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LOOK at LAKESIDE

Lakeside—Lester Park
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Church Windows & Ceilings

Look up. Look to the side. Observe the colors and shapes of windows making up designs. Some have colorful stained glass windows original to the building. Beautiful images made of glass are pieced together as works of art —people, animals, and scenery. Figures and even the colors in the glasswork tell stories and have meaning.

Some church sanctuaries in Lakeside have tall ceilings peaking upward or like a giant ark. **Lakeside Presbyterian**

Each window changes color depending on light outdoors. Sunny days can make the windows glow.

*The lovely window to the left is at **Great Lakes Church**, 4501 Glenwood St. The sanctuary photo above is at **St. Michael's Catholic Church**, 4901 E. Superior St. The stained glass windows including the round one above the entry have been cleaned and refitted and have a protective clear glass layer added.*

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Sign at St. Michael's Church

Have you seen Brad the sheep? He escaped from a farm in Two Harbors and has been seen in Lakeside but at this time hasn't been captured yet.

OPEN WITH A NEW LOOK

Brighton Beach

What do you think?

It was back in early July 2021 when the road closed to Brighton Beach. Now a new road—safe from Lake Superior's fury—is built with a new entrance and new exit. Bathroom buildings, steps to the Lake, fencing, many picnic tables and benches, the pavilion and playground are ready for people year-round. Large boulders frame part of the road. Hammock hooks are also on site. The paved trail for pedestrians and bike riders gives many lake views. The planted trees will grow and many people will enjoy the park through the seasons.

Some days the window at the Lakeside Post Office is almost completed filled with packages. The busy mail season is coming. U.S. postage stamp is 73 cents. U.S. stamp in 1950 was 3 cents.

Election Time is over. 6,100+ voters marked their votes in the 4 precincts in Lakeside.

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Next Deadline
***Jan 12**

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McCulloch Street Musings

from the Editor

THE HOLIDAY SEASON is here. The skeletons on Halloween decorated yards are packed away and replaced with winter and holiday outdoor decor. 2025 is on its way. The road to access Brighton Beach officially opened after years of no road access. Now everyone can head to the park again. Winter picnic anyone?

I like to mention some of the things I've been up to. In October my husband and I did a one night away to watch people paddle in giant pumpkins on the St Croix River in Stillwater and spent a night in the former St. Agatha's Conservatory of Music and Arts and Music which for 80 years was run by nuns who lived there—now it's a hotel. The weather was very mild. Oddly, we saw lilacs blooming in St. Paul. We enjoyed fall colors from up high in a fire tower at St Croix State Park, Minnesota's largest state park. We did a one week family visit to Texas and traveled by train to Fort Worth area. Two Amtrak trains—Borealis for about 7 hours and then from Chicago on the Texas Eagle for 24 hours. There was pleasant scenery along the way when it was daylight and the St. Louis Arch was lit up nicely. The train had to sit tight while long freight trains went by. We enjoyed the historic Union Depots where the train travels began. We did many things down south—headed to the Fort Worth zoo, botanical gardens with a Japanese Garden, went to Tyler which has North America's largest rose garden plus toured the BEP—Bureau of Engraving and Printing where over half of the money (bills, not coins) is printed. Look for FW for Ft Worth on your bills. U.S. bills are really works of detailed art.

I organize local art & gift fairs. Next up is Get It Local on Dec 14.

I signed up for the Nordic Center Gingerbread House class and to make a wooden tree class at the Duluth Folk School. Seasonal fun. Do what you love.

Your neighbor, *Wendy*

See the back page for this **January's Concert in Lakeside—Woodblind**.

***** **Find Henry**, the polarbear, on the Lakewalk between 40th Ave. E and Lester River. He will move ~each week and may be on the fence or a tree.

****Recycling 101** held Nov 13 in Lakeside. WLSSD presenter. *WLSSD celebrates 50 years in 2024.* Here are tips on recycling. -flatten boxes
-keep lids on bottles
-size matters <2" is too small.
Can't be recycled: clam shell plastic, reusables (like Tupperware or Pyrex). Styrofoam
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A Handful of Events

Dec 5
Alworth Peace & Justice: Peace -Making in the Twin Ports Community 7:30-9 p.m. Mitchell Auditorium, CSS.

Fridays thru Dec 13 Noon-4pm
Saturdays 1-4 pm thru Dec 14
Pepperkakebyen Gingerbread City View the village. Nordic Center. After these dates some gingerbread houses head to Ecumen.

Dec 14 Lefse Fun Run
First Lutheran Church 9 a.m. Supports Safe Haven

Dec 14 LLPCC Annual Breakfast with Santa
90-11:30a.m. Come meet and talk with Santa. Free light breakfast of French toast, sausages and other breakfast treats. Lakeside Lester Park Community Club

Jan 11 Fix-It Clinic 3:30-6p.m. Duluth Folk School. *will be held on 2nd Sat of alternating months. FMI 218-740-4786

MUSIC & SPECIAL EVENTS OF THE SEASON

12/3 A La Carte Holiday Concert Benefits musicians in Duluth East Music program. Features East Jazz Band, Choralaires, & Sterling Strings. 7PM. $30. Desserts and concert. Clyde Malting Building. Tickets at demboosters.org

12/6 & 12/7 O Holy Night Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary. 7:30PM

12/7 DSSO Holiday Spectacular 2PM casual and 7PM DECC

12/8 UMD Band & Choir Concert Weber Music Hall. 3PM

12/8 Twin Ports Wind Orchestra—Happy Holidays and the Big Dreamers 7PM. First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Pkwy

12/10, 14, 17, Fairlawn Mansion's Old Fashioned Christmas 3-6PM on Dec 10 and 17. 11-2PM on Dec 14. Self-guided tour dressed in Christmas décor. Holiday crafts, music, and treats.

12/12 Christmas Concert with special guest Wonderstate 7PM Hermantown Community Church. Benefit for MN Adult & Teen Challenge. Seats are limited. Register online. Ntc.org/Duluth-Christmas

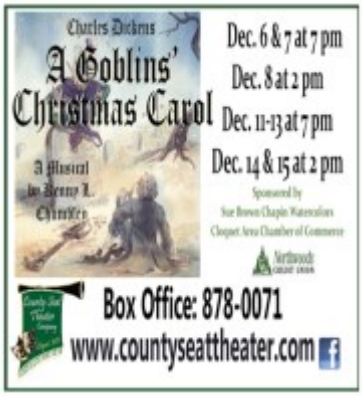
12/16 Advent Taize Prayer 9:30-11AM. St. Scholastica Monastery or Zoom. Retreatduluth.org

12/17 Handel's Messiah Singalong 7:30PM. Mitchell Auditorium, CSS.

12/20 Holiday Concert. Duluth East student musicians. DECC, 7PM

12/20/21, 27-28 Rubber Chicken Christmas Comedy Carol, or, How I Learned to Stop Scrooging and Keep Laughing 7:30PM. Studio Four in St. Louis County Depot.

12/30 New Year's Cluckin' Eve 7:30PM Studio Four in Depot



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Quilters Meets Weekly

Women Together KEEP ON QUILTING

On Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. volunteers gather at the lower level of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd to work on projects. Items the group has made to donate range from pajamas, pillow cases, to tote bags, quilts, and more. Extra sewing machines are at the church. Beginner and experienced sewers are welcome. The group also has social activities such as lunches and shopping trips. The club recently donated and sent 27 quilts to North Carolina after the hurricane damage. The group has made many baby quilts. Donations of clean cotton fabric for projects is welcome. If you wish to donate supplies or are interested in attending a session contact Sue at 218-349-5991.

No Gas Station Stops

Jeremy charges his work's electric vehicle at home in Lakeside. The car never needs gas or oil.

Ideas for the Lester Park Golf Course Land : by Tim Allen

A small restaurant, clubhouse, meeting rooms, small event center, maybe apartments or condos above. Start the project at minimal cost just good enough to open with improvements later. Ideally a year-round facility offering a diverse choice of activities would be best. To start with though you need revenue generating activities like a driving range, 18 holes of golf, pickleball, disc golf. My vision would have 18 holes of golf available with 9 holes permanent the other 9 holes a flex offering. Somedays golf, or dog walking or disc golf or cross country running events, etc. It should be leased for a minimal fee to a non-profit like the Loppet in the cities to allow for donations, grants, and volunteers and no financial impact to the city. There may be space in the surrounding woods for more housing. A win win for all.

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Northerly School for Music

A music instruction business moved in October to 4426 Regent Street where the Great Lake Fly Shop had been. The business began downtown about 2 years ago. Lessons are offered for fiddle, guitar, banjo, flute, bass, and piano. All ages can take lessons in person or online. Kyle and Cooper – husband and wife –run the business. Kyle has been making music for ~25 years and has performed as a solo folksinger playing guitar or banjo many places. "We know how our lives have been impacted personally by music. We've made many community connections through music" says Kyle. The owners live in Lakeside with their young son Guthrie. info@northerlyschoolformusic.com.

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Call (218) 525–5098 Next deadline is Jan 12, 2025.

Jackpine Vintage opened at 516 N. 45th Ave. E. , lower level. Drew, Josh, Caleb, and Kai, all in their 20s, live in Lakeside and opened this shop that has used clothing—even hats and coats, mostly for men. The guys have been doing clothing pop-ups but now have a store. It will be open 11am-6pm Thursday thru Sundays. Hours may change. Follow on Instagram.

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Hawk Ridge Church on Glenwood has a wooden pointed ceiling with multiple stained glass windows on the side. Lakeside Presbyterian Church has a large stained glass window at the back of the church, plus windows along the sides telling a story.

Church has a meditation handout about the meaning of the different windows. Stained glass windows served as a "textbook" in historic times for people who had no books and could not read.

Particular shapes in churches create a special space for worship to look heavenwards—even beyond the church. The people of a church gather to worship with others in the neighborhood– with some attending for decades and building an 'extended' family.

Whether on a Sunday morning or on another day a church sanctuary may be a reverent and healing space. Another feature often of churches are candles, music, instruments, singing, and coffee time. A couple churches in Lakeside also have bell choirs and bells heard from blocks away. Lakeside churches have held rummage sales, craft bazaars, community fundraisers, and even car shows in the parking lot. During winter's longer nights, people can find light in the church community and in the special windows of color.

Bright orange and white fish swim in the small pond in the back area of Ecumen Lakeshore. Colors emerge from the darkness. Meditative ripples appear on the surface. Fish by the (inland) sea.

ROAD TRIP

Dec 7
Short Film Fest 1pm Two Harbors High School. $10 in adv, $15 at the door. www.freeway.com/shortsinwinter

Dec 14
Classic Christmas Tale
Monthly films. 4 p.m. Grand Marais Film Society. This group formed last year by a group of volunteers. $5 Arrowhead Center for Arts

Jan 4
Experimental City
Documentary about a futuristic attempt to solve urban problems by creating a full-size city from scratch in isolated woods of northern Minnesota. Part of North Star Voices. Mnhs.org Held at MN History Center, St. Paul. 2-3:45 pm. FREE

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High 5!

Andy Busam hosts a community collection of warm jackets, hats, gloves, and socks to donate to Damiano and Chum. This is his 4th year. He opens his front porch for people to drop donations throughout November each year. This is the 4th year of the drive. Mark your calendar for next year. 4726 Pitt St. Thanks to people who bring items, too. St. Martin is his inspiration.

Gyms aren't only for sports.

Duluth East musicians held a concert in the gym. Sterling Strings performed in the café following the concert held in October.

Workin' on the Railroad

Not just a song. Railroad work in Lakeside is done to keep the tracks working safely.

Food resources:

—Ruby's Pantry 3rd Thursday. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Coppertop Church

—Winter Indoor Farmers Market 12/15 3-6 p.m. Local vendors. Free community meal. Harrison Community Club, 3002 W. 3rd St. Organized by Community Action Duluth.

Be ready to take on new challenges every single day of your life. There is no better place to start than East.

-Duluth East principal, Kelly Flohaug

What were your favorite moments in 2024?

What do you most hope for in 2025?

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CONCERT IN LAKESIDE

WOODBLIND

Jan 22 (Wed)
6:30-8p.m

Lakeside Lester Park Community Club (former Lester Park Branch library)
106 N. 54th Ave. E.

$10 concert ticket
Pay cash or check at the door or sign up at LookAtLakeside.com

DON'T MISS IT.

THEIR MUSIC IS FUN! You might even want to dance to the SKA music.

Creations by Carol made this crocheted Christmas tree. She sold her yarn projects at 2 local sales in Lakeside this fall. She raises $ for the Alzheimer Society from items she has lovingly made.

Winter Solstice Dec 21

SAVE CAN TABS

Thank **you** to those who have saved and brought in beverage **can tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House collection. The collection in Lakeside will continue through the end of December. Please drop off at Edward Jones office, 4433 E. Superior St.

How much **snow** will fall this winter? What will you **build** with the snow? Send a photo to LAL editor. Or how about write and share a winter poem?

Full Moon
Dec 15 Jan 13

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