

# The Lynnhurst Voice

## April 2015

Monthly Newsletter

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**Maundy Thursday (7:00p)**

**April 2**

**Easter Breakfast (8:30a)**

**April 5**

**Easter Service (10:00a)**

**April 5**



### *Committee Meetings:*

Marketing (7:00p)

April 7

Parish Nurse Advisory Board (7:30p)

April 7

Stewardship Workshop(11:15p)

April 12

Music and Arts (7:30p)

April 14

Christian Ed (8:30a)

April 19

Diaconate (11:30a)

April 19

Trustees (11:30a)

April 19

Mission (11:30a)

April 19

Church Leadership (7:00p)

April 21

CLC Budget Meeting (7:00p)

April 30



**THINK 3  
APRIL 19!**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Mary Faulkner	12	Carl Hanson
1	Jeff Wood	15	Teague Faulkner
2	Mike Picard	15	Heidi Arndt
2	Oliver & Owen Crowell	16	Dave Allen
3	Jeanne Cummings	19	Heidi Boehlke
3	Henry Huibregtse	19	Melanie Salmon-Peterson
5	Ryan Stricker	23	Sharon Eian
6	Kay Barbour	25	Dan Christensen
6	Nicole Hermanson	29	Jen Peterson
9	Sue Kloker	30	Dean Kloker
11	John Barbour	30	Claire Solie



## *FROM OUR INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR...*

Greeting Friends,

As you are receiving this, we are concluding our Lenten journey and preparing for the glorious celebration of Easter. Easter is perhaps the highest day of the Christian calendar and if weren't for the resurrection of Jesus, Christianity would have probably not come into existence. This event is difficult to grasp or understand for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It seems an outrageous claim or we spend a great deal of time trying to figure out what happened. How did someone who died suddenly live?

I don't know the answer to that question. I do know that the disciples and the community that had surrounded Jesus believed something significant had happened that radically changed their lives and their sense of purpose. I don't believe they were hallucinating or perpetuating a hoax. Something happened on that morning long ago that altered the course of human history and that something was God's doing and God's statement that nothing can deter the love of God for us, not even death.

As we move into the Easter season and begin to reflect on the future of our community of faith through the stewardship campaign and the move into the rebirth of our world through spring, may we also find a new sense of purpose for Lynnhurst and for our lives. May we be radically changed by the message of God who loves us deeply and from whom nothing can separate us.

Grace and Peace,  
Anita



### ***FROM OUR PARISH NURSE***

*If you have questions, please contact Nancy Erstad, RN, MA, FCN*

Easter is soon here, and with it family gatherings. Sometimes that is an opportunity to lay the foundation for further conversation with parents, siblings, or children about longer range issues that may include health care issues. It may be that your conversation is the stimulus that nudges people to think and take action over otherwise deferred topics. One of the hardest ones is an advance directive, or what loved ones should do when you cannot speak for yourself in a medical emergency. Who wants to raise distressing issues? Well, maybe you do. What may be an uncomfortable topic now can be wrenching at a hospital bedside as loved ones struggle to know 'what would he/she want us to do?' A loving gift to each other is actually talking about it, and empowering loved ones to act according to your wishes. One step further is putting that conversation into writing, in an advance directive.

Lynnhurst has the newest Honoring Choices advance directive forms, the more complete long form and also the simpler short form, available both in the church office and now on-line from the church website. On the website, go to Resources, then to Church Forms for either form. I also have some printed guides to assist you with them. I am available and willing to help you with any step in this process. Just ask.

Nancy Erstad, RN, MA, FCN

## UPCOMING AT LYNNHURST

### JOYFUL GENEROSITY

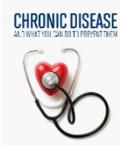


The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is Joyful Generosity and it is not too early to start thinking about it. Most years the stewardship drive sneaks up on us. We hear a couple of Stewardship Moments in church; we receive the pledge packets, and then often forget to turn in our pledges until reminded. This year the campaign is starting earlier but the pledging time is shorter, and we are asking you to consider how you may contribute to the mission of this church that we all love so much.

- **Sunday, April 12** is the kick-off of the drive. Rev. Rick Wagner, Associate Conference Minister, will be preaching and will lead a conversation about stewardship after the service.
- **Sunday, April 19** the emphasis will be on Missions, and the group traveling to Kenya will be commissioned. The stewardship packets will be handed out at church that Sunday, or mailed to members not at the service. There will also be a brief explanation of the current budget during the service. There may even be a pop quiz about the income and expenses of the church.
- **Sunday, April 26**, Sharon Decker will share some of her thoughts on membership at Lynnhurst and we will view a short video on stewardship.
- **Sunday, May 3**, is the date for turning in the pledge cards. They will be blessed at the service and there will be a celebration at coffee hour after the service.

We encourage you to consider how you can support the mission of this church with Joyful Generosity. In addition, if you have questions about the Stewardship Campaign or suggestions for it, the members of the committee are: Sharon Decker, Mike Peterson, Cheryl Brockman, and Paul Olson

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH NURSE ADVISORY BOARD



The Parish Nurse Advisory Board is pleased to announce the first of a three part adult education series scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall based on **Living with Chronic Disease**. The series is designed to explore a variety of facets associated with the growing awareness of this state of health, both from those who may be experiencing health issues relating to Chronic Disease and for all of us who live in Community with them. Additional forums are scheduled for the fall of 2015, and the spring of 2016.

For the first planned forum of the series, we are pleased to welcome guest speaker Rev Marty Jones to Lynnhurst who will lead us in a thought provoking discussion focusing on **Compassionate Communication**. Rev Marty holds a Master of Divinity as well as a Master of Science in Education. She has served as Chaplain at Walker Methodist Corp for 22 years and is currently serving there as Director of Spiritual Care. Rev Marty has led many presentations and training sessions for groups relating to compassionate communication for church professionals and lay people, for those working with patients having dementia at senior centers, the Alzheimer's Association, The University of Minnesota, Memory Care professionals, among others.

Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service on April 26, at 11:15 am for a fascinating and informative presentation by Rev Marty Jones leading off our planned series on **Living with Chronic Disease**.

## **BOOK CLUB**



Will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Cordelia Johnson's home (5200 Humboldt Ave South, Minneapolis). The book being discussed is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

### **Book Description:**

*"That was it. That was all of it. A grace so ordinary there was no reason at all to remember it. Yet I have never across the forty years since it was spoken forgotten a single word."*

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family—which includes his Methodist minister father; his passionate, artistic mother; Juilliard-bound older sister; and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother—he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years.

Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

## **FAITH EXPLORATION**



Faith Exploration will meet on Saturday, April 25 starting at 9:00 am will also be discussing *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger Join us for a potluck breakfast and lively discussion.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS MEET APRIL 12 AT 11:30 A.M.**



Join us on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the sewing room. All ages and ability levels are welcome. One-on-one instruction is available along with resource packets. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

## **THE MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD**



The Music and Arts Board is very pleased to present an encore exhibit of Drawing on the Artist Within: A Creative Journey, featuring works by participants of Lance Brockman's Art Group. The group supports artists of all levels and meets weekly to improve painting and drawing skills in a fun, supportive environment. Last-year's show knocked our socks off and, as with all member-shows, this one is sure to be a treat! Their artwork will be displayed March through April in the Fellowship Lounge gallery.

### **Through My Eyes**

*Through my Eyes* will be the next art exhibit starting April 26, 2015. Girl Scout Junior troop 14372 from Good Shepherd School in Golden Valley will be displaying their photos that they have been working on this past school year. Come and see the world through the eyes of

nineteen fifth graders. The Gallery opening will take place April 26 at 2pm, light refreshments will be served.

### **SAVE THE DATE**



Lynnhurst Spring workday is right around the corner. It will take place on May 16, 2015 from 9am – noon. Projects will include deep cleaning the church.

*Many hands make light work.*

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**



Join the Men of Lynnhurst each Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Curren's Restaurant (42<sup>nd</sup> and Nicollet Ave S) for breakfast. This a great time for getting to know Lynnhurst members more and take part in great conversations.

### **SAVE THE DATE**



For the annual Lynnhurst Car Camping trip August 7 - 9! This year, our adventures take us to Walker's Lodge in Danbury, WI, a short 2-hour drive and second home to Mike, Jen, Maren, and Beckett Peterson. A former resort lodge built in 1957; the property is filled with charm and nostalgia and features a large commercial kitchen, dining room, and great room with a fireplace and bar. Therefore, if you're not a 'camper' but love to experience nature, this may be the trip for you! The lodge and its accompanying cottage can sleep 30, but there's plenty of yard space for tents. Fishing, biking, boating, tubing, and soaking up the rays await - plus our Saturday night potluck and plenty of fellowship with your Lynnhurst friends. Reservations for the bedrooms may go quickly so please contact Jen Peterson at [towalkerjen@yahoo.com](mailto:towalkerjen@yahoo.com)/ 612-384-4672 for more information. We hope you can join us!

## **NEWS AT LYNNHURST**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**



Each Sunday we offer an opportunity for those at worship to offer a joy or concern for inclusion in the prayers. Some people have expressed a desire to have prayers offered, but, are reluctant to come to the front to the microphone. To offer a way to allow all joys and concerns to be included in the prayers, we have added a sheet of paper on the podium at the back of the church with the guest book. If you prefer to write your joy or concern on that sheet, it will be collected as the service begins and included in the prayers. We will continue to offer the opportunity to offer prayers at the microphone, but want to offer this alternative for all to participate.

### **LYNNHURST HOME COMPANION CURTAIN CALL!**



The 29<sup>th</sup> Lynnhurst Home Companion show filled the Fellowship Hall with laughter, music and applause on Saturday, February 28. We hope you were there to experience it in person, and if not, we hope you'll join us next time. Thanks to every single performer, both veteran and new, you all did a fantastic job and made for some marvelous memories. As ever, kudos to director STEVE WOLD for assembling and managing yet another top-notch line-up and performing himself throughout the show. We couldn't do it without the technical and support (and performing talents) of PAUL OLSON and MARY KAY

WILLERT and appreciated DOUG MEISNER balancing precariously on a ladder all night to record the show (DVD's are available thanks to BILL EGBERT, sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board). Thanks to the Music and Arts board members and other volunteers who helped set up beforehand and clean up afterwards, and brought and served delicious intermission foodstuffs. Mainly, thanks to everyone who attended and made the evening the warm and welcoming good time it invariably is – ticket sales go to support the projects and efforts of the Lynnhurst Music and Arts board throughout the year. THANKS ALL, see you next year! – JOHN GOODRICH (*grateful producer/emcee*)

### **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**



The Diaconate asks for your help in updating our records. In this time of transition, it is very important that we have an accurate representation of our congregation. Please fill out one form for each adult member (18 and older) rather than one per household. Please click on the link below to start your short survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8DDJNSH>  
**Deadline is April 15 - Thank you to all that have responded so far!**

### **AN OVERVIEW AND INVITATION TO THE LYNNHURST SPIRITUAL CIRCLE**



This group had its beginning during the Winter Sabbath gatherings that Lynnhurst hosted in 2010. Our group of seven women had lively discussions and found a mutual interest in continuing to support each other in our spiritual pursuits and challenges.

We have been meeting two Friday mornings a month ever since and have recently changed our name because we feel Spiritual Circle describes us best. The form and process of our meeting time and our connections to one another have evolved over the years and have emerged as an anchor in our lives. We have added one new member to become a circle of eight and we feel this type of gathering could be valuable to others. So we are extending an invitation to other Lynnhurst women who might be interested in exploring spirituality in a committed and intimate environment.

Here is what you can expect at a Friday morning meeting:

The meetings last 90 minutes, from 9:00-10:30 a.m., and consist of:

- An opening prayer or reflection
- Some silent meditation time
- Going around the circle to share what is present for you in your spiritual life
- A guided activity meant to afford time to connect and go deeper
- Closing reflection

All members take turns leading the group. The leader facilitates our time for quiet, time for listening to each other, and time for an activity that explores themes in spirituality; often involving music, art, movement, and humor. This has not proven to be an onerous job, but rather is done in the spirit of fun, curiosity and support.

Other details:

Twice a year we take a day retreat to Clare's Well, A Franciscan Retreat and Wellness Farm near Annandale. There we have restorative time, prayer, lunch and contemplation. We also hope to, once a year, share a common book that can help guide our gatherings for a few weeks.

It is rare that all eight of us are together on the same Friday morning. We are looking to keep this group small and intimate, but see that it is a good time to open our hearts to others who might find this gathering a useful anchor in their lives. We'd like to know you are coming so our leader can allow time for welcome and introduction to the group, so please contact one of the women listed here prior to joining us on a Friday morning. At this time we plan to remain a women's group. If you are interested, please give one of us a call. You are welcome!

Julie Ristau	(612)414-1593	Mary Faulkner	(612)823-5524
Lynn Dixon	(612)377-6819	Ruth Fothergill	(952)567-3282
Kim Keprios	(612)822-1864		

### ***SETTLED PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE***



During the last month, we have been busy reviewing Ministerial Profiles from applicants across the nation. Interested pastors from the east coast, the west coast, the south, the northwest, and the midwest have expressed an interest in becoming the full time settled pastor for our church. We as a search committee review each applicant carefully and prayerfully. We have listened to many sermons online. We have interviewed several candidates. We are attempting to discern which person will be the best pastor for us as we move forward as a congregation. During this process, all of our work needs to remain confidential, so we will not be able to share information about the candidates or the specific work that we are doing. I am impressed with how thoughtfully, conscientiously, and thoroughly each person on the search committee is looking at each candidate to help determine who will be best for our church.

Leon Erstad - Chair, Settled Pastor Search Committee

### ***LARGE SUITCASES NEEDED***



I am in need of some large suitcases to transport dolls to Haiti and Kenya. I am teaching a community education class again this year in which we are making dolls for children in need. We sent one batch to Haiti and have another going in March. We will also be sending dolls to Daylight School in Kenya in July. I am in need of large suitcases to transport them. If you are upgrading yours, see one at a thrift store or see a great sale, please let me know. (Tristen Lindemann [taolindemann@comcast.net](mailto:taolindemann@comcast.net)) The suitcase doesn't need to be pretty, but it does need to be clean, not smelly and sturdy enough to survive the trip. Thanks for your help.

### ***LYNNHURST CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE***



Check out our Facebook page, make sure to "like" and "follow" Lynnhurst Congregational UCC Church page. Feel free to post on the page; leave comments and observations, photos of church or community events, family, pet, inspiring videos or songs, opportunities for volunteerism or service, pose a question, share a joy, say thank you, ask for prayers. Also, consider inviting FB friends to like the Lynnhurst UCC page; there's usually a sidebar on the left side of your page with suggestions. Thanks in advance for helping to share the Lynnhurst story, and helping to grow our wonderful community!

*Please Spread the Word* ~ Check in on Facebook Sunday mornings to share your excitement that you are part of the Lynnhurst community.

## YOUTH NEWS AT LYNNHURST

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**



Please join us for a pre-service Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday! Breakfast will be available from 8:30a - 9:45a. This is a time to celebrate the holiday together before worship and other family celebrations! There is no cost for the breakfast (a free-will donation will go toward the youth trip to Daylight School in July). In addition, food donations are needed! We are specifically looking for egg dishes and pastries along with fruit and juice. There will be a food sign-up board out after church OR you can sign up to bring something by emailing Allison Raney at [allisonraneymusic@gmail.com](mailto:allisonraneymusic@gmail.com).

### **NIGHT ON THE STREET**



Lynnhurst is participating as a part of the TRUST Youth Group. For more info on the event, see: <http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/NOTS> There will be a small amount of fundraising for this event to help support homeless youth in Minneapolis. All fundraising will be done in church on Sunday, April 12. If you would like to donate before then, please contact Allison Raney at [allisonraneymusic@gmail.com](mailto:allisonraneymusic@gmail.com).

### **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S YOUTH SUNDAY, MAY 31ST!**

This service will be led by Lynnhurst Youth. More details to come!

## HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE?

### **CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE NEEDED**



Each year the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ gathers to celebrate the ministry of our churches, conduct business, learn, and have worship and fellowship together. We are looking for one more delegate to attend the gathering which is June 12 to 14 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. The church covers the costs of the meeting.

### **VOLUNTEER TO IMPROVE LITERACY**



We have concluded our adult education focused on illiteracy, and now we are ready to take some positive steps to address this problem. If you would like to volunteer to combat illiteracy and low literacy, there are numerous ways you can get involved. The Minnesota Literacy Council has volunteer opportunities with both adults and children in either one-to-one or classroom settings. Sharon Decker does ESL tutoring through this organization and is happy to talk to you about her volunteer work there. The phone number for the Council is 651 645-2277. The Minneapolis public schools are also in need of volunteers. If you search Volunteer MPS, you will find a list of local schools in need of all types of volunteers. There is a broad range of opportunities from math & reading tutoring to library helpers to special event assistance. If you are unable to commit to a weekly time, there are one time needs as well. We have had a special request from Janet Hagen, an ESL teacher, for volunteers from Lynnhurst. She is desperately in need of volunteers to work with her Transition Plus students. Jean Sutton is currently working with a Somali student through this program, and she is happy to talk to you about her experience and the process for volunteering with Minneapolis public schools. You can

also contact Janet Hagen directly at 612 668-4100 or Janet.hagen@mpls.k12.mn.us. Thank you for considering the gift of your time to help our neighbors succeed.

## TIDBITS

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTER



Sign up to dedicate Sunday flowers to honor a special person or occasion or in memory of a loved one. The calendar is just outside the church office and waits for your special date. Arrangements are \$36.50 and are yours to take home after the service. Feel free to supply your own store bought or during the summer, we welcome a lovely arrangements of flowers from your garden. Please sign up on the calendar and note that you will be bringing them to church on Sunday.

### 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 morning to have your information in the following Sunday bulletin or weekly e-news.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PEW POSTCARDS



Postcards, in the pews, offer an opportunity for congregation members to keep in touch with one another, 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. Your postcard will be addressed, stamped and mailed from the office. Please take advantage of this wonderful way to "keep in touch," using Mary Kay Willert's beautiful photographs.

### 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](http://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.

#### LYNNHURST DIRECTORY

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

Interim Minister	Anita Bradshaw
Associate Minister	John Slothower
Choir Director	Peggy Swalm
Organist	Jay Bruns
Youth Leader and Music Director	Allison Raney
Building Mgr. & Cleaning Specialist	Eben Pieterse
Parish Nurse	Nancy Erstad
Office Manager/Editor	Holly Kangas
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Church E-mail	<a href="mailto:church.office@lynnhurstucc.org">church.office@lynnhurstucc.org</a>
Office hours: Tuesday-Thursday	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
	Friday 8:30 a.m. – Noon

#### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

**Publications:** Lynnhurst Weekly E-News is sent at noon each Thursday. Information to be included is due by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Sunday Bulletin** are printed Thursday morning during the summer. Information for the bulletin insert is due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

**March Lynnhurst Voice** (the monthly newsletter) information is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23.

**Office Hours:**

**Minister's Office Hours:** Monday, by appointment; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Due to meetings, it is best to make an appointment with Anita, even during office hours). Also for pastoral emergencies during non-office hours, please call Anita's mobile at 612-791-8217. All other messages during non-office hours may be left on her voicemail at the office.

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday -Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon