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**INFORMATION ~ DIRECTORY**

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

Philip J. Ramstad, Sabbatical Supply Minister  
David Lindsey, Minister  
John Slothower, Associate Minister  
Peggy Swalm, Choir Director  
Jay Bruns, Organist  
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**March 2013**



- Lenten Soup Supper--Sunday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting--Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering--Sunday, March 10
- Winter Congregational Meeting--Sunday, March 10 at 11:15 a.m.
- Stewardship Small Group Meetings--March 10-17
- Kids Companion--Saturday, March 16—TBD
- Maundy Thursday Service--March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Morning Breakfast--March 31 at 8:30--9:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday Service--Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

**You are welcome here!**

## *From The Minister...*

Grace and Peace to you all!

Lent is observed by Christians as a season of preparation for Easter, the most important festival of the Christian Church and the most joyful day of the year. Easter is March 31 this year.

Christianity is the religion of the Resurrection. The Church is the community of the Resurrection. For that reason, from the days of the apostles, Christians have gathered for worship on the first day of the week, Sunday, also called the Lord's Day—instead of on Saturday, the Sabbath. For Christians each Sunday is a little Easter.

It was the experience of the risen Christ that took hold of those discouraged disciples who mourned Jesus' death, turned their lives around, and empowered them and their successors to take his life restoring message to the world.

Nowhere in the New Testament is there a description of the resurrection itself. When the women arrived at Jesus' tomb the resurrection had already taken place. Their first reaction was not joy, but perplexity and fear that Jesus' body had been stolen. John Polkinghorne, physicist and Anglican priest, noting that the resurrection is vindication of Jesus' life of love and of God who would not abandon "the one man who wholly trusted himself to God," adds that it also "vindication of human hopes, the intuition deep in our hearts that life has meaning and fulfillment which death will not be allowed to frustrate, the truth of the assurance that came to Julian of Norwich that in the end all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well."

Easter challenges us to see the possibilities in life. Remember that the crafty, pessimistic, mean-mouthed Zacchaeus became a generous, loving, hopeful character; that the petulant, violence-prone Simon became Peter, the rock on which the Church was built; that when his prodigal son "came to himself," the father said of him, "This, my son, was dead, but he is alive again." The heart of Christianity is passion for life!

As we move through Lent toward Holy Week and Easter may it be for each of us a time of growth in love for God and neighbor—and life!

Philip J. Ramstad  
Sabbatical Supply Minister

## **THANK YOU FOR A FUN WINTER FUN DAY!**

We had no control over the weather, but many of us had fun anyway. Thanks to JEAN BERIGAN and HERB CROWELL for planning the outside event at Theodore Wirth Park had the weather cooperated. RUTH FOTHERGILL coordinated the church activities. Many thanks to the chili makers: JEFF WOOD and family, GREG HUIBREGTSE and family (plus cookies and cornbread), BARBARA KIMMER, and ANDY HARKISON and MICHELLE RUNYON - it was fabulous! JEAN BERIGAN brought home made cookies. The intergenerational gathering had fun at the church with games from RON and MARY FAULKNER and NANCY and LEON ERSTAD.



### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

On March 3, we will have our annual Lenten Soup Supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to hear a brief report on ALLISON RANEY's trip to Daylight School and to hear from the youth about this year's mission trip.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Please plan to meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Floor Lounge at Lynnhurst. If you will be bringing children, please let the church office know what ages so we can provide childcare. All committees should be represented either by their chairperson or a designated member of the committee. All "at large" members of the council are also asked to attend and all clergy are invited to join as non-voting members. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting. We will adjourn no later than 8:30 p.m.

### **WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



We will have our winter congregational meeting on **Sunday, March 10, 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 also present an update on our church financials and progress on activities planned during our Revisioning project last year. If you have something specific you would like to have addressed during our time together, please bring it to the attention of our Moderator DOUG MEISNER or Assistant Moderator CHRISTINE WOLD. The meeting should not last more than one hour and child care will be provided.

### **KIDS' COMPANION**



On Saturday, March 16, all are invited to come and watch Lynnhurst Youth do what they do best! 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!



### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Look for a letter at the beginning of March talking about the upcoming offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on March 10, 2013. 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.

### **LYNNHURST REVISIONING GOALS AND BUDGET SETTING**

In an effort to improve communication prior to taking a vote at the June Annual Meeting, small-group discussions are forming on “Lynnhurst’s Revisioning Goals and Budget Setting.” We understand how frustrating and alarming it may be to approve a budget that has been put in your hands only moments before. We would like to avoid those concerns this year and follow up on our Revisioning goals that have been set forth for the year. So, please – participate in these small groups and help us pick up where we left off on our wonderful Revisioning process! Small groups meet during the week of March 10 - 17 and various days/times will be offered. An agenda of the discussion will be included in the e-newsletter the week before meetings begin. Sign-up during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall following church services. Thank you for keeping ‘congregational’ in Lynnhurst Congregational UCC! Please direct questions to MICHAEL PETERSON at [MPeterson@agmotion.com](mailto:MPeterson@agmotion.com)/ 612-860-0085.



### **THE WOMEN’S STUDIES PROGRAM**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Susan Draper White Lecture Series at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (3000 Fifth Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112) presents Eunjoo Mary Kim, Professor of Homiletics and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Iliff School of Theology. An ordained Presbyterian minister, her most recent book is entitled “Preaching in an Age of Globalization.” Kim will discuss a new homiletical paradigm from a global feminist perspective and present insights into the practice of preaching for congregations living in a globalized multicultural environment. “Women Preaching: Seeking a New Paradigm” on Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. and “Preaching Between the Global and the Local” on Tuesday, March 5, 11:00 a.m. Free and open to the public. Off-street parking. Registrations appreciated, call 651-255-6138. For more information, call 651-255-6137.



**BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

**THINK THREE ON MARCH 17!**

### **LYNNHURST BOOK CLUB**

We will meet in CORDELIA JOHNSON’s home on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *So Long a Letter* by Mariama Ba. MARCIA MILLER will facilitate the discussion. Look for more information in the Sunday Bulletins and Weekly eNews. Please come for a delightful evening of humor, potluck snacks, friendship and discussion. All are Welcome! Call CAROLYN PARSONS or JEAN McGUIRE with questions.



### **FAITH EXPLORATION**

On Saturday, March 16, the Faith Exploration group will be meet for discussion and a potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Sewing Room. Bring a dish to share; we will provide coffee. Watch weekly eNews and Sunday Bulletins for additional information.

### **FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE**



Do you remember last year's focus on Honoring Choices (Advance Directives) to carry out medical decisions if you cannot speak for yourself? Have you finished them? Do you have more questions? We'll have a table at coffee hour on April 7 just to help you out. This will also be an impetus for those of us who had good intentions to fill them out, but just haven't got it done yet.  
— NANCY ERSTAD, RN, MA, FCN

### **LYNNHURST YOUTH PRESENT EASTER SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

We'll be serving in the upstairs central hall, and you can come any time between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. You will find eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee drinks, breads and pastries. We'll use the proceeds from the freewill offering to help support the youth mission trip this summer. Please join us!



### **MUSIC & ARTS BOARD PRESENTS “A PEACE OF MY MIND” BY JOHN NOLTNER**



The Music and Arts Board is thrilled to welcome photographer and author John Noltner to the Lynnhurst Art Gallery. Through his award-winning book, “A Peace of My Mind,” and subsequent exhibit, Noltner shares faces and voices of a common humanity: “We all have a view of peace that is very personal... whether that means political peace, spiritual peace, inner peace or something entirely unexpected. And the belief is that at the core, we are all the same... we all long for and dream for the same things.” Founded in 2009, Noltner’s multimedia art project was presented at the 2011 Peace and Justice Studies Association National Conference and the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize Forum as it fosters public dialogue about issues related to conflict resolution, civic responsibility, and peace. With black and white portraits and oral histories, varied subjects share their thoughts and inspiring stories in a series that celebrates our common experience and sense of community. We are so thankful to John Noltner for sharing his inspiring exhibit with Lynnhurst. The show will run from March 15 through the middle of May, with a Symposium on Peace occurring when REV. LINDSEY returns in April.

### **GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT? NEED AN EXTRA MOTIVATOR?**

Consider putting the savings from your Lent observance towards a unique cause. The CE Board is raising money to commission a special musical composition by ALLISON RANEY and JAY BRUNS based on Allison's musical experiences during her trip to the Daylight Center in Kenya this month. They hope to have it performed by the youth choirs for the Youth Sunday service this spring. If you'd like to be part of making this happen, donations can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Please add "Kenya Music Project" to the memo line on your check. Thanks, the Christian Ed Board

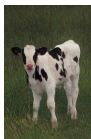
# March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 <i>FEBRUARY</i>	25	26	27	28	1	2
3 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent ~ 10a Worship & Sunday school— Philip J. Ramstad  5:30p Lenten Soup Supper (Lounge)	4 9a Yoga	5 9:30a Bible Study  1:30p Yoga  7p Church Council Meeting	6 9:30a Drawing  7:30p Adult Choir	7	8 9:30a Prayer Group	9  Kid's Companion Tech Rehearsal (TBD)
10 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent ~ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS! 9a Stewardship Small Groups  10a Worship & Sunday school— Philip J. Ramstad  11:15a Winter Congregational Mtg  ~ ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING ~	11 9a Yoga	12 Newsletter Copy Due 9:30a Bible Study  11:30a Stewardship Small Groups  1:30p Yoga  6:30p Stewardship Small Groups  7:30p Music & Arts Meeting	13 9:30a Drawing  6:30p Stewardship Small Groups  7:30p Adult Choir	14  7p Book Club at Cordelia Johnson's	15  7p Gallery Opening <i>A Peace of My Mind</i> John Noltner	16 9a Faith Exploration (Sewing Room)  Kids' Companion Show—Late Afternoon (TBA)
17 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent ~ 10a Worship, Communion & Sunday school—Philip J. Ramstad  11:15a Stewardship Small Groups  11:15a Meetings: CE-Diaconate- Mission- Trustees  ~ SABATHANI & THINK THREE ~	18 9a Yoga	19 9:30a Bible Study  1:30p Yoga  7:30p Confirmation to St. Thomas Muslim/Christian Dialogue with Doug Meisner	20 9:30a Drawing  7:30p Adult Choir	21	22  9:30a Prayer Group	23
24 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 10a Worship & Sunday school— Philip J. Ramstad  EMPLOYEE SURVEYS DUE  ~LOAVES & FISHES~	25 9a Yoga	26 9:30a Bible Study  1:30p Yoga	27 9:30a Drawing  7:30p Adult Choir	28 ~ Maundy Thursday ~	29  7p Maundy Thursday Service & Communion	30
31 ~ Easter Sunday ~ 8:30 Easter Sunday Breakfast  10a Worship & Sunday school— David Lindsey	1 <i>APRIL</i>	2	3	4	5	6



### **GIVING UNTIL THE COWS COME HOME**

During Lent our Sunday school students will be raising money to purchase a cow - or two! - for Daylight Center in Kenya, Africa. In past years, the children have raised money to purchase animals for Heifer Project. This year they will be raising money to purchase a cow for Daylight school. Every day, cows, goats, sheep and camels are milked to provide the 200 students and 16 teachers with food for their meals. However, the school has to purchase additional milk to meet the need. The Christian Education board has decided to help the school become more self-sufficient by providing them with another cow. We are excited that Lynnhurst children will be able to see video of the cow they purchase and of the children who will enjoy the blessing of the milk. We ask for your prayers and assistance in making this a mooooooving experience for all of us.




### **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 24. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for completed surveys.

### **UCC SCHOLARSHIPS – 2013**

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 <http://www.ucc.org/scholarships/>. Awards are modest. 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! Application deadline is May 18, 2013.

### **SERMONS**

 Copies of Pastor Ramstad's sermons are available in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in listening to the sermon and some of the special music from a Sunday service, go to the church web site, [www.Lynnhurstucc.org](http://www.Lynnhurstucc.org) and click on "Sermons". The web site plays the sermons using Adobe's Flash Player, which makes it possible for you to listen to the sermon on your computer, but does not enable downloading the sermon to an iPod 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.

### **LYNNHURST CAR CAMPING**

We'll be at Gooseberry Falls State Park August 1 through August 4, Thursday through Sunday. We have secured a group site with its own private beach on Lake Superior! The site holds up to 50 people. We would like to extend an invitation to one and all on this trip, and look forward to seeing everyone. For any other questions please email JEN PETERSON at [towalkerjen@yahoo.com](mailto:towalkerjen@yahoo.com) Sign up today.



### **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.



### **GIVE THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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. Contact TRUST Meals-on-Wheels at 612-822-6040.



### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Rev. David Lindsey will be on sabbatical from 12/29/2012 to 3/29/2013.  
Rev. Philip Ramstad will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.  
Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

APRIL issue of the Lynnhurst Voice Monthly Newsletter: Information is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013. Volunteers for proofreading are always needed and welcome!  
Lynnhurst Weekly E-News: Sent out at noon Thursday. Information to be included is due by 2 p.m. on Wednesday.  
Sunday Bulletin: Printed every Thursday afternoon. Information for the bulletin insert is due in the church office by 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

**LYNNHURST BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** *Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.*

**WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** *Sunday, March 10, 11:15 a.m.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** *Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m.*

**DIACONATE:** *Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m.*

**MISSION:** *Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m.*

- The Lenten Soup Supper is HERE! We will be celebrating on March 3 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Following the soup supper, there will be two brief presentations. One will be a short report from ALLISON RANEY about her recent trip to Daylight School in Africa. The other presentation will be from the Lynnhurst Youth Group regarding their mission project for the year.
- On Sunday, January 27, there was a presentation about The Gathering by Julie McChesney. If you would like more information regarding The Gathering, please contact PEGGY SWALM.

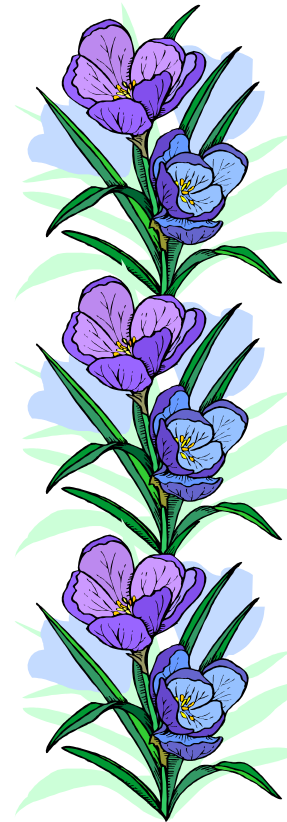
**MUSIC AND ARTS:** *Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.*

**TRUSTEES:** *Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

to Lynnhurst members and friends celebrating birthdays in March!

**March**



- 1 Terry Reisch
- 3 Annalee Strandkov
- 3 Lauren Charles
- 4 Gary Hansberger
- 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 Brimacomb
- 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
- 30 Kim Keprios
- 31 Diane Peterson

**Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Summary**

	YTD Actual July - January	Budget for Year	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Building Use	\$20,008	\$34,240	58%
Scroggins Fund Used	\$9,000	\$37,700	24%
Holidays	\$1,079	\$1,700	64%
Other Income	\$4,584	\$3,540	130%
Pledges, Loose, Special Gifts	\$89,733	\$140,500	64%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$124,405</b>	<b>\$217,680</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Programs	\$4,476	\$12,565	37%
Operating Expenses	\$23,380	\$43,873	53%
Personnel Expenses	\$28,489	\$47,779	60%
Salaries	\$62,185	\$115,272	54%
Trustees and Council	\$25	\$500	5%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$118,554</b>	<b>\$219,989</b>	<b>54%</b>

Notes: 1) Budget amounts are for the entire year. Percent of budget is the year to date actual divided by the budget amount for the year. We are 7/12 or 58% through year. 2) Programs include Christian Education, Music & Arts, and Diaconate.

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