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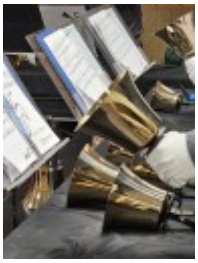
Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter since 2012

Ring in Praise

Lakeside Presbyterian Church Bell Choir, **Con Brio**, adds music to Sunday morning services about every 6 weeks, excluding summer months. Thirty-seven bells making up 3 octaves are skillfully played by the ten-member group. Reaching quickly for the next bell and turning the page are more actions to get right. Measure by measure, note by note, and with a lot of practice a tune comes alive with rich components to the full sound. The Schulmerick handbells used are from Pennsylvania. The ringers wear gloves to prevent oil from getting on the bells. The music sheets are for handbell players and are written to communicate when to swing, vibrate, or other bell playing techniques. Players mark the music pages to highlight the notes of the notes of the bells they play. Peggy White has been the group's director since fall 2023.

*Several players in **Con Brio** have decades of experience playing in a handbell choir. Focus is a must. The 3 octaves of sounds come together beautifully by the players.*



"Love is like the wind. You can't see it but you can feel it."

Salmela Designed Houses in Lakeside

Local architect, David Salmela, now age 80, has designed hundreds of buildings, mostly residential, over the last 50 years. Some of his projects have been in (very near) Lakeside. About 7 years again he designed 3 homes on Summit Ridge Road off of Glenwood St. positioned on a hill with great Lake Superior views. The Borstad house has newer owners as of fall 2024. The owners very much enjoy the view, especially sunrises and watching bird migratory activity, and the cozy layout of the home. Openness and how the feel is inside the home, not just the look of the home's exterior, is what Salmela strives for with his building projects. The family moved from Idaho and specifically looked for a home designed by Salmela. The large windows give wonderful views and also passive solar heating to the house. Even on a cold winter day the home's interior heats up to a toasty temperature without straining their energy bill. The wood floors, open stairway, and layout of the house give a nice feel to the space. Multiple skylights bring in natural light and reduce the need for turning on lights. Several interior walls have windows on their upper parts to extend the reach of the light brought in from the skylight. A two story deck on the side of the house gives outdoor space on both levels of the house. A patio positioned on the side doesn't block the view from the house to the lake. The deck fireplace has a simple tower design and is made of cement blocks. A similar fireplace can be seen at the Salmela designed UMD Bagley Outdoor Classroom that opened in 2010 which demonstrates leadership in

One of three houses in a row by Salmela near Glenwood St. Great views of Lake Superior ,especially in the fall/winter/spring on non-foggy days. Spot the tall white open fireplace chimney on the patio.

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I think you're really hot.

-Said one chili pepper to another

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McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

SNOW SPARKLE, BLUE SKIES. Movies, stories, games—are fun to do, especially in the winter. We have the darker nights to get through but spring will arrive. The area on London Road by 40th Ave E. looks different with houses removed. It will BE different after the roundabout is put in. Construction begins in the spring.

We saw 100+ eagles while visiting the Mississippi River near Wabasha area and the Wisconsin River by Baraboo.

The windy day before Thanksgiving blew a neighbor's tree over that landed in the street. The tree was cleared a week later so for one week the street was extra quiet with no cars passing. The spruce was turned into wood chips—which will be part of our yard paths this year.

I love to travel, view wildlife and learn more about the Northland. We did a winter trip along the Mississippi River near Wabasha and stopped at several sites and also on to Baraboo and the Wisconsin River spotting over 100 Bald Eagles. Minnesota ranks 2nd highest (Alaska is #1) for Bald Eagle nesting. During winter, the birds gather along the Mississippi along with Golden Eagles that came down from far north Canada. Open water is what they are after—places to fish. You can also spot eagles in Duluth. I'm always looking for more Lakeside topics for the newsletter. If you have any photos to share or info send me an email. Anyone celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary? Have a lovely Valentine's Day.

Do what you love.
Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Here's an Irish term

Sound—
refers to Good.
Example: *"You fixed the tool. Sound!!"*

Day Trips+

arts, music, history, nature in the Northland. Community outings.

2/13 (Fri) **WLO** (say willow)
wendyupnorth local outing
A Bit about the Shipping Canal/Shipwrecks
Lake Superior. Marine Museum with video showing

5/30 (Sat)
Guys & Dolls
Chanhassen Dinner Theater

6/18 (Thurs)
Nobody's Perfect
Day Trippers buffet and show. Comedy theater. New Location: Scottish Rite. And short walk at Walter Art Center Sculpture Garden

July TBA —Red Barn Theatre Rice Lake, WI TBA

Aug 27 - MN State Fair

Pickups are at Perkins West Duluth

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Over 50 trips held. Trips build community, save gas, and just may lead to learning something new.

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A Handful of Events

February comes from the Latin word *februo* which means purity or to cleanse.

March 1 is **National Minnesota Day.** Celebrates MN as the 32nd state to join the Union.

Feb 17 is Chinese New Year– Year of the Horse.

>>2/5 Café Scientifique monthly meeting: Under Ice Ecology Dovetail Café at Duluth Folk School, 6PM.

>>2/7 Cold Front
Bayfront Park. Noon –7PM Dog sled Rides, ice skating, sledding luge, snow volleyball, curling, bonfires and more. ColdfFrontDuluth.com

>>Feb 12 Grateful Gatherings
St. Scholastica Monastery. 10AM. 2nd Wed of the month. Retreatduluth.org

2/14 Free ArtDAI
All ages can create simple projects with materials provided. 1-4PM Lincoln Pk Building, 2229 W. 2nd St.

>>2/20 Puppet Workshop with Z Puppet Theater Mt Royal branch Library. 2:30PM

2/27 Resident Organist Concert Love and Drinking Songs from Louis XIII Sacred Heart Music Center. 2 PM. Sugg. donation $10

3/3-3/5 St. Louis River Summit Grit & Gratitude: Celebrating St. Louis River Successes UWS

Sustainability Series at Spirit of the Lake Community Arts
Judi Roux taught a class on making yarn from old tshirts. More events on their Facebook/website.

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Signs on the Corner

Community members from the Twin Ports area gather on the corner of 60th Ave. E. and Superior St with signs supporting immigrants. All four corners had people with signs. Sign holders (this day had about 20 attendees) have been coming to the corner Wednesdays at noon since ICE came to Duluth to remove roofing workers on a project near that corner. Numerous cars beeped as they drove by. This sunny January day was about 10°F and the windchill made it feel below 0°F.

Have an extra hat?

Warm Up the City project that **Yarn Harbor** participates in collecting winter wear (hats, gloves, scarves) made locally or purchased, or gently used. If you have any to donate, drop some off at the shop. These items are put out in public places around town for people to pick up if needed. The distribution is in November but collections are year-round.

This black and white female Downy woodpecker (males have red on the head) is one of several birds that hang around in the Northland all year.

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***** Roundabout Project**
Houses were removed along upper London Road by 40th Ave. E. The open space is preparation for the upcoming roundabout. Work expected to begin in April. Construction will have detours, land and shoulder closures. London Road from 40th Ave E. to Brighton Beach from late April to mid-June will be Northboard traffic only. All southbound traffic will be on Superior St through to 21st Ave. E.

***** New Baking business by a young baker**
Gianna Kublarski, age 14, bakes hot chocolate cookies, buckeye brownies, gluten-free peanut butter blondies, and more. Her dream is to open a bakery. Place an order by contacting **G's Specialty** 218 280-8623.
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** **Tangles A Salon,** 5931 E. Superior St, may have closed. According to their Facebook page they had a Closing Business sale this fall. The phone number was not in service.

*** The new name of the new **City of Duluth snow plow** is The Big LePlowski. The name was selected in a contest.

*** In late 2025 **Ecumen Lakeshore** hosted "Coffee with a Cop." Duluth Police Officer Josh and his K9 partner, Vili came. Attendees learned about experiences with a K9 partner.

*****House Fire**
A fire destroyed the home at 4201 Gladstone on Dec 20. All the people safely evacuated and firefighters rescued the 2 cats inside. The Lakeside station firefighter reported heavy fire on all four sides of the residence.

Hot Start to Winter

Look at Lakeside lit the fire at the stone chimney shelter at Brighton Beach on the winter solstice. A glowing, hot fire crackling and beautiful lake were a way to mark the change of the growing light time of year and start of winter.

A sauna was also in at the beach (a private rental?) Several times this winter portable saunas were also set up at Brighton Beach, including New Year's Day.

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Small size to half page size available.

HOT TIMES

In some yards in Lakeside you can see barrel saunas. The owner of this one says she uses wood to heat it up and uses it about weekly, especially in the fall and winter. She mentioned says she has Nordic ancestry. Two more barrel saunas are within a couple blocks.

Do you say "sawna" or "sa ow na" ?

Continued from Front Page, Salmela

energy efficiency, renewable energy—a model of sustainable design and construction in Northern Minnesota.

A Lakeside couple hired Salmela to design a house on their land next to Lake Superior. Tom Cotruvo is an architect but didn't want to interfere with Salmela's creativity. After meeting monthly for a year and having design options presented by Salmela a minimalist design and open space format was used for the house that was built in 2002 on their property near 42st Ave. E. Many tall windows provide passive solar and views of the Lake and nature. The floor is concrete and warms in the sun. Twenty-three years later the Cotruvos are still very pleased with the house. More of Salmela designed houses are in the area. Visit **salmelaarchitect.com** to see more and enjoy the Gooseberry Falls visitor center which he also designed.

[Editor note: The LAL editor grew up in houses designed by her architect father.]

The Cotruvo house has a shallow slope roof and floor to ceiling windows to look out at the Lake. Photo source—Salmela

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Meet a Neighbor

Jill Baum

Why Jill likes about living in Lakeside:

The green spaces, wildlife, views and access to outdoor recreation in Lakeside are all outstanding. I love my neighbors and the usually quiet streets. I appreciate the dark skies, bird migrations, the many mature trees, great drinking water, well-cared for historic homes, and the proximity to the largest lake in the world.

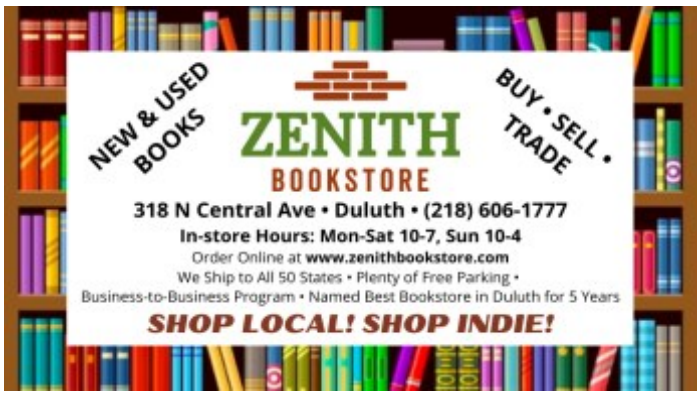
Jill (with the sunglasses on) moved to Duluth to be near to the Boundary Waters. She enjoys paddling and was on a Dragon Boat team with the Duluth Superior EcoRotary Club.

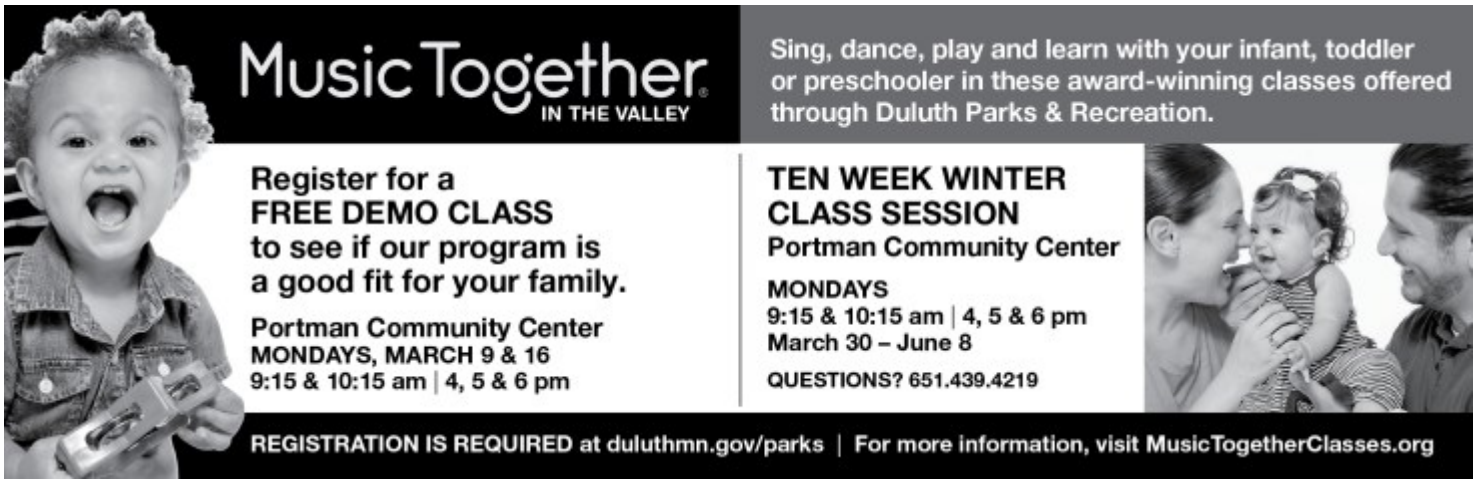
Jill grew up near Lake Michigan in Milwaukee, WI. She has also lived in NY, MA, ID and WA. She moved to Duluth in Lakeside 7 years ago to be closer to the Boundary Waters and to serve as Executive Director of Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, which used to be based in Lakeside.

She is pseudo-retired and is exploring options to be more civically engaged. She is a member of Duluth-Superior EcoRotary Club and a member of the Duluth Preservation Alliance. You can spot her in SCUBA gear as a monthly (or more often) volunteer diver at Great Lakes Aquarium handfeeding the sturgeon in the Isle Royal large tanks. The water time also involves helping keep the tanks clean and Rock/Paper/Scissors with the watchers. Jill is a member of Northwoods Women in Science.

She loves paddling, skiing, hiking and gardening. She is adding more native plants to her yard replacing grass and installed solar panels this fall. Jill reports that lots of energy is being made—even when glaze ice covers them. The panels will produce about 3X what she uses. She grew up playing card games, like Sheepshead, Cribbage, and Spades. She loves the great music and theater in the Twin Ports and happily supports arts whenever she can.

She has traveled quite a bit including going on a 2 week rafting trip on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, been to half of the national parks (and has lived and worked in several of them), participated in two EarthWatch expeditions (Mongolia and the Amazon), and went on a couple week-long hiking treks in Europe. An adventurous person is part of Lakeside—say hello to her when you see her at a local business or out in her yard.





Butterfly Effect

Idea that a small cause may have large effects. It was first used by a French mathematician Henri Poincare and was used in weather science. The concept has since been used beyond weather and in any situations where a small change is supposed to be the cause of larger consequences.

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