ushers during worship, sending Krysta poems or prayers for the weekly announcements, bringing donuts to one of the monthly 'coffee and donuts,' and readying the sanctuary for worship on Sundays. We also have committed to Praying for the Nation, a practice we've done every Friday morning since January 2016. There is a sign-up sheet to lead that as well. *Please join us after worship this Sunday, June 3, for our sabbatical conversation.*

Leave-taking, Returning and In-between

July 29 is a 5th Sunday Waffle Worship! It's the perfect time to connect and commission one another to this time set apart, three months of joy, adventure, curiosity, and belonging. We will welcome Kara back in worship on November 4, with a worship service of reunion and storytelling.

November 9-11 we are holding an All-Church Post Sabbatical Retreat at Clearwater Forest. This retreat is part of the grant award, so it is steeply discounted (with additional scholarships available), and the intention is that the whole congregation attend. We have booked out both Eagle's Nest and Leaning Tree Lodge, with fully accessible personal (or family, or friend group) rooms, and no cooking expected from anyone but the camp staff. We will arrange carpool transportation so that all may attend. Rev. Phil

GebbenGreen from Edgcumbe will lead us in some reflection and conversation, but much of the retreat will be to play, rest, and reconnect as a congregation. The value of this time set apart as we come back together cannot be overstated. **Please register ASAP** - we would love to have arrangements for this mostly in place before Sabbatical begins.

During Sabbatical we will not have contact with Kara, as part of our practice of trust. This gives her space to truly step away, and reminds both her and us that we are the ministers, and God is our guide. This means Kara will not use her church email account, and will not be accessible via social media or phone. If there is a pastoral emergency, Lisa will handle it. Kara would like to be notified if someone passes away, but will not conduct the funeral. We will be praying for Kara, and she will be praying for us; we trust God to hold us all. What wonderful things will the Spirit teach us and grow in us while we are apart? We new and deeper things will God be readying us for when we are reunited?

*May God bless the journey on which we will embark
– and open us to all the possibilities it will hold.*

We worship together – apart or in shared space, we all share in the ‘space’ of God .
During the next liturgical year, we seek Grace in our worship, hospitality, and Sabbath:



**Grace Encountered
Summer 2018**

**Grace in Space and Time
Sabbatical 2018**

**Grace Embodied
Advent 2018**

**Grace in Presence
Epiphany 2019**

**Grace in Absence
Lent 2019**

**Grace Released
Easter - Pentecost 2019**

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR INTERNS:

The last time we shared news in a Current Word, we included introductions for Shannon and Katie as they were launching into their ministries with us. And now it's time to celebrate the time concluded, and send them off to the next chapters in their lives.



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(the kids are bigger now!)



SHANNON will be continuing her studies toward an M.Div. through Luther Seminary, and her (now permanent) position of Assistant Chaplain at Carleton College in Northfield. Hopefully the trip up Cedar Ave. will be an occasional part of her schedule – or look her up when you head south!

KATIE will be heading East to enroll at Princeton Seminary!! (wonder where she got that idea?) After 'breaking in' to youth ministry with our kids, she'll be well-prepared to hear God's call in this next chapter!

Come Celebrate their ministries with us after church, Sunday, June 3.

Both Shannon and Katie participated in national conferences during the year, supported by a grant from presbytery that helped with travel expenses. Here are their insights/learnings, as shared with the Mission and Witness Committee of presbytery [edited]:

Shannon:

I received this grant in order to attend the National Youth Workers Convention in Memphis. However, early on the morning of my planned departure, I was notified of a family emergency that ultimately led me to cancel my trip at the very last minute.

Therefore, I made plans to attend a different conference, the Cathedral in the Night Training Institute.. This Institute focused on preparing individuals to successfully plant and lead Christian street ministries that focus on offering worship, community, food, fellowship and support for individuals experiencing food and housing insecurity, and quite often, severe mental illness and/or drug and alcohol addiction. The Institute focused not only on the theological perspectives that are relevant to providing these kinds of communities, but also to the very practical matter of precisely how to build the communities from the group up.

This project, although it culminated in a way that I had not initially intended, was nonetheless a wonderful opportunity for me to continue actively discerning my future path in ministry. At a time when Protestant denominations in the United States are facing declining numbers of congregants, information related to forming new kinds of Christian community, is invaluable.

This project also offered me the opportunity to receive constructive mentoring and care from my internship supervisors at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church. Rev. Lisa Larges and Rev. Kara Root were deeply understanding of my last-minute need to cancel the trip to Memphis, and were supportive of my

desire to attend a different conference instead. Their encouragement and understanding allowed me to use the experience as an opportunity for personal earning and ministerial growth.

Without this Mission and Witness Grant, I would not have been able to undertake these two particular experiences of learning during my internship. First, I was able to use this experience to gain valuable wisdom about how to effectively balance my personal and ministerial life, and how to offer myself care in the midst of a challenging situation. Second, without the grant, I would not have attended the conference ... that allowed me to further clarify the ways that God is calling me to participate in the changing role of the Church in the world. I am grateful for the growth and discernment opportunity that this grant provided.

Katie:

This project was very successful. I wanted to learn more practical activities to do with the youth. I also wanted to learn about different approaches to youth ministry. This was accomplished, and I was able to use the things I learned to create a more engaging atmosphere for the youth... I attended a workshop ... with Lilly Lewin, a worship curator, who brings in art and other creative experiences into worship. [In having the youth draw with their feet, in Lewin-esque style], I tried to bring the experience of Pentecost to a concrete reality for the youth.



June 24 – July 1 our youth group, Owen, Maisy, and Soren, will be heading down to a beautiful spot outside Kansas City to attend Youthfront Summer Camp. Our Youth Intern, Katie, will be meeting them there and serving as a camp counselor for the week. Please hold them in prayer that week – each one individually – that God would meet them in a special way.

Pray safety for their travel and blessings for their experience.

Thank you for Praying for the Congregation for Two Minutes a Day in May!

Since we began praying, we have signed on another church to use our basement! This is a small group of 15 youth and 10 adults, who will be there Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We have also welcomed in a group of women clergy who will be meeting weekly, and arranged to rent out the labyrinth for a nursing conference. We updated our fee formula for space-sharers and reminded them of summer building stuff. (Remember May began in deep snow?!?) We had a small turnout for church clean-up day and wondered about the future maintaining this space with the available people power we possess, and what creative opportunities may be in our future around that. Kara met with the pastor of Calvary Lutheran and the Director of Sacred Ground, starting to build bridges into new possibilities of space use and collaboration. We have applied for two grants during the month of May that could bring wonderful things to the life of the congregation [see last page]. We celebrated Pentecost, had a fabulous (1st Annual?) Church Talent Show, dreamed about a Little Free Garden, and the worship team had a retreat and planned out themes for the next year. We remembered that we belong to God, and we belong to each other, and that this is God's ministry in which we are participating.

From **Ben Masters**, as a response to the "Two Minutes a Day in May" prayer discipline:

"Dear Lake Nokomis family, I've been praying alongside you all this month, thanking God for you and opening myself to God as you all are doing. This gift* is God's answer to my prayer. Blessings and so much love!"

*online contribution

(If you recall, in the last newsletter it was Ben in the mortarboard!
This spring it's Hiera!)



Every Friday morning...

we hold a 30 minute service of prayer for our nation. Sometimes there are several of us gathered. Sometimes it's just one. But every week we hold the space. With scripture, meditation, silence and intercession, we move from tension to trust, from worry to hope, in grief, gratitude and grace.

And we gradually pray through our country, a few people and groups each time, as we feel led. We are not rushed. We are in this for the long haul. It's an abundant God with love for all, and there's enough need that we can see a bit of it each week and hold these in love for now. For now.

And when we blow out the candles, we leave in peace.



THIS SPACE WE SHARE:

Every summer we check in with our building-sharers. Here are some things about which we connected with them this week, that are good for **all** of us to know:

Updated donation formula: We've set some perimeters to determine donation amounts. The suggested donation amount is \$5/person per half day (ie, 1-4 hours is \$5/person, and 4-8 hours is \$10/person), with a per room minimum of \$20. (Nokomis Hall is negotiated separately, and party rentals for the basement pay for 12 hours access, \$375 plus \$100 damage deposit. Long-term renters pay monthly rates). Groups who have the ability to pay more are welcome to contribute more, as it helps us welcome groups with less capacity to pay. These donation suggestions assist with, but do not cover, the costs of building use, so all amounts are welcome.

Summertime Reminders:

- As we move into warm weather, a reminder for security purposes, **do not leave the front door propped open**. (Some strategies groups have used include leaving a cell number taped to the front door, or posting a greeter to let folks in).
- **If you use the AC in the Gathering Room, please remember to turn it off**. We have already had our first problem with that this week.
- Please be sure when you leave that **windows are closed, lights are turned off, and rooms are left clean** and welcoming for the next group.
- If your event produces a large amount of **trash, please take it with you**, to help us be hospitable to our neighbors and prevent our alley from accumulating too much garbage. Please also note recycling and compost bins around the building.
- If there are problems in the building or questions about use of the space, please contact Gary Johnson, 651-454-2391, or during business hours, Krysta at 651-721-4463.

Do you know each other? We have such a fun and eclectic mix of space sharers! Our regulars this summer are: Field Regina Northrup Neighborhood Group, Mark Carlson (the artist whose studio space is in our basement), Amigos del las Americas, Girl Scouts, two different yoga groups, Comulent Shakespeare Co, a weekly improv. class, City of David (support for women leaving prostitution), a weekly small group of female clergy, an office used by various spiritual directors, Sixth Discipline (an investment group), Central Community Church, and La Leche League, with the potential of a few more in the mix in

the coming weeks. We also host, each summer, a week-long Movie Camp for kids from St. Joseph's Home for Children, so watch for them in August. Each group that uses the space brings their own spirit and energy; what a gift it is to have all that life in the building! When you pass each other, say hi.

Thank you for all the connection and beauty each of you are contributing in this world in your unique ways. It is a blessing for us to be able to provide space for that.



MONEY & US

It's good to remind ourselves from time to time of the commitments we have made. Our budget for the year, approved at the annual meeting, set our anticipated revenues and expenses for 2018. How are we doing?

Well, through April, our receipts were about \$9,000 less than we anticipated (to balance our budget), and our expenses were about \$1,000 under their budgeted amounts. We withdrew \$4,000 from our 'Endowment/Reserve' account to make ends meet, but are walking a razor's edge.

Receipts (not designated)	Expenses	2018 thru April
Weekly/congregational giving		35,463
Building Use (mostly)		8,291
LL Congregational Care/other reimbursements		3,925
Lilly Grant reimbursements		900
TOTAL RECEIPTS		48,579
	Salaries	38,888
	Building	11,054
	Committees	2,291
	Tithes	2,707
	TOTAL EXPENSES	54,940
NET		(6,361)
RESERVE FUNDS WITHDRAWN		4,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES (outstanding/designated) *		4,303

* includes Food Pantry, building maintenance fund, PCUSA mission, Per Capita, etc.

April was our last month of hosting Iglesias Fuego Pentecostes, as they found a new church home where first-floor worship space was available to them (and there's great parking, too). We pray for the Spirit to move in the life of Fuego Pentecostes and in that of LNPC, as we are open to others who may be able to use the space of this building.

Tithing is one strategy to deepen our trust. We do it *because* it is not easy. We do it *because* it is counter-intuitive. There may be other strategies to deepen our trust in the future – Sabbatical being one of them. In all these, it's our job to keep on paying attention to what God is doing, and being willing to continue adapting and joining in God's ministry bravely and faithfully with all we've been given.

Some 2018 tithes were distributed in conjunction with April's Fifth Sunday Waffle Worship, and we were able to hear directly from those to whom we contributed. Each of them had been on our 'tithes list' in 2017, and we were able to learn directly from their leaders just how they were fulfilling their missions among us.

Marnita and Lauren were with us from **Marnita's Table**. With a focus on table hospitality, they invite people to open to one another about differences – learning to talk, engage, and truly *hear* one another with a spirit of openness and readiness to learn. Most of their work is with corporate and governmental organizations opening themselves to honest conversation about diversity. Food is **always** involved!

Chaplain Amy Teske was here from **St. Joseph's Home for Children**, sharing the healing that happens with her kids when they interact with nature through their garden. She now has a number of Master Gardeners working with her and the children to cultivate a bountiful harvest, which the children also get to prepare and share.

Sandy Aslaksen, Executive Director, was with us from **Our Savior's Housing**. OSH is a shelter/transitional housing/education skills program provider. Shelter folk there are regularly served dinner by LNPC folks. They do amazing work with those on the margins – those in need of life's basics for a period. Working always with love and recognizing the dignity of their clients, people's lives are stabilized and supported.

What if I tithed?

Some of us already tithe, others of us have never thought about it. Here is a chart of what tithing might look like for you:

Monthly Giving		
Annual Income	10%	5%
\$ 20,000	\$ 167	\$ 84
40,000	333	167
60,000	500	250
80,000	667	333
100,000	840	417
150,000	1,250	625
200,000	1,667	840

Giving and Sharing

Giving, no matter how much, is always a way of living in gratitude. Sharing what we have with others reminds us we are God's beloved children, and that we all belong to each other. And it feels great. Every time we practice generosity, we are reminded again *who* and *whose* we are.

Per capita apportionment for 2018

Presbytery has set per capita at **\$34.50** for 2018. This funds operations of our national and regional bodies – General Assembly, the regional Synod, and our local (65 congregation) Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. To date, about \$220 has been contributed, designated for per capita (that's not quite seven people – out of about 90 of us...). All that is not given specifically is covered out of General Funds of the congregation.

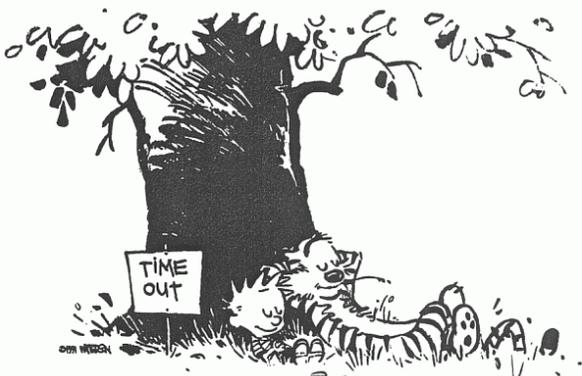
LNPC has just applied for two grants!

The first, a proposal called *"True Hospitality,"* is to the Presbytery, requesting funds to turn one of our main floor bathrooms into a fully accessible, unisex restroom, and, if granted two years worth of funds, to widen doors on the Gathering Room and renovate the second main floor bathroom. We want our space to be able to welcome all people. As we look ahead to a Capital Campaign and a lift or elevator, this smaller project could be done this year, and help jumpstart momentum toward having a fully accessible building to serve the community. We will find out at the end of July or beginning of August if we are awarded this grant.

The second is a Lilly grant for an exciting project that would be housed out of LNPC called *"Pastoring the Sacred in a Secular Age."* Session is enthusiastic about this possibility for the ways it builds on our calling to support other congregations, sparking their imaginations for new ways to notice and join more intentionally in the ministry God is already doing in and through them. The project would be led by Kara, Andy, and Pastor David Wood from Chicago, and would draw from Andy's book that comes out next year, *The Pastor in a Secular Age*, (the second of three in his series, *Ministry in a Secular Age*,). It starts with the premise that religion has undergone great changes and our secular age now has little room for the idea of a personal God. Combine that with a culture that sees success as notoriety, financial gain and upward mobility, and small churches, aging congregations, and shrinking budgets go directly against our cultural understanding of thriving. This makes being a pastor today incredibly challenging, and keeps congregations stuck in anxious strategies for survival with practices that increasingly do not connect to people's daily lives.

This project is designed to take two groups of pastors inside the conditions shaping faith and ministry today, through a combination of small group gatherings, travel experiences, collaboration, and dreaming up and fleshing out new ideas. We think the pastors and congregations involved will be renewed and encouraged, with deeper understanding of our current age and imaginations ignited for ministry. We believe God always moves in impossibility to bring new life, so we are eager to watch that happen for other pastors and churches. The five year project ends with each of the churches involved doing some kind of activity, program, event that directly engages the challenging environment we are living in today, with creative innovation. The pastors would come to LNPC, and we would host a TED talk style event where they shared about their congregation's experience and learning. It would bring us a bit of income, and expand our network with other churches seeking to do ministry in a real and tangible way, and build a partnership with Luther Seminary who is eager to learn from this project. Because we are a small church, LNPC both feels the conditions of a secular age acutely, honestly engages real life experiences to seek God together; this inspires other congregations to do the same. That's why we believe we are uniquely situated to host this project, and (though only 6% of applicants will) we really hope we get this grant! We will find out in October.

Please hold LNPC in prayer as we await word on these two grants.



This summer our Saturday evening services take place in the (air-conditioned) Gathering Room. Join us for all-ages gatherings of bible study, conversation, art and music, including something new: chanting the Psalms. Here's a bit more about what that is:

CHANTING THE PSALMS

By Richard Rohr

Chant is singing our prayers. Chant is vocal meditation.

Chant is the breath made audible in tone. Chant is discovering Spirit in sound.

—Robert Gass

My colleague, Center for Action and Contemplation faculty member Cynthia Bourgeault, sees the psalms as a powerful prophetic art form . . . that was always intended to be sung, not simply read. It is in the singing that something deeper is revealed. Cynthia writes in her book Chanting the Psalms:

The word *psalm*, of course means “song.” Technically there is no such thing, then, as a spoken psalm. That would be an oxymoron, like a two-wheeled tricycle. But if psalms are really songs, that means we need to sing them. Which brings us to the awkward matter of making friends with our singing voice.

Many of us carry the lifelong shame of having been told we do not have a singing voice, and therefore assumed that our right to sing was forever imprisoned by the voice of judgment that first declared it unworthy. The damage done is not just to our instrument of musical expression and exploration, but to that of spiritual expression and exploration as well.

When we work with our voice, we work with the core elements out of which the world came into being and through which it is sustained: breath, tone, intentionality, and community. These four elements can serve as sacred tools to explore the mystery of creation with something other than our minds! A whole different part of your being is engaged, and a whole different intelligence and perceptivity flows from this engagement.

It's easy to fake our speaking voice. We can manufacture hearty tones, imposing authority, or superficial cordiality. The speaking voice also quickly takes on all the artificialities and constrictions of our personality.

From time to time I try an experiment where I ask each person to introduce themselves with “hello, my name is. . . .” Then I introduce the plot twist: “Ok, let's do the same exercise again—only this time, *chant* the “hello, my name is. . . .” I demonstrate a monotone chant, and off we go.

The results range from hilarious to poignant, depending on your take. It is typically a total unmasking of whatever we've just heard. Some voices that seem shy and retiring take on a beautiful, resonant timbre, and people look at each other in newfound appreciation. Some of the heartiest of the speakers turn out to be all bluff, struggling to find a wavering note as if suddenly exposed.

What is happening? The greatest challenge in sacred chanting is the same as its greatest opportunity:

it strips away the masks and forces us to work with what's real.



**At its most simple, church means
living that we belong to God and we belong to each other.**

And we live in the Grace of God.

“Basically, grace is God’s first name, and probably last too. *Grace is what God does to keep all things he has made in love and alive – forever.* Grace is God’s official job description. Grace is not something God gives; grace is who God is. If we are to believe the primary witnesses, an unexplainable goodness is at work in the universe.”

- Richard Rohr, from *Immortal Diamond*

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RE-VISION STATEMENT
(as approved following the reVision
process, October 2007)

LNPC seeks to

- become a beacon of hope and a place of sanctuary
- reach out to the needs of neighbors, sharing our selves and our resources.

Session: Session has responsibility for administration/building, worship, education, life of the community, and personnel – basically everything that isn’t decided by the congregation as a whole. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, interests, or anything you’d like to share, please talk with a Session member!

Upcoming and Inside:

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- o Two Minutes a Day in May – what happened?
- o Summer Worship
- o Sabbatical is almost here...
- o Worship themes for the coming year
- o Grants completed, grants in progress, and grants on the horizon!

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"True hospitality is welcoming the stranger on her own terms. This kind of hospitality can only be offered by those who've found the center of their lives in their own hearts."

– *Henri Nouwen*

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