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Sunday Church School Activities 10:00 a.m.

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**Lynnhurst Home Companion
Saturday, February 26 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Annual Winter Meeting
Sunday, February 27 - 11:15 a.m.**

You are welcome here!

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From The Minister...

Grace and peace to you!

We are now in the back half of winter here in Minnesota. The days are lengthening; the Super Bowl is upon us; and this year's Winter Sabbath is nearly complete. Though we may feel like winter will never end, the signs of the times remind us that spring is coming!

Here at 45th and Colfax, a few of our winter traditions are happening this month. In particular, I encourage you to circle the weekend of February 26th and 27th on your calendars. That weekend, we will have both our Lynnhurst Home Companion and a Congregational Meeting. On Saturday the 26th, the Home Companion (the Silver Jubilee edition!) will be happening. This annual talent show is a blast, featuring skits, songs, stories, and more from our own members! Please be sure to be in attendance that night. The next morning, we will have a Congregational Meeting after worship. All church members are encouraged to attend as we hear from the leadership of the church about how life in our congregation is going. Please be sure to be in attendance that day as we practice the spirit of religious democracy together!

By the end of this month, I will very likely have heard from the Chicago Theological Seminary about whether or not I've been admitted to their Doctor of Ministry in Preaching program. This is a great educational opportunity, done while working full-time in a ministerial setting. If admitted to the program, I would be going away to Chicago for three weeks each summer for classes. I would then return home and do my homework (reading about preaching, writing sermons, delivering sermons) throughout the rest of the year. As in my last newsletter article, I ask for your continued prayers for discernment around this program and my continuing education.

Ordinarily, Lent begins in February. This year, however, it starts much later (March 9th is Ash Wednesday). With the traditions of Lent delayed, I encourage you to take some time to find spiritual sustenance in other ways this month. Consider Valentine's Day: it's a joy for some and a burden for others. In any case, it does present an interesting opportunity to consider the nature of love from a Christian perspective. 1 John 4:7-8 reads "Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." If you are looking for a place to anchor your prayers, meditations, and reflections this month, I commend this passage to you as a launching pad for your spiritual walk in the coming weeks. May it be a blessing for you!

In Christ's peace,
David

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Each committee chair should attend or send a representative, all church council at large delegates and church clergy are asked to join us for an update on current church business and preparation for the upcoming annual meeting. If you or your committee has anything that should be on the agenda, please contact our Moderator ROB ALLEN.

LYNNHURST ANNUAL MEETING

Our Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27 at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We will have updates from our committees on their current work and future projects and a recap of our Winter Sabbath. Please help yourself to coffee in the lounge and then make your way back to the Sanctuary for our meeting. Child care will be provided.



JOIN THE SILVER JUBILEE FUN ON FEBRUARY 26!

Lynnhurst members used to go on annual outings to see live performances of "The Prairie Home Companion" until tickets got too pricey, at which point they decided to employ their bountiful resident talents and put on their own entertainment revue. They even served dinner at the first show! Well, twenty-five editions later we're not doing dinner theatre anymore but the good times keep growing (and the Diaconate's lovely treat array during intermission should quell hunger pangs). Please plan to join us on Saturday night, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Lounge for the special Silver Jubilee Lynnhurst Home Companion show. There will be comedy, all kinds of music and entertaining diversions galore. It's the perfect way to spend a cozy winter evening with friends. Bring the whole family! STEVE WOLD and JOHN GOODRICH would love to talk to anyone yet interested in participating in our home-grown variety extravaganza, but please let them know by **February 12**, and feel free to contact them with any questions. Proceeds from ticket sales of the Home Companion show help fund the Lynnhurst church Music & Arts board's activities and events throughout the year, so it's a good cause AND a surefire good time. Hope to see you and yours there!



URBAN HOME WORKS

An invitation to all who have thought they might like to work on building a home for someone you don't know. Come join MARY and RON FAULKNER for a day with Urban Home Works, February 5, from 8:30 a.m. until no later than 4:00 p.m. We plan on driving and there is room in the car for a few more.

What is Urban Home Works? Pamphlets describing this organization can be found on the TRUST bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Find out information on other TRUST programs also on Bulletin board. We look forward to our adventure with Urban Home Works. Recent projects: scraping tile off wood flooring, removing old finish from newel post, painting, demolishing old garage. Hope to hear from you. MARY FAULKNER



BOOK CLUB

The Lynnhurst Book Club will meet on Thursday evening, February 10 at MARY FAULKNER's home to discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. Please come for a delightful evening of humor, snacks, friendship and book discussion. We begin at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome! Call if you have questions: CAROLYN PARSONS or JEAN McGUIRE



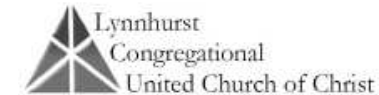
FAITH EXPLORATION

Faith Exploration will meet on Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss *Contemplation and Compassion: Thomas Merton's Vision* by Anthony Padavono. If you need a copy, please contact MARCIA MILLER. Bring something to share for a potluck breakfast, coffee will be provided.



OUR WHOLE LIVES RETREAT

Youth currently in grades 6-8 are welcomed to participate in Our Whole Lives sexuality education retreats. There will be a mandatory parent's orientation session Sunday, February 13 from 12-2 pm (lunch provided) at Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Ann Judson Room, 4101 Harriet Ave. S. This event will provide a detailed look at the OWL curriculum and hands-on experience with many activities and materials your child will engage within the OWL program. Parents must attend the orientation session and sign parental consent forms before youth can register for the program. Based on the level of interest, an additional meeting date may be scheduled. Please let ASHLEY ANDERSON know if you plan to attend the meeting and/or have any questions.



INTRODUCING THE NEW LYNNHURST UCC WEBSITE!

When we welcome visitors or new members to our church, we consistently hear that they've been to our church website to get a sense of what Lynnhurst has to offer. Initially developed by John Slothower and maintained by webmistress LYNN DIXON, with support from PAUL OLSON, our site has been a helpful presence on the web since 2002.

Last year the Outreach Committee starting working with Connected-Word, a company that specializes in developing and hosting websites for UCC churches. We are excited to present our new site, accessible at the same domain name, www.lynnhurstucc.org. Besides a fresh design with more photos of Lynnhurst life, the new site is informative and easier to update, keeping our "face to the public" fresh and current. The site will also include a Members Only section, to be rolled out later in the year. This section will be a place where Lynnhurst members can sign on to access directories, meeting notes, announcements and more.

Along with the new site, you'll notice that we've slightly modified the Lynnhurst symbol and updated the typeface, starting with this month's newsletter. This reflects our long-standing traditions of honoring our past while being forward thinking and relevant.

If you have any questions about the new site, please contact MARY LYNUM.



**THE LYNNHURST MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS
AN EXHIBIT BY ARTIST KRISTINA FJELLMAN**

The Lynnhurst Music and Arts Board is pleased to present an exhibit of sculpture by artist Kristina Fjellman of Minneapolis. Through her art, Kristina explores uncertainties and insecurities of being a woman, an American, and a member of the world community. Utilizing text and themes of journey, Kristina transforms delicate bent wire, sewn paper and sheer fabric into a personal story or documentation of her life. During the installation of these works, the journey continues, as the element of light and shadow created adds depth and movement. The finished piece is an organic, somewhat simple, abstraction of the original text or theme, but the bent wire holds a tension that cannot be duplicated on paper or canvas. The exhibit will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Art Gallery through February 25.



DIACONATE UPDATING PHONE TREE

While much of our church news is handled through our weekly email newsletter, there are members who either do not have access to email, or just prefer to be contacted about deaths and hospitalizations by phone.

If you are currently on the phone tree list, you will soon be contacted by a member of the Diaconate to see if you wish to remain on this list. If you are not on this listing, and wish to be added, please contact JODIE MEYER. You may opt to be on both the e-mail list and the phone tree.

Do keep in mind that the phone tree is only initiated in the event of death or hospitalization. Other news is relayed via the weekly e-newsletter.



CENTENNIAL BOOK AND CELEBRATION SERVICE DVD

Our wonderful keepsake Lynnhurst Centennial Book and Celebration Service DVD are still available. Please contact PAUL OLSON AND MARY KAY WILLERT if you would like copies. The Book cost is \$5.00 and the DVD price is \$3.00. Proceeds from the sale of the Centennial Book will go for supplies needed to preserve and maintain the Lynnhurst Church Archives.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR \$1000?

Did you know that the UCC has undergraduate scholarship funds for UCC members? The United Church of Christ Undergraduate Scholarships are available to members of UCC congregations who are under 25 years and are sophomore, junior or senior undergraduate students, in any discipline, attending an accredited 4-year university or college in the United States. Awards are modest, about \$500-\$1,000. Check it out. The brochure and applications can be downloaded from www.ucc.org/higher-education/scholarships. In the past the number of applicants was quite low, and if that continues your chances of receiving a scholarship from this program are very good, better than 50 percent.



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 Sunday, February 20!



TRUST COMMUNICATOR

TRUST Communicator is a bi-monthly newsletter. The newsletter is inspirational, full of tips on health and information on what has happened and is happening at TRUST and at Churches belonging to TRUST. If you are not receiving the Communicator and want to, let the church office or TRUST know you want to be added to the mailing list. This information is not shared with any other organization.

SOMETHING NEW - you can now get the Communicator by email. If this is how you would rather receive the Communicator let TRUST know and give TRUST your email address. Keep informed on how some of your mission money at Lynnhurst is spent. MARY FAULKNER



HARMONY FOR HABITATS

Join us at fellow TRUST church, St. Johns Episcopal (4201 Sheridan Ave So.) on Sunday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m. This annual chamber music concert held in the intimate setting of St John's sanctuary benefits organizations that build or repair homes for those in need, both locally and internationally. A wine and dessert reception with the musicians follows the concert. Ticket prices are minimum donations, additional contributions are welcome: \$25 for open seating and \$50 for reserved seats. Children are free and child care is available. Seating is limited, so buy your tickets early. Tickets are available by calling 612-922-0396 ext. 10 or emailing stjohns@stjohns-mpls.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . Can't attend but want to donate? Send a check payable to St John's with "Harmony for Habitats" in the memo line.



THANK YOU FOR THE COMMISSION!

I spent a good portion of last year working on the Lynnhurst centennial hymn and anthem, "From the Past We Hear Your Voices". It was a wonderful experience and I am grateful for it. For my first commission as a composer, it was truly special to be able to write a hymn and performance piece for a church full of people I dearly love, who are the ones who have been asking me, over the past twenty-seven years or so, to be who I really am and who have supported all my efforts in that direction.

Collaborating again with Henrik Strandskov was a joy. He wrote lyrics that expressed the warmth toward the past and future that I was aiming for in the music, lyrics that I never got tired of during the long process of turning them into a choir anthem.

It was fun to write an anthem for voices I know well in a choir where all the sections are strong. It was fun to write brass and organ parts for some of the talented instrumentalists in our mix. Susan Rose, Chris Anderson, and Jay Bruns all spent time showing me things about their instruments and answering my questions. Then they played their parts really well.

This commission was all choir director Peggy Swalm's idea. She got Rev. David Lindsey, the Music and Arts Board, and the Centennial Committee on board and I am especially grateful for the trust that they placed in me. It was really good working with Peggy and David on a lot of nitty-gritty details.

Peggy, along with the choir and instrumentalists, did serious hard work to make the performance of the anthem a reality. I was careful to not make the piece too difficult, but learned, in the rehearsal phase, that there are a lot of other ways besides tricky notes to make a piece harder. The opening of the piece, for example, has to sound tentative, but intentionally so. With a couple of extra rehearsals, Peggy and the singers and players pulled it all together and the end result was a very good performance. I was so pleased!

A further highlight for me on October 24th was to hear 200 or so voices sing the new hymn boldly. What a thrill!

Thank you, Peggy! Thank you, David! Thank you, Henrik! Thank you, Susan and Chris and Jay! Thank you, sopranos, altos, tenor and basses! Thank you, Lynnhurst!

XOXOX, Lynn Dixon



FEBRUARY FUN

Looking for something to brighten a cold February day? Join us for a fun-filled production of *Seussical the Musical* at Washburn High School. We have two students from Lynnhurst who will be dancing and singing in this amusing production of Dr. Seuss stories. Performances are February 10 through 12 at 7:00 p.m. and February 13 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or you can order them by downloading a form at www.washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us. Hope to see you there!



MEN'S COATS & JACKETS NEEDED

Do you have men's coats or jackets in good condition that you are not wearing? The International Institute has quite a few coats in stock for women and children, but there are very few available for men. If you would like to donate a men's coat or jacket for refugees arriving in Minnesota, please bring it to the choir room or main office.

For more information about other ways that you can help families as they arrive in the metro area, contact KAREN REISCH regarding the backpack project for school age children or PEGGY SWALM regarding apartment set up and mentoring.



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 Lisa in the church office by Thursday to have your information in the following Sunday bulletin.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

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

- 2 - Ely Kloker
- 7 - Marnee Good
- 8 - Pauline Pepper
- 8 - Mary Kay Willert
- 9 - Haley Brockman
- 11 - Wyatt DeYoung
- 11 - Paul Solie
- 12 - John Christiansen
- 12 - Elizabeth Egbert
- 12 - Henrik Strandskov
- 14 - Jason Brockman
- 14 - Julia Lofness
- 16 - Rob Allen
- 16 - Linda Hart
- 19 - Duane Lookingbill
- 20 - Jeff Kosse
- 20 - Nathan Roberts
- 21 - John Goodrich
- 21 - Luke McKee
- 23 - Evva Parsons
- 27 - Kitty Hillman Latane
- 27 - Jackson Van Dyke

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