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# LEWIS LAKE NEWS

OUR MISSION IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY  
PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE,  
AND DISCIPLE THE BELIEVERS TO BECOME  
MATURE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

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# Protecting the Church

by Joe Reed

In a recent sermon, I posed the question, “What would we do if our church got stormed by protesters?” I posed it because I’d been thinking about it, and it turns out many of you have been thinking about it too. What I love about my conversations with you is that you have a desire to respond in a distinctly Christian way. So, I’m going to do my best think further about this question with you, as Christianly as possible, and in the process I want to make six observations.

## Turn your Cheek

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.”*

*Matthew 5:38-39*

These famous words from Jesus’s Sermon on the Mount are part of a section in which Jesus assaults the religious tradition of his day by repeatedly using the phrase, “*you have heard it said... but I say to you.*” Using this formula, Jesus tells us how we should act in the face of anger (5:21-26), lust (27-30), divorce (31-32), oaths (33-37), retaliation (38-42), and our enemies (43-48). The overall point is that members of God’s Kingdom behave differently than ordinary people. They control their anger and their lust, honor their marriage covenants, their word can be trusted, they aren’t obsessed with revenge, and they seek the wellbeing of people opposed to them.

The proper or even default Christian posture in the face of hostility and even violence (cheek slapping) is peaceful endurance, not an immediate desire for revenge. James wrote to some very wealthy and corrupt people, “*You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.*” (James 5:6). The posture of nonresistance highlights and magnifies the injustice of the aggressors.

## Love your enemy

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.”*

*Matthew 5:43-45a*

“Enemies” and “those who persecute you” refer to the same people. A couple observations: First, it’s okay to say we have enemies. If we’re going to love our enemies, we must have enemies to love. It’s okay to acknowledge the reality that some people are opposed to everything we stand for and want to

bring us harm. But Jesus said our attitude toward them should be one of love (which they don’t deserve) not hate (which they do deserve). Here, loving an enemy means praying for his well-being, even though he wants to destroy us. Why would we do that? Because our Father in heaven loves his enemies. God loves people who hate him, and sent His Son to die for them – people like we once were.

## Love your neighbor

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”*

*“And who is my neighbor?”*

*Luke 10:27, 29*

The two great commandments in the Bible are to love God and love neighbor. These commands go hand in hand; they can’t be separated from each other. But what does it mean to “love”? In short, love is sacrifice. In Luke 10, Jesus answered the question, “Who is my neighbor?” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In that story, the priest and the Levite couldn’t be bothered to spare the time or expense of the wounded man. By contrast, the Good Samaritan interrupted his plans, gave up his ride, and paid for a strangers’ medical care. Check that, a neighbor’s medical care. Because a neighbor is a fellow man who needs help that you can give. Jesus says the greatest love is that which lays down its life for the sake of someone else (John 15:13). Jesus is surely talking about putting oneself in harm’s way in order to protect

another, because as He spoke these immortal words, He was himself only hours away from arrest and execution in order to save those He loved.

Loving your neighbor is more than just being nice. It’s protecting people in peril, potentially at great expense to yourself. Loving your neighbors means standing between them and what threatens to harm them. Which is the exact opposite of being passive or non-responsive.

## Buy a Sword

*“[L]et the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one... And they said, ‘Look, Lord, here are two swords.’ And he said to them, ‘It is enough.’”*

*Luke 22:36, 38*

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# Men's Ministry

by Josh Martin

I have grown up in church since I was little. My dad was the pastor of my childhood church. I remember there wasn't much of any men's ministry at our church. I didn't think too much of it until I was attending a church in the cities that had a thriving men's ministry. I saw men coming together and connecting with one another and learning about God. It was very attractive. I want to spend time with real men and grow with them.

When I came to Lewis Lake in 2021, I wasn't thinking I would be leading a men's Every Man a Warrior study. I had already led an EMAW group myself previously and found the material and the camaraderie outstanding. It became very clear to me that I needed to start EMAW here at Lewis Lake. I have seen men's lives and families change because of the discipline of the EMAW study.

My heart is for men's ministry. I see a great need for men to lead their families well, work hard, and come together with one another to grow and encourage each other. "God is working here at Lewis Lake" is a common statement that I hear and have said myself this past year. God is clearly working amongst our men here and I am so excited to see real transformation and growth happening.

I continue to look forward to the next year of EMAW. I have led a group here at Lewis Lake for 4 years now. This year we have 2 groups of men that have been meeting every week since September. We have been learning about our own relationship with God, learning about how to love our wives and children better. We are learning and memorizing God's word and how to pray and spend time with God. God is very present and men are realizing the importance of having God in their lives and their families and friends are also seeing the changes in these men. I see a need in our church for our "old guys" to share with the younger men of our church. The old saints have been there and done that. Kids are grown and out of the house. Life has been lived, for better or worse, and that knowledge and experience is incredibly valuable to the younger men. What God has done in their lives is of supreme importance. I love when I hear an older Godly man explain something they have learned when they study their bible or what God did in their own life as they prayed. It is powerful.

I think of 2 verses that are special to me when I think of men's ministry. Isaiah 61:3 and Proverbs 27:17.

Isaiah 61:3

"...They may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Proverbs 27:17

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

"Oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord." God is making this happen. I have huge oak trees in my yard. I wonder how deep the roots have gone over the lifespan of the tree. I want that "depth" in my life as well. We can dig deep into God's word and grow into an "Oak of righteousness" that will glorify God. I notice those Oaks don't move a whole lot even when the wind is raging outside either.

"As one man sharpens another." Learning from one another and growing with each other is what the disciples did as they spent time with each other and with Jesus. God wants us to be mature and complete, not lacking anything. Let's grow together.

God is building his church here at Lewis Lake and I count it an honor to walk alongside our men here and encourage them as they learn more about what God has done and continues to do.

Please lift our men up in your prayers. Men, put your armor on and keep it on. Ephesians 6 tells us, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly place. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

-Pastor Josh



**Pastor Josh Martin serves as the Associate Pastor here at Lewis Lake.**

# The Colson Corner: Soul Care

by Clark Hauger

As of late “culture building” has been a central theme in the Colson Fellows program. This, of course, is intimately connected with understanding the culture in which God has providentially placed us (Acts 17:26). Yet, at the center of culture building work is Christ whose Spirit indwells believers and who enables each one to build up His church (Eph. 4:16). It is this “building” project that concerns us today.

In *Knowing God* J.I. Packer states, “our souls were made to ‘run’ on the practice of worship, law-keeping, truthfulness, honesty, discipline, self-control, and service to God and our fellows. If we abandon these practices, not only do we incur guilt before God; we also progressively destroy our own souls.” What our souls ‘run on’ is compared to how bodies, like machines, need food, rest, and exercise to work effectively while other inputs of alcohol, drugs, and poison bring malfunction. Our souls need to be fed and nurtured. Diagnosed and medicated. Examined and interrogated. Admonished or encouraged.

“How is your soul?” we may ask one another. I do so among my household. “Uh, good? I think?” comes one reply. “Great!” comes another. But is this not a bit like asking “How’s it going?” with an implied expectation that a basic, “good.” will suffice. The psalms are filled with statements about the soul.

Psalm 19:7 “The law of the LORD is perfect; reviving the soul.” I guess it needed *reviving*.

Psalm 23:3 “He restores my soul.” I guess it needed *restoring*.

Psalm 25:1 “To you O LORD I lift up my soul.” I guess it was *down* and needed us to *lift it*.

Psalm 42:1 “...my soul pants for you, O God.” I guess it *longs for* and *needs* God.

Psalm 69:10 “When I wept and humbled my soul...” I guess it was *proud* and needed *humbling*.

Psalm 130:5 “I wait for the LORD, my soul waits...” I guess it needs to be patient and depend on God.

Considering the needs of the soul, here are some guiding questions to drill down beyond “how is your soul?” Have you been praying and pouring out your heart to God? Have you been hearing God through the reading and teaching of His word? Have you been confessing your sins and destroying them? Have you been obeying God’s commands and learning to love His ways?

I love your souls and am always so encouraged to see them well fed, energetic, and serving God together. May we devote ultimate attention to soul care for not only our own souls, but for one another as God would give you opportunity. Husbands for your wives. Older women for the younger women. Fathers and mothers for your children. And just in case I missed anyone, for *one another!*

Clark Hauger

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**Clark Hauger serves as the  
Worship Director here at Lewis  
Lake.**

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# All Because of the Amorites!

by Bob De Young

There's a lot of weird stuff going on in our world today and we find ourselves watching it and thinking about it and pondering just what in the world God is up to in all of this. So with Greenland and Gaza and Gasoline Tankers running around in my mind I sat down to look into Genesis 15. But, what I found there was just as wild as what is going in the world today! As I read along, I came to Genesis 15:16, a strange verse that made me sit back and think about what's going on in my world today. In the book of Genesis, God has made great promises to Abram. His promise to make him a great nation, and to bless him and to enrich his life in every way was only outdone by the amazing declaration that the Lord is really going to bring salvation to the whole world through Abram and his descendants.

But in Genesis 15 Abraham is troubled because he fears that he has no male son to inherit the promises that God has made to him and he cries out to God in a complaint that is very understandable. In response, God reaffirms his promise to Abraham and then says to him that his people are going to end up leaving this Promised Land, but because of His promise, the people of Israel will indeed come back to this land of promise and inherit it. But, it's gonna be a while. And just how long is a while in God's scheme of things? Genesis 15 says that it will be about four hundred years!

And why is it going to take so long? The reason is that the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete. In other words, Israel is going to have to remain in Egypt for a very long time, much of it being spent in challenging servitude to the Egyptians. And the reason they have to do this is because the land in which God is going to plant them is not yet available. The Amorites are living there. And they are testing God with their sin. But God has chosen to be patient with them, and to try to turn them from their sin, and He's going to give it a good long time to take hold. But God knows that they are not going to turn from their sin, and so he sets a time of patience with them. But that time of patience will come to an end. God will come to the end of His rope with the Amorites and then, when God brings his people into this land to take it, it will be an act of judgment upon this wicked people for the sins that they have committed against God.

What a strange passage of scripture is Genesis 15. This God seems to do things that don't always make sense to us. We would act differently, no doubt, in these situations, but God is God and He does all things perfectly. If God is going to allow

the Amorites to continue their sinning until He comes to the end of his rope with them, who are we to question it.

As I ponder this passage I look to the world around. I look at nations. I look at people groups. I look at tendencies and behaviors and attitudes and actions. And I wonder, is this God being patient? Is God holding back his judgment until he has reached the end of his rope with all of us who are turning against him and rejecting his word? I honestly do not know for sure. But I do know that we have an amazing and wonderful God, a God who does all things most wondrously. It would be easy to look at the 400 years of servitude Israel gave to Egypt and wonder why. And it would be easy to look at the Israelites overthrowing the Amorites and question God. We would say "Lord, what are you doing?" But God was up to big stuff in Genesis 15 and He is up to big stuff today. Whatever is

happening in the world of politics and wealth and power today, I know that He is at work and in the end it will all make sense.

I think a passage like Genesis 15 can teach us that no matter how much things do not make sense in our world today, yet our God is a glorious and powerful God. And he has a plan. And we will be brought into the promises of God in ways that we never expected. We may have to live out long periods of hardship and challenge, but perhaps this is necessary for God to come to then of His rope. This is God's patience and grace.

Pastor Bob

***“Is God holding back his judgment until he has reached the end of his rope with all of us who are turning against him and rejecting his word?”***



**Bob De Young is enjoying being semi-retired and holds the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus.**

# Meet Your 2026 Council & Ministry Teams

## Council Members (19)

Pastor Joe  
Pastor Josh

## Executive Committee - 2 yr term / no term limit

Brian Hudoba - 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
Jeff De Young - 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Jason Wahlstrom - 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Sarah Terpstra - 2<sup>nd</sup> year

## Elders - 3 yr term / 2 term limit

Dana Nielsen - 1<sup>st</sup> year / 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Earl Bracewell - 3<sup>rd</sup> year / 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Clark Hauger - 1<sup>st</sup> year / 1<sup>st</sup> term

## Diaconate - 3 yr term / 2 term limit

Mark Sholtz - 1<sup>st</sup> year / 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Rick Tvedt - 3<sup>rd</sup> year / 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Kevin Thoeny - 2<sup>nd</sup> year / 1<sup>st</sup> term  
Brenda Trongard - 3<sup>rd</sup> year / 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Angie Tvedt - 1<sup>st</sup> year / 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Dianna Sholtz - 2<sup>nd</sup> year / 2<sup>nd</sup> term

## Team Leaders

Dan Stassen  
Becki Baumann  
Melodee Hall  
Rich Hall  
Clark Hauger

## Security

**Dan Stobb** - currently putting the team together

## 50+/Caregivers

Pastor Bob  
Earl & Phyllis Bracewell  
Doris Monson  
Dave & Lois Fritz

## Finance

**Jason Wahlstrom**  
Wendy Akkerman  
Bev Tvedt  
Trent Terpstra  
Dave Strelow

## CE Team

**Melodee Hall**  
Bethany Sjodin  
Shanna Nehring  
Marilyn Bachman  
Stacy Thoeny  
Sheila Munsterteiger  
Bev Tvedt

## Properties Team

**Dan Stassen**  
Josh Nehring - cemetery  
Gary Hoyles  
Jim Akkerman

## Women Ministries

**Becki Bauman** - Director  
Debee Stassen - Vice Director, Mission Sewing  
Jo Towle - Treasurer  
Financial Secretary - Open for nominations  
Megan Stobb - Secretary  
Sandy De Young - Vice Secretary  
Dianna Sholtz - Kitchen Coordinator  
Linda Hass - Funerals  
Office - Weddings

## Worship

**Clark Hauger**  
Shanna Nehring  
Jason Wahlstrom  
Amy Wahlstrom  
Jeb Wahlstrom  
Joy Wahlstrom  
Katie Jacobs  
Caleb Jacobs  
Melodee Hall  
Michele Reed  
Larisa Hudoba  
Brant Erickson

## Technology Volunteers (Slides)

Wendy Akkerman  
Jen Peterson  
Zac Sjodin  
Kylie Reed

## Usher/Greeter Coordinator

Dan & Megan Stobb

## Nursery Coordinator

Amanda Munsterteiger

## Youth

**Pastor Josh**  
Katie Jacobs  
Becki Baumann  
Dianna Sholtz  
Mark Sholtz  
Jodi Rolf  
Duane Munsterteiger

# WOMEN'S

*Ministry*

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

## Ministry Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of odd months  
@ 6:15 pm  
Lewis Lake Covenant Church  
January, March, May, July, September, November

All Women Welcome! Bring new ideas! Find a Connection!

hosted by: Women's Ministry

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CRAFT DAY

Come join us for hands-on crafting fun and share in fellowship with your sisters in Christ!

2ND SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

Open House style from 9 am to 3 pm in the craft room

Bring your own project   Work on local mission projects   Make and take a craft



### Mission Statement

The Women's Ministry at Lewis Lake provides an opportunity for women of all ages to establish a closer bond with God and each other through prayer, study and service.

### Vision Statement

Women's Ministry is an inter-generational group of women which exists for the purpose of encouraging and enriching others to the ultimate purpose of building the church of Jesus Christ and glorifying God.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

2026 NOMINATIONS

### POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

#### VICE CHAIR

Teaming with Chair, and/or carrying out duties in the absence of Chair.

- Organize WM team meetings and make contacts as needed
- Present Sunday ministry presentation and WM updates
- Transact business in an efficient manner
  - Be responsible for all publicity

#### VICE SECRETARY

Teaming with Secretary, and/or carry out duties in the absence of Secretary

- Keep minutes, record meetings and distribute copies to the current WM team. Retain copies of all meeting notes for reference
- Record the name of the person when dealing with important decisions, motions, or finance.
- If a program is presented, include names of participants and a brief summary in the minutes.
- Attend all LLWM meetings.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

##### VICE FINANCIAL SECRETARY - 2 YR TERM

Dianna Sholtz

##### Member or Friend

Reach out to Becki Baumann, Debee Stassen, or Tami Goley with your nominations.

Please gain approval from nominee prior to bringing her name forward.

Elections will be voted on at WM meeting Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

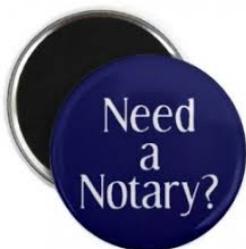
- Handle all deposits or incoming financials
- Keep detailed records of donations to supply the donor with accurate tax statement and distribute at year end.
- Correspond with Treasurer for accurate bookkeeping.
- Attend all LLWM meetings
- Prepare financial reports to include:
  - Balance on hand
  - Receipts
  - Expenses
  - Budget
  - Submit bi-monthly report to church secretary before the second Sunday of each month for council minutes.

#### VICE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Teaming with Finance Secretary, and/or carry out duties in the absence of Financial Secretary. See above for duties.

## Notary Services Available

Notary Services are available at zero cost to Members and Non-Member friends of Lewis Lake Covenant Church. You can catch Tami on Sunday mornings or make an appointment to stop by the office during the week.



Early in Jesus's ministry, He sent out his disciples on a short-term missions trip, telling them, "*Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics*" (Luke 9:3). They were to trust entirely in God to meet their needs. At the end of His ministry, He was getting ready to send the same disciples on a life-long mission, and ordered them to bring some money along and do whatever it takes to acquire a sword. Why a sword? Presumably for self-defense.

What changed? I take it that the first time Jesus sent out His disciples, he wanted them to learn to trust God for everything. But now, at the end of His ministry, the disciples' training is over, and they would be heading into a life of pretty normal ministry. When churches couldn't (or wouldn't) support him, Paul had to pick up tent-making jobs to survive. There were no ravens-bearing-bread for him. The New Testament doesn't lead us to expect miraculous provision and protection as the norm for Christian life.

Therefore, trusting God does not excuse Christians from living wisely. Jesus said, "*Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves*" (Matt 10:16). Odd, isn't it, that Christians told to be serpent-like! But sheep won't survive long among wolves if they live in a state of absolute vulnerability. So, Jesus says, be innocent, but be wise.

### **Wield the Sword**

*...if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain.*

*Romans 13:4*

'Bear the sword' is shorthand for wielding life-taking force. Here in Romans 13, the sword-wielder is the government. The state has the right to put certain people to death. That's clear, biblical teaching that does not at all contradict anything Jesus said. The words of a Spirit-inspired Apostle never contradict and are never inferior to the words of Christ.

Some are called to bear a sword and some are not. My eight-year old daughter, Violet, is a terrifically cute kid, and an equally terrible swordsman. There's some who can (and should) wield a sword, and others who shouldn't.

That means sword-wielders have the responsibility to protect non-sword-wielders. If the state doesn't protect its citizens, it's falling down on the job. To use Paul's language, it would be 'bearing the sword in vain.' If you're wielding a sword, you must accept the accompanying responsibility. That means not just wielding the thing safely, but wielding it effectively, truly protecting those who need protection. And those who most need

protection are the innocent, non-sword wielders. It's always right to protect them. I really believe that.

David became deadly with a sling. His sheep, on the other hand, were quite poor shots. A shepherd's job, among other things, is to protect the sheep because they can't protect themselves. A good shepherd does more than find nice grass and quiet water (Ps 23), he also fights lions and bears.

In families, I apply this directly to fathers, whom God has designed to be capable sword-wielders. If a father won't protect his wife and children, who will? As we think about church-related protection, it's worth asking the question, "Who are the sword-wielders, and in the event of an emergency, will they embrace the responsibility to protect the rest of us?"

### **In the Moment, not the Morning**

Let's talk self-defense for a moment. From Exodus, of all places:

*If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him.*

*Exodus 22:2-3a*

If a stranger breaks into your house at night, he's up no good. If his visit was innocent, he'd knock and wait. It's okay to assume he wants to do you harm. What do you do? You whack the intruder with a club before he does something terrible to your children or your wife. In the process, if you end up killing the guy, according to God's law, you're not guilty of murder. You're as innocent as you were when you were lying in bed the minute before he broke into your house. However, the second half of the law says if the guy runs away and the next morning you spot him walking down the street, you can't just club him to death there on the sidewalk. That's murder, because in that moment, he wasn't threatening your life.

You get the distinction, right? It's the distinction between protecting yourself and your family from imminent harm, which is good and noble, and taking justice into your own hands, which the Bible consistently condemns (Rom 12:19). Carrying out "morning after" justice is the responsibility of the state, not individuals. But self-defense in the moment is another matter altogether. (For an interesting biblical case study along these lines, consider 2 Sam 3:26-39)

### **Conclusion**

*But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.*

*Acts 8:3*

Church invasions aren't new. They're new to most of us, but they're an old phenomenon. Paul himself was a church-invader.

~ Protecting the Church, continued from page 7

Unless I'm mistaken, Christians' response to his fearsome intrusions were the 'goads' God used to prick Saul's conscience and fill his heart with a sense of guilt and shame. So even a church invasion can be a ministry opportunity. But that doesn't mean we want it to happen. But if it does, we want to respond rightly.

But how? We can at least start with: Turn the other cheek. Love your enemy. Love your neighbor. Buy a sword. Wield the sword. In the moment, not in the morning. I'm fully aware this doesn't answer all the questions. And probably raises a bunch more. But life is complicated like that, and we have to think hard about stuff. With this ridiculously long article, I'm only hoping to at least help us along one or two steps the way.

We're not the first Christians to wrestle with the proper response to hostility – and we won't be the last. God has been good to protect us from much trouble. He placed us in a generally peaceful community in a nation that mostly respects our right to gather and worship. But God won't be any less good if He lets our church be invaded. If that happens, may God grant us much wisdom, and really, really quickly. We'll need it.

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**Joe Reed serves as the Senior Pastor here at Lewis Lake.**

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*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

*Philippians 4:8-9*

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## Update on the Fellowship Hall Remodel

The fireside room is coming together. The salvaged ceiling boards from the old sanctuary are now in their new home (thank you Gary Hoyles, Cory Nielsen, & Bruce Nehring).

Gary finished up the fireplace and mantel and it looks great!

The drop ceiling is in and the lighting is going in as the electrician has time. The next step will be putting the ceiling boards up in the chapel.



## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:45pm



Will Meet  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 PM



## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00am  
Here at Lewis Lake  
Talk to Pastor Josh if you have any questions.

## Annual Bean Bag Tournament

Join us on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for an afternoon of Fun & Fellowship. Bring a potluck dish to share and join the Bean Bag Tournament.

Register your two person team in the app or on the sign-up sheet. David Strelow 320-282-3896 is the contact for this event.

Annual  
**BEAN BAG  
TOURNAMENT**  
Sunday, March 1st after Sunday School

Register your team in the app  
or on the sign-up sheet



## Easter Camp 2026

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
**11:00am - 2:00pm**

An entire Vacation Bible School Experience in a Single Afternoon! An afternoon dedicated to learning about our Savior Jesus Christ. For children age 4 through 6th Grade.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Easter Camp you can sign up on the East wall.

Registration opening soon!

## Subscribe to the Pulse



Subscribe to the Lewis Lake Pulse, a weekly email sent out on Monday mornings with the week's announcements, along with a few things Pastor Joe recommends for feeding your soul throughout the week. To subscribe to The Pulse, shoot an email to [office@LewisLake.org](mailto:office@LewisLake.org) with the subject line "Subscribe to Pulse" and we'll get you fixed up! Or you can scan the QR code to the right.



# 2026 Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

Parents did you know that Lewis Lake pays for our kids to go to Camp after they are registered by April 8th and have completed their investment projects.

Investment projects include but are not limited to:

- Scripture Memorization ~ on the camper investment sheets. If your child did not receive one you can talk with our summer camp organizer, Stacy Thoeny 320-980-5759 or check with Tami in the office.
- Lake Beauty Cleanup Day— Saturday, May 2, 2025

Scholarships are available for those who need help with the \$50 registration fee ~ talk to Tami in the office.

## EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Save money when you register and pay your deposit by April 28, 2026.



## 2026 Calendar of Events

### February

Marriage Retreat

Feb 13-15

### April

Spring Quilt #1

April 9-13 Thurs-Mon

Spring Quilt #2

April 16-20 Thurs-Mon

**Early Bird Discount Deadline** April 28 Tuesday  
(for all 2025 Youth Camps)

### May

Spring Work Day

May 2 Saturday

Memorial Day Family Camp

May 22-25 Fri-Mon

### June

Summer Staff Training

May 26-June 6

Junior High #1

June 7-12

Leaders in Training (LIT) #1

June 7-18

Trailblazer #1

June 14-18

Trailblazer #2

June 21-25

### July

4th of July Family Camp

July 3-6 Fri-Mon

Frontier Kids-All Districts

July 8-10 Wed-Fri

Summer Family Weekend 1

July 10-12 Fri-Sun

Junior High #2

July 12-17

Leaders in Training (LIT) #2

July 12-23

Summer Family Weekend 2

July 17-19 Fri-Sun

Trailblazer #3

July 19-23

Senior High

July 26-31

### August

Pastors & Ministry Staff

Aug 16-19 Sun-Wed

### September

Labor Day Family Camp

Sept 4-7 Fri-Mon

Senior Adult Day

Sept 15 Tuesday

Women's Retreat

Sept 25-27

### October

Fall Youth Retreat

Oct 16-18

### November

Fall Quilt Retreat #1

Oct 29-Nov 2 Thurs-Mon

Fall Quilt Retreat #2

Nov 5-9 Thurs-Mon

Fall Quilt Retreat #3

Nov 12-16 Thurs-Mon

### December

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Dec 5 Saturday

Young Adult Retreat

Dec 30-Jan 1 Wed-Fri

*LBBC 64th Annual Meeting TBD*

**Schedule as of 10-30-2025**

*Additions and improvements may be added.*

### 2026 WORK DAY

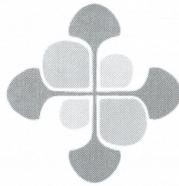
May 2, 2026



### SUMMER 2026



**Registration opens January 13, 2026**



# A Family and Life Resource

Mora Crisis Pregnancy Center

114 Maple Avenue West, Suite 2 • P.O. Box 204 • Mora, Minnesota 55051 • 320-679-4493

January 26, 2026

Lewis Lake Covenant Church  
1030 Grand Street  
Ogilvie, MN 56358

Dear Friends,

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I [Jesus] came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

**Thank you for allowing me to come speak at Lewis Lake Covenant Church!** It was a blessing and a privilege to be able to speak to your congregation and join in your service. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and your passion for the Sanctity of Human Life!

I was ministered to as I learned and worshipped with you. I appreciated the music which praised God, the sermon which taught about what it really means to follow Christ, the Sunday School which taught about Bible versions, and all of you who welcomed me. You have a very welcoming congregation!

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry. We truly appreciate the financial support of \$769.00! Your gift makes a positive impact in the lives of our clients and their families.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the center on Monday or Tuesday 11am to 4 pm, or leave a message at any time.

Serving with Joy,

*Pauline C*

Pauline Campbell, Director