

The Lynnhurst Voice

March 2015

Monthly Newsletter

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Children's Home Companion (11:30a)
Palm / Passion Sunday (6:30p)

March 8
March 29



Committee Meetings:

Marketing (7:00p)
Parish Nurse Advisory Board (7:30p)
Stewardship(6:30p)
Music and Arts (7:30p)
Christian Ed (8:30a)
Diaconate (11:30a)
Trustees (11:30a)
Mission (11:30a)
Church Leadership (7:00p)

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**THINK 3
MARCH 15!**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Terry Reisch	19	Pat McKee
3	Annalee Strandkov	20	Grant Peterson
4	Jack Ingersoll	21	Ron Faulkner
6	John Eian, Jr.	23	Elise Peterson
9	Duncan McKee	23	Joyce Woodruff
14	Dan Egbert	25	Melissa Anderson
14	Matthew Boehlke Rynkiewicz	26	Grace Larson
14	Stephanie Makredes	30	Kim Keprios
17	Dick Brimacomb		



FROM OUR INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR...

Greeting Friends,

Lent has arrived. Easter is around the corner. And before long (keeping my fingers crossed) the days will be warmer and longer. It is a time of change in the seasons and in the church year. And as has been the case, it is a time of change at Lynnhurst or the time of change continues. I regularly hear from various folks here “You are making us think,” or “I like trying new things.” Sometimes folks are skeptical of change and then after seeing it say things like “I didn’t think that would work, but it does.” I appreciate your honest and direct reactions, either way. I will continue to work on opening up ideas for consideration and experiments with new ways to do things.

I see my job as Interim as raising questions, offering new perspectives, and experimenting in this time of transition. I’m not saying you have to like or decide to stick with all the ideas and changes, just that you consider them. You have been very clear that you want Lynnhurst to thrive. I think there is great opportunity for that to happen, but it will mean doing somethings in a new way.

That is what you have always done. Those of you who have been members for quite a while know that the way things are now are not the way they were fifty or twenty-five or even ten years ago. The world changes, people change, and that is part of being alive and thriving. Change is an ever-present part of our lives together. Without it, we die. With it, we thrive. The real question is how we take an active role in making the changes or whether we just let things happen. As you have guessed, I am a strong proponent of us being the agents of change and being agents bearing in mind the question, “What is God calling us to do?” If we keep our ears attuned and we open ourselves to possibility, with God, we will have a future that is one of faithfulness and exciting possibility. We might find ourselves asking “How good can we stand it?” May it be so and may this time of Lent be one of renewal in your faith as individuals and for us all as a community. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Anita



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Erstad, RN, MA, FCN

What is it like to live with a chronic disease? Some (many) of us know exactly what it is like because we have been living with one. Often, no one else in our church community is aware of it (or even needs to be aware of it) because it isn't necessarily external. It can affect all age groups, but we seem to acquire them as we age. This is a condition that is managed rather than cured. It can be any number of diseases such as diabetes, a heart condition, or depression, and it affects everyday living.

As it says on our Lynnhurst T-shirts, we bring our whole self to this church community, and know we are accepted just as we are. Lynnhurst as a church community will explore this generally little talked about topic. How can we all be more aware and more effective as individual members of our community? I hope this series will help us as we learn about dealing with chronic diseases all around us.

UPCOMING AT LYNNHURST

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering on March 15. This offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Thank you for your generous contribution.

LENTEN SERIES: WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE?



Our Lenten Series will focus on a number of spiritual practices that are foundational in Christian tradition. These are sometimes referred to as spiritual disciplines, but most of us don't like that discipline word and they really are more about how we "practice" them in our lives. The practices should be joyful and not drudgery. They should help us grow as individuals and as a community.

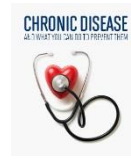
There are many different types of spiritual practices. We are focusing on just a few for this Lenten season:

- March 4 – Generosity – How do we practice generosity and graciousness with our lives? This is more than money (although that is a part of it). We are called to mirror God's generosity to the world.
- March 11 – Justice-making – How do we work for a world that reflects God's desire for right relationships and peace?
- March 18 – Forgiveness – At its heart, forgiveness is about changing ourselves and in turn our relationships. How do we "forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors?"
- March 25 – Saying Yes and Saying No – What does it mean to set priorities in our lives that allows us the chance to be healthy, balanced, and in line with the values of our faith? It is about saying no to some things so that we can say yes to the right things.

Join us for dinner at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday and then for the brief time of reflection and sharing from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Childcare will be available from 6:30 to 7:15 in the upstairs Lounge. This is quiet childcare focused on doing homework or reading or doing quiet art projects. Sign-ups for bringing food for each dinner are on the sheets on the bulletin board in the Lounge. Thanks to the Diaconate and especially Kay Barbour for organizing the dinners. March 11's dinner is hosted by the Mission Board as their annual Soup Supper.

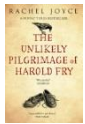
Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and growth together.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH NURSE ADVISORY BOARD



The Parish Nurse Advisory Board is pleased to announce a 3 part Adult Education Series focusing on those living with Chronic Disease, and those who live in Community with them. Mindful of the Lynnhurst motto, 'Bring Your Whole Self', three separate forums are planned, with the first focusing on the topic of Compassionate Communication with Rev. Marty Jones, Director of Spiritual Life at Walker Methodist Co. on Sunday April 26. The second forum, Tools to Live a Full Life, will be presented in the Fall of 2015, when we will welcome Licensed Counselor, Music Therapist and certified Living with Chronic Disease Support Group Teacher, Linda Bednarz to Lynnhurst as our guest speaker and presenter. The third and final presentation will explore aspects of Living with Chronic Disease and is planned for the Spring of 2016. This presentation will be a forum of people from our church and speakers from our first two forums. Please follow further announcements and articles for more information about the guest speakers and dates for this meaningful series on an important topic facing many people in our church and wider community.

BOOK CLUB



Will meet on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Annalee Strandskov home (1900 Rush Lake Trail, Apt. 231, New Brighton). The book being discussed is *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

Book Descriptions:

Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does, even down to how he butters his toast. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning the mail arrives, and within the stack of quotidian minutiae is a letter addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl from a woman he hasn't seen or heard from in twenty years. Queenie Hennessy is in hospice and is writing to say goodbye.

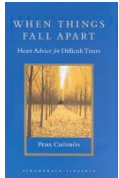
Harold pens a quick reply and, leaving Maureen to her chores, heads to the corner mailbox. But then, as happens in the very best works of fiction, Harold has a chance encounter, one that convinces him that he absolutely must deliver his message to Queenie in person. And thus begins the unlikely pilgrimage at the heart of Rachel Joyce's remarkable debut. Harold Fry is determined to walk six hundred miles from Kingsbridge to the hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed because, he believes, as long as he walks, Queenie Hennessey will live.

Still in his yachting shoes and light coat, Harold embarks on his urgent quest across the countryside. Along the way he meets one fascinating character after another, each of whom unlocks his long-dormant spirit and sense of promise. Memories of his first dance with Maureen, his wedding day, his joy in fatherhood, come rushing back to him—allowing him to also reconcile the losses and the regrets. As for Maureen, she finds herself missing Harold for the first time in years.

And then there is the unfinished business with Queenie Hennessy

A novel of unsentimental charm, humor, and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* introduces Rachel Joyce as a wise—and utterly irresistible—storyteller.

FAITH EXPLORATION



Faith Exploration continues the discussion of Buddhist/Christian dialogues. On Saturday, March 7 starting at 9:00 am we will read Pema Chödrön's *When Things Fall Apart*. The beautiful practicality of her teaching has made Pema Chödrön one of the most beloved of contemporary American spiritual authors among Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike. A collection of talks she gave between 1987 and 1994, the book is a treasury of wisdom for going on living when we are overcome by pain and difficulties. This book is considered a classic in current Buddhist readings.

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION BOARD COMMITTEE



The week of March 17-22, we are collecting food and dollars for the Minnesota Food Share.

There were more than 3 million visits to Minnesota Food Shelves in 2013. Not including the homeless vets, there are 900,000 veterans relying on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In Minnesota, 3500 children are being served by food shelves. All ages of Minnesotans need to use the food shelves.

So help us to be the hero by supporting this cause. This is an easy way for us to help our neighbors, which is one of Lynnhurst church values.

So we are asking you to donate food or contribute money for the Minnesota Food Share Program. If you cannot make it to church on March 22, please mail a contribution to the church and note on the check that it is for Minnesota Food Share. Thank you for your help.

GUEST MUSICIANS



We are excited to host Ovation from One Voice Mixed Chorus on March 22. They will provide special music during worship and then do a Coffee Concert following the worship service.

Ovation is the portable version of One Voice—a small ensemble of 13 singers that bring One Voice's music and our message almost anywhere. Ovation performs at 12-15 events annually, with One Voice or on its own, at venues ranging from the Minnesota State Fair, Twin Cities Pride, places of worship and MN-United events!

We are delighted that they will share their talent with us on March 22!

PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS MEET FEBRUARY 15 AT 11:30 A.M.



Join us on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the sewing room. All ages and ability levels are welcome. One-on-one instruction is available along with resource packets. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

THE MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD



The Music and Arts Board is very pleased to present an encore exhibit of Drawing on the Artist Within: A Creative Journey, featuring works by participants of Lance Brockman's Art Group. The group supports artists of all levels and meets weekly to improve painting and drawing skills in a fun, supportive environment. Last-year's show knocked our socks off and, as with all member-shows, this one is sure to be a treat! Their artwork will be displayed March through April in the Fellowship Lounge gallery.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Join the Men of Lynnhurst each Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Curren's Restaurant (42nd and Nicollet Ave S) for breakfast. This a great time for getting to know Lynnhurst members more and take part in great conversations.

JOYFUL GENEROSITY



The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is Joyful Generosity and it is not too early to start thinking about it. Most years the stewardship drive sneaks up on us. We hear a couple of Stewardship Moments in church; we receive the pledge packets, and then often forget to turn in our pledges until reminded. This year the campaign is starting earlier but the pledging time is shorter, and we are asking you to consider how you may contribute to the mission of this church that we all love so much.

-Sunday, April 12 is the kick-off of the drive. Rev. Rick Wagner, Associate Conference Minister, will be preaching and will lead a conversation about stewardship after the service.

-Sunday, April 19 the emphasis will be on Missions, and the group traveling to Kenya will be commissioned. The stewardship packets will be handed out at church that Sunday, or mailed to members not at the service.

-Sunday, April 26, there will be a brief explanation of the budget during the service. There may even be a pop quiz about the income and expenses of the church.

-Sunday, May 3, is the date for turning in the pledge cards. They will be blessed at the service and there will be a celebration at coffee hour after the service.

We encourage you to consider how you can support the mission of this church with Joyful Generosity. And if you have questions about the Stewardship Campaign or suggestions for it, the members of the committee are: Sharon Decker, Mike Peterson, Cheryl Brockman, and Paul Olson

SAVE THE DATE



For the annual Lynnhurst Car Camping trip August 7 - 9! This year, our adventures take us to Walker's Lodge in Danbury, WI, a short 2-hour drive and second home to Mike, Jen, Maren, and Beckett Peterson. A former resort lodge built in 1957; the property is filled with charm and nostalgia and features a large commercial kitchen, dining room, and great room with a fireplace and bar. Therefore, if you're not a 'camper' but love to experience nature, this may be the trip for you! The lodge and its accompanying cottage can sleep 30, but there's plenty of yard space for tents. Fishing, biking, boating, tubing, and soaking

up the rays await - plus our Saturday night potluck and plenty of fellowship with your Lynnhurst friends. Reservations for the bedrooms may go quickly so please contact Jen Peterson at towalkerjen@yahoo.com/ 612-384-4672 for more information. We hope you can join us!

NEWS AT LYNNHURST

ALLISON RANEY RESIGNING



Recently Allison Raney, the Youth Choir and Youth Leader has submitted her resignation from Lynnhurst effective the end of Lynnhurst's programming year in June. Allison is finishing her teaching degree and will be student teaching soon as she transitions to her new career. We wish her the best of luck! Allison has been with Lynnhurst since 2009 and has been at the helm of many memorable youth performances and events. The Christian Education and Personnel Committees are beginning the process of finding her successor. Please contact Amber Nord, Christian Education Committee Chair with any questions at dactnord@hotmail.com.

WHAT IS A MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT?

Many of you know Nathan Roberts, but do you know that Lynnhurst is sponsoring him as a Member in Discernment for ordination with the Minnesota Conference? Members in Discernment are members of a local congregation who feel a call to ministry, and in Nathan's case ordained ministry. Lynnhurst has stood behind him in his discernment process and continues to do so as he moves toward the last stages toward ordination.

Members in Discernment demonstrate a variety of knowledge, skills, and abilities for ordained ministry. Some of this is demonstrated through seminary or educational work, some of it through building relationships within a local congregation and the wider UCC, and some of it through reflection in integrative papers and conversations that bring together a candidate's experience and knowledge. Candidates must also undergo two rounds of psychological and vocational testing. The Committee on Ministry, which evaluates candidates, is charged with ensuring that Members in Discernment meet the qualifications for ordained ministry, are fit for ministry (psychologically and emotionally), and are committed to the United Church of Christ. Leon Erstad serves on the Minnesota Conference Committee on Ministry. Throughout the process, candidates are evaluated by the Committee, their pastor (in Nathan's case both David Lindsey and I have done evaluations), and their advisor or mentor in the process (someone from another congregation who meets with and guides the discernment process).

Once a Member in Discernment has completed seminary, the Member may ask their local congregation and the Committee to be examined for potentially moving to completion of the ordination process. The Lynnhurst Diaconate supported Nathan's request last fall to the Committee on Ministry. Nathan was first examined by a subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry and recommended for an ordination panel, which is made up of representatives of the

full Committee. The ordination panel voted to recommend that Nathan complete some more steps for preparation and then return upon completion of those steps for determination of setting the date for an Ecclesiastical Council. An Ecclesiastical Council is a gathering of representatives of all the churches in the Minnesota Conference to examine a candidate and vote whether to ordain the candidate. When the time comes for Nathan's Ecclesiastical Council, we will host it here at Lynnhurst and assuming the vote is favorable, Nathan's ordination will take place here at Lynnhurst.

Below is a letter from Nathan introducing himself for some of you and catching up others on what he has been up to in his preparation and his current ministries. ~ Anita

Dear Friends at Lynnhurst,

Recently Pastor Anita Bradshaw asked me to write a letter to Lynnhurst updating our church on my journey towards ordination in the UCC.

For those of you who know me, this may serve as a "check-in" and for those who may have known me only in passing when I served as the Youth Director at Lynnhurst, or not at all, this will serve as a sort of introduction.

For the last four years, I have been serving at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights as the Children's and Family Ministries Director. It has been a real joy and a great learning experience to serve at a hundred year old community church.

I wanted to take a moment to share with you of two lessons I have learned as I prepare for ordination.

A few weeks ago, on my usual Sunday morning walk around the building I noticed one of my Sunday School teachers in a frantic state. "Dirty Dishes!" she said pointing across the room. "The sink is full of dirty dishes from the Charter School teachers."

"Give them here and I'll wash them." I smiled. "Sorry about the mess. I'll talk to the Principal about it."

Two years ago, First Lutheran decided to rent classroom space to a charter school. It was a big change, rooms were all doubling as classrooms, and our common hall was now the elementary school lunchroom.

And for the last two years, I have learned how important it was that our committees and church leaders from every generation were invited to have honest discussions about this change.

I learned that if people feel heard, they are much more likely to "give a little" even if they're point of view doesn't win the day. This is just as true for the third generation church member who has "seen-it-all" as it is for the new member who is just getting their feet wet in the life of our church.

And whether it is dirty dishes left in the sink or a charter school student interrupting a bible study, the congregation has been patient and understanding because everyone took part in the decision.

The second lesson I learned is how important it is to be “real” with your congregation. Our church has four healing services a year. These worship services are a time for people to come forward and ask for prayer. We pray for people suffering from chronic physical pain, a death in the family, or financial struggles.

Each service begins with a short talk from someone who has received prayer in the past and how much it helped them on their road to recovery.

At our last healing service, I offered to speak about my own history of anxiety and depression. I shared about going to therapy, getting on medication, and the many prayers I received along the way. I wanted to share how these experiences have allowed me to serve the people struggling with mental illness with compassion, coming alongside them, rather than judging them.

After my talk I had several people come forward and tell me that they were so encouraged that I had shared my story. And then something happened that our staff hadn't expected. Several long-time members asked for prayers because they were also struggling with mental health. They said that my talk allowed them to open up about an issue they had been too scared to bring up in church.

Sharing about difficult issues is a matter of time and place. And a healing service after serving for four years was the right time and place. I have garnered a reputation for keeping a cool head in stressful situations, for being cheerful and optimistic. Congregants knew me and trusted me. And if I was willing to admit my own struggles, then maybe they could admit theirs. ~ Nathan Roberts.

SETTLED PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE



Since completing the Church Profile for Lynnhurst Church and submitting it to the Minnesota Conference UCC and the national UCC website in early January, we have been receiving Ministerial Profiles from applicants across the nation. Interested pastors from the east coast, the west coast, the south, the northwest, and the Midwest have expressed an interest in becoming the full time settled pastor for our church. We as a search committee are proceeding to review each applicant carefully and prayerfully. We are reviewing statements of theology, expressions of calling into the ministry, and the personal stories of each candidate. We are listening to many sermons online. We are attempting to discern which person will be the best pastor for us as we move forward as a congregation. During this process, all of our work needs to remain confidential, so we will not be able to share information about the candidates or the specific work that we are doing. I am impressed with how thoughtfully, conscientiously, and thoroughly each person on the search committee is looking at each candidate to help determine who will be best for our church.

Leon Erstad

Chair, Settled Pastor Search Committee

LARGE SUITCASES NEEDED



I am in need of some large suitcases to transport dolls to Haiti and Kenya. I am teaching a community education class again this year in which we are making dolls for children in need. We sent one batch to Haiti and have another going in March. We will also be sending dolls to Daylight School in Kenya in March & July. I am in need of large suitcases to transport them. If you are upgrading yours, see one at a thrift store or see a great sale, please let me know. (Tristen Lindemann taolindemann@comcast.net) The suitcase doesn't need to be pretty, but it does need to be clean, not smelly and sturdy enough to survive the trip. Thanks for your help.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY



The Diaconate asks for your help in updating our records. In this time of transition, it is very important that we have an accurate representation of our congregation. Please fill out one form for each adult member (18 and older) rather than one per household. Please click on the link below to start your short survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8DDJNSH>
Thank you to all that have responded so far!

LYNNHURST CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE



Check out our Facebook page, make sure to like” and “follow” Lynnhurst Congregational UCC Church page. Feel free to post on the page; leave comments and observations, photos of church or community events, family, pet, inspiring videos or songs, opportunities for volunteerism or service, pose a question, share a joy, say thank you, ask for prayers . Also, consider inviting FB friends to like the Lynnhurst UCC page; there’s usually a sidebar on the left side of your page with suggestions. Thanks in advance for helping to share the Lynnhurst story, and helping to grow our wonderful community! ***Please Spread the Word*** ~ Check in on Facebook Sunday mornings to share your excitement that you are part of the Lynnhurst community.

HELP GROW OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Members cite varied reasons for joining Lynnhurst Congregational church, but one of the most common reasons is the special sense of community here. The core of what keeps Lynnhurst vital is the extended church “family,” the warmly welcoming intergenerational mix of people, offering varied opportunities to engage in spiritual and sociable activities and pursuits together. If the character and spirit of Lynnhurst do appeal to you, please consider sharing it with family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. If there is a chance to invite someone to a Sunday service or special event here, please do. New faces are always welcome and they are integral to the health of our church. Not only do we value visitor participation and input, you never know when we might prove to be just what they’re looking for in a place of worship. Our community has a lot to offer, and new members add to that and help us thrive. You might also invite a former member to check out a service and see where we are now ... as in all aspects of life, things keep changing, and we keep striving to improve. Inviting folks to Lynnhurst is simply sharing a good thing, and could even help us increase our membership and

continue to flourish as a church community. Thanks for being part of all that ~ John Goodrich,
Moderator

YOUTH NEWS AT LYNNHURST

SERVING COMMUNITY MEALS



On March 1, the Middle School and High School Youth will be serving Community Meals at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. This was a great service trip last year and we are looking forward to doing it again!

THE LYNNHURST KIDS' COMPANION



On March 8, right after church, we will present the annual Lynnhurst Kids' Home Companion. Please join us in celebrating the many talents of our youth! This year's theme is "Lynnhurst's Got Talent!!"

WHIRLYBALL



On March 8, a group of Lynnhurst youth will be joining the TRUST Youth group for an afternoon of Whirlyball!

EASTER BREAKFAST



On April 5, Lynnhurst Youth will host the annual Easter Breakfast! Be on the lookout for signup sheets for food donations!

NIGHT ON THE STREET



On April 17, a group of Lynnhurst Youth will be participating in Night on the Street, an annual event shining a spotlight on homeless youth.

HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE?

There are many ways to be involved at Lynnhurst and it is a great way to get to know people here, as well as help the ministry of our church. Please be sure to check out the bulletin board in the main Lounge during coffee hour to see how you can help.

- * **Ushers** – Sign ups on the Lounge Bulletin Board
- * **Coffee Hosts** – Sign ups on the Lounge Bulletin Board or call Debi March (612-247-1087)
- * **Liturgists** – Sign ups on the Lounge Bulletin Board or contact
- * **Choir** – Wednesdays at 7:30 or talk to Peggy Swalm (pdswalm@aol.com or 612-824-0600)
- * **Trustees** – Contact Rob Allen at allenrd@me.com

- * **Christian Education Board** – Contact Amber Nord (612-501-0946 or dactnord@hotmail.com)
- * **Diaconate** – Contact Jeff Wood at jeffwood92@earthlink.net
- * **Deacon of the Month** ~ please contact Jeff Wood or Anna Goodrich
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NEW MEMBER MENTORING

Mentoring Program The Diaconate has developed a program for mentoring new members and is looking for eager volunteers! In this role, mentors will introduce new members to other members of the congregation; inform them of congregational events, committee opportunities, programs and small groups within the church; If you are interested, please contact Jeff Wood.

WANTED: DEACON OF THE MONTH



Once a Deacon always a Deacon: Deacon of the month duties (lining up ushers and volunteers for communion, etc.) can be handled by anyone who has ever served on the Diaconate Committee. If you would be willing to volunteer for this valuable short-term commitment for the month of April-December 2015, please contact Jeff Wood or Anna Goodrich. Thank you!

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER TO IMPROVE LITERACY



We have concluded our adult education focused on illiteracy, and now we are ready to take some positive steps to address this problem. If you would like to volunteer to combat illiteracy and low literacy, there are numerous ways you can get involved. The Minnesota Literacy Council has volunteer opportunities with both adults and children in either one-to-one or classroom settings. Sharon Decker does ESL tutoring through this organization and is happy to talk to you about her volunteer work there. The phone number for the Council is 651 645-2277. The Minneapolis public schools are also in need of volunteers. If you search Volunteer MPS, you will find a list of local schools in need of all types of volunteers. There is a broad range of opportunities from math & reading tutoring to library helpers to special event assistance. If you are unable to commit to a weekly time, there are one time needs as well. We have had a special request from Janet Hagen, an ESL teacher, for volunteers from Lynnhurst. She is desperately in need of volunteers to work with her Transition Plus students. Jean Sutton is currently working with a Somali student through this program, and she is happy to talk to you about her experience and the process for volunteering with Minneapolis public schools. You can also contact Janet Hagen directly at 612 668-4100 or Janet.hagen@mpls.k12.mn.us. Thank you for considering the gift of your time to help our neighbors succeed.

REFUGEE WINTER CLOTHING NEEDS



The Minnesota Council of Churches Ministry for Refugees is looking for clean, lightly used winter clothing: coats, hats, and scarves. They are also in need of shampoo, soap, and deodorant. If you are willing to donate, please turn them in to Mary Ainsworth or the church office. For a complete list of needs, please phone Joo Kim 612-230-3219. or visit their website at www.mnchurches.org/refugeeservices/get-involved/donation-needs

TIDBITS

FLOWERS ON THE ALTER



Sign up to dedicate Sunday flowers to honor a special person or occasion or in memory of a loved one. The calendar is just outside the church office and waits for your special date. Arrangements are \$36.50 and are yours to take home after the service. During the summer, we welcome a lovely arrangement of flowers from your garden. Please sign up on the calendar and note that you will be bringing them to church on Sunday.

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PEW POSTCARDS



Postcards, in the pews, offer an opportunity for congregation members to keep in touch with one another, 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. Your postcard will be addressed, stamped and mailed from the office. Please take advantage of this wonderful way to "keep in touch," using Mary Kay Willert's beautiful photographs.

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.

LYNNHURST DIRECTORY

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

Interim Minister	Anita Bradshaw
Associate Minister	John Slothower
Choir Director	Peggy Swalm
Organist	Jay Bruns
Youth Leader and Music Director	Allison Raney
Building Mgr. & Cleaning Specialist	Eben Pieterse
Parish Nurse	Nancy Erstad
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	Friday 8:30 a.m. – Noon

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Publications: 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 Thursday morning during the summer. Information for the bulletin insert is due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

March Lynnhurst Voice (the monthly newsletter) information is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24.

Office Hours:

Minister's Office Hours: Monday, by appointment; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Due to meetings, it is best to make an appointment with Anita, even during office hours). Also for pastoral emergencies during non-office hours, please call Anita's mobile at 612-791-8217. All other messages during non-office hours may be left on her voicemail at the office.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday -Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon