



Lake George Lutheran Chapel

Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water

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Greetings Friends and Family of LGLC,

For many years the members of Lake George Lutheran Chapel have discussed the possibility of building a parsonage. A parsonage is a church-owned home provided for a member of the clergy. While this was always a dream we never acted on that dream. The onset of Covid gave the leadership time to think about the positive nature of having a parsonage for the members of LGLC and the impact having the pastor living part-time on campus would have on the Lake George community. The Voters decided now was the time to undertake such an endeavor. Their timing must have been right, for the donations for the parsonage poured in. We want to thank all of our donors for their generosity. The resources became available to build a modest parsonage, a home for our pastor and future pastors.

The project unfolded rapidly. We broke ground in April and by mid-August the parsonage is nearly complete. We need to purchase a few furnishings and the parsonage will be ready for occupancy. Completing such a major project in four months reflects on the time and dedication of our members who gave oversight to the construction process. The care and concern for detail is evident in how lovely our new parsonage looks. Countless decisions were made to enhance the living space and to make our parsonage a home.

We all know the old saying, "Home is where the heart is." How true. When the wise men, the Magi, came to visit Jesus Matthew writes, "On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him" (Mt. 2:11). No longer was our Savior living in the stable, He was now residing in a home with His parents.

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Having a home, a parsonage, makes a very important statement to our community and to those who serve us as pastors. A home evokes feelings of permanence, stability, love, caring and sharing. The Christian home is a place where Christ is present in all aspects of life. All of us, the members of LGLC, want our homes to be a place where Christ dwells in all of His fullness. The blessings of being a member of a Christian home are expressed so beautifully in the hymn:

Oh, Blest the House, LSB 862

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—How sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

It is our prayer that the new LGLC parsonage will be a blessing to the pastors who occupy it and will be a beacon to the LGLC community of our commitment to Lake George to share the Good News of Jesus until the day the Lord comes again.

With Many Thanks,
Pastor Shoemaker

Online Worship

We are now live streaming our 9am service.

Go to our website at: www.lakegeorgelutheran.org

If you wish to view the service at a later time, click on the link and enjoy the same service as it was recorded.

Supporting the Mission God has entrusted to LGLC

Your offering of gifts and online gifts continue to enable LGLC to support, sustain and grow the ministry at home, in our community and worldwide. You are making a difference with you regular and faithful gifts. **Thank you ever so much!** Please use this link to place your gift: <https://www.lakegeorgelutheran.org/>

Parsonage Dedication:

Sunday September 3, 2023

Immediately following our church service **Sunday, September 3** we will be dedicating our new parsonage. We pray that all in attendance that day will take a few extra minutes to be present at the dedication.

We thank our members and our donors for without your dedication to and financial support of the ministry of LGLC none of this would have come to fruition.

From Beginning to Present

Certificate of Occupancy is in hand.

God be praised! And we give thanks to our donors as we wrap up the final details



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