

LAKE LOUISE NEWSLETTER

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From the ED's Window

"Preach the gospel always. If necessary, use words." – St. Francis of Assisi
"It is more important to be kind than to be right." – Dr. Wm. Richardson, president emeritus of Johns Hopkins University and the Kellogg Foundation
"How you behave matters more than what you say." – Elwyn & Mabel Maatman (my parents...)

Certainly because of my upbringing, and yes, as one who taught applied ethics to college students, I think that what one does matters more than what one believes. I put less stock in orthodoxy – the quality, "rightness" or conventionality of what one believes – than I do in orthopraxis – trying to know and do the right thing. Protestant heresy, perhaps, and certainly pragmatic, but an attitude of orthopraxis just plain gets more done in the service of doing the right thing and making a contribution. The tension and balance between right belief and right action has defined much of the history of the Church. An emphasis on right belief has often helped the Church correct its course at critical times, but has also been the source of strife. An emphasis on right action marshals energy to build the Kingdom of God, but has also demonstrated a need for more careful thought. In the end, intelligent orthopraxis gains my respect and attention before orthodoxy.

Lake Louise thrives because of its orthopractitioners, volunteers committed to making a contribution and trying to do the right thing. Last year 150 volunteer camp counselors gave 21,600 hours (equal to 10 years of full-time work!) serving as reliable guides for the faith journeys of more than 650 campers. Halsted Lodge exists in large measure because of 16 cottager volunteers from around the lake. During the month of May we host a series of work groups, some of which have been coming here for more than 25 years, helping us to get the camp ready for the summer. Donors – financial volunteers – have contributed \$663,000 toward our Capital Campaign. Our Camp Store is staffed by cottagers from around the lake. The list goes on.

How does God enter the world? For persons of faith it is often through our energy in the world. How does God become real and present? Often through our own two hands. What defines the "Lake Louise experience" for our campers and retreats? Yes, the beauty of our wooded hills and spring-fed waters, but more than anything else, it is the willingness of people to engage in the practice of their faith, to put word into action.

This week, thank the volunteers in your life. Volunteer some time to make someone else's life a little better. St. Francis would be proud.

-Vaughn Maatman
Executive Director

Golf Scramble & Dinner

Saturday, August 6, Black Bear Golf Club
Open to all LLCC friends, cottagers and their guests. Tee time 1 pm (arrive by noon). Dinner for golfers and non-golfers alike at 6 pm. Reservations required (call the LLCC office; 231-549-2728), cost and details TBD Coordinators: "Birdie" Bill Mate, "Krusher" Karl Janka and "Go-for-it" Kathy Gilbert.

COMMUNITY

POTLUCK:

Saturday, June 26, 5:30 pm, LLCC Retreat Center. Reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages, tableware and dessert will be provided. The Camp Store will be open so you can get the latest in Lake Louise fashions for your summer. This will also serve as the first Cottagers' Council meeting. Vaughn Maatman, Lake Louise's Executive Director, will give his annual "State of the Lake" presentation.

CYBER CAFÉ:

Need WI-FI? The Cyber Café in the Retreat Center Lounge will open 9-11:30 am, Monday through Friday, June 20 through September 2. Bring your own laptop. The coffee pot is on.

DIRECTORY

UPDATE:

Changed your mailing address, phone number or email address? Get your new information for the Cottagers' Directory to Tom Crowe in the LLCC Office by June 15; 231-549-2728 or tcrowe@lakelouisecommunity.org

L2+W3=FUN!

Lake Louise and a Water Wonderland Weekend add up to FUN! This is a weekend for all of our friends and community members, Friday-Sunday, July 8-10, 2011. Put these events on your calendar now.

Community Connect: Food and Fun from Seven 'til Sunset

Friday, July 8, 7-9 pm, Charlevoix County Park, east end of the lake.

Bring a snack to share, a beverage of your own, beach games if you'd like, and lawn chairs for lounging with friends old and new.

Run n' Walk

Saturday, July 9, 9 am, Camp Athletic Field

Grab your running or walking shoes and your water bottle. Join family, friends and neighbors for a little morning exercise on a 5K route down Pioneer Trail.

Choir Camp Concert Saturday

July 9, 10 am, Horner Center at the Camp

A concert by the child and youth choirs of Choir Camp for parents and cottagers.

Cook-out and Cook-off

Saturday, July 9, 12-1:30pm.

When is the last time you got a hot dog or hamburger for \$1?? This is the time! Share a picnic lunch at yesteryear's prices in the center of camp overlooking the lake. See what's new at the camp and celebrate the winner of the Chili Cook-off (Guidelines for the Chili Cook-off can be picked up at the office or on the website:

www.lakelouisecommunity.org)

Forestry at Lake Louise

Saturday, July 9, 1:30 pm, Horner Center at the Camp

Ever wonder about the forestry operation around the lake? Bryce Metcalf, Lake Louise's certified forester, will give a presentation on Lake Louise's 10-year Forest Stewardship Plan and forestry practices around the lake, followed by a field trip to a recent timber harvest site.

Boat Parade

Saturday, July 9, 4 pm, starting from the Camp waterfront.

Paddle, row, motor or sail around the lake – or watch from your dock – along with your neighbors to celebrate our lake and enjoy the recreation it provides.

Worship at the Firebowl

Sunday, July 10, 10:30 am, Camp Firebowl.

Join us for worship at the water's edge at the Camp Firebowl. Boat worshipers welcome.

Sailing Regatta

Sunday, July 10, 3 pm

Novice and expert sailors alike are invited to vie for the coveted Lake Louise Cup.

LOUISE'S CONSERVATION CORP:

The community, camp and retreat center at Lake Louise operate with a host of volunteers – readying the camp, repairing cabins, the camp store, community events, construction projects. Our ministry could not operate without them. Louise's Conservation Corp is the group of cottagers and friends who make all of this happen. Give something back and enjoy the camaraderie of others doing something good. Contact Myke Sherman, Lake Louise's Operations Director at 231-549-2728.

GOURMET COOKING & DINING FOR COTTAGERS:

Cook and dine with a pro! Lake Louise has a chef – not a cook - a chef. After her French training and years as the Executive Chef at the Michaywe Inn and Treetops Resort, Deb Van Till directs Lake Louise's food service, along with running her own catering business, The Secret Ingredient. On Saturday, July 23 and Sunday August 14, Deb will teach a gourmet cooking class for cottagers, preparing a candlelight dinner that participants have made together. Deb's specializes in using the freshest locally grown produce and meats. \$30.00 per participant. Call 231-549-2728 to sign up – and hurry – space is limited.

Memorial Garden

At its April 15 meeting the Board of Trustees appointed Millie Janka as the new chairperson of the Memorial Garden Committee. A committee of the Board, the MGC has oversight of the gardens around Strong Chapel and their place in Lake Louise's ministry. Many cottagers, local community members, and former campers have been inhumed there. For information about Lake Louise's Memorial Garden or Grove visit www.lakelouisecommunity.org or obtain a copy of the procedures from the office.

Lean to Kayak - Free!

These sessions are intended for "apprentice paddlers" but are open to anyone who wants to try kayaking or learn to paddle more efficiently. Kayakers will learn the basics, including about different kinds of kayaks, paddles, and standard paddling strokes. Classes begin at 9:30 am on July 6, July 20 and August 10, with each class building on the class before. Lake Louise will supply the kayaks, paddles and lifevests, or bring your own gear. Each day will include on-the-water practice, with progressively longer trips each time. Wear footwear that can get wet and come to have fun!

Hazardous Waste and Clean-up Dumpsters

Drop off your hazardous waste – household chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints or stains (not latex), batteries, and old computers – at the maintenance garage at the camp on June 9th and 10th, and at the end of the season on September 8th and 9th. Lake Louise staff will collect your poisons and bring them to the Charlevoix County Hazardous Waste Collection. No tires, please.

Kirk Halsted and the Cottagers' Council will once again provide summer clean-up dumpsters on the north and south sides of the lake June 25th – July 4th. Stay tuned as to locations and what materials can be accepted.

Gentle Yoga

Back by popular demand, gentle yoga for freeing the joints, learning classic yoga postures and guided relaxation. Taught by Certified Hatha Yoga Instructor Sandi Jones, who has practiced and taught yoga for over 20 years in the Gaylord area. Those who took her class last summer were very pleased, brought visitors and extended Sandi's classes into August. Sessions will meet at 10:30-11:45 in the Retreat Center at the camp each Wednesday in July (July 6, 13, 20, 27). \$36 for the four week series, or \$10 for drop-ins. Six participants are needed for the series. Register by June 29th by calling the Lake Louise Office at 231-549-2728.

Leases, Permits & Boundaries

Yes, the new 50-year lease is still available for just \$150. Contact the LLCC office at 231-549-2728.

Yes, Lake Louise has building regulations that cover additions, decks, garages, and other changes to structures around the lake, and such changes require obtaining a building permit from Hudson Township *and* Lake Louise. Get a copy of the regulations at the website at www.lakelouisecommunity.org or at the LLCC office. Permits should be requested from Myke Sherman, Operations Director.

Yes, you may have the boundary between your lot and your neighbors' marked with a ground-level concrete monument and rod, and plotted with GPS \$125, installed by LLCC staff.

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Summer Worship at Tennant Chapel, Sundays, 10:30 am

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| June 26 | Ben Boruff, Mission Intern and member of the UMC Call to Action Steering Committee |
| July 3 | Vaughn Maatman, Executive Director, Lake Louise |
| July 10 | Mark Spaw, District Superintendent, Ann Arbor District, worship will be in the Firebowl |
| July 17 | David Hills, District Superintendent, Heartland District, and LLCC camp counselor |
| July 24 | Phil Friedrich, pastor Alma UMC, LLCC Board of Trustees member |
| July 31 | Eric Kieb, pastor Good Shepard of the North UMC, Roscommon |
| August 7 | Paul Perez, Deacon, Newburg UMC, Director of Justice for our Neighbors Program |
| August 14 | Rebecca Farnum, student MSU, Young People's Preacher at General Conference |
| August 21 | Ellen Brubaker, former UMC pastor and D.S., Lake Louise cottager |
| August 28 | Terry Gladstone, UMC Deacon, Program Development Specialist at Lake Louise |
| September 4 | Deb Johnson, pastor of Sturgis UMC, LLCC Board of Trustees member |

Meeting Dates (all meetings in the Retreat Center)

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| LLCC Board of Trustees Meeting | June 10, 9 am |
| Cottagers' Council Town Hall Meeting | July 20, 7 pm |
| LLCC Board of Trustees Meeting | August 12, 9 am |
| Cottagers' Council – last meeting in summer | August 13, 10 am Retreat Center |

It's not too late to sign-up children or grandchildren for camp!

Sign your child or grandchild for camp at Lake Louise this summer. See full elementary, middle school & senior high camp descriptions at www.lakelouisecommunity.org. Register online with a credit card, or download the forms and send them in.