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

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March 2012



Winter Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 4 - 11:15 a.m.

Kids' Home Companion
Saturday, March 10 - 2:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper
Sunday, March 18 - 5:30 p.m.

You are welcome here!

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From The Minister...

Grace and peace to you!

It's been a crazy winter here in Minnesota. A few days ago, I left home in the morning without a coat – only to wind up scraping ice off my car in a snowstorm later that night! Here's hoping that this crazy weather isn't driving you nuts. If you are feeling down or just a bit off, I'd be glad to visit with you.

As this newsletter arrives, we in the church find ourselves in the midst of the season of Lent. This season of the church calendar is designed to be a time of reflection. As such, it often includes spiritual practices like fasting, prayer, and more.

While we at Lynnhurst do not require Lenten fasting, I do encourage you to try a new spiritual practice this month. Take some time for silence each week; start journaling daily; go for a walk around the lake! The choices are many. Lent is a great time to try on a new spiritual practice in order to be ever more fully reconciled to God, the world, and yourself.

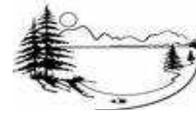
In support of your spiritual journey, my sermons in Lent will be organized around the theme of "covenant." Covenants are discussed regularly throughout the Bible, but most of us as modern readers have little understanding of the concept. What is a covenant? What is God's role in covenants? And when – if ever – do covenants end? We'll be addressing these questions and more on Sunday mornings throughout this month!

I also encourage you to attend the Soup Supper happening on March 18, at 5:30 p.m. in our lounge / art gallery. The Mission Board organizes this event, where we dine together and hear a speaker address some of the great missional issues of our day. Please join us!

Wherever this Lenten journey takes you, may the Holy Spirit guide you on the way!

In Christ's peace,

David



JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR MISSION TRIP SIGN UP is quickly approaching. Ashley Anderson needs to know by Wednesday, **March 1**, if you would like to join other TRUST youth serving campers at Camp Friendship as well as enjoying activities at Camp Chi Rho from **June 17-21**. Please e-mail or call Ashley Anderson for more details as well as to confirm your spot on this summer's mission trip!

WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, MARCH 4, AT 11:15 AM

We will have our winter congregational meeting on **Sunday, March 4**, at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will talk about what our committees have been up to and what you can be looking forward to for the rest of the year. We will present an update on our church financials and some initial information on our Revisioning 2012 project. If you have something specific you would like to have addressed during our time together, please bring it to the attention of our Moderator LORI NICOL or our Assistant Moderator DOUG MEISNER. The meeting should not last more than one hour and child care will be provided.



THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IS CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL REVIEW OF LYNNHURST STAFF



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 completed surveys to the church by Sunday, **March 25**. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for completed surveys.

KIDS' COMPANION

On Saturday, **March 10**, 2-4 p.m., all are invited to come and watch Lynnhurst Youth do what they do best! This year there will be a great mix of singing, skits, piano playing and tons of other fun acts! Please join us to celebrate the many talents of Lynnhurst Youth!!!



FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE



Our Lynnhurst Parish Nurse Program is expanding to offer Blood Pressure Clinics! Our first one is Sunday, **March 25**, after church. It is a good opportunity to check your blood pressure in a no pressure environment, and chat with our Parish Nurse, NANCY ERSTAD.

SAVE THESE DATES

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. 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.



**THE LYNNHURST MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS THE EXHIBIT
CONNECTED BY NATURE BY ARTIST MARY LINGEN**

The Lynnhusrt UCC Music and Arts Board is pleased to present an exhibit of paintings by artist Mary Lingen of Backus, MN. Her impressionistic style is captivating, illustrating that one can view a painting from a distance and have one experience, and have a totally different experience when viewing it up close. The exhibit will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Art Gallery from **February 5 through March 31, 2012**.

**UCC SCHOLARSHIPS - 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. 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!



**EASTER SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
SPONSORED BY THE LYNNHURST YOUTH**

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 freewill offering will be accepted with proceeds used to help support the youth mission trip this summer. Please join us!



For the second year in a row, the Lynnhusrt 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 Lynnhusrt 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 upcoming months. **Please put a note with the donation that says what size the bedding is.** The Lynnhusrt 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 on **Saturday, March 3**. A sign-up poster is in the 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.



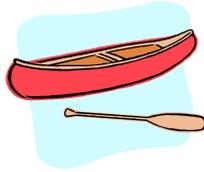
On **March 18**, we will have our annual Lenten Soup Supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a sign-up table after church on **March 4 and 11**, for those willing to bring food. The speaker for the evening will be talking about "The Gathering," a respite care service for families taking care of loved ones with memory loss. This is a new initiative being undertaken with several local churches. Please join us on Sunday, **March 18**, to find out more.

Finally, look for a letter at the beginning of March talking about the upcoming offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on **March 18**. In short, One Great Hour of Sharing channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.



BWCA TRIP SIGN UP

Now that spring is approaching, it's time to plan one of our Lynnhurst summer—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. Early August has been an ideal time for both weather and lack of bugs, knock on wood! To indicate interest, or if you have questions, please call DOUGLAS MEISNER at 612-925-9126 or email him at dmeisner@gmail.com.

LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be held at JEAN McGUIRE's home (5140 Upton Avenue South, Minneapolis) on **Thursday, March 8**. The book being read is *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Carolyn Parsons will be the facilitator. 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

We will discuss the novel *Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro on Saturday, March 17, at 9:00 am (note the new time!) This is a novel set in an English country house in the 1930s. It lifts up themes of duty, loyalty and, yes, the rise of English fascism. There is also a movie based on this novel (same name) starring Emma Thompson, Anthony Hopkins, and Christopher Reeve. Bring a breakfast dish to share and join us! **Saturday, March 17**, 9-10:30 a.m. (not 8 a.m.) in the Sewing Room. Potluck breakfast. Coffee 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. 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 March 18!



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

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



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.



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.



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!



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 is sent out at noon Thursday. Information to be included is due by 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

Information for April's Lynnhurst Voice (the monthly newsletter) is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 20.**

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:** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Lynnhurst members and friends celebrating their birthdays in March!

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- 1 Terry Reisch
- 3 Annalee Strandskov
- 3 Lauren Charles
- 4 Jack Ingersoll
- 4 Alice Kloker
- 6 John Eian, Jr.
- 9 Duncan McKee
- 14 Dan Egbert
- 14 Matthew Boehlke Rynkiewicz
- 14 Calvin Christianson
- 14 Stephanie Makredes
- 15 Jack Lucas
- 17 Dick Brimacombe
- 19 Pat McKee
- 19 Tahlia Mills
- 20 Grant Peterson
- 21 Ron Faulkner
- 21 Danielle Wold
- 22 Dianne Mills
- 23 Elise Peterson
- 23 Joyce Woodruff
- 25 Melissa Anderson
- 26 Grace Larson
- 26 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
Youth Music Schedule 3/4 K-2 9:30-9:55 3-7 11:10-11:40 8-12 11:45-12:15 3/10 Kids' Home Companion 3/11 K-2 9:30-9:55 3-7 11:10-11:40 8-12 11:45-12:15 *with Jay!				1	2	3
3/18 8-12 meet in sanctuary at 9:15—sing in church K-2 9:30-9:55 3-7 11:10-11:40 8-12 No rehearsal after church BAND 11:45-12:15 <small>*NOTE TIME CHANGE</small> 3/25 BAND meet in sanctuary at 9:15—sing in church					3/2-4 Jr. & Sr. High Urban Immersion Retreat	9-11a Feed My Starving Children (Eagan)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45a Coffee and Conversation (Fireside) 10a Worship and Sunday School 11:15a Winter Congregational Meeting		9:30a Bible Study 7:30p Music & Arts Meeting	7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal		9-11a Prayer Group	2p Kids' Home Companion Friendship Supper #3
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins Loaves & Fishes Donations 	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18 Think 3 & Sabathani	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24
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