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INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY

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

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Mission:1
11.1.2011 to 11.11.2011

Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 5th

Fall Festival
Saturday, November 12th

Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, November 24th

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 27th

You are welcome here!

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From The Minister...

Grace and peace to you!

As the days continue to grow shorter, we find fall settling in around us. October was a wild month: from weather in the upper 80s, down to freezing, all within a matter of weeks. With November arriving, I'm hoping that life will calm down a bit!

This month brings us one of the great events that we hold every year: the Fall Festival. This is a festive opportunity to get together at 45th and Colfax. There will be a chili supper, a silent auction, folk dancing, and more. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come with you, especially a friend who might otherwise be intimidated by the concept of church. The event is on Saturday night, November 12th.

November also features several exciting worship opportunities. On Sunday, November 13th, former youth director (and seminary graduate) Nathan Roberts will be in the pulpit to talk to us about the work he's doing with Daylight Center and Orphanage in Kenya. On Thanksgiving Day, we will have our intimate Thanksgiving worship service in the lounge at 10 a.m. And November 27th will be the first Sunday in Advent, when our youth lead us in the hanging of the greens. Please be sure to join in worship this month!

This month also marks the fourth anniversary of my arrival in Minnesota. It's hard to believe I will be celebrating my fifth Christmas with you this year! These past four years have been an honor and a privilege for me, and I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. We've come through a lot in these years – a capital campaign, a sanctuary renovation, a centennial anniversary, and more! Here's hoping that the coming years are a joy and a blessing for all of us :)

In Christ's peace,

David

JOIN THE CHOIR!

If you have been thinking about joining the Lynnhurst choir, this is a great time to start! During the months of November and December we will be rehearsing Advent and Christmas music. There are no auditions for the Lynnhurst choir. You may attend rehearsals and perform with us as your schedule allows. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. The choir sings for most Sunday services with a warm up before the service at 9:30 a.m. Contact choir director PEGGY SWALM for more information.



WORSHIP SURVEY RESULTS



On Sunday, October 16th, the Diaconate met to discuss the results of the worship survey. The survey revealed a wide range of diverse thoughts about worship. Still, a few clear themes emerged:

- * Music, Sermons, and Children's Time are (generally speaking) going well
 - * There's a desire in our congregation for increased variety and participation in worship
 - * Prayer, scripture, and ritual are vital to our worship, and we may want to expand upon our current methods of sharing them
 - * Visual art is an important expression of our faith, and we may want to consider additional ways to introduce art in worship
 - * The flow of the worship service needs some reconsideration
 - * Our members consistently want the service to be no more than one hour, but we have some disagreement about how best to make this happen
- In the coming weeks and months, the Diaconate will be exploring different ways to adapt our approach to worship, based on this feedback. Thanks to all who participated!

FALL WORK DAY

Please join us for the Fall Work Day on Saturday, November 5th. The activities begin at roughly 9:00 a.m., but late arrivals are welcome. Projects are available for a wide variety of abilities such as raking leaves, cleaning windows, removing air conditioners, dusting, outside clean-up, minor painting projects, etc. Come celebrate no longer needing to remove the storm windows! Most projects are completed by noon. Coffee and treats will be provided.



MISSION BOARD NEWS:

MISSION: 1 THAT THEY MAY ALL BE 1: During the first eleven days of November (11.1.11 – 11.11.11) the national United Church of Christ is embarking on Mission:1. The goal is to spend 11 days focused on feeding the hungry and confronting food-related injustice. All members are encouraged to donate food and other household items to local food banks and outreach services, give to the Neighbors In Need offering or write letters to congress asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide. **One suggestion offered by the Mission Board would be to mindfully set aside one food or financial donation a day during this period and then bring the collection to Think 3 Sunday (November 20th) when Lynnhurst normally collects food donations.** If you are interested in writing letters, this website has a sample letter and enables you to look up your legislator <http://www.bread.org/ol/2011/sample-letter.html>. Finally, we will be setting up a trip to Feed My Starving Children in the next couple months. Stay tuned for details.



MORE MISSION BOARD NEWS:

For the second year in a row, the Lynnhurst Mission Board has focused on cooperating with the **International Institute of Minnesota**. Last year, Lynnhurst members successfully filled 40 backpacks with school supplies for refugees new to Minnesota. Furthermore, members were able to donate 20 men's winter coats to refugees new to Minnesota winters. The International Institute of Minnesota also provides 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 sheets, pillowcases, blankets, quilts or pillows that are in good condition.** If you can help out with this project, please bring bedding supplies to the main office or choir room during the months of November and December. The Lynnhurst Mission Board will deliver them to the International Institute for apartment set up. Finally, if you are interested in helping to set up an apartment prior to a family's arrival, please contact PEGGY SWALM who can put you in touch with the coordinators at the International Institute of Minnesota. Thank you for all you do for families new to this country.



FALL FESTIVAL

Lynnhurst's big fund raiser, the Fall Festival is coming up! Saturday, November 12th is the big date for great family fun while supporting the church. Events include a chili supper, folk dancing, the Sweet Stroll, and a silent auction. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m. This year the advance ticket price of \$10 (\$12 at the door) will include both admission and dinner, with children 10 and under free. JOHN EIAN will be selling advance tickets in the lounge/art gallery Sundays during coffee hour.



The Silent Auction needs both buyers and donors to be successful, so start thinking now of what you can offer or what you'd like to see offered. Talk to people who have donated items you'd like to see again or who may offer something new. Contact LIZ MICHEL with questions and donations.

Chili Dinner- Food and Tableware Donations Needed! We are looking for volunteers to donate pots of chili, cornbread, milk, butter, sour cream, shredded cheese, napkins, bowls for the chili and coffee creamer for the event. If you are interested in donating food or tableware for the chili dinner please contact Amber or Derek Nord .



Caller David Leussler is returning to lead us in folk dancing. This is fun for all ages, no experience required! BOB and LYNN DIXON will help provide the live music.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday November 6th 11:15 Fireside Room. Please grab a snack and coffee and come on up.

We are trying this time to see if it is more convenient for families. We would love to provide child care so that both parents are able to attend the meeting. If you would like child care provided please email me so I know which kids we are expecting.

Who should attend? Each committee should have representative, it can be the committee chair, but it doesn't have to be.

What should you bring? Give us a 2 minute update on what your committee is up to....then tell us how we can help!

What should you expect? By the time you see this in print . . . you should have an agenda . . . if you have anything to add, please contact LORI NICOL (lorinicol@msn.com).



TRUST NEWS



THE GREAT TRUST AUCTION: Saturday, November 5th, 6:00 PM at Lake Harriet Methodist Church(4901 Chowen Avenue South). (\$20 in advance or with reservations; \$15 for seniors 65+/youth; \$5 under 10 years old; \$25 at the door). For reservations, call 612-827-6159 or email trustinc@visi.com. **Be there for the fun, the food and the goodies!**

THE TRUST CHORE PROGRAM is looking for people to shovel snow this winter who have transportation, and a shovel or snow blower. Pay usually runs between \$14 and \$18 a job, depending on the property, and if the worker has their own equipment. Please call Wendy at 612-827-6150 if you are interested. Thank you!



LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th at BARB ALLEN's home to discuss *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. 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.



FAITH EXPLORATION

Faith Exploration will be meeting at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19th. We will be discussing two short articles by Luke Timothy Johnson: "Scripture and Experience" and "How is the Bible True?" Both deal with current issues and how God is still speaking. Johnson was a Benedictine monk for nine years, is now married and holds an endowed chair in New Testament studies at the Methodist Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is a critic of the Jesus Seminar and its methods, and he supports both gay marriage and the catholic ordination of women. Copies of the two articles are available in the church office. Pot luck breakfast and coffee are always served.



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; it just becomes an easy way of remembering. So Think Three on November 20th!



LOAVES AND FISHES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Loaves and Fishes is a TRUST program that helps to feed the hungry in our community. No prior experience is necessary; on the job training is provided! Whether you are a regular, or have never given this opportunity a try before, please join us Monday, November 28 at St. Stephen's Church, 2123 Clinton Ave. S. The meals are served in the school building across the street from the church. There is a parking lot on the North end of the building, enter at the doors on the South end of the building. Please use the sign up sheet in the lounge and join us at 5:45 p.m. Contact HERB CROWELL if you are in need of transportation or with any questions.

FLU CLINIC NOTE



MVNA, the organization that provided the flu vaccines for our clinic on October 2nd, has apologized for not having the flu mist available as was promised. They said there has been an unexpected use of flu mist this year and it is in limited supply. They added "who could have predicted this. . . last year we had excess of flu mist."

GIVE THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE!

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. Please consider donating your lunch hour and give the gift of independence. Contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040. In the summer, when our regular drivers take vacation time, we need additional volunteers.



COFFEE HOUR



We desperately need Coffee Hour Hosts! Proceeds on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month are given to Loaves & Fishes and Sabathani, so consider this another opportunity to donate your time to these valuable causes! The sign-up sheet is in the lounge.



THE MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD PRESENTS ARTISTS MICAH HELLING-CHRISTY AND MEGS MOLNAU

The Lynnhurst Music and Arts Board is pleased to present an exhibit of photographs by artists Micah Helling-Christy and Megs Molnau of Minnetonka, MN. The exhibit will be on display in the Art Gallery from September 30th through November 30th.

REVISIONING 2012

The term revisioning has served Lynnhurst well. Many good things came out of our last revisioning process, perhaps most importantly the knowledge that we are a congregation that is capable of planning our own future. We are a congregation of faith seeking individuals who care enough to be invested in this community and contribute not only our time and talents, but our vision for congregational life.



During the time we have set aside for Winter Sabbath this year, we will share our visions with one another. We will explore our thoughts and hopes for the future of Lynnhurst Congregational UCC. We will begin the process with a Pot Luck Lunch following our worship service on Sunday January 8, 2012. During this time we will talk about the process, how we will proceed and what we hope to accomplish.

In December we will have small group sign up sheets available. You will be asked to sign up for a time that works best in your weekly schedule for January. Your small groups will meet weekly for the next 4 weeks. During your small group time you will discuss a different topic each week. Each time you will have background information and a list of questions to discuss regarding budgeting, staffing, church committee structure, and congregational size. At the end of these sessions the hopes and wishes of each small group will be brought together and compiled. This information will then be used to set our course for the next 5 years.

Thank you in advance for making time to participate in this important process.

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 sign up to sponsor flowers on Sundays for your special occasions and remembrances. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. Flowers cost \$33.00 and are yours to take home after the service.



PRAYER LIST



ANNALEE STRANDSKOV has been discharged from the Episcopal Home rehab and is now in a wheelchair accessible apartment in St. Paul. She invites visitors! Give her a call and find a good time to visit. If you would also like to share food with her, it would make her life easier, and would be appreciated.

(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 in the church office by Thursday morning to have your information in the following Sunday bulletin or weekly e-news.)



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia order forms will start appearing in the Sunday bulletin in November. If you do not have an opportunity to place an order at church, Please feel free to contact Jo in the office (612-827-615) or email church.office@lynnhurstucc.org. This year's pricing was not available at press time, but early indications are the price will be close to last year's. You may designate your poinsettia be in honor of a special person, an occasion or in memory of loved ones.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING & POTLUCK



The annual **Christmas Caroling & Potluck** will be Sunday, December 4th. 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 JIM PARSONS for details.

WREATH OF LOVE GIFTS

Wreath of Love Gifts are purchased by TRUST church members for Redeemer Residence senior citizen's care facility and for Grandma's House, Redeemer's child-care facility. MARY FAULKNER will have a table set up to hand out the gift lists on Sunday, November 6th after the church service.

Each recipient receives one stocking gift cost approximately five dollars and one tree gift costing around twenty dollars. The wrapped gifts should be returned to the church office by Sunday, December 4th. Thank you for making this a brighter Christmas for those in need.



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”.



May you all share a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving with loved ones near and far.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Lynnhurst members and friends celebrating their birthdays in November!



November:

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| 3 | Lance Brockman |
| 3 | Andy Egbert |
| 4 | Mike Peterson |
| 5 | Elijah Brimacomb |
| 6 | Gianna Lindemann |
| 6 | Henry Misa |
| 8 | Dick Musser |
| 9 | Art Dwinell |
| 10 | Victoria Brimacomb |
| 10 | Doug Meisner |
| 10 | Kelsey Stricker |
| 11 | Julia Decker |
| 11 | Herb Crowell |
| 11 | Jay Bruns |
| 12 | Lydia Beattie |
| 12 | Marnie DeWall |
| 12 | James Hermanson |
| 13 | Quinn Bright |
| 14 | Bob Dixon |
| 16 | Dominique Picard |
| 18 | John Everett |
| 21 | Jean Oleheiser |
| 24 | Molly Rose |
| 29 | Anna Meyer |
| 30 | Elaina Parsons |



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



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<p>30 <i>October</i></p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 ~Mission: 1~ 9:30am~Bible Study</p>	<p>2 7:30pm~Adult Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9am-Fall Work Day 6pm~Great TRUST Dinner & Auction Youth TRUST Overnight at Judson</p>
<p>6 ~Daylight Savings Time Ends~ 10am~Worship & Church School Youth Choirs & Band~ see box 11:15am~Church Council</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30am~Bible Study 7:30pm~Music & Arts</p>	<p>9 7:30pm~Adult Choir</p>	<p>10 Book Club (Allen's)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Lynnhurst Fall Festival</p>
<p>13 10am~Worship & Church School Youth Choirs & Band~ see box LOAVES & FISHES</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30am~Bible Study</p>	<p>16 7:30pm~Adult Choir</p>	<p>17 9am-Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8am~Faith Exploration 1-pm~Sanctuary & Lounge Swalm Recital</p>
<p>20 10am~Worship & Church School 11:15am~Diaconate/Mission Board/Trustees/ CEd Youth Choirs & Band~ see box THINK 3 & SABATHANI</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:30am~Bible Study 7:30pm~Adult Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 ~ Thanksgiving Day ~ 10am~Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 ~First Sunday of Advent~ 10am~Worship & Communion ~ Church School ~ Hanging of the Greens Youth Choirs & Band~ see box</p>	<p>28 5:45pm~Loaves and Fishes (volunteers needed)</p>	<p>29 9:30am~Bible Study</p>	<p>30 7:30pm~Adult Choir</p>	<p>1 <i>December</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Youth Choirs & Band Rehearsal 9:30am~K-2 Choir Rehearsal 11:10am~3-7 Choir Rehearsal 11:45am~8-12 Choir Rehearsal 12:15pm~Band Rehearsal</p>

