

LAKE SHORELINES

January 7, 2009

Deacon Ordination

This Sunday, January 11, four Lake Shore members will be ordained as deacons. JoLeen Eiklenborg, Emily Fau, David Kopplin and David Tonghou will share their faith journeys during worship. In addition, Bob Baird, Catherine Davenport, and Genie Dyer, who have been ordained as deacons previously, return to the active diaconate for the 2009-2011 term. Read more about JoLeen, Emily, David and David inside.

Worship at Lake Shore
The Second Sunday
of Epiphany

The Worship of God
January 11, 2008
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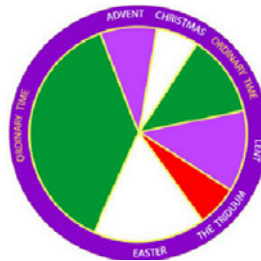
The Scripture
Acts 6.1-6
Luke 22.24-27

Keeping Two Calendars: Living from Advent through Pentecost

Wednesday Night Seminar

January 14, 6:30 p.m.

Sharlande Sledge



Year after year, the church calendar reminds us that we don't live by clocks and Day-Timers alone. As the wheel of the church year began turning again during Advent, we started our Wednesday night discussion, but only got to Christmas Eve on the liturgical calendar. This week we'll pick up the conversation as we look at questions about liturgical tradition (Why purple candles at Advent? Why does Ordinary Time come after Epiphany and after Pentecost?) and about Lake Shore tradition (When did we start making banners? Where do we get the ashes for Ash Wednesday?). And we'll talk about how living on two calendars reminds us that the holy breaks into the daily all year long.

The Gathering

The first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food pantry. Since we didn't collect on January 4, we will gather items on Sunday, January 11. We can especially use canned meat, cereal, and corn.



Deacons Meeting
Sunday, January 11
5:00 p.m.

Sojourners

**with Gladys Hudson on
teaching English in China**

Tuesday, January 27 at noon \$4 for lunch

Have you ever spent a whole month with a large group of people most of whom have never before met a Christian? What kind of questions do you imagine they would ask? How would you answer? Every summer Volunteers for China enlists Christians from American churches to spend a month in China teaching conversational English to teachers and students. This month the Sojourners will hear Gladys Hudson recount her adventures--and blessings--in six of these sessions in China. Perhaps this is an opportunity with your name on it!

Join us for lunch to hear Gladys' stories. Sign up by calling the office or signing up in the hall at church.



Church Grounds Work Day
Saturday, January 10
9:00-11:00 a.m.

The first Grounds work day of 2009 is January 10. The projects we work on will depend on the number of people that sign up, so please sign up in the hallway or let Donovan McNeil know that you are coming (Donovan_McNeil@imap.cc). The inside work of "undecorating the sanctuary" is already done, so we hope you'll lend your hands outside.

Deacon Ordination Continued. . .

JoLeen Eiklenborg

JoLeen was born and raised on a farm near Dike, Iowa, (Waterloo/Cedar Falls area). JoLeen and her twin sister were welcomed by two sisters, and five years later a brother. She earned her BA and M.A. Ed. in Education Administration at University of Northern Iowa, and taught twelve years of Driver Ed, Physical Ed, Health and coaching before moving to Austin, Texas taking a position at the Texas Education Agency the summer of 1992. JoLeen moved to Waco in 1995 to work at Education Service Center, Region 12, Hallsburg ISD and currently, since 2006, the Texas Department of State Health Services, Region 7 in Temple as the Public Health Improvement supervisor. Currently, she is working on her doctorate in clinical psychology through Walden University. Community involvement includes American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Child Safety seat technician, and “Nobody’s Fool” teacher.

JoLeen first stepped into Lake Shore Baptist Church by invitation from Pam Smallwood and Dr. Melody Madlem. At Lake Shore, JoLeen is currently on the Children Center board, and Ushering committee. JoLeen has taught Sunday school for grades 1-3, enjoyed the 11 on 11 projects, worked with children’s activities, and looks forward to decorating the church for Advent each year. She has always felt LSBC as a family of faith. Lake Shore illustrated so compassionately, when JoLeen was diagnosis with cancer. The prayers and acts of kindness shown toward JoLeen during her recovery confirmed what LSBC is all about, “God’s kind of Love” for each other.

Emily Fau


Emily was born in 1969 at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas, where her father was a flight instructor. She was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church. After her parents divorced, Emily and her mom moved to Waco. Emily graduated from Reicher Catholic High School in 1987. Five years and 142 credit hours later, having taken all the liberal arts courses her parents would pay for, she earned a BA in Theatre from the University of Texas at Austin. Emily met Jim during her sophomore year, just before he graduated from Southwest Texas State University and moved out of state. After her graduation, Emily spent the next five years in Austin and worked at the Texas Law Center coordinating continuing legal education courses. Then, nine years after meeting and many long distance phone bills and frequent flyer points later, Jim and Emily were married at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Waco. Upon becoming engaged, Jim was (coincidentally?) transferred by The Home Depot to Chicago. They spent their first three years of marriage there until transferring to Waco in 2000. Their son, Noah, was born two years later and was baptized at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Soon after, the family began attending LSBC, having met the acquaintance of many terrific Lake Shore members through Waco Habitat for Humanity, where Emily is Associate Director. They officially joined in 2004 and are so glad they did! Emily has enjoyed her service on the Missions Committee for the past three years and on the Appreciative Inquiry Steering Committee. She’s also blessed by Soul Friends, who welcome her with open arms despite her limited participation.

David Tonghou

My wife, Prudencia, and I first came to Waco in August of 2003. While I was studying for the Ph.D. in Religion at Baylor University, my wife was studying for the Master of Divinity at Truett Seminary. It was Bill Bellinger who invited us to Lake Shore and we immediately joined the church. Since then we have come to realize that this quick decision was not a mistake as Lake Shore has made Waco become for us a home away from home. Like my wife, I was born and raised in Cameroon, Africa. I became a Baptist from infancy through my mother who first took me to Jordan Baptist Church, Owe. Before coming to study at Baylor I had received the BA in English from the University of Yaoundé in Cameroon, the Bachelor in Theology from the University of South Africa in Pretoria, and the Master of Divinity from Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. I completed the Ph.D. in December 2007 and I now lecture, on a temporary basis, in Religion and African Studies at Baylor University.

Since 2003, I have had the privilege of participating in the Lake Shore community through the Meals on Wheels program, Missions Committee, the Steering Committee of the Yes! process, Care Group leadership (Go Finches!), etc. Through these activities I have seen the movement of God in this place. My prayer is that Lake Shore may continue to help people see the presence of God in the Waco area and around the world as it has been doing.

David Kopplin has been traveling recently. Look for his story in next week’s newsletter.

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Children’s Corner

Save the date!
3rd-6th Grade Spring Retreat: March 20-21
Bike-a-thon for Missions: May 3
Music Camp: July 6-10
3rd-6th Grade Children’s Camp: July 27-31
Helping Hands & Bridge Builder dates TBA

Parents of Preschoolers
Please remember a parent, not a sibling, must pick up preschoolers from extended care.

Welcome New Member Trinette Lockwood

We were happy to welcome Trinette Lockwood into our church family on December 28. She has been attending church and the Philia class for a number of months.

Trinette lived in Hobbs, New Mexico during her childhood, and graduated from High School in Gladewater, Texas. Her husband, Glenn Pruitt, works as a shipper and handler at Ozark Leather Co., and Trinette is a stay-at-home wife and mother.

Three daughters complete the family: Cassie Pruitt, Chelsea Jones and Cristal Jones are students in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades and are members of our youth program. Trinette says her hobbies include arts and crafts and working with people. She has passed her talents on to her daughters who made beautiful Christmas wreaths for the Philia classroom during Advent and came to the class one Sunday to sing for us. Trinette uses her interest in serving people by working in our church food bank distributing food on Thursday mornings.



Good News

Kim Kellison and her husband George Stonikinis celebrate the birth of their little girl, Emery Harper Elise Stonikinis. She was born on January 6 at Hillcrest. Congratulations!

Sunnybright Wehnyui Simbo was born December 22 at Providence. The baby's middle name means "child of God" in Vengo. We celebrate with Pam and Sunday on the birth of their precious baby boy.

Mike Frisch has co-authored a new book called, *Creating Your Best Life: The Ultimate Life List Guide*. Mike is giving a public lecture on the book at Barnes & Noble, followed by a book signing, on Saturday, January 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Prayers for . . .

Virginia Messer, Charlene Eakin's daughter, died December 30. Her service was Friday. Our prayers of comfort are with Charlene.

Nelson Thorp, Naomi Fox's father, died New Year's Eve at St. Catherine's in Waco. His family was with him when he died.

Bill and Diane Moore whose son-in-law, Adam, was diagnosed with lymphoma. Our prayers are with Casey, Adam, and their family. They live in Lubbock.

Nancy Chinn is in Dallas at Baylor Medical Center following her bone marrow transplant on New Year's Eve. Her mailing address is 3500 Gaston Ave, BUMC -4 Collins, Room 445, Dallas, TX 75246.

Charles Conkin, who is doing well have having surgery on his nose on Tuesday.

Gin Courtney, whose dog, L.B. (Lady Bear), was tragically killed last Saturday.

Our friends Hanna Massad and Nancie Wingo, whose friends are caught in the conflict in Gaza.

Scott Houser as he travels to Uganda and South Africa.

Bridger Pearson, who is recovering from a serious car accident. For daily updates on Bridger, you can go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/bridgerpearson.



Contemplative Epiphany Service

Sunday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m.

God of *all* beginnings, even the very beginning of the world, you began life as a little child when you came to dwell among us. You are with us all the times we begin and begin and begin again. We greet you this morning and we welcome the new year with reverence and kneel before its gifts.

This Christmas season, we come to bless all we have learned and dreamed and all we have loved and lost since last year. We bring to you all that we have become, all that we remember, all the people we grieve, all the new children and friends we welcome, all that has puzzled and confounded us, all that has given us hope, all that has healed, all that still hurts, and all that gives us joy.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, help us attend to the openings for new beginnings. Refine our listening. Help us honor your voice speaking quietly within, lest we miss your way for us. Give us a measure of vulnerability, to trust in the process of becoming who you created us to be. Give us courage to actually begin to move through the hesitancy, the risks, the uncertainty that have claimed our hearts for so long.

Breathe new passion into our love of life and new energy for the things that matter to us because we believe they matter to you. Stretch our minds to create new ways to act in solidarity with all who are working for justice. Help us learn the ways of peace and persist in the hard work of sharing a gospel that tends to each person's hunger for food, shelter, and meaning.

As we live each day in a fragile global economy, help us trust in your care. Teach us new ways to live generously and practice gratitude. Help us practice empathy with those we know are suffering and an inner sense that we will never know all that each person we meet is bearing. Make us stewards of your kindness so that throughout the year we become more and more like you.

And as we move through the calendar for 2009, make us ever mindful that all time is your time, created by you, redeemed by you, hallowed by your presence here and for eternity. May we live with the joy that you are born again every time we have a chance to tell the good news of your birth.

Prayer for New Beginnings, Christmastide 2008, Sharlande Sledge

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 11

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
5:00—Deacons Meeting

Monday, January 12

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 13

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

5:30—Supper
6:15—Children's Activities
6:30—Seminar
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
9:00—Food Pantry Opens
5:30—Family Self Sufficiency

Friday, January 16 through Sunday, January 18

Youth Mid-Winter Retreat

Looking Ahead

January 18—Contemplative Epiphany Service

January 22—Poetry Group

January 27—Sojourners

Wednesday Night Supper January 14



*Creamy Chicken
Breasts
Rice
Green Salad
Banana Pudding*

Note about Finances

Final figures for 2008 coming soon! Looking at the preliminary numbers for 2008, things look good. Thank you to all of those who so generously give financially throughout the year. Your gifts help with the day to day operations of the church, as well as with community and global missions projects.

Dear Members of Lake Shore,

Daniel and I would like to say a big thank you for the gift vouchers that we received [from the Missions Tree]! Your generosity means a lot! We appreciate you ALL being so welcoming and kind during our stay here in Waco!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Houser & Daniel Houser

Youth News

Breakfast: Vardiman
Dinner: No Meal

Prelude Weekend is this Sunday, January 11. Be at First Baptist Waco from 3:00 - 5:00 to meet your Mid-Winter groups and play games. Parents, you will need to pick up your youth at FBC Waco at 5:00.

Mid-Winter retreat is January 16-18. The cost is \$95. Please be at the Teen House on January 16 no later than 5:00. We will eat on our way to Bridgeport.

Passport is July 12-17 in Beaumont, TX helping with Hurricane Ike recovery.

Greater Waco Interfaith Banquet

Tuesday, January 20

Be watching for more information about tickets.

Staff Notes:

Charles is out January 6-9.

Sharlande is out January 7-10.

Rachel is out January 9-11.

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions to our budget help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2009 budget of \$425,655 are \$8,185.67.

Year to date needs
\$ 8,185.67

Year to date received
\$ 9,116.00

Difference
\$930.33