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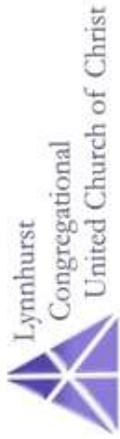
April 2012

### INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY

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

David Lindsey, Minister  
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# The Lynnhurst Voice

## April 2012

*April 1 ~ Palm Sunday*  
10:00 a.m. Service



*April 5 ~ Maundy Thursday*  
7:30 p.m. Service and Communion



*April 8 ~ Easter Sunday*  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Service



**You are welcome here!**

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## *From The Minister...*

Grace and peace to you!

What a wild month it has been. Crazy weather, Lehigh beats Duke in the NCAAs ... makes you wonder what's next. As this spring (hopefully!) continues to warm, I hope that you are able to enjoy this unusual season we are having.

April here at Lynnhurst promises to be a time filled with familiar customs. The month begins on Palm Sunday, featuring our usual procession of friendly young faces carrying palms. Holy Week continues with our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service, which happens at 7:30 p.m. on April 5. This is a time of reflection and communion, as we gather in the evening to remember Christ's final days. Then, on Easter Sunday (April 8), we celebrate the Resurrection! Easter Sunday will begin with a breakfast sponsored by our youth in the upstairs lounge starting at 8:30, followed by worship at 10 a.m. Please be sure to join us for this special season!

Towards the end of the month, we will begin our stewardship campaign for our next fiscal year (which begins July 1, 2012). I encourage you to begin prayerfully considering what you and your family are able to contribute to our ministry together in the coming year. This includes sharing of the financial blessings that God has given you, but it also includes the time, skills, and energy that you might be able to share, as well. More details about our budget for next year will be forthcoming as the weeks unfold.

I would also like to take a moment to say a personal thanks to you for your prayers and support during the loss of my uncle Luther "Doonie" Oakley, Jr. Doonie was the patriarch of my mom's side of the family, and he passed away on March 19 after a struggle with lung cancer. With his passing, my mom is now the only one of her siblings still living. Again, thanks for your prayers and for your flexibility as I made the trek back to Kentucky to be there for my family in the midst of our loss.

As you anticipate the glorious Eastertide before us, may God bless you and keep you in the days to come.

In Christ's peace,  
David



### ***CHANGES TO THE OPENING OF WORSHIP***

Thanks to all those who responded to the Diaconate's survey during the March congregational meeting. We heard that our connections as a community are important, we like hearing from each other, timing can be a problem, and many of us appreciate the quieter opening to the service.

Based on your responses, we'd like to try a new order of worship between Easter and the end of the Sunday School year. We'll open the service with a welcome by the pastor and then the organist will begin the prelude for a time of quiet contemplation. We're going to try announcements after the last hymn and before the benediction. The pastor will ask if anyone in the congregation has an announcement and people can come up to the microphone at that time.

As always, the Diaconate welcomes your feedback. Please let us know what you like and what you don't like, and we'll pass out another survey during the June congregational meeting.

### ***EASTER SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST*** *Sponsored by the Lynnhurst Youth*

On Sunday, **April 8**, we'll be serving in the upstairs central hall, and you can come any time between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee, drinks, breads and pastries (generously donated by Wuollet Bakery - yum!) will be served. A free-will offering will be accepted with proceeds used to help support the youth mission trip this summer. Please join us!

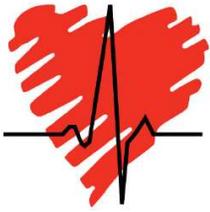


### ***KIDS' COMPANION THANKS***

The Christian Education Committee congratulates all the talented youth performers who made this year's **Kid's Home Companion** a big success. Thanks to ALLISON RANEY for putting together a great show. Thanks to BILL EGBERT for recording the show and PAUL OLSON and MARY KAY WILLERT for their work on sound. We are truly blessed to be a part of a community so willing to share their many talents with us.



## FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE



Did you miss getting a blood pressure information sheet and a wallet card for your own blood pressures and medications at the service on March 25? **We have more!** Would you like a check or re-check on your blood pressure? Contact NANCY ERSTAD, our Parish Nurse, to get these materials or arrange a time to meet with you.

## WHO WOULD SPEAK FOR YOU IF YOU COULDN'T SPEAK FOR YOURSELF?

In the event of a sudden illness or injury you may not be able to



communicate your healthcare choices to your loved ones or your medical team. Advance Care Planning is an ongoing process of evaluating and reflecting on your medical options in light of your values, beliefs, goals and current health status. On Sunday, **April 22**,

we will have a guest speaker, Bruce Pederson, to give us more information on this topic. Pastor Bruce Pederson is the manager of church relations for Fairview Health Services, and has developed and chaired ethics committees at both Mercy Medical Center and Ebenezer. On Sunday, **May 6**, we will have a potluck after church with an active discussion. The coordinated program for all the Twin Cities healthcare systems in Advance Care Planning is called Honoring Choices. Consider these events for yourself and your family members. These programs are offered by the Parish Nurse Advisory Board with coordination and support of the Diaconate.

## LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB – UPDATE!

The April book club meeting will be held at BECKY KRUSE's home on Thursday, **April 12**. The book being read is *The Deconversion of Kit Lamb* by Kate Kasten. JEAN SUTTON will facilitate the discussion. 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 or JEAN McGUIRE.

## THE LYNNHURST MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS “INTERIOR VIEWS” – KAREN MELVIN/JAY BRUNS

The Music and Arts Board is proud to present an exhibit of Photography titled *Interior Views* by Minneapolis based photographer Karen Melvin and Lynnhurst organist and designer JAY BRUNS. You are invited to the opening on Friday evening, **March 30**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge. Joining in on opening night will be Lynnhurst's Youth Choir Director ALLISON RANEY and the Apple Cellar Trio.



The images are part of the upcoming book, *Legendary Homes of the Minneapolis Lakes* and follows the second book by Karen Melvin, *Legendary Homes of Lake Minnetonka*, now in its second printing and published by the Minnesota Historical Society. The book is an interior tour through 28 iconic houses situated along the shores of the chain of lakes in Minneapolis: Lake of the Isles, Lake Calhoun, Cedar Lake, and Lake Harriet. The homes cover a variety of ages and styles from historic mansions to newly built state of the art residences. Karen Melvin is an interiors and architectural photographer whose work has appeared in Architectural Digest, House Beautiful, Mpls/St Paul Magazine and Woman's Day. Jay Bruns is an independent Production Designer working with national clients including Formica, Hunter Douglas, Marvin Window, Norcraft and Masterbrands Cabinetry and has recently returned to Lynnhurst for a second term as organist. Karen and Jay have worked together on many projects around the country for a variety of clients since 1992. The show runs from April through May in the church's Gallery Lounge.

## UCC SCHOLARSHIPS – 2012

**Deadline for receipt of completed applications is May 18, 2012**



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. The brochure and applications can be downloaded from [www.ucc.org/higher-education/scholarships](http://www.ucc.org/higher-education/scholarships). Awards are modest, about \$500-\$1,500. If you apply and qualify, your chances of receiving a scholarship from this program may be very good, sometimes better than 50 percent. It could pay for your books—or help you afford travel abroad!



### **STEWARDSHIP DRIVE KICKS OFF APRIL 22**

With Spring in the air and blossoms making an early appearance, we evaluate how Lynnhurst enriches our faith and helps us to **“Let Your Spirit Grow”** as we launch our annual stewardship pledge drive on Sunday, **April 22**.

During Sunday Stewardship Moments, Lynnhurst members and friends will share how the church has had a positive impact on their families and community, and how the time, talent and financial commitments we all contribute enable us to build a strong faith-filled foundation and flourish.

The stewardship packets will include a form to make your financial pledge for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which runs from July through June, and information about the proposed operating budget. It also will include a form for pledging time and talent.

We will be meeting again in our Revisioning small groups to discuss our budget and shed some light on the monies needed to support our programs and missions. Pledge forms are due to the offering plate or church office by **May 13**, when we will bless all the pledges during our Sunday service.

During the revisioning process, many members referred to Lynnhurst as an extension of their family, and our family tree is solid and strong. The trunk grows from faith and the Spirit, and its branches encompass Community, Youth, Mission, Music and the Arts, and Fellowship. Our tree is full of blooms and foliage, the lovely members who call Lynnhurst home. And like all living things, our tree needs nourishment (pledges, time, and talents). During our stewardship drive, we ask that you reflect on what Lynnhurst Congregational Church means to you and our wider community, and what you can provide to keep our foundation strong. **It's Spring! “Let Your Spirit Grow!”**

If you have any questions about this process or pledging in general, please ask Stewardship chair, MICHAEL PETERSON or financial secretary, CHERYL BROCKMAN.

Thank you,  
The Stewardship Committee



### **MISSION BOARD NEWS**

The Lynnhurst Mission Board is wrapping up its bedding drive for 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 the following: sheets, pillowcases, and blankets or quilts (in good condition.) We'll take all sizes except king.** Although recent warm weather may not have you thinking about warm quilts and blankets, sheets are needed all year. If you can help out with this project, please bring bedding supplies to the main office or choir room during April or May. **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.



On March 18, we held our annual Lenten Soup Supper. The speaker for the evening spoke about “The Gathering,” a respite care service for families taking care of loved ones with memory loss. This is a new initiative being undertaken with several local churches. If you would like more information regarding this opportunity or know a family that may benefit from this, please contact any Mission Board member or the Church Office.



Finally, the Easter Offering should be in the mail to you any day now. The funds received from the Easter Offering will be split evenly between the general fund of the church and Doctors Without Borders, an international medical humanitarian organization working in nearly 70 countries to assist people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophe. Please consider contributing generously.



### **FAITH EXPLORATION**

Faith Exploration will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, **April 14** at the church for breakfast, friendship, maybe enlightenment, but in any case a great talkfest. We hope you'll join in.



We're making a trial departure from our usual format. This time we're going to listen to and then chew over a 30-minute lecture on Christian thought as it became the state religion of the Roman Empire in the fourth century. Over a relatively short period Christian concepts were modified and codified to meet needs substantially different from the church of the Apostles. We live within this framework today, so it's not as remote as it may sound. For example, why did Christian thinkers reach out to Platonic philosophy to explain their faith?

It's a great way to while away a Saturday morning, so bring a breakfast item to share and join us!

### **MEN'S WEEKEND AT PILGRIM POINT 2012**



Gather for a work and play weekend at Pilgrim Point with men from around the Minnesota Conference. Bring a friend. Help prepare and enjoy this amazing place of ministry. Come **May 4-6, 2012**, to Pilgrim Point Camp, 2059 Pilgrim Point Road, Alexandria, MN 56308 (feel free to come for all or part of the weekend.) \$20 suggested donation to help cover food costs. Donations over that amount will assist with project materials.

Here's a list of projects just waiting for your help . . .

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| Various building projects                      | Paint floors in Annex & Cabins      |
| Trail development                              | Waterfront cleanup                  |
| Get docks in water                             | Woods cleanup                       |
| Rust removal                                   | Set up new office space in Rec Hall |
| Set up Kitchen                                 | Renovate bathrooms in Rec Hall      |
| Clean and paint bedroom and shower in Rec Hall |                                     |

Needed for the weekend:

- At least **THREE** Project Supervisors
- Volunteers willing to assist in the kitchen with food for the weekend

If you're interested in serving in one of these ways, contact Zac Norenberg at [zacn@uccmn.org](mailto:zacn@uccmn.org). Registration at <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e5q65bhy7c51674a&oseq=>

### **LYNNHURST CAR CAMPING IS SET!**

The state shut us out last year!! Some of us have been waiting now in anticipation for close to two years for this. We'll be at Gooseberry Falls State Park from **July 26 through July 29**, Thursday through Sunday. Gooseberry Falls is the gateway to the North Shore. It is known for its spectacular waterfalls, river gorge, Lake Superior shoreline, Civilian Conservation Corps log and stone structures, and north woods wildlife.



We have secured a group site with its own private beach on Lake Superior! The site holds up to 50 people. The park also hosts multiple alternatives to tent camping. Vault toilets and drinking water are available by parking area and showers are a short walk away. Besides the awesome, not to be missed pot luck on Saturday evening, the North shore offers many other activities, shops, and points of interest. We would like to extend an invitation to one and all on this trip, and look forward to seeing everyone. For any other questions please email Derek Nord. Thanks.

### **BWCA TRIP SIGNUP**

Now that spring is approaching, it's time to plan one of our Lynnhurst summer delights – the Boundary Waters canoe trip. We traditionally plan



the trip for the beginning of August (**August 4-8**, this year). We need to have an approximate count to make reservations, so please call or email Doug Meisner if you are interested. We don't need absolute commitments at this stage, just an indication of interest. We especially welcome any of you who have never been on a

canoe camping trip to consider it. We carpool to the location, share notes on packing and cooking lists, rent canoes for everyone, and paddle into the campsite together, making it an easy way for newbies to learn the ropes. August has been an ideal time both for weather and lack of bugs, knock on wood! If you have questions, or wish to indicate interest please call Doug Meisner.

### **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

**JOHN CHRISTIANSEN** passed away peacefully on Friday March 2, 2012. The congregation at Lynnhurst was blessed to be able to join in celebrating his 95th birthday in February. John, a long time member at Lynnhurst, was the father of LORI NICOL and grandfather of LINDSAY and KELSEY NICOL. A memorial service for John was held at Lynnhurst on Saturday, March 24. Please keep the Nicol and Christiansen families in your prayers and thoughts in the days to come.



**Luther ('Doonie') Oakley**, REV. DAVID LINDSEY's uncle, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2012, after a struggle with lung cancer. Rev. Lindsey would like to thank all of you – especially our confirmands – for your prayers during his uncle's illness. Please hold the Oakley and Lindsey families in your thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

**Pho Souvannasane** passed away at home on Sunday, March 11, 2012, at the age of 85. Pho was the father of the Souvannasane family, who emigrated to the United States from Laos in the 1980s with the support of Lynnhurst and St. Luke's Episcopal. A memorial service was held on, March 17. Please keep the Souvannasane family in your prayers and thoughts in the days to come.

*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.*

## 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, 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.



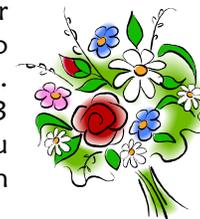
## COFFEE HOUR

**We need Coffee Hour Hosts!** Proceeds on the second and third Sundays of each month are given to Loaves & Fishes and Sabathani, so consider this another opportunity to donate your time to these valuable causes!



## FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

Please take a moment to sign up to sponsor flowers for the communion table on Sundays. The 2012 sign-up sheet for the flowers is 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.



## 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 or to the third Sunday; it just becomes an easy way of remembering to **Think Three on April 15!**

## 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

### Volunteers Needed

Meals-on-Wheels can continue to serve the needs of the community only as long as volunteers are willing to help. 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. Deliveries are weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Please consider donating your lunch hour and give the gift of independence. Contact TRUST Meals-on-Wheels at 612-822-6040.



### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



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

**Sunday Bulletins** are printed every Thursday afternoon. Information for the bulletin insert is due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Information for the May Lynnhurst Voice** (the monthly newsletter) is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 17.**

**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.

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Lynnhurst members and friends celebrating their birthdays in April!

### April

- 1 Mary Faulkner
- 1 Jeff Wood
- 2 Mike Picard
- 2 Cordelia Strandskov
- 2 Oliver and Owen Crowell
- 3 Jeanne Cummings
- 3 Henry Huibregtse
- 5 Addie Christianson
- 5 Ryan Stricker
- 6 Kay Barbour
- 6 Nicole Hermanson
- 7 Mary Lou Bowen
- 9 Sue Kloker
- 9 Howard Dallin
- 11 John Barbour
- 12 Lauren Christensen
- 12 Carl Hanson
- 15 Teague Faulkner
- 15 Heidi Arndt
- 16 Dave Allen
- 19 Heidi Boehlke
- 19 Melanie Salmon-Peterson
- 21 Devon Quick
- 23 Sharon Eian
- 24 Chuck Oleheiser
- 25 Dan Christensen
- 29 Jen Peterson
- 30 Dean Kloker
- 30 Claire Solie



Please call the church office at 612-827-6157 or e-mail [church.office@lynnhurstucc.org](mailto:church.office@lynnhurstucc.org) with any missed birthdays.

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1 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 10a Worship and Sunday School 11:15a Meetings: Trustees	2	3 9:30a Bible Study	4 7:30 Adult Choir	5 ~Maundy Thursday~ 7:30p Service & Communion	6 ~Good Friday~	7 ~Holy Saturday~
8 ~Easter Sunday~ 8:30a Easter Sunday Morning Breakfast 10a Worship and Sunday School	9	10 9:30a Bible Study 7:30p Music & Arts Meeting	11 7:30 Adult Choir	12 7p Book Club (Kruse's)	13 9-11a Prayer Group	14
15 10a Worship and Sunday School Meetings: Christian Ed / Diaconate / Mission Board	16	17 9:30a Bible Study May Newsletter Articles Due 7p Outreach Meeting	18 7:30 Adult Choir	19	20	21
22 ~1st Stewardship Sunday~ 10a Worship and Sunday School 11:15a Advance Care Planning 2:30p ONA Workshops 4:00p ONA Worship	23	24 9:30a Bible Study	25 7:30 Adult Choir	26	27 9-11a Prayer Group	28
29 ~2nd Stewardship Sunday~ 10a Worship and Sunday School 12:30a TRUST event at Dave & Busters	30	<b>Youth Choir and Band Rehearsals:</b> <b>4/1</b> 9:15 8-12 meet in sanctuary 11:10 K-2 11:30 3-7 No 8-12 or Band rehearsal after church <b>4/8</b> Easter—No Choir Rehearsal! <b>4/15</b> 9:30 K-2 11:10 3-7 11:45 8-12 <b>4/22</b> 9:30 K-2 11:10 3-7 11:45 8-12 <b>4/29</b> 9:15 K-2 meet in sanctuary 11:10 3-7 11:45 8-12 12:15 Band				