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INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY

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

David Lindsey, Minister
John Slothower, Associate Minister
Peggy Swalm, Choir Director
Jay Bruns, Organist
Ashley Anderson, Youth Director
Allison Raney, Youth Choirs Director

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Ash Wednesday Service
March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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From The Minister...

Grace and peace to you!

The weather is warming and the snow is melting! We may have some meteorological turbulence in the weeks ahead, including the possibility of yet more snow in March. Still, we are moving towards the warmth of spring!

Here at Lynnhurst, we are experiencing a little turbulence as we make our way towards the spring. Our administrative assistant Lisa Macklem has resigned so that she can accept a more full-time job at another congregation. Lisa has done tremendous work for us since her arrival four years ago. Though many of her efforts are behind-the-scenes, I can personally attest to the fact that our church would not have been running as smoothly as it has in recent years without her quiet, focused efforts. I will miss her, but I think I speak for all of us in saying that we wish her all the best in her new position at Edina Community Lutheran Church (ELCA).

In our spiritual life together, we are about to embark on our annual Lenten journey together. Ash Wednesday is March 9th this year, and I encourage you to join us for our evening service in the lounge. This year, the sermon series will be organized around the idea of surrender as a spiritual practice. Surrender -- the act of "letting go and letting God" -- can be one of the most challenging aspects of the Christian journey. Still, it is an important part of Christian spiritual experience, especially at key moments in our lives. I encourage you to be in worship these Lenten Sundays, as we explore this theme in depth.

Even as we face challenges at Lynnhurst -- both in personnel and in Lenten sacrifices -- I remain hopeful in all that God is doing among us as a congregation. Our membership continues to grow as a church, even as our members continue to grow in faith. Through our partnership with the International Institute of Minnesota, we are ministering to the strangers that have arrived in our land, as Boaz once did for Ruth. And our church staff continues to be incredibly strong, as we minister to all ages through the gifts of music, presence, and teaching.

Whatever this Lent holds for us, both individually and as a people, I pray that we might deepen in faith, hope, and love in the days to come.

In Christ's peace,
David



NEW LYNNHURST PHOTO DIRECTORY

On March 10, 11 and 12, LifeTouch will be in here taking photos of all who want to be in our new church directory. We had one made about 10 years ago so it's way past time to do it again. These full color directories are free to every member or friend of Lynnhurst. LifeTouch makes their money on the sale of extra portraits to people who want to have them. It is our great hope that everyone associated with Lynnhurst will participate. It will be a wonderful resource and keepsake for each of you now and for years to come.

The photo shoot dates and times are: Thursday, March 10 or Friday, March 11 from 2:30 - 9:00 p.m.; and also Saturday, March 12 from Noon - 4:00 p.m. If someone can't make any of these photo shoot times, there will be a list of other times and places in the area where LifeTouch is taking photos. One may make an appointment at one of those places and LifeTouch will make sure the photo gets into our directory or you may submit a photo to be included in the directory for a small fee.

Each person or family or group wanting a photo should sign up for a one hour session on one of the photo shoot days. Either sign-up with a 'sign-up specialist' after church in Lynnhurst's fellowship hall or use the online scheduling tool that was sent via email. If you did not receive the email with the link in it, you may contact BARBARA SCOTFORD and she will send it to you. Arrive for the photo shoot on time and looking smart, we are a smart bunch after all. Select the photo you want to use there on the spot. Go forth knowing you will be part of a wonderful work of art: our new photo directory.



LYNNHURST EMPLOYEE SURVEY

The Personnel Committee is conducting our annual review of Lynnhurst employees. To help with this review we are again soliciting the opinions of the congregation regarding the performance of our employees. Please take a few minutes to let our employees know what you think-- whether praise for work well done or suggestions for improvements. Copies of this year's survey are available in the back of the church and are included in the email newsletter. Please return your surveys to the church by March 20. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for completed surveys.



BOOK CLUB

The Lynnhurst Book Club will meet on Thursday evening, March 10 at CORDELIA JOHNSON's home to discuss *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. 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

The Faith Exploration group will be discussing the novel, *The De-Conversion of Kit Lamb* by Kate Kasten, who was Jean Sutton's roommate at Grinnell. This is the story of a troubled teenager who becomes involved with a charismatic church and travels to Guatemala to do mission work but becomes disillusioned. The book is available for order at Amazon.com. We will meet Saturday morning, March 12 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bring something to share for a potluck breakfast, coffee will be provided.



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, March 20!

MARCH IS MEALS ON WHEELS MONTH

Volunteers are the heart of Meals on Wheels! In March, the TRUST congregations observe Meals on Wheels Month. It's a time to recognize and thank the volunteers who have delivered hot meals and warm smiles to homebound elderly and disabled people in our community during the past year. More volunteers are always needed. If you can give some time each week or can help as a substitute, please call TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040.



LOAVES AND FISHES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Loaves and Fishes is a TRUST program that helps to feed the hungry in our community. No prior experience is necessary; on the job training is provided! Whether you are a regular, or have never given this opportunity a try before, please join us Monday, March 28 at St. Stephen's Church, 2123 Clinton Ave. South. The meals are served in the school building across the street from the church. There is a parking lot on the north end of the building, enter at the doors on the south end of the building. Please use the sign up sheet in the lounge and join us at 5:45 p.m. Contact HERB CROWELL if you are in need of transportation or with any questions.



CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF TRUST

Come celebrate 40 years of TRUST's service to the community on Tuesday, March 1 at an Open House from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Program begins at 6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave. S. Come: See old friends; Find yourself in great old pictures; Hear about TRUST – past & future; Meet the current leaders; Have hors d'oeuvres and sweets. Please RSVP to TRUST at trustinc@visi.com or 612-827-6159.

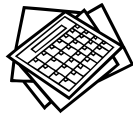
BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TRUST PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Fellow TRUST church, St. John's Lutheran is pleased to welcome Caritas Vocal Ensemble, an acapella group that has sung at St. John's on behalf of TRUST Parish Nursing Program since 2002. Caritas – "love in action" – is what brings this group together: sharing music with audiences to benefit people in need. A concert of acapella music ranging from sacred to secular, and traditional to multi-cultural, will buoy your spirit by the music itself and knowing your concert donation will go to support those in need. Please join us Sunday, March 13 at St. John's (4842 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis) at 4:00 p.m. and help support a much-needed ministry Tickets: \$15 / \$10 Students and Seniors. For tickets, contact MARY FAULKNER or call TRUST at 612-827-6159. Join us for a reception after the concert.



MEET OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBER!

On Sunday, February 20th, STEVE BORGMAN joined our fellowship here at Lynnhurst. Born in Richfield, Steve has lived and worked all over the United States (from Alaska to Florida) before returning home to Minnesota. He's an electrical contractor and inventor, and he enjoys outdoor activities -- especially those near the water! Please be sure to introduce yourself to Steve in the weeks ahead, so that we can help him feel at home in our church community.



REV. LINDSEY'S OFFICE HOURS

In an effort to serve Lynnhurst more effectively, REV. LINDSEY will now have specific office hours. He will be at the church building from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesdays, 9 am to 3 pm on Wednesdays, and 9 am to noon on Thursdays. These office hours have been arranged with the Personnel Committee, per Rev. Lindsey's contract. David may have an occasional meeting off-site during these times, and of course, he may be out in the event of a pastoral emergency. In the event of such an occurrence, this information will be posted on his office door. This schedule is subject to change at a future date in arrangement with the Personnel Committee, but any changes will be posted in a future 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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

On April 3 at 5:00 p.m., Lynnhurst UCC will host its annual Potluck Lenten Soup Supper. The focus of this year's event will be raising awareness of immigrants coming to Minnesota. Throughout the year, Lynnhurst has dedicated some of its time and mission dollars to the International Institute of Minnesota, an organization that "assists New Americans in their transition to a new homeland by providing critical programs and services for integration into a new community." After a sumptuous feast of soup and bread, we will have speakers who will speak about their immigration experience to Minnesota. There will be a sign up for the potluck in the lounge following church each Sunday through March. Money raised from the event will go towards the International Institute of Minnesota.



THREE WAYS TO HELP OUR ONE WORLD FAMILY

Men's Coats – THANK YOU for bringing in you gently used men's coats. So far we have collected and delivered 17 coats to the International Institute of Minnesota for refugees arriving in the Twin Cities during these cold winter months. We will continue to collect coats through the month of March with a goal of 20. Please drop them off on Sundays in the choir room or in the main office during the week.

Backpacks for School Age Children - THANK YOU for your donations of backpacks and school supplies. Our Sunday School students have already loaded 14 backpacks with needed school supplies. They will be delivered to the International Institute this week. Please keep those school supplies coming! Watch for a poster in the lounge showing what is still needed. Our goal is to deliver 40 backpacks.

Apartment Set Up and Mentoring

New refugee families are arriving every week. Volunteers are needed to help set up apartments. Apartment set up includes loading and transporting basic household supplies to the apartment site, grocery shopping, and putting furniture in place.

Mentoring is an opportunity to help a family adjust to life in Minnesota by meeting with them regularly over a 3 month period.

If you would like to help, sign up to be on an email list of volunteers in the lounge. For more information contact KAREN REISCH regarding the backpack project or PEGGY SWALM regarding apartment set up and mentoring.

FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

There is a new flower sign-up sheet posted outside the church office. Now is the time to sign up to sponsor flowers on Sundays for your special occasions and remembrances. Cost of flowers are \$33.00 and are yours to take home after the service.

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.

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 the church office by Thursday to have your information in the following Sunday bulletin or weekly e-news.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PEW POSTCARDS

Pew Postcards 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".



UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LECTURE

The Women's Studies Program at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities announces the 20th Anniversary of the Susan Draper White Lecture Series. Featuring Dr. Mary Farrell Bednarowski - Emerita Professor of Religious Studies, United Theological Seminary. "What We Know From Where We've Been: In Praise of Ambivalence" on Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. With a panel on "Multiple perspectives on where we've been and what we know" facilitated by Dr. Christie Cozad Neuger on Tuesday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. Free and open to the public. No preregistration required. For more information call 651.255.6143 or visit www.unitedseminary.edu.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

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

- 1 - Terry Reisch
- 3 - Annalee Strandskov
Lauren Charles
- 4 - Gary Hansberger
Jack Ingersoll
Alice Kloker
- 6 - John Eian, Jr.
- 9 - Duncan McKee
- 14 - Dan Egbert
Matthew Boehlke Rynkiewicz
Calvin Christianson
Stephanie Makredes
- 15 - Jack Lucas
- 17 - Dick Brimacomb
- 19 - Pat McKee
Tahlia Mills
- 20 - Grant Peterson
- 21 - Ron Faulkner
Danielle Wold
- 22 - Dianne Mills
- 23 - Elise Peterson
Joyce Woodruff
- 25 - Melissa Anderson
- 26 - Grace Larson
John Woodruff
- 30 - Kim Keprios
- 31 - Diane Peterson

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

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 9:30am-Bible Study | 2 7:30pm-Adult Choir | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10am-Worship & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals | 7 | 8 9:30am-Bible Study 7:30pm-Music&Arts | 9 6:30pm-Adult Choir 7:30pm-Ash Wednesday Service | 10 Lifetouch Photos 7pm-Book Club (Johnson's) | 11 Lifetouch Photos | 12 8am-Faith Exploration Lifetouch Photos |
| 13 - Daylight Savings Time begins- 10am-Worship w/Communion & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals | 14 | 15 9:30am-Bible Study | 16 7:30pm-Adult Choir | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 - Think Three Sunday- 10am-Worship & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals 11:15am- Diaconate - Mission Board - Trustees | 21 <i>April Newsletter Articles Due</i> | 22 9:30am-Bible Study | 23 7:30pm-Adult Choir | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10am-Worship & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals | 28 5:45pm- Loaves & Fishes | 29 9:30am-Bible Study | 30 7:30pm-Adult Choir | 31 | | |