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Lakeside—Lester Park bi-monthly newsletter

Slow Opening

What have Lakeside churches been doing during Covid-19? How are they adapting?

Most of Lakeside churches have not reopened yet for indoor, in person, services and are providing virtual services. The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has had small groups meet on Zoom, bible study in the parking lot, and youth have creatively conducted a community fundraiser in a new way. The church looks forward to in-person services again but for now online is the way.

In-person services at St. Michael's are conducted with attendance limits, social distancing, masks, and sanitizing before and after.

Most churches have high attendance at online services.

St. Michael's Catholic Church has been holding in person masses again since June 6. Two services on the weekend are Saturday Vigil @5 pm and Sunday @9:30am. People must call office on Thursday by 4 p.m. Reserve a seat by calling 525-1902. **The sanctuary's allowed capacity is 52 seats per service** (normal available space is over 300). So far the maximum attendance has been about 30. Social distancing is required at all times. Walk-ins are possible unless the capacity of what is allowed by the state is reached. Cleaners clean

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Power Poles Serve for Long Time

The thousands of Distribution utility poles in the Lakeside neighborhood are made mostly of Red Pine and some Western Red Cedar harvested from the region and are typically about 40' tall. Taller Douglas Fir poles which likely came from the west coast are used on Transmission lines and can be up to 100' tall. Poles are buried into the ground 10% plus two feet of their height. In areas where bedrock is present the pole may be set shallow or a technique called "Rock Setting" would be used where metal angle brackets are attached to the base of

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NEW

Outdoor Rack

FOR THIS NEWSLETTER! Pick up a copy anytime next to Deluxe Insurance Group's outdoor white bench near where the **food trucks** stop. 4515 Superior St. **Burgers, tacos, BBQ and pickup a newsletter. Thanks Lindsey!**

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McCulloch Street Musings

from the Editor

Zoom—that's what many people are using now for meetings, exercise classes, and services and "zoom" is also the rate that summer flies by. The crabapple blossoms have long since fallen, lilacs, peonies, and many other flowers have also already come and gone. How is your garden? Are you feeding the deer? Are you sharing with local food shelves? Are you enjoying the fresh tastes from your yard, a farmers market or seasonal fresh produce from the grocery to your kitchen / mouth.

I participated at multiple shifts for the Ecolibrium3 PayItForward face shield making as did people in many organizations, including Duluth East Daredevils Robotics, service organizations, and church groups.

More places have been able to slowly and cautiously reopen including the North Shore train rides, hair cut places, restaurants, and more. It still is not normal. What will happen come school time? The Fall? In Winter? With the unanimous decision by city councilors we all need to wear masks. I listened online to the councilors during that historic meeting. Do your part to protect others.

My husband and I made it this year to Jay Cooke State Park to see hundreds of Showy Lady Slippers in bloom. It was magical as the orchids stood tall in the peaceful place. We also have had fun swimming in Lester River and in Lake Superior in WI and MN plus did a whitewater rafting trip on the St. Louis River. Fun to be had in, on, and near water.

I am grateful for the beauty of our area, kind people, and for dark or white chocolate now and then.
Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Showy Lady's Slipper is the MN state flower. It's one of 43 orchid species that grow in MN.

All Up North Excursion day trips and Local Art & Gift Fairs by WendyUpNorth are on hold due to safety restrictions for COVID-19. Missing the trips. Stay in touch on Facebook Stay Safe. www.wendyupnorth.com

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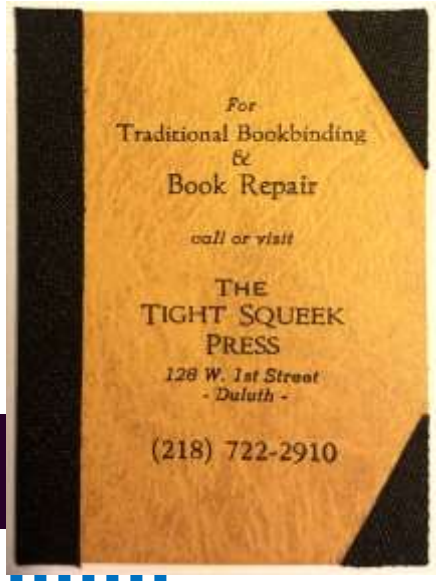

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Archery / Birding / and More

Duluth Parks and Rec is providing opportunities in Lakeside to go on hikes, go birding and try out archery. Learn a new skill and practice your accuracy! Participants will learn basic safety, technique, and the process for shooting archery and get a chance to test their skills in archery games and challenges. This is an introductory class to learn the basics of archery taught by certified instructors by the National Archery in the Schools Program.

The Summer Brochure can be found at www.duluthmn.gov/media/9960/updated-parks-brochure-summer-2020-final.pdf

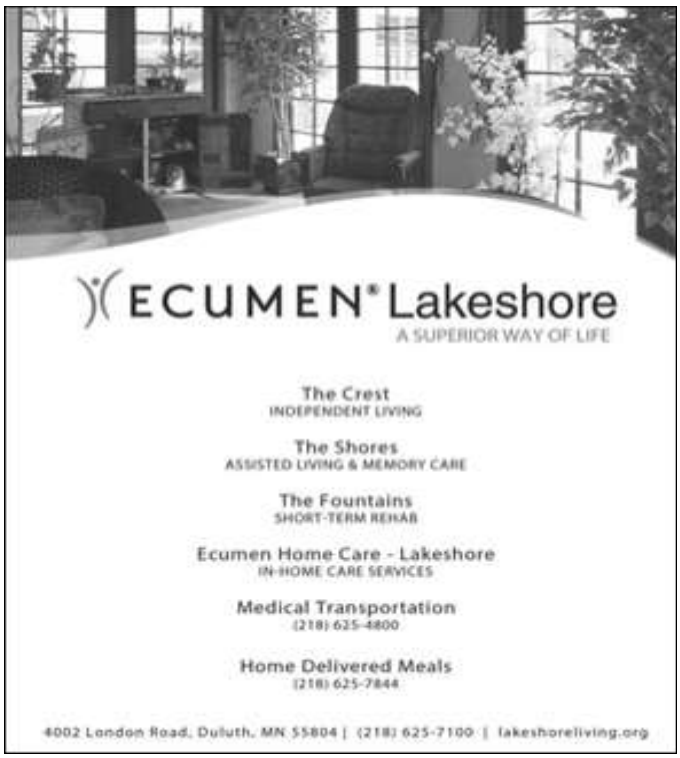
Lakeside area August Programs (most require registering 3 days in advance to allow us to communicate COVID modifications and plan for appropriate group size):

- **Mon., Aug 3**: **Senior Hike** at Hawk Ridge, 10-11:30 a.m., ages 55+, $2person
- **Tues., Aug 11**: **Archery Night** at Portman Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m., ages 10+, $5/person
- **Thurs., Aug 13**: **Archery Night** at Portman Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m., ages 10+, $5/person
- **Wed., Aug 26**: **Generations Outside** (grandparents with grandchildren) Birding at Hawk Ridge, 9:30-11 a.m., ages 6+, $2/person

A kids camp was held July 13-16 at Portman.

Equipment Rental: Reserve items online, then pick them up from Bayfront Family Center. Items include yard games, sports equipment, and more ranging from $2-$5 for a Friday-Monday rental.

For details and to make a reservation go to **www.duluthmn.gov/parks/register or call 730-4306**



NEW BIZ: Duluth Studio Market

July 10 was opening day for Stacey LaCoursiere's double business on 512 N. 45th Ave E, The front half of the space is a small area with local and fair trade artisan goods. The back half of the store is a studio space for videography and photography. Stacey has been a professional photographer for 12 years. She is winding down her wedding and portrait business and focusing media and digital services to restaurants, retail and real estate. The store is open Wednesdays and Thursdays 10AM to 5 PM and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. She and her family worked on reconstructing the space for the look she wanted. Walk over or drive and park to check out the newest store in the neighborhood.

Chalk Art

Drawings made with colored chalk have appeared around town including Disney characters, butterflies, 3-D lion statues, an, owls, and more. This colorful image appeared on Robinson St near 43rd Ave. E.

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between services. Masks are required. Masks and hand sanitizers are available. Rope is draped to close off pews and blue tape marks where people can sit so people are distanced based on health rules. Very small weddings and funerals are being held. Praying is allowed in the sanctuary during open office time. Live streaming is done on Sunday mornings which works well for shut-in people and people not ready for in-person attendance. More churches are likely to slowly open as/when conditions improve and restrictions are lifted. Virtual services for now.

No hymnals, no choir, no singing at services, no holy water. Smiles hidden behind masks. The Coronavirus has made significant changes in many places.

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World Population - Past Pandemic

In 1918 (when the Spanish Flu (H1N1) Pandemic was a big problem about 100 years ago) ~500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with the virus. The # of deaths was estimated to be >50 million worldwide with about 675,000 in the U.S. The world population was ~1.8 billion. **Today** the world population is ~7.8 billion. See info to right for COVID-19.

COVID19 (as of 7/20)
Known cases (actual is likely higher)
..in St. Louis County 284
..in Minnesota 47,147
Deaths ..in St. Louis County 16
.. in Minnesota 1,585
.. in the U.S. 145,195
..in the world 615,043

MN Dept of Health COVID-19 Hotline
651-297-1304. Additional resources www.cdc.gov/

Virtually attend City of Duluth city meetings
Go to **www.duluthmn.gov/live-meeting**

ELECTION DATES 2020
PRIMARY AUG 11 GENERAL ELECTION NOV 3

Early Voting Location: City Hall, 411 W First St, Room 318 (City Clerk's Office) Call for open times. If you would like to request an Absentee Ballot Application mailed to you, call (218) 730-5900. Ballots can be requested on the city website. There is also a tab to **register to vote** at the city site.

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the pole and then rebar is drilled into the bedrock to secure the pole to the rock.

Poles used to be installed further apart and have fewer attachments on them. In the 1970s and earlier poles could be installed 300-400 feet apart, but now poles may be installed every 150-200 feet. These days poles are loaded up with more attachments due to our lifestyles of TV, phone, and internet usage. A lot of communication companies choose to use the existing pole system rather than burying their cables underground. Residential customers typically need single phase lines to serve their needs while most businesses need three phase lines to serve the increased motor, air conditioning, or heating load.

Metal tags are nailed in to mark the original source of the tree and the dates when inspections took place. Some poles have many tags as its stood for decades serving the nearby homes and businesses. NWBT stands for Northwestern Bell Telephone which is now CenturyLink, and owned by them.

Utility poles have been part of MN Power and perhaps even Lakeside since the power company was established and homes began using electricity in 1906. It is not uncommon to still find poles from the 1920s or 1930s that are still in service. Poles are inspected every ten years. Inspections include a visual overview of the pole, sounding the pole by hitting it with a hammer to hear if it is hollow, and if the pole is more than 10 years old drilling the base of the pole in three locations to look for rot or insect damage. If the pole fails inspection a red tag is placed on the pole and it is time to be replaced. Every pole has a bar code identification for GIS mapping and tracking purposes that let the line crews know a pole's exact location.

Weather causes the most damage to poles and the greater systems. The storm of July 2016 – the worst storm in over 50 years and perhaps Minnesota Power's history – hit the Lakeside Lester Park area especially hard with many trees and branches bringing down lines and poles. Thanks to the many long hours of Minnesota Power employees and over 100 linemen brought in from other states the outages were restored as quickly as possible to return service to the community. Peak time for weather-related events occur during summer storm season with late winter/early spring being a close second due to ice and sleet weighing down trees that can damage the lines and poles.

Lighting can also cause pole damage and power outages. Equipment called arresters are installed to help minimize lightning's effect on our system but a direct lightning strike will still end up damaging a pole or equipment.

The most damage to poles is due to weather with the peak during the summer storm season.

Occasionally, wildlife – birds, squirrels, raccoons, insects, etc – also cause damage to the poles and lines. Some poles have hardware cloth to help reduce the damage caused by woodpeckers. Wildlife protection can also be installed around equipment to protect the animals and prevent power outages.

Improved technology and equipment along with new techniques such as "Strategic Undergrounding" by burying powerlines so there are reduced weather related issues increases reliability of the overall system. There is an art and science to installing components and keeping the utility system protected and reliable.

If you have a power outage or damage to a pole or line STAY AWAY and contact Minnesota Power at **1-800-307-6937** or download the **MN Power App** and use it to report the problem.

Thanks to Eric Clement, Manager - Distribution Engineering and Asset Management for information.

Job Posting

Looking for a rewarding part-time or full-time job? Take a look at DRCC, a Star Tribune top Work Place for the last 4 years, supporting individuals with disabilities, located in Duluth as well as Proctor, Pike Lake, Hermantown, Two Harbors, Cloquet and Esko and the Range Cities. We are looking for individuals that are interested in supporting, teaching, and of course, having fun! NEW WAGE of $13.50/hour. Full-time positions have a generous benefit package. What you can expect:

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Cancelled Events due to COVID-19

Hawk Ridge Weekend

Lester River Rendezvous

The **One Book One Minnesota** book selection for this year is *A Good Time for the Truth*. Race in Minnesota, edited by Sun Yung Shin (Minnesota Historical Society Press.) It's available as an ebook or hardcopy. All the essays in the book are by Native writers and writers of color in Minnesota.

Rest In Peace long-time Look at Lakeside subscriber and Moose Clubs' fan Carlyle Eckhart.

Lakeside Presbyterian Church
4430 McCulloch Street, Duluth, MN 55804
218-525-1967
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Sunday Worship
August 16th
On the CE Lawn, chairs will be provided using social distancing, and face covering guidelines.
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Listen each week to Sunday Worship at
www.lakesidepreschurch.org

FOOD RESOURCES **Ruby's Pantry** is a food share program. Pay $20 and receive much more in groceries. Third Thursday at the Coppertop and additional locations and dates, Call 651.674.0009 for more locations and times. The Lakeside Chum Food Shelf Mon 11AM -1PM Faith Building, Glenwood/51stAv. E. More food resources @Vineyard Church, UnitedWay211

Phew! Open again!

Hair trimming and styling re-opened June 1 in Lakeside after 12 weeks of being closed. Appointments and masks are required. How long was your hair before you had it trimmed?

Meet a Neighbor Mark Gottwald

Mark is retired from running the French River Fish Hatchery and being assistant manager for a couple years with Duluth. Area Fisheries.

For over 10 years he has been growing hops, herbs, and many vegetables in his yard. He has 8 varieties of hops and the vine can grow over 12' in a year. He donates hops to local breweries. The yard also includes an abundance of containers, ranging from reused kitty litter bins to general buckets which have become a place of abundant harvest of lettuce, beans, onions, carrots, tomatoes, and more. A favorite in their household is salsa made from their 25 varieties of heirloom tomatoes grown in specially made self-watering containers. Bold onions and an assortment of herbs are part of many dishes.

Most meals throughout the year include something grown in their yard.

Root vegetables, like carrots are eaten year-round, as are dried herbs or apple chips. He and his wife also dry tomato slices for using later. They pickle peppers, make sauces and chilis and have plenty of spice for cooking up heat in Thai and Indian dishes. The yard also has tamaracks and beautiful flowers through the growing season.

—Writeup by Wendy Grethen, LAL editor

Neighborhood Night Out This annual night is the 1st Tuesday of August. Small gatherings with people at a safe distance from each other can be held. Getting to know your neighbors is a good way to keep a community safe and make new friends.

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A few ways to Celebrate Diversity

Visit the UNICEF website above for more tips and to shop at their e-market to support efforts to make a better world.

Try to find ways to introduce your child to diverse cultures and people from different races and ethnicities.

Explore food from other cultures, read their stories and watch their films.

Explore the past together to better understand the present. Historical events like the end of apartheid in South Africa, the civil rights movement in the United States and other movements for equality around the world remain symbols of a traumatic past that societies are still recovering from.

A purple **eggplant** plant blossom, soon to become an eggplant.

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