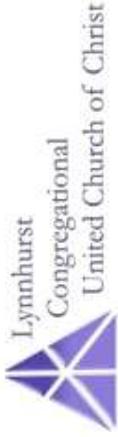


**INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY**

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  
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Ashley Anderson, Youth Director  
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*From The Minister...*

Grace and peace to you!

Here in Minnesota, we're having a wild, weird spring. One Sunday in April it was 75 degrees; the next Friday it was snowing. Life in Minnesota can change very quickly, but I'm hoping for some warm weather and beautiful buds in the coming weeks!

As we now move fully into the season of Eastertide – i.e. the time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday – we are reminded of the new life that emerged in the disciples' midst in the days after the Resurrection. We will hear a variety of stories from scripture about Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances. Many of these stories (e.g. Doubting Thomas) are familiar to us, but imagine being in these stories, experiencing these events first-hand. What extraordinary surprises these encounters must have been, as these events challenged the disciples' view of what was possible.

So are there ways in which God is inviting those of us here at Lynnhurst to expand our view of what is possible this Easter season? Perhaps the Spirit is moving in your life in a new and unexpected way. Perhaps doubts that have lingered in your mind are being confronted by the reality of God's grace unfolding before you. Perhaps the stories of Jesus' faithfulness to his call from God, even unto death, are inspiring you to embrace an exciting but risky calling in your own life. As these nudges from God come to you (and to me!), I encourage all of us to be open to possibilities that we cannot presently imagine in our individual lives and our collective ministry.

This month, we will celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day in worship; we will conclude our stewardship drive; we will begin nominating folks to serve on committees for next year; and we will celebrate new life in our midst through baptism. As all this joyous work unfolds, I invite you to consider what invitations are coming to you from God through our ministry here at Lynnhurst. Is the Holy Spirit challenging you to share your gifts in new ways? Where might the light of Christ be shining more fully in your life? And how could we as a church community be supporting you in this work, helping you to live more fully as you travel your journey of faith?

Wherever you are in your walk with God, I celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives, as it guides us, encourages us, and supports us in our mutual ministry!

In Christ's peace,  
David



### **STEWARDSHIP DRIVE – BLESSING OF PLEDGES – MAY 8**

In a world of change and uncertainty, we can find comfort in knowing that we have a church community to enrich our souls and foster our spiritual growth; to know that we are always welcome. *Lynnhurst: The Harbor of our Spiritual Community* is our stewardship theme this year. Our theme reminds us of how truly lucky we are and gives us reason to reflect about those that are less fortunate.

We will present a series of Stewardship Moments during church services, and distribute pledge packets. During the Stewardship Moments, Lynnhurst members will share how our church enriches their lives as well as those of their families; strengthens the community at large; and how the time, talent and financial commitments we all contribute make that possible.

The stewardship packets will include a form to make your financial pledge for the 2011-2012 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 need you to fill out and return those forms to the offering plate or church office by May 8, when we will bless all the pledges during our Sunday service.

Each week of the stewardship drive (and all other weeks, actually!), we ask that you reflect on what Lynnhurst Congregational Church means to you and how you can better support everything it does for you, your family, your friends and the wider community where there is so much need. We especially ask the people who haven't pledged their support in previous years to do so this year so we have a better idea what we can accomplish in the coming year.

If you have any questions about this process or pledging in general, please ask Stewardship co-chairs MICHAEL PETERSON and FLOYD CHILD or CHERYL BROCKMAN, financial secretary.

Thank you,  
The Stewardship Committee



### **SPRING CLEAN UP**

Join us at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 as we do a spring cleanup of the church. We no longer have the large storm windows to remove, but we will rake the plant beds, clean windows and kitchens and do some general maintenance to keep the building functioning. It will be fun and time goes quickly when we all pitch in to help. Breakfast snacks and drinks will be available. We are all proud of our church; let's help beautify it.



### **COME CELEBRATE THE ENDURING LEGACY OF HYMNS!**

JULIE RISTAU and RUTH FOTHERGILL invite you to an afternoon of singing for the joy of singing with Jay Bruns supporting us all at the piano. Come to Ruth's home at 4537 Colfax Avenue South on Sunday May 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. What to bring? Yourself! (A hymnal if you have your own, a simple snack or drink to share if you'd like.) We plan to sing requests from participants so start thinking about your favorites. Come if you love to sing harmony. Come if you're intimidated by harmony but love to sing hymns anyway. The goal is to enjoy making music together and maybe even send a little smile out to the cosmos! If you have questions call JULIE (612 824-7661) or RUTH (612 824-1585)



### **THANK YOU ALL**

Thanks to all who came to the Easter Sunday Morning Breakfast and made generous donations to help support the youth mission trip this summer. Thanks also to the parents and CE board members who brought food and helped set up, serve and clean up. A very special thanks to Wuollet's Bakery for their donation of breads and sweets (if you are in their bakery please pass on our thanks!).



### **FAITH EXPLORATION**

The Faith Exploration group will be discussing John Dominic Crossan's *Jesus: a Revolutionary Biography* on Saturday, May 14, at 8 a.m. in the Sewing Room. All are welcome at this potluck breakfast with coffee provided. This is a controversial book about what we can know from a historical standpoint about the life of Jesus. Crossan is an Irish-American religious scholar and former Catholic priest known for co-founding the Jesus Seminar. New and used hardcover and paperback copies are available at Amazon.com.



### **BOOK CLUB**

The May book selection is *Still Alice* by Lisa Genoda. This is the story of an Ivy League professor who develops Alzheimer's. We will be meeting Thursday, May 12, at BECKY KRUSE's home (731 East 51st Street, Minneapolis). Please come for a delightful evening of humor, snacks, friendship and book discussion. We begin at 7 p.m. and all are welcome! Call if you have questions: CAROLYN PARSONS at 612-929-5243 or JEAN MCGUIRE at 612-927-6469.



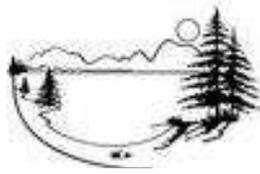
### **MAY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

May 17, 2011 — 7 p.m. in the Lounge.



### **LYNNHURST CAR CAMPING**

We're all set! This year we will be going to Gooseberry Falls State Park July 21-24, Thursday through Sunday. We have a group site with its own private beach on Lake Superior. The site holds up to 50 people. Vault toilets and drinking water are available by the parking area. The park also hosts multiple alternatives to tent camping. Besides the awesome, not to be missed pot luck on Saturday evening, the North Shore offers many activities, shops and points of interest. We extend this invitation to one and all, and look forward to seeing you. For any other questions please e-mail DEREK NORD at [dactnord@hotmail.com](mailto:dactnord@hotmail.com).



### **BWCA TRIP SIGN UP**

Now that spring has arrived, it's time to plan one of our Lynnhurst summer traditions – the Boundary Waters canoe trip. We have reservations for August 6-9; going in at the Lake One entry near Ely. We made two group reservations, meaning we'll have room for up to 18 campers. We'll use the Canoe Country outfitters in Ely for canoes and rooms for the night before (Friday, August 5). If you are interested in coming, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We especially welcome any of you who have never been on a canoe camping trip to consider it. We car pool 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). If you have questions, please call DOUGLAS MEISNER at 612-925-9126.



### **PILGRIM POINT CAMP NEWS**

Are you itching to get out of the hustle and bustle of city life? Want to spend a little time reflecting on God? Eager to get out to the lake and just be in nature? Pilgrim Point on Lake Ida may just be the place for you! There are several camps happening this year. Here's a list:

- Quilt Retreat: June 16-19
- Senior High Weeks: June 11-17; July 31- August 6
- Middle School Weeks: June 18-23; July 10-16
- Children's Weeks: June 24-27; June 27-30
- Cross-Generation Week: June 30-July 2
- Family Camps: July 17-22; August 7-12
- Men's Retreat: September 9-11
- Women's Retreat: September 16-18

For more information, go to [www.pilgrimpoint.org](http://www.pilgrimpoint.org). Happy camping!



### **LYNNHURST YOUTH FLY TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

In late July, six Lynnhurst youth will join thirty-five youth from five TRUST churches in flying to Washington DC for a Faith and Advocacy Trip. The faith portion of this trip includes exploring other religions and denominations. We will visit a mosque and the National Cathedral. We will also worship at a Shabbat service and a large church called Church of the Savior. Church of the Savior is a congregation that is very active in social justice issues. We will visit with Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken as well as Congressman Keith Ellison. Not only do we hope to find out what these Minnesotans are doing but also what our denominations are lobbying for by meeting with Representatives from UCC and ELCA churches. We will be touring the city and visiting the Smithsonian, Holocaust Museum, Arlington Cemetery and many other sites. We hope to learn from other traditions and to advocate for what we are passionate about.



### **FUNDRAISERS**

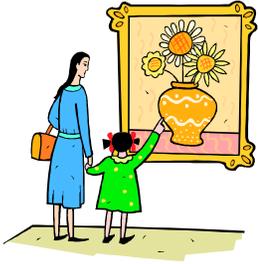
**Bake Sale on May 7 (see below), Judson Street Fair on May 21, and Car Wash on June 4.** Invest in Lynnhurst Youth Going on the Mission Trip! Every Sunday you have an opportunity to hear about what the Youth are going to be doing on the Mission Trip and other Fundraisers coming up. Look for the Colorful Sign pointing the way to The Mission Trip Table. You also have the opportunity to support the Lynnhurst Youth going on the Trip. Purchase stock to invest in their experience of this trip. For people who have purchased stock there will be a Stockholder's Luncheon at St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 18.

### **TRUST'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE & SWAP**

Saturday, May 7th, 8a.m. to Noon. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis. "Swap" your plants for new ones — bring in by 10 a.m. and get tickets for a discount on new plants. Buy homegrown perennials, house plants, herbs, groundcover and vegetables. Get advice from Master Gardeners, Raise money for TRUST's programs. Trust youth will be selling coffee and goodies to raise money for their summer mission trip! (see above)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am-Worship & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals	2	3	4  7:30pm-Adult Choir	5	6	7 8am-TRUST Bake Sale Youth Fundraiser at TRUST Plant Sale & Swap  9am-Spring Clean up
8 9am-Youth Choirs Meet 10am-Worship & Church School <i>Pledges turned in and blessed</i>	9	10	11  7:30pm-Adult Choir	12  7pm Nominating Com- mittee 7pm-Book Club	13	14 8am-Faith Exploration
15 -Think Three Sunday- 10am-Worship & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals 11:15am-Mission Board 4pm-Hymn Singing Afternoon <i>Church events due for calendar</i>	16	17  7pm May Church Council Meeting— Lounge	18  7:30pm-Adult Choir	19 8:30am-TRUST - Fearless Caregiver Conference	20	21 TRUST Judson Street Fair Youth Fundraiser
22 10am-Worship & Church School 11am-Youth Choirs Rehearsals	23	24  <i>June Newsletter Articles Due</i>	25  7:30pm-Adult Choir	26	27	28
29 10am-Worship & Church School	30	31  <i>Committee Chair Names due</i>				



**THE MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS  
ALONG THE EDGE**

**BY ARTIST LYZ WENDLAND**

This exhibit will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Art Gallery from April 9 through May 20. Twin City artist Lyz Wendland uses traditional craft supplies, like fabric, paper, and thread, to produce drawings, prints, paintings and large-scale installations. In describing her work, Lyz states "My work examines the conscious and unconscious idea of recollection, and it reflects the obsessive and repetitive nature of my process . . . As a metaphor for memory and lack of memory, I play between two and three-dimensions. The separation between the real of our memories and what we think is real, the familiar and uncertainty, the space in between. I utilize a recurring process and manipulation of materials as an allegory for the method of recollection."



**JOIN THE LYNNHURST FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you have a Facebook page, consider becoming a fan (Facebook's term) of the Lynnhurst Facebook Page. What does the Lent theme of "Surrender" mean to you? Join the discussion on the Lynnhurst page. Currently on the page are comments on religion and disaster, religion and alcoholism, and a story of a teenager's efforts to raise funds for the Heifer Project. To become a fan, open the Lynnhurst Congregational UCC Church page and click on the "Like" button. If you have suggestions for other topics on the page, just add a comment on the page.



**JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RELIEF**

Pray for the people of Japan and the tsunami impact area, their leaders and all emergency response workers. How you can help: To assist people impacted by this disaster, please make a gift payable to your congregation marked for "Pacific earthquake/tsunami" OR Make a secure online donation to the International Disaster Relief fund at <http://www.ucc.org/make-a-gift/secure-online-donations.html>. Click on donate to UCC Ministries. Please note *Pacific earthquake/tsunami* in the Comments box. UCC and Global Ministries staff are monitoring the situation and seeking contact with partners and mission personnel across the impacted region. Martha Mensendeik, Global Missions missionary serving in Kyoto, Japan along with Casilda Luzares reports they are safe as are Jeff Mensendeik and his family, serving in Sendai, near the epicenter of the quake. (From COMMAntary)



**HELP OUR ONE WORLD FAMILY**

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.



### **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS!**

If you enjoy playing an instrument or singing, there are many opportunities to perform at Lynnhurst. Soloists or small groups are welcome to perform throughout the service. There are also opportunities for adults and children to sing solos and provide instrumental accompaniments for our choirs. If you are interested in offering your musical talents at Lynnhurst, please contact Organist Jay Bruns, Youth Choir Director Allison Raney, or Adult Choir Director PEGGY SWALM.



### **2011 PENUMBRA SUMMER INSTITUTE**

Know a young artist who wants to change the world? Penumbra is looking for the next generation of activist artists! Summer Institute is a four week theatre training program where students work with professional artists to combat racism and promote social justice through art. This program is open to youth ages 13-18. Tell students in your community about this life changing opportunity. Visit our website (<http://penumbra theatre.org/content/blogcategory/9/7/>) to learn more or apply online today! Applications are due May 16.



### **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 is \$33. They are yours to take home after the service.



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



### **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”.



### ***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 May 15!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!**

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

### **May:**

1	Jack Riley Madson
5	Anna Lee Decker
5	Christopher Good
8	Ellen Lindahl
9	Carol Syverson
11	Bob von Sternberg
15	David Lindsey
15	Andrew Sutton
16	Clyde March
20	Linda Madson
20	Jon Sutton
24	Liz Mahan
25	Lise Faulkner
26	Randy Madson
27	Robert Bulger
31	Sean Barbour

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.