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INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY

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

David Lindsey, Minister
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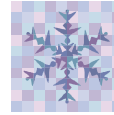
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*ReVisioning 2012
begins Sunday, January 8th*

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From The Minister...



Grace and peace to you!

With Christmas Day now come and gone, we find ourselves in the coldest month of the year. January can be tough for a lot of us, but I (for one) am grateful for the sunlight and the snow that we often have at this time of the year. And this year, as the Iowa caucus and the presidential primaries unfold, we are once again watching history happen. I will never forget listening to the radio four years ago as I folded laundry in my apartment downtown, hearing Barack Obama speak after he (to my surprise) won the Iowa caucus. Who knows what surprises await us during *this* presidential election year?

Here at Lynnhurst, history is unfolding before us yet again as we undertake our second round of ReVisioning. During the next few weeks, we will be watching and listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As individuals and small groups, we will prayerfully consider where God is calling us as a church during the coming years. What are the ministry needs in our community? How best should we organize ourselves to meet those needs? What surprising ways will God call us during this time? We urgently need your voice and your perspective, so if you haven't signed up for a group, please do so ASAP. Greater participation in this process will result in a fuller vision of the call to live out Christ's teachings during the coming years, so please sign up! You might not think you have much to contribute, but let me assure you: the greatest contribution you can make in this process is simply showing up for it.

On Sunday, January 15th, I will be preaching my third of three sermons for my Doctor of Ministry during this school year. I want to thank you all again for your encouragement in this process, through prayer, financial support, and granting me time away in the summer to work on this program. In particular, I want to thank the Parish Project Group (PPG), a lay team of folks from Lynnhurst who have supported me in the preparation and evaluation process of these sermons. The PPG members are David Allen, Melissa Anderson, Leon Erstad, Grace Huibregtse, Jen Peterson, and Geoff and Julie Schilz. Thanks for your help!

During this coldest time of year, may you be encouraged by the lengthening of the days. As the sunlight expands during the coming months, may the light of Christ expand in our hearts, as well!

In Christ's peace,
David

REVISIONING 2012: Please be a part of the planning!

We will begin our revisioning process with a **Pot Luck Luncheon** on Sunday January 8th following worship. We will enjoy great food and friendship family-style in the gym. If you have not had a chance to sign up, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge or please call (612-827-6157) or e-mail (church.office@lynnhurstucc.org) the church office and let us know how many from your family will be coming. Please indicate if you will be bringing a main dish, a salad or a dessert to share. If you have children who will need childcare after the meal, please let us know their ages.

After the meal, we will have an introduction to **Revisioning 2012** and then actually move right into Session #1. This will last no longer than 1 hour, which should have you reunited with your families by 12:45-1:00 p.m.

The **Revisioning 2012** process will allow us to explore some important planning issues for our congregation in the comfort of small group sessions. Members of the congregation will facilitate these sessions. If you have not yet signed up for a session please see the times on the January calendar in this newsletter and call the church office to join.

The first session "Initiation of the Planning Process" is Sunday, January 8th, following the Pot Luck. The second week of meetings will begin on Monday, January 9th; the topic is "Budget." The third week of meetings begins on Monday, January 16th; the topic is "Church Growth." The fourth week begins on January 23rd; the topic is "Priorities." The fifth and final week of meetings will begin on January 30th; the topic is "Role of Laity."

At the culmination of these meetings The Revisioning Team will compile the information and begin the process of establishing a new 5-year plan for Lynnhurst. Your voice is very important. It doesn't matter if you have been a member for 5 days or 50 years, we need to hear your thoughts as we establish our new goals. Please, if you make only one New Year's Resolution, make the time to be part of this process.

The Revisioning Team: Rev. David Lindsey, Lori Nicol, Doug Meisner, Sharon Decker, Lance Brockman, Mary Kay Willert

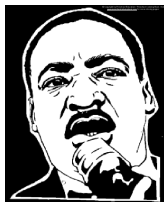
ReVisioning Meeting Locations:

Beginning Monday, January 9, 2012 through Sunday, February 5, 2012

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Room
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Fireside Room
Tuesday evening	7:00 p.m.	Lounge on 1 st Floor
Wednesday evening	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Room
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Fireside Room
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Lounge on 1 st Floor
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	Fireside Room

TRUST YOUTH EVENT!

On January 8th, Jr. and Sr. High Youth are invited to enjoy lunch at Judson Memorial Baptist at 12:00 noon. Following lunch the Jr. High will enjoy a variety of activities and the Sr. High will plan the Martin Luther King Service. Please let Ashley know if you will be attending by Thursday, January 5th.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION TRUST SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

TRUST youth will be leading the annual Martin Luther King Service at Living Spirit United Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, January 15th. All are invited to worship and support TRUST Youth. Living Spirit UMC is located at 4501 Bloomington Avenue South.

FROM THE DIACONATE



Starting January 1st, the diaconate, together with our worship leaders, will lead us in the following small change to how we begin our worship time together. This change is based on feedback through our worship survey and discussion in the diaconate meetings. A member of the diaconate will invite us all to find a seat and listen to the announcement highlights appropriate for that Sunday at about 3-5 minutes before 10:00 a.m., depending on how many announcement highlights we have. If appropriate, a particular announcement highlight might be given by a parishioner. The deacon will also invite all to expect more information and announcements during coffee hour. The deacon of the month will check with David about which announcements need highlighting. Any parishioner who would like to highlight an announcement during this time should contact David or an usher that Sunday or the church office prior.

Following the announcements the deacon will invite us to quietly prepare our minds for worship by listening to the prelude. Our hope is that the prelude will start at 10:00 a.m. and all will find it a useful transition from social time to worship time.

LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th at CORDELIA JOHNSON's home (5200 Humboldt Avenue South). This month's book is *Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by Michael Dorris. The facilitator will be MARY FAULKNER. Please come for a delightful evening of humor, snacks, friendship and book discussion. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome! Call if you have questions: CAROLYN PARSONS at 612-929-5243 or JEAN McGUIRE at 612-927-6469.



FAITH EXPLORATION

Faith Exploration will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14th. We will be discussing Books 7 and 8 of the Confessions of St. Augustine (about 45 pages; any translation). This is like Star Wars—beginning in the middle of the story. At this point in his memoir, Augustine is 32 years old and has left the conservative backwater of North Africa where he was born and raised, and has moved to the religiously and politically sophisticated Big Apple of Rome and Milan. He is astonished to learn that the Bible is better understood if you don't read it literally, and that the smart people consider the materialism he has believed up to now to be childish and wrong. But he can't figure out how something can exist and not be material. He decides he is a skeptic, believing that nothing can be known for sure. But then he discovers the writings of the Platonists, and that along with a beatific vision of God lead him to Christianity. He decides that he will eventually become a Christian, "but not yet!" A lot of things to talk about in only 45 pages. Come for the pot luck breakfast and coffee; stay for the discussion.

OUR SUREFIRE CURE FOR THE MIDWINTER BLUES

Come the dreary days of Winter, a bright oasis of musical delights and heartwarming belly laughs appears – the venerable, rollicking Lynnhurst Home Companion. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 25th and plan to join us for yet another assemblage of the amazing talents lurking within our congregation's ranks. Steve Wold and John Goodrich believe it's never too early to start scouting for talent, both veteran and new. If you're new to Lynnhurst and/or haven't seen the show, check with Steve or John – or, heck, ask anyone or maybe borrow a DVD of previous Companion revues. It's a fun, easy-going variety show, open to just about any act, be it musical, comedic, improvisational or classic. The proceeds support the ongoing projects of the Lynnhurst Music and Arts board. Don't be shy – we want you! And trust us; you'll rarely ever get to perform for such a warm and welcoming audience. Hope to see you there, on and/or off stage.



FEBRUARY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Floor Lounge at Lynnhurst. We are trying a new time for this meeting to make it more family friendly. We will provide a light dinner and childcare. If you will be bringing children please let the church office know what ages so we can provide adequate supervision. All committees should be represented either by their chairperson or a designated member of the committee. All "at large" members of the council are asked to attend. All clergy are invited to join as non-voting members. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting. We will adjourn no later than 8 p.m.



PRAYER REQUEST

Arline Hart, Linda Hart's mother, passed away peacefully at Walker Methodist on December 20th. Her memorial service will be held on January 20th at 11:30 a.m. Please keep the Hart/Egbert family in your prayers.



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.

MISSION BOARD NEWS

For the second year in a row, the Lynnhurst Mission Board has focused on cooperating with the International Institute of Minnesota. Among the many ways the institute helps recent immigrants is to provide home furnishings for refugee families coming to the metro area. Bedding is one of the most needed items for apartment set up. **This year, the Lynnhurst Mission Board is encouraging members to donate 20 of each of the following: sheets, pillowcases, and blankets or quilts (in good condition.) We'll take all sizes except king.** If you can help out with this project, please bring bedding supplies to the main office or choir room during the months of December and January. **Please put a note with the donation that says what size the bedding is.** The Lynnhurst Mission Board will deliver them to the International Institute for apartment set up.

Along with the UCC's drive to eradicate hunger with its recent Mission:1, the Mission Board wanted to set up a fun, intergenerational project that helps to feed the hungry. For that reason, we have a date to help out at **Feed My Starving Children** in Eagan. We have ten slots to fill for the 9-11a.m. shift on March 3rd. A sign-up poster will be in Fellowship Hall. If you cannot make it, Feed My Starving Children could use a number of supplies including: printing paper, trash bags, AA batteries, hair ties, and paper towels. Please bring the following items to the church and put them in the office with a label stating they are for Feed My Starving Children. Thanks.

A big thank you also to all those who contributed to **Wreath of Love**. As a result of your gifts, Lynnhurst was able to send a total of 50 presents to folks at Redeemer Residence, the children at Redeemer Daycare and some TRUST Parish Nurse and Meals on Wheels clients. Another member church of TRUST, Living Spirit United Methodist Church, will **celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** on Sunday, January 16th. Church member Virginia Richardson will deliver a keynote address on, "The Gift of Dr. King and the Movement to Us Today." Richardson's family was an integral part of the civil rights movement in Minneapolis in the 1960s. The service will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Living Spirit Church, 4501 Bloomington Avenue South, Minneapolis, 55407. For more information, please contact www.livingspiritumc.org



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. 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 January 15th!



SUNDAY SERMONS

If you are interested in listening to the sermon and some of the special music from a Sunday service, go to the church web site, www.Lynnhurstucc.org and click on "Sermons". The web site plays the sermons using Adobe's Flash Player which makes it possible for you to listen to the sermon on your computer, but does not enable downloading the sermon to an I-pod or mp3 player. However, if you have a smart phone or a tablet, you can download the Flash Player and this will enable you to listen to the sermons and the music on your phone or tablet.



FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE—NEW 2012 CHART!

The 2012 sign-up sheet for the flowers on the communion table is now posted outside the church office. The beautiful arrangements made by Bachman's cost \$33 and are available to take home after the service. You may designate the flowers in honor of a special person or occasion or in memory of a loved one.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: GIVE THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE!

Meals-on-Wheels can continue to serve the needs of the community only as long as volunteers are willing to help. You can help 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 donating your lunch hour and give the gift of independence. Contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040.



COFFEE HOUR

We need Coffee Hour Hosts! 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".



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

LYNNHURST WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

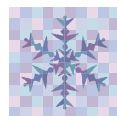
Information is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19th.

OFFICE HOURS:

Rev. David Lindsey's office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Lynnhurst members and friends celebrating their birthdays in January!



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| 1 | Sharon Decker |
| 2 | Lila Madson |
| 5 | Meg Parsons |
| 5 | Jackson Arndt |
| 8 | Dan Lucas |
| 11 | Cory Pepper |
| 11 | Ruth Fothergill |
| 12 | Max Lindemann |
| 16 | Haydn Brockman |
| 18 | Michael John Everett |
| 22 | Tristen Lindemann |
| 22 | Abby Syverson |
| 24 | Samuel Brimacomb |
| 24 | Ed Picard |
| 24 | Craig Smith |
| 25 | Thomas Shaw |
| 30 | Clark Meyer |



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