

INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School Activities 10:00 a.m.

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Lake Harriet Bandshell Service
Sunday, August 21
10:00 a.m.

You are welcome here!

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From The Minister...

Grace and peace to you!

This summer has been a scorcher. In the past month, we've seen hot days, warm nights and record humidity levels. Here at 45th and Colfax, we've had occasional power outages – and so have some of you. As August begins, I hope that you are finding ways to stay cool!

As we enter this next month, we are moving towards one of our great annual traditions: the Lake Harriet Bandshell service. On Sunday, August 21st, we will have worship at the Lake Harriet Bandshell at our usual 10 a.m. time. Please note: there will NOT be a service at 45th and Colfax that morning. Instead, we'll be at the lake with music from our choir and several of our favorite in-house folk musicians. This is an ecumenical summer series, meaning that we are one of several denominations represented at Lake Harriet throughout the summer. For many of us, this service is a spiritual high point of the year. Be sure to mark your calendars for this happy occasion!

When this newsletter arrives at your door, we will just have received several of our youth back from their mission trip to Washington, D.C. This ecumenical trip, organized through TRUST, focused on helping young people engage issues of faith in the public sphere. These missionaries – Ginger Dallin, Malone DeYoung, Carly Goodrich, Crosby Reisch, Sam Reisch, and David Smith – met with several elected officials in D.C., including some of our representatives from Minnesota. When you see any of these young people, please be sure to ask them about their experiences and thank them for their service. And please be sure to also thank Karen Reisch, our adult chaperone who went with them on this trip!

Although we are still in summer mode, I want to give you a heads-up about a few things happening at Lynnhurst in September. Rally Day has been pushed back a week this year to Sunday, September 18th. We will still have our usual festivities that day, including our water liturgy in worship (please bring some from your travels!) and our ice cream social. The Diaconate and Christian Education committees, though, agreed to reschedule the event because the usual day for Rally Day falls on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Though churches are marking the occasion in different ways, I believe we have made the right decision for our context. On Sunday, September 11th, our usual Sunday service in the sanctuary will mark the occasion, remembering our losses while pointing us towards hope. More information will be forthcoming about these two Sundays. Please feel free to email me or call me here at the office with any questions about these Sundays.

In Christ's peace,

David



Hi, this is from all of the youth at Lynnhurst coming to you from Washington, D.C.: So far it has been HOT (temperatures up to 120 degrees :(Thank God the hostel is air conditioned!

Friday our flight was nice but slightly bumpy. The day was busy enough, but we still settled in, went grocery shopping and traveled to a Shabbat service.

Saturday we melted from the heat at Arlington Cemetery and the graduates participated in the laying of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. One of our youth helped place the wreath on the tomb. This event is quite an honor. We also visited John F. Kennedy's grave. (This is from Karen: *We did a lot sweating, schlepping, waiting for train lines and as the youth said we melted.*) We canceled our walking tour of the city and went to Union Station to eat and shop, and get in from the heat.

Sunday was the phenomenal church service at the National Cathedral. It was like being royalty and was just so beautiful. The choir was astonishing and the organ music was also amazing. Another of our youth helped with communion (go to the cathedral's website to see the 11:15 a.m. service). The cathedral has many architectural treasures. The stained glass was brilliant and told Biblical stories. The afternoon was spent at Frederick Douglass' home.


The rest of the days we visited museums, talked with lobbyists, saw monuments and walked by the White House, very exciting. We visited the Holocaust Museum (the museum is well designed) and learned so much about the lives of victims of Hitler and the Nazis. We also got a chance to listen to a survivor from the Holocaust. It was very interesting, and we were astonished at what we learned. The youth were challenged to think about if people had said something, had stood up against the injustice that was going on in front of their eyes, maybe the atrocities of the Holocaust would not have happened. They had the opportunity to read about the observers, the rescuers and the bystanders.


Today we met and conversed with Senator Franken's staff, Senator Klobuchar, Representative Keith Ellison and staff, and Representative Erik Paulson and staff. This was very interesting and a great experience. The youth presented their stories and what they want the senators and the congressmen to support. We were complimented by many of the staffers. As you can imagine it is going crazy around here with the budget issues and we were not able to see Franken, but his staff took care of us. The topics the youth talked about were GLBT issues and bullying, economic disparities, environmental issues and humanitarian aid in disasters. The youth were quite impressive.

Thursday we go to the Lincoln Memorial, war memorials, and have a tour of the Capitol Building. The youth have been challenged to think how their faith supports the issues they are concerned about in the world. I believe they are already advocates. We need to remember what we have seen and the youth are learning about finding their voices as well as standing up for what they believe. Together they can create change.

This whole D.C. mission trip has been a wonderful experience for all of us. We have learned so much about advocacy and have had a chance to take part in it. We've met many new people, and definitely recommend mission trips for youth in the future. Thanks to everyone who sent letters and helped get us to D.C.

Love from, The Youth of Lynnhurst UCC and Karen

SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC	
	August 7 Susan Rose August 14 Chris Anderson August 21 Lake Harriet Bandshell Service August 28 Lynnhurst Women's Quartet September 4 Mike Picard


LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL SERVICES	
CELEBRATING SUMMER SUNDAYS at 10:00 A.M.	
	August 7 Linden Hills UCC August 14 First Universalist Church August 21 Lynnhurst UCC August 28 St. Joan of Arc September 4 Mount Olivet

SUNDAYS FOR THE CHILDREN

Even though Sunday school is over, children are always welcome at church services in the summer. From Sunday, June 12th through September 4th there will be activity pages for children in the back of the church for use during the service. These will include coloring pages, crayons, coloring pencils, word games, puzzles and mazes. As always, there will be refreshments for the whole family after the service. All are welcome!



FAITH EXPLORATION

 The next Faith Exploration meeting will be on Saturday, August 27th at 8:00 a.m. They will consider Plato's dialogue *Phaedo*. In this dialogue, Socrates discusses the immortality of the soul and the nature of the afterlife on his last day before being executed by drinking hemlock. The group will be drinking COFFEE and having a potluck breakfast.

September's book will be *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh



LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is planning a movie date on August 25th to see the movie *The Help*. Details will follow. If you have questions, please contact Jean McGuire or Carolyn Parsons.



THE MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS ARTIST PAUL DAMON

The Lynnhurst Music and Arts Board is pleased to present an exhibit of paintings by landscape artist Paul Damon of St. Paul. Using oil and watercolor, Paul specializes in painting the Midwestern landscape. He tries to bring to his paintings the understanding that landscapes are the result of human intervention and the creation of places meant for human activities. He is heavily influenced by the Scandinavian and Russian landscape painters of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, who fathered the way that human-derived landscapes are represented in paintings, often portraying human endeavors immersed in natural beauty with narratives of isolation and stoic survival. Paul paints realistically because he believes that art should be accessible. The world contains a visual vocabulary of physical forms that are meaningful precisely because they are part of our shared human experience. He wants his work to be appreciated for its appeal to the senses and the intellect, not one or the other. The exhibit will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Art Gallery from August 6 through September 30, 2011.

KEEP THINKING THREE

Think Three Sunday continues to be a monthly opportunity to donate to the local food shelf. Given these economic times, the food shelf needs your help now more than ever. As a reminder, and for those of you who don't know, here is how it works: on the third Sunday of every month we ask people to bring in three food items or a cash donation to help those in need. Of course you're not limited to three food items; it just becomes an easy way of remembering. So Think Three on August 21st!



TRUST TURNS FORTY!

In 1970, clergy and lay leaders from eight congregations convened to ask what their churches could do better together than they could alone. That was the beginning of forty years of service and celebration. Now there are 18 member congregations from nine denominations. Adding the other congregations that join to provide at least one of the services, there are 45 churches gathered with TRUST to do "good works" in the community. TRUST is a little like the Indian fable: *A number of blind men came to an elephant. The blind men asked, "What is the elephant like?" and they began to touch its body. One of them said: "It is like a pillar." This blind man had only touched its leg. Another man said, "The elephant is like a fan." This person had only touched its ears. "The elephant is like a rope." This person had touched its tail. Similarly, he who touched its trunk or its belly touched it differently.* What you see of TRUST depends on your interests and needs. TRUST's



programs have evolved from assessing needs in the community, seeing changing demographics in churches and following great ideas generated from one or more churches. TRUST has: **programs** such as Meals on Wheels and Parish Nursing that provide services; **initiatives** such as TRUST Builders and TRUST Youth which allow churches to collaborate on projects that they may not have the critical mass to undertake alone; **partnerships** with places like Redeemer Residence to provide our Wreath of Love holiday gifts to all the residents there; **community events** like our Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration each year: **volunteers** who do the work; and, of course, **fundraisers** like our annual TRUST auction to keep it all running. We hope you will find the information about TRUST useful. Please contact us if you need more information or if you would like to volunteer or donate. Church affiliation is not necessary to volunteer or to receive services. TRUST welcomes all.

PILGRIM POINT CAMP NEWS

- Family Camp: August 7-12
- Men's Retreat: September 9-11 NEW!!
- Women's Retreat: September 16-18

For more information, go to www.pilgrimpoint.org.

Happy camping!



FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE



Flower sponsors are needed August 14; September 18 and 25. Please sign up to sponsor flowers on Sundays for your special occasions and remembrances. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office.

Flowers cost \$33.00 and are yours to take home after the service.

During this lovely if short growing season, you might consider bringing nicely arranged flowers from your home garden.

PRAYER LIST

The Diaconate would like to remember those who may be hospitalized, recovering from surgery, have a relative or friend in the military or other circumstance, by creating a prayer list as part of our weekly bulletin. Please contact Jo in the church office by Thursday morning to have your information in the following Sunday bulletin or weekly e-news.



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour Hosts: Thank you to all who have signed up to sponsor coffee hour this summer; your generosity is greatly appreciated. Coffee hour is a special time on Sundays for Lynnhurst folks to get caught up with one another over satisfying treats and beverages. Proceeds on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month are given to Loaves & Fishes and Sabathani, so consider this another opportunity to donate your time to these valuable causes!



LYNNHURST USHERS



When a visitor comes to our Church, the ushers are often the first people that the visitor meets. They give that very critical, welcoming first impression. There is hardly a more important role to be played. If you would be interested in participating as an usher, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PEW POSTCARDS

Pew postcards are available in the pews. The postcard offers an opportunity for congregation members to keep in touch with one another, especially with someone who has been absent from Church due to illness or other circumstance. Feel free to write a note to a Lynnhurst member or friend and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the Church office. The postcard will be addressed and stamped and mailed from the office. Please take advantage of this wonderful way to "keep in touch".



GIVE THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE!



You can help Meals on Wheels by volunteering to deliver meals in your neighborhood once a week or once a month. It only takes about an hour to bring a hot meal and a warm greeting to homebound individuals who currently cannot prepare meals on their own. Please consider donation your lunch hour and give the gift of independence. Contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040. In the summer, when our regular drivers take vacation time, we need additional volunteers



LYNNHURST CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2011

Moderator Rob Allen called meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Rev. David Lindsey opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as proposed and outlined in the 2010-2011 Annual Report.

Sue Kloker requested that we allow voice without vote for non-members attending the meeting, as in done in conference meetings. The moderator accepted this request.

Rob Allen said that the committee reports are printed in the annual report, so there will be no committee report except the budget presentation and senior minister report.

Peggy Swalm noted that the "Adult Choir Report 2010-2011" in the annual report omitted the names of two choir members: Jean Sutton and Annalee Strandskov.

Rob Allen thanked our church office manager, Jo Wold, for her hard work in putting together the Annual Report. He also thanked those who have served as committee chairs, committee members, attended council meetings or took other roles in the church operations.

Rev. Lindsey reported on the Winter Sabbath. He said that the process for the last 2 years has been good but the accompanying books have been disappointing. He's working with small groups to evaluate alternatives for next year. He thanked Dan Swalm for his help with the Myers-Brigg material. He believes the Winter Sabbath is a healthy process for the church.

Trustee co-chair Steve Lindeman reported on the proposed budget for 2011-2012. He noted that the comments on the proposed budget in the annual report could be ignored. Steve offered two amendments to the proposed budget:

- 1) Line 6, Montessori School rent should be increased \$940 to \$24,240.
- 2) Line 12, Scroggins Fund - Principal, should be decreased \$940 to \$35,880.

Steve noted that the Scroggins Fund Use Statement, approved at the church's annual meeting on 6/29/2008, designated the Fund be used for the following three areas:

- 1) Programming - up to \$20,000 per year may be used on programming for the next 5 year.
- 2) Capital funding—up to \$100,000 of the fund may be used for capital improvements to the church.
- 3) Remaining money was unallocated.

Per this use statement, the church has been using Scroggins principal for operating expenses for the last several years. This year, \$10,000 of Scroggins principal was used although \$20,000 was budgeted. Last year \$12,000 was used and \$20,000 was budgeted. We have used less than budgeted because expenses have been less than expected.

This year's budgeted amount of \$35,880 of Scroggins is cause for concern, but it is needed to cover a gap between pledges and expected expenses. Steve noted that this was not sustainable. The current Scroggins Fund balance (including money loaned for capital funding) is \$79,474.

One question on the budget was if the Church Council will be looking at stewardship. Moderator Rob said there were plans for further discussion on this topic.

Another question was if the Trustees see any "off budget" expenses for next year. The answer was a qualified no. Steve mentioned that the Montessori School is thinking about expanding. There are also discussions about

possible remodeling. Jon Barbour's architectural firm is working with Montessori School on options.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as amended. The budget was approved as amended.

Assistant Moderator (and chair of the Nominating Committee) Lori Nicol noted the nominations were in the Annual Report. She thanked the Nominating Committee for their work. She said the committee tried to not ask people who were just coming off a committee. Two gaps remain in the committee lineup for next year: CE needs 4 members and the Trustees need 2 members. Please contact Lori if interested. She would like to have these positions filled by July 4. One addition was made to the printed nomination report: Sarah Parsons will co-chair the Personnel Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The nominations were approved.

Lori also thanked outgoing Moderator Rob Allen for his wit and ability to listen.

Pastor David gave his report. His comments are in the annual report; see State of the Church and Senior Minister's Report. He highlighted a few areas, including:

- 1) Centennial Celebration came off wonderfully.
- 2) Half of staff turned over this year due to a variety of unrelated reasons. He thanked all the committees involved in hiring new staff.
- 3) He noted three realities facing us:
 - Budget - Scroggins will run out in 2 years.
 - The church doubled in size during Pastor Bob Griggs tenure, but it never adapted to a larger size. Pastor David noted that that the church's governing structure has not had a major reorganization in 42 years. Small groups are working with David this summer and fall to gather thoughts on how we might be better organized.
 - The number of pledges is concerning. Membership has been going up the last several years, but the number of pledges has been going down. He doesn't know why. We need to ask ourselves where we need to go as a church. We are in a place between a small church and a large church. Many of us may be feeling tired by all the committee work and time required to keep all of our programming going. We need to begin conversations now before decisions are made for us when the budget needs to be cut.
- 4) David also said that he is overjoyed at the support he has received for his continuing education.

New Business:

- 1) Rob reported that the church had been contacted by a member of El Shaddai Congregation, a north Minneapolis group that is looking for a worship space. There are both fiduciary concerns which the Trustees

will look at, and spiritual concerns which the church council is looking at. Nothing will be done right now. One member of congregation commented that it sounded like a neat opportunity and worth exploring. Rob noted that there are value issues to consider (such as not being open and affirming) and whether these would be concerns for the church.

- 2) Council voted to extend the outreach committee for another year.
- 3) Tristen Lindemann made a plea to have new member names in the church bulletin. Rob said that sometimes it's not clear who is joining.

Pastor David led us in a closing prayer.

There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Reported by Clark Meyer.



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

FOR THE RECORD

New members/baptisms/weddings/funerals

On May 22nd, Sophee Blair (jack Ingersoll's great granddaughter) was baptized by Liz Mahan.

On Saturday, July 23rd new Lynnhurst members Julie Seifert and Geoff Schilz were married by Rev. David Lindsey in a lovely, if very warm, 4:00 p.m. wedding service. Congratulations to Julie and Geoff Schilz.

LYNNHURST WEEKLY E-NEWS

A weekly E-News update is sent out at 1:00 p.m. every Thursday. Information to be included is due by 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

The Sunday Bulletin is printed Thursday afternoons. Information for the bulletin insert is due in the church office by 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Information is due in the church office by noon on Thursday, August 18th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Happy Birthday greetings to the following Lynnhurst members and friends who are celebrating their birthdays in August:

August:

- 2 - Jim Larson
- 3 - Leon Erstad
- 4 - Samuel Reisch
- 7 - Richard Theisen
- 7 - James Parsons
- 8 - Bill Egbert
- 9 - Noah Pepper
- 10 - Kevin Nicol
- 11 - Julie Robinson
- 12 - Hannah Smith
- 13 - Jack Brockman
- 16 - Philip Ramstad
- 19 - Sophie Peterson
- 26 - Dale Pepper
- 27 - Judine Pattinson
- 28 - Floyd Child
- 29 - Elise Parsons
- 31 - Lottie Madson

Please call the church office at 612-827-6157 or e-mail church.office@lynnhurstucc.org with any missed birthdays.



August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <i>July</i>	1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 9:30am-Bible Study	3	4	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 <i>Art installation in the Gallery</i>
7 10am-Worship Music: Susan Rose	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9 9:30am-Bible Study	10	11	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13
14 10am-Worship Music: Jay Bruns <i>Coffee Offering to Loaves & Fishes</i>	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16 9:30am-Bible Study	17	18	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20
21 10am-Lake Harriet Bandshell Service <i>Coffee Offering to Sabathani</i>	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23 9:30am-Bible Study	24	25 Book Club Movie Date: <i>The Help</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27 8am-Faith Exploration- <i>Phaedo</i>
28 10am-Worship	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30am-Bible Study	31 <i>Office Closed</i>	1 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>September</i>	2 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>September</i>	3 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>September</i>