

# The Lynnhurst Voice

## May 2015

Monthly Newsletter

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Volunteer Fair (11:15a)  
Blood Pressure Clinic (11:15a)  
Spring Cleaning Day (9:00a)  
Strengthen the Church Offering  
Pentecost  
Youth Sunday

May 3  
May 3  
May 16  
May 17  
May 24  
May 31

### *Committee Meetings:*

Music and Arts (7:30p)  
Christian Ed (8:30a)  
Diaconate (11:30a)  
Trustees (11:30a)  
Mission (11:30a)  
Church Leadership (7:00p)

May 14  
May 17  
May 17  
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May 28



**THINK 3  
May 17!**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

9 - Carol Syverson  
11 - Mary Lynum  
11 - Bob vonSternberg  
16 - Clyde March  
20 - Elaina (Ellie) Beeck  
20 - Jon Sutton  
22 - Dan Kruse  
24 - Liz Mahan  
25 - Henry Taly



## FROM OUR INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR...

Dear Lynnhurst Folk:

Summer is around the corner and May is a busy month as we begin to wrap up this program year. This year has gone very quickly, at least from my perspective. We will celebrate our Stewardship Campaign on May 3, baptize Gianna Hillman that same day, celebrate our children and youth on May 10 and 31, celebrate all the choirs and their service, celebrate Sunday School teachers, celebrate the arts, and celebrate the conclusion of Allison's ministry with us. All in May. It will be a busy month of celebrating!

Celebration is good for us. It gives us a chance to be grateful and remember all the good things that God has done in our midst and all the good members of our church of done in sharing their talents and their time. It gives us a chance to celebrate new life in the baptism of a child. And it allows us to thank everyone, including God, for all that has come to be. As the great medieval mystic Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

So we will celebrate and we will say thank you and we will rejoice because God blesses us in this community called Lynnhurst. And those blessings are only the beginning of what God will do with and for us if we are open to the future God calls us into.

Blessings,  
Anita



### FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

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

We will have a Blood Pressure Clinic on Sunday, May 3rd, in Anita's office after the church service. Come to get your blood pressure checked in a low pressure environment, share questions or concerns, or get information on the Honoring Choices advance directives.

Nancy Erstad, RN, MA, FCN

## UPCOMING AT LYNNHURST

### JOYFUL GENEROSITY



The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is Joyful Generosity and the leadership of the church invites your joyful generosity in returning your pledge cards on May 3, when they will be dedicated in worship. 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

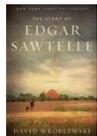
### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Recently, Rev. Rick Wagner gave a wonderful presentation on "Joyful Giving" as a prelude to the start of our stewardship campaign. Another important part of stewardship to Lynnhurst is a donation of our time and talents. There are so many opportunities at Lynnhurst to share the gifts you have. In light of this, the CLC will be hosting a Volunteer Fair after church on Sunday, May 3. We'll have information on the various committees and other opportunities, as well as take-home gifts for those who volunteer that day. Please stop by the table in the lounge and see

what's available. Your participation is what makes Lynnhurst such a warm, welcoming and active part of the community.

### **BOOK CLUB**



Will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Joyce Prudden's home (2318 Parkwoods Road, Saint Louis Park). The book being discussed is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

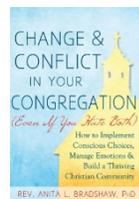
#### **Book Description:**

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose remarkable gift for companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. Edgar seems poised to carry on his family's traditions, but when catastrophe strikes, he finds his once-peaceful home engulfed in turmoil.

Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the Sawtelle farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who accompany him, until the day he is forced to choose between leaving forever or returning home to confront the mysteries he has left unsolved.

Filled with breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, a fateful vision rendered in the falling rain—*The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* is a meditation on the limits of language and what lies beyond, a brilliantly inventive retelling of an ancient story, and an epic tale of devotion, betrayal, and courage in the American heartland

### **FAITH EXPLORATION**



Faith Exploration will meet on Saturday, June 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be discussing *Change and Conflict in Your Congregation (Even If You Hate Both): How to Implement Conscious Choices, Manage Emotions and Build a Thriving Christian Community* by our very own Rev. Dr. Anita L. Bradshaw. Join us for a potluck breakfast and lively discussion.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS MEET MAY 10 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.

### **LYNNHURST SPRING WORKDAY**



Is right around the corner. It will take place on May 16, 2015 from 9am – noon. Projects will include deep cleaning the church.  
*Many hands make light work.*

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**



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

**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](mailto:towalkerjen@yahoo.com)/ 612-384-4672 for more information. We hope you can join us!



## MUSIC AND ART NEWS AT LYNNHURST

### THE MUSIC AND ARTS BOARD



The Music and Arts Board is very pleased to present *Through my Eyes* Girl Scout Junior troop 14372 from Good Shepherd School in Golden Valley will be displaying their photos that they have been working on this past school year. Come and see the world through the eyes of eighteen fifth graders. This show will run until May 6.

**On May 8**, you are warmly welcome to the opening of the Washburn International Baccalaureate Art Exhibit on Friday evening May 8. Stop by between 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. to see the work of these talented juniors and seniors. There will be treats and artists to meet & greet. Original art greeting cards as well as some of the art will be for sale. Last year the gallery was packed with our Minneapolis neighbors, but there were very few Lynnhurst members present. We would really like to have enough people around to respond to all the positive comments we heard about the church last year. Let's not miss the opportunity to extend an extravagant welcome! Please try to stop by and show them our vibrant Lynnhurst community. Thank you!

### IT WON'T BE LONG!

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES 2015** Summer will soon be upon us! Each summer the Music and Arts Board presents a Summer Music Series and invites all who are interested to join their voices and/or instruments in Musical Offerings each Sunday of the Summer months. We've had wonderful worship music in past summers and extend the invitation once again to members and friends to join in the Series (and the fun!) Whether you're a seasoned musician or someone wondering what it may be like to perform something on a Sunday morning, please feel free to check your summer schedule and sign up to participate. There is currently a Sign-Up Sheet on the board in the Gallery. Some names have already been added and some creative, fun ideas are being mulled over! Keep in mind that if someone may have already signed up for a Sunday that may work best for you too, it is ok; we can work our magic and have it all work out! Some scheduled events throughout the summer include a Mid-Summer Celebration of the Arts on July 19, and the Lake Harriet Service will be on August 23 this summer. Please use the sign-up sheet or see me for more information. I would be more than happy to work with everyone who may like to be part of this year's Summer Music Series! -Jay Bruns

**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN LYNNHURST ON SUNDAY, MAY 17**, when worship will be a celebration of the arts featuring a musical offering by Allison Raney, Chris Anderson and Jay Bruns. The service will also include a Sacred Dance led by Siri Drontle to words read from Ecclesiastes by John Goodrich, the Lynnhurst Choir will sing and members art works will be displayed around the Sanctuary as we celebrate the great gifts of music and arts that Lynnhurst has been blessed to receive. This will be the last service in which we will have the opportunity to hear Allison sing before she leaves Lynnhurst as Youth Leader and Youth Choir Director on May 31. The Voluntaries in the service will be jazz-inspired music for trumpet, organ/piano by Chris and Jay. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **THE ST. JOHN'S MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS "BELLE MUSIQUE"**

A concert featuring "Misa Solemnis" by Louis Vierne and other works by Frank, Saint-Saens and Dubois. The concert features the St. John's Oratorio Chorus, led by Joyce Larson, and Peder Flaten, organist. The concert is Sunday, May 3rd at 7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4842 Nicollet Ave. S. Paul Olson and Mary Kay Willert will be singing with the chorus. There is no charge for the concert but a free will offering will be taken.

Also, Paul and Mary Kay will be performing with the University of MN Campus Singers, along with the University Women's and Men's Choruses at their "Spring Fling" concert on Saturday, May 2, 2015, Ted Mann Concert Hall at 7pm. As the University School of Music writes, "May is the time for the choirs on campus to have some fun" and "present their annual year-end concert where anything could happen." Paul and Mary Kay are the only participants in their Campus Singers class over the age of 22. They have had a great time and learned quite a bit from their marvelous director, G. Phillip Shultz. Come to the performance, if you are free, there is no charge.

## ***THE ADULT CHOIR PROGRAM YEAR***

Will come to a close on May 31st as we join the youth choirs for a special anthem.

Thank you to all of the choir members who have volunteered on Wednesdays and Sundays September through May. We've had a fine year of singing!

Sopranos - Lynn Dixon, Nancy Erstad, Debi March, Judy Pattinson, Annalee Strandskov

Altos - Ruth Fothergill, Sue Kloker, Pat McKee, Julie Ristau, Jean Sutton, Mary Kay Willert

Tenors - Bob Dixon, Mike Peterson, Dean Kloker

Basses - Lance Brockman, John Goodrich, Clark Meyer, Paul Olson, Jon Sutton

This year the Choir Appreciation Dinner, sponsored by the Music and Arts Board, will be hosted by Tristen and Steve Lindemann. Choir members will begin meeting again in August to prepare for the Lake Harriet Bandshell service on Sunday, August 23rd.

I am already planning music for next year and look forward to September when we resume regular rehearsals. All are welcome to contribute time and talent to the Lynnhurst choir! If you are interested in finding out more about joining the choir please let me know.

## ***NEWS AT LYNNHURST***

### ***JOYS AND CONCERNS***



Each Sunday we offer an opportunity for those at worship to offer a joy or concern for inclusion in the prayers. Some people have expressed a desire to have prayers offered, but, are reluctant to come to the front to the microphone. To offer a way to allow all joys and concerns to be included in the prayers, we have added a sheet of paper on the podium at the back of the church with the guest book. If you prefer to write your joy or concern on that sheet, it will be collected as the service begins and included in the prayers. We will continue to offer the opportunity to offer prayers at the microphone, but want to offer this alternative for all to participate.

### ***SETTLED PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE***



During the last month, we have been interviewing candidates, checking references, sending information about our church, and getting information about candidates from their home conferences. We also continue to receive Ministerial Profiles from additional applicants. We as a search committee review each applicant carefully and prayerfully. 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. We believe we will find a candidate who will be an excellent pastor for us. ~ Leon Erstad, Chair, Settled Pastor Search Committee

## YOUTH NEWS AT LYNNHURST

**YEAR-END YOUTH PARTY FROM SUNDAY, MAY 17TH - 6:30 - 8:00.**

**PIZZA PARTY** All Lynnhurst youth are invited to a pizza party at church. We will watch the Christmas Pageant, the Kids' Companion and have a chance to reminisce with Allison before her last Sunday on May 31st!

**YOUTH SUNDAY is MAY 31st!**

Join us for this special service celebrating Lynnhurst Youth!

## TRUST NEWS

**TRUST'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE AND SWAP SATURDAY, MAY 9, 8:00 AM – NOON**



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parking Lot (4100 Lyndale Ave So) - Swap plants. Buy plants. Order from Pletscher's (order forms at your church). Get advice from Master Gardeners. Raise money for TRUST'S programs! To swap plants, they must be brought by 10:00 am to get tickets for discounts on new plants. See you there!

**QUILTING SERVICE RETREAT ~ MAY 29-31, 2015 AT PILGRIM POINT**



Whether you're an experienced quilter or interested in learning for the first time - come and enjoy Pilgrim Point Camp on beautiful Lake Ida during this special weekend opportunity to connect with others, quilt, serve and rejoice! The eventual goal is to create a twin-sized quilt for every bed in the Lodge for special event campers to use while staying at Pilgrim Point.

**Who:** Quilters or anyone who has ever wanted to quilt

**When:** 5PM Friday, May 29 until Noon on Sunday, May 31

**Where:** Pilgrim Point Camps & Retreats ([directions](#))

**Cost:** Free-will suggested donation of \$30 (to help offset costs of meals and facility use)

[RSVP Here](#)

Deadline to register: Friday, May 22

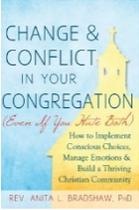
**What to bring (if you can!):**

- 100% cotton fabric, prewashed      Sewing machine, thread, extra bobbins
- Pre-cut pieces of your favorite pattern (for 60"x80" quilt)
- Wide backing fabrics (available at JoAnn's, prewashed) to match top fabric - or 3 1/2 yards of 44" wide fabric
- Other quilting supplies: rotary cutters & boards, rulers, scissors, ironing pad, iron
- Enthusiasm & energy!

**Questions about the quilting program?** Email [Dawn Carlson Conn](#) (612-281-6515) or [Mary Kay Sauter](#) (651-216-4172).

## NEWS IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

### **BOOK RELEASE PARTY WITH DR. REV. ANITA BRADSHAW WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 7 PM**



Celebrate with Anita on May 20 at 7 p.m. at Mayflower (106 East Diamond Lake Road Minneapolis, MN 55419) The publication of her new book, *Change and Conflict in your Congregation (even if you hate both)*. Change and conflict are often feared in churches – but they don't need to be. When we learn to see these difficulties as normal, healthy parts of being a community, it is much easier to navigate them with a minimum of anxiety and bad behavior. We are able to let go of our fears and face change and conflict as catalysts for moving forward in the mission of showing God's love and justice to the world. In fact, there is no way to move forward in mission without change and conflict. Copies will be available for sale at the event.

### **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](mailto:Janet.hagen@mpls.k12.mn.us). Thank you for considering the gift of your time to help our neighbors succeed.

## HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE?

### **GETTING INVOLVED AT LYNNHURST**

There are lots of ways to get involved at Lynnhurst and it is a great way to get to know people here, as well as help the ministry of our church. You are invited to:

- **Ushers** – Sign ups on the Lounge Bulletin Board
- **Coffee Hosts** – Sign ups on the Lounge Bulletin Board
- **Liturgists** – Sign ups on the Lounge Bulletin Board
- **Christian Education Board** – Contact Amber Nord (612-501-0946 or [dactnord@hotmail.com](mailto:dactnord@hotmail.com))
- **Diaconate** – Contact Jeff Wood at [jeffwood92@earthlink.net](mailto:jeffwood92@earthlink.net)

## TIDBITS

### **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.

### **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. Feel free to supply your own store bought or during the summer, we welcome a lovely arrangements 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](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.

### **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
Office Manager/Editor	Holly Kangas
Church Office	(612) 827-6157
Church Fax	(612) 827-6158
Church Website	<a href="http://www.lynnhurstucc.org">www.lynnhurstucc.org</a>
Church E-mail	<a href="mailto:church.office@lynnhurstucc.org">church.office@lynnhurstucc.org</a>
Office hours: Tuesday-Thursday	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
	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 Bulletin** are printed Thursday afternoon. Information for the bulletin insert is due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

**The Lynnhurst Voice** (the monthly newsletter) information is due in the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23.

#### **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