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**INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY**

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

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Peggy Swalm, Choir Director  
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December 2012

- Friendship Suppers #1 Saturday, December 1
- Christmas Caroling & Pot Luck Sunday, December 2
- Lessons & Carols Service & Last Date to order Poinsettias Sunday, December 9
- Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 16
- Christmas Eve Service Monday, December 24



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## From The Minister...

Grace and peace to you!

As I write to you, we are experiencing unseasonable warmth for late November. I walked outside today without a coat! Life is full of twists and turns here at 45<sup>th</sup> and Colfax, and this pleasant fall weather is a delight!

I am also delighted to be able to share some news with you about my upcoming sabbatical. From December 29, 2012 until March 29, 2013, I will be taking some time away from our congregational life together to focus on rest and renewal. During this time, I will be focusing on the question, "How do we love our neighbors as ourselves in this era in the Twin Cities?" The metro area is now more diverse than it has ever been, and I will be spending some time learning about the needs and hopes of the folks who are increasingly calling Minneapolis home. In particular, I will be focusing on Spanish-language and interfaith ministries. For the first half of my sabbatical, I will spend time connecting with organizations in town. Then, in the second half of my sabbatical, I will be off to southern Spain with a two-fold goal: 1) beef up my Spanish and 2) research the interfaith history of the region.

While I am away, Lynnhurst will be capably pastored by Rev. Phil Ramstad. Phil has extensive experience in ministry, including filling in for clergy colleagues during their sabbaticals. Many of you will remember Phil from his ministry with us in 2005, when he filled in for Rev. Bob Griggs while Bob was on medical leave. Please be sure to welcome Phil with open arms, minds, and hearts during his three-month ministry with us. He brings gifts, wisdom, and skills that I don't possess, so for your own sakes -- put them to use! :)

My first Sunday back will be Easter Sunday 2013. In the weeks that follow, I look forward to sharing with you about the experiences I had during the sabbatical. My hope is that we may collaborate on some new ministries, as we dream together about ways in which we can ever more fully love our neighbors as ourselves!

In Christ's peace,  
David

## YOUTH SCHEDULE — CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & HOLIDAY MUSIC

### Sunday, December 2 – Hanging of the Greens Service

- 9:15 a.m. Middle School youth meet in the sanctuary to rehearse readings  
9:30 a.m. K-2 and 9-12 Choirs meet upstairs to rehearse  
10:15 a.m. PAGEANT REHEARSAL during Sunday school  
11:10 a.m. 3-8 Choir meet upstairs to rehearse

### Saturday, December 8

- 9 a.m. – 12 noon PAGEANT REHEARSAL in the sanctuary

### Sunday, December 9 – Lessons & Carols Service

All choirs meet before church, times TBD (around 9 a.m.)

### Saturday, December 15

- 12 noon – 3 p.m. PAGEANT REHEARSAL in the sanctuary

### Sunday, December 16 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING & POTLUCK**



The annual Christmas Caroling & Potluck will be Sunday, December 2. We will meet at Lynnhurst at 3:00 p.m.; sing at various locales; and then return to the church at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck supper. Bring your voice, your appetite and food to share. See or Email JEAN SUTTON with questions.

## **SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**



Come on December 9 and hear the Christmas story in scripture and song at our annual Service of Lessons and Carols. The service is based on a tradition that began at King's College in Cambridge England in 1918 and continues there and in churches around the world to this day. At Lynnhurst, we celebrate the coming of Christmas with nine scripture readings interspersed with music performed by members of the youth and adult choirs, and congregational singing of carols. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Join us on Sunday, December 16 for the 2012 Christmas Pageant; *The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd*. This pageant tells the story of Aaron, a poor shepherd who is experiencing many of life's troubles but is led to the manger where he witnesses the miracle of Christ's birth. After this glorious event, he is renewed, inspired and determined to follow his dreams. A meaningful story for young and old, this year's pageant will delight you by showcasing the many talents of our Lynnhurst Youth!



## **WINTER SABBATH**

It is time to embrace our Winter Sabbath. This year we will be reading *Staying in Touch* by Dan Johnson and John Ackerman. We are looking for facilitators to lead the discussions and will start with a family potluck on Sunday, January 6, 2013. Contact ANNA GOODRICH with questions.



### HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" DECEMBER 8 (7 p.m.) and December 9 (4 p.m.)

The St. John's Oratorio Society Chorus will perform Handel's *Messiah* with the professional Oratorio Society Orchestra. Several Lynnhurst choir members are participating. The concerts are at St. John's Lutheran Church at 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Nicollet Avenue South in Minneapolis. Refreshments follow each performance. There is no admission charge, though there will be a free will offering to help support their Community Music Series. If you have any questions about the concerts, be sure to speak with PAUL OLSON or MARY KAY WILLERT. Please come and usher in the Christmas season with this richest and most glorious of music.

### A SUREFIRE CURE FOR THE MIDWINTER BLAHS . . . ER . . . 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 23 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. 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.



### THANK YOU

 Thank you to all the volunteers and youth that helped make the Halloween Party and Haunted House a huge success!!! Also, thank you to all that attended the party! We hope everyone had a wonderful time! ~ The CE Committee

### FAITH EXPLORATION GROUP

 In celebration of Charles Dickens' 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, the group will discuss his novella, *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 15. Please note there are many film versions of *A Christmas Carol*. We will be discussing the written version, as created by Charles Dickens. Join us for a potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Sewing Room

### LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB

We will meet Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m., at Cheryl Brockman's home (351 West Elmwood Place). At the November meeting, Margaret Wong shared her fascinating Chinese history and culture. But, because we did not discuss the book, *Chinese Lessons*, we will talk about it at the December meeting. There should also be time for sharing of inspirational/holiday literature. Please come for a delightful evening of humor, potluck snacks, friendship and discussion. All are Welcome! Call if you have questions: CAROLYN PARSONS (612-929-5243) or JEAN McGUIRE (612-927-6469).



### LYNNHURST CHRISTMAS GIVING

Opportunities for sharing abound all year round at Lynnhurst and especially during the Advent season. Sharing our blessings with others is a tradition that is as meaningful now as in times past. Here are a few of the ways you can participate:

**Mitten Tree.** Our thanks to RON and MARY FAULKNER who are bringing a Christmas tree from the north woods to brighten our sanctuary. Please help decorate the tree with your gifts of mittens, gloves, scarves or hats to help keep ears and fingers warm through the cold winter. They will

be shared with the community at the Division of Indian Work of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, a ministry supported by Lynnhurst.

**Household Items for Agape, part of Clare Housing.** You are invited to bring gifts of paper goods, cleaning products and kitchen or laundry items to be used at Agape, a home in South Minneapolis for people living with HIV/AIDS. If you can, please wrap the gifts in white tissue paper and place them under the tree. Lynnhurst members were instrumental in the founding of these homes twenty years ago and several Lynnhurst members bring and enjoy a meal at Agape each month.

**Special Christmas Offering.** Look in your mail in the coming weeks for a letter describing our Christmas offering for the Christmas Fund of the United Church of Christ. These gifts remember and honor the many retired ministers of the UCC, some of whom need our additional financial support to supplement their pensions and enable them to live with dignity.

**Wreath of Love.** Many of you have already "adopted" a resident of Redeemer Residence through this gift program coordinated by TRUST. Thank you! Please remember to have the gifts wrapped, labeled, and returned to Lynnhurst no later than **Sunday, December 9**. Contact MARY FAULKNER with questions.

**Special Gifts.** If you wish to remember Lynnhurst or some of our many ministry partners, such as TRUST and the Sabathani Food Shelf, with special gifts during this Christmas season, they will be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you, everyone, for your incredible generosity.**

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

 Order forms are due in the office by Sunday, December 9. Poinsettias are \$13 each and may be designated in honor of a special person, an occasion or in memory of loved ones.

THINK THREE on DECEMBER 16!



### THE LYNNHURST MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS:

The exhibit *Growing Season* by photographer Sean McCormick, on display in the Fellowship Hall Art Gallery through January 12, 2013.

### CHURCH OFFICE COVERAGE:

\* The church office will be closed Wednesday, 11/28 - Wednesday, 12/5 while Jo Wold is out of the country. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, 12/6 (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.).  
*Messages will be checked remotely.*



\* Rev. Lindsey will be out of town from Monday, 11/26 - Friday, 11/30. Barring unforeseen pastoral care emergencies, Rev. Lindsey's hours in the office will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, 12/4 & Wednesday, 12/5. The Minister's regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, 12/11. (Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) \* *In an emergency, please call the church office and leave a message for Rev. Lindsey. He will check messages remotely.*

### BIBLE STUDY ON PAUL

You may have heard of St. Paul's conversion on the Road to Damascus, but what happened next? Right now, our Bible Study group is studying that very question. We're reading Galatians and sections of Acts in the coming weeks to learn about the early days of Paul's ministry. Join us in Rev. Lindsey's office for coffee, treats, and a lively discussion on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.!



### 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.



### 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.



### USHERS ~ COFFEE HOSTS ~ FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

*Sign ups are outside the office and on the board in the Lounge*

### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PEW POSTCARDS

Pew postcards are available in the pews. Please 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. It is a wonderful way to "keep in touch."



### THANK YOU! TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE 2012 LYNNHURST FALL FESTIVAL

This year's Fall Festival was a great event! Thank you to all the members and friends who donated to the silent auction. We were able to raise over \$4,000 for this year's event. It was your donations and those of the business community that helped make this year's festival so successful. We had a marvelous turnout and you all seemed to enthusiastically enjoy yourselves.

We send a generous thank you for the hard work of the following people and countless helpers for your work in coordinating and volunteering during the Festival and to all those who stayed to help clean up.

***Paul Olson and Mary Kay Willert; Liz Michael; Linda Hart, Bill Egbert and Family; Derek and Amber Nord and Family; Bob and Lynn Dixon (and other band members especially caller David Leussler); Judy O'Donnell; Members of the Trustees for help with set-up and clean-up***

A final thank you to those who go unmentioned – you know who you are. It really shows what a strong church family we have because of the willingness and desire of each of you in so many ways to continue make this a successful event.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE LYNNHURST SILENT AUCTION!

Bibelot Shops	Business Journal
Café Latté	Calhoun Beach Framing
Family Ties	French Meadow Bakery & Café
Kowalski's Market	Linden Hills Co-op
Minnesota Sword Club	Minnesota Twins
Minnesota Vikings	Old Log Theater
Patisserie 46	Roller Garden Skate Center
Stages Theatre Company	Settergren Ace Hardware
Tangletown Gardens	The 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Café
The Malt Shop	Wuollet Bakery
Zumbro Café	

**Ryan Stricker  
2012 Fall Festival Chair  
Board of Trustees**

**LYNNHURST BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** — next meeting: Sunday, December 16, 11:15 a.m.

**DIACONATE** — next meeting: Sunday, December 16, 11:15 a.m.

**MISSION** — next meeting: Sunday, December 16, 11:15 a.m.

**NOTES:** Among many other items, our work this month included organizing Lynnhurst Christmas giving (see article), planning upcoming Mission Moments, coordinating activities with the youth and with the Outreach Committee, as well as looking forward to these 2013 events. Mark them on your calendar to save the dates.

**Lynnhurst Soup Supper** – Sunday, March 3.

**Feed My Starving Children** – Saturdays April 27, May 11 and June 1.

**MUSIC AND ARTS** — next meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES** — next meeting: Sunday, December 16, 11:15 a.m.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

to Lynnhurst members and friends celebrating birthdays in December!



**December**

- 5 Karla Beeck
- 6 Madeleine Lemay
- 8 Debi March
- 11 Lynn Dixon
- 11 Peggy Swalm
- 11 Jessie Solie
- 12 Brad Syverson
- 13 Christopher Anderson
- 13 Nora Anderson
- 20 Garrett Peterson
- 21 Sara Feickert-Faulkner
- 21 Jonathan Erstad
- 24 Sarah Eian
- 25 Alex Dixon
- 25 Elinor Strandskov
- 25 Jon Theisen
- 27 Walt Pattinson
- 28 Bob Christensen
- 29 Thad Barbour

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



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<b>Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs Actual Summary</b>			
	YTD Actual July - Oct	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Building Use	\$11,736	\$34,240	34.3%
Scroggins Fund Used	\$9,000	\$37,700	23.9%
Holidays	\$0	\$1,700	0.0%
Other Income	\$506	\$3,540	14.3%
Pledges, Loose, Special Gifts	\$40,566	\$140,500	28.9%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$61,808</b>	<b>\$217,680</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Programs	\$2,078	\$12,565	16.5%
Operating Expenses	\$11,264	\$43,873	25.7%
Personnel Expenses	\$14,839	\$47,779	31.1%
Salaries	\$29,849	\$115,272	25.9%
Trustees and Council	\$25	\$500	5.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$58,055</b>	<b>\$219,989</b>	<b>26.4%</b>
Notes:			
1) We are 4/12 or 33% through year.			
2) Programs include Christian Education, Music & Arts, and Diaconate.			



# DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 NOVEMBER	26	27	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	1 Friendship Suppers #1
2 ~FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ 10a Worship & Sunday School Hanging of Greens—Communion 11:15a Meeting: Church Governance 3p Christmas Caroling & Potluck 6:30p Confirmation: Ethics	3 Office Closed	4 9:30a Bible Study	5  7:30p Adult Choir	6	7	8 8:30a TRUST Builders & Urban Homeworks  9a-12p Pageant Rehearsal
9 ~SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ 10a Worship & Sunday School Lessons & Carols 11:15a Meeting: Christian Ed 6:30p Confirmation: Prayer  ~LOAVES & FISHES~	10	11 9:30a Bible Study  7:30p Meeting: Music & Arts (Lounge)	12  7:30p Adult Choir	13  7p Book Club (Brockman's)	14 9:30a Spirit Circle  Newsletter Copy Due	15 9a Faith Exploration  12-3p Pageant Rehearsal
16 ~THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ 10a Worship & Sunday School Christmas Pageant 11:15a Meetings: Diaconate— Mission—Trustees 6:30p Confirmation: Lynnhurst/ UCC History  ~ SABATHANI & THINK THREE ~	17	18 9:30a Bible Study	19  7:30p Adult Choir	20	21	22
23 ~FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT~  10a Worship & Sunday School	24  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>  5:30p Christmas Eve Family Service	25 	26	27	28 9:30a Spirit Circle	29
30  10a Worship & Sunday School	31  <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	1 JANUARY <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	2	3	4	5