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Ready for Lent: "Wonders in our Wonder"

Dear friends of M C L C,

With the beginning of March next week, we are thinking ahead to our Lenten journey that awaits us!

Lent is the 40 day period (excluding Sundays) before Easter, whereby we examine ourselves, our lives, and our commitment to God. As in past years, we will be sharing our Lenten journey with our neighbors at Bethany Lutheran, (something we are looking forward to, once again)!

This Lent, our theme is called "Wonders in our Wonder". We will also be providing opportunities to gather into small groups, and to ask questions on what you "wonder" about with God.

We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, March 9th with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Please note the full schedule of our Lenten journey in this Illuminator. We invite you to join us as we together ask and wonder in the wonder of God.

Blessings to our journey!

Pastor Dan

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 27

9:45 AM MCLC Worship/Sunday School
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
11:00 AM Confirmation Class
1:00 PM HCCS

Monday, February 28

10:00 AM Cozy Quilters at MCLC
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 01

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 02

5:30 PM Youth on a Mission
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, March 03

6:30 PM Esther Circle
6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, March 05

9:00 AM Bible Study

Sunday, March 06

9:45 AM MCLC Worship/Sunday School
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
11:00 AM Confirmation Class
1:00 PM HCCS

Up Coming Events

Bible Study March 5, 9:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 9

11:00 at Bethany
5:45 pm Soup Supper at M C L C
6:30 pm As Wednesday Service

PRAYER LIST

Our Prayer List is a rotating list of all members of Minnehaha Communion.

Harriet Sandey, William, Leslie, Jennifer, Jessica, Alexandra & Ryan Sandey, Grace Sarff, Dorothy Sather, David, Cathy, Evan & Emily Scanlon, Robert & Darlene Schmidt, Greg & Sherri Schwalbe, Scotto Roberts & Jessica Sullivan, Linda, Shawn & Matthew Seymour, Janis Shepherd, June Sibell.



Pray for our Service Men and Women

Chad Breslin (Grandson to Wally & June Sibell), Nick Wilkes (Son of Margaret Wilkes), Brian Nutter (Son of Kim & Debbie Nutter), Tanya Whale (Daughter of Dave & Barbie Whale), Billy Markovich (Grandson of Bill & Gerry Knutson), Jared Anderson (Grandson of Wally & June Sibell), Benjamin Maggard (Grandson of Frieda Lougee, (Nephew of Jean Lougee) Richard Johnson (Grandson of Martha Hinkle), David Melrose, (Son of Bruce & Deb Melrose), Rose Bjorkstrand (Granddaughter of Wally and Vi Bjorkstrand).

Thank You from the Heart ❤️

♥ Thank you MCLC for donating four hand-tied blankets to Simpson Housing Services. On behalf of our shelter guests, program participants, and staff we express our sincere gratitude for your support In this time of increased need your gift shows that you care. Sincerely, Christina Giese

♥ A thousand thank yous to whomever sent the Martha Stewart magazine subscription to the office, it is much appreciated and enjoyed.

♥ Formal thank you to Roxanne Dunlop for her 5 years of service on the Pastoral Support Committee.

MCLC COMMUNITY NEWS

M CLC Annual Tea

It's time again for the Annual Tea Party at Minnehaha Communion. All women (including young ones) are invited to attend. The date is April 16 at 11:00 a.m. We will be entertained by a guitar playing comic! Put the date on your calendar. More information will follow. Please plan to attend!

New Council Members

Our new council members have been voted and elected to the council.

The new members are:

Jessica Sullivan – Treasurer

Jeff Carlson – Council Member

Sherry Trego – Pastoral Support

Committee

Building Task Force – Men's Group

Lenten Services

Time to think Spring! And Lent! Below is the worship schedule for Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran Church.

March 9th

11:00 a.m. Service at Bethany Lutheran Church Chapel, 3901 - 36th Avenue So. (MCLC members are invited).

Worship is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in their Fireside room.

Evening Service at MCLC

Soup supper at 5:45 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m. - The Road to Emmanus: "Jesus Wonders With Them".

March 16th

11:00 a.m. Service in the Bethany Chapel (MCLC members are invited). Worship is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in their Fireside room.

Evening Service at MCLC

Soup supper at 5:45 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m. - Moses "Can't Look/Can't see"

March 23rd

11:00 a.m. Service in the Bethany Chapel (MCLC members are invited). Worship is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in their Fireside room.

Evening Service at MCLC

Soup supper at 5:45 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m. - Job "Things Too Wonderful For Me".

March 30th

11:00 a.m. Service in the Bethany Chapel (MCLC members are invited). Worship is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in their Fireside Room.

Evening Service at MCLC

Soup supper at 5:45 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m. - King David/the Psalms "Wonderful and Marvelous".

April 6th

11:00 a.m. Service in the Bethany Chapel (MCLC members are invited). Worship is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in their Fireside room.

Evening Service at MCLC

Soup supper at 5:45 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m. - Peter: "The Gaze And Stare Into God's Wonder".

April 13th

11:00 a.m. Service in the Bethany Chapel (MCLC members are invited). Worship is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in their Fireside room.

Evening Service at MCLC

Soup supper at 5:45 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m. - Paul: "The Wonder/Mystery God Makes Known".

April 21st

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel 4120 - 17th Avenue So.

April 22nd

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m. at MCLC

April 24th

Easter Sunday worship at MCLC at 9:45 a.m.

The Elevator is Back!

For all who have been waiting for repairs to be completed, at long last, the elevator is now in working condition. Thank you all for your patience. Pass the word!

Easter Lilies/Tulips/Hyacinth

Last year we had a veritable Easter Garden in our sanctuary. We are thinking of doing it again this year. The cost will be \$15 per plant and again we encourage folks to take their plants home after service. Look for order forms in the bulletin and narthex soon.

Dear Friends,

If Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign did not exist, local food shelves throughout the state would truly be facing "Mission Impossible." But for 29 years, civic groups, businesses, congregations, schools and individuals have come together in this grassroots effort to fight hunger. This year, we will be working together toward another ambitious March Campaign goal - to raise 12 million combined pounds and dollars. In 2010, there were more than three million food shelf visits statewide and it is estimated that the number of Minnesotans without enough food is now 14 percent. The momentum to help meet this continuing need is already building with contributions by donating funds or food itself.

All this and more to help the March Campaign raise the resources to stock food shelves statewide with more than 35 million pounds of food throughout the year.

Sincerely, Minnesota FoodShare Staff

Council Meeting Notes, January 18, 2011

Taken and submitted by Janet

Lovejoy, Council President

Present: Pastor Sally, Jean Lougee, Joan Vindedahl, Bryan Hagelberger, John Molinaro, Norm Arlandson, Janet Lovejoy

Secretary's Report

- M/S/C to approve the December report

Treasurer's Report

- M/S/C to approve the December report and 2010 year-end report

- Motion passed to approve the 2011 annual budget, with audit due before the Annual Meeting on February 6, 2011.

- Motion passed to redistribute interest income of \$9968.55 to funds of which Joan has record that took the loss in 2008.

- Motion passed that the Council present the 2011 budget to the congregation at the Annual

Meeting with the footnote that we secure the 2011 funding for the Parish Nurse from the **Interest and Bank Charges** line item under restricted funds first, and use the **Special Ministries Fund** only if needed.

Pastor's Report:

- See submitted report

Old Business:

- Moving forward with Council nominations for 2011. The Treasurer position must be filled

this year; we have 2 additional members interested in sitting on the Council.

- Mission support was paid to the Synod in the amount of \$2645.88.

- We will be formalizing a request to the Foundation by Feb. 1st for funds to cover the bell tower damage which was not covered by insurance. We need to have all bids in to present a comprehensive total.

- Van is still in need of servicing. John M. will try Flanery's one more time; will try alternate service shop if

we cannot get in to Flanery's. We are forewarned we will need the serpentine belt replaced this year; Bryan H. has offered to do this to save us a large service fee.

- The snowblower still needs some work, but Jesse reports it is working much better after some attention from Bryan H.

New Business:

- Discussed & agreed on continuing as a member of the Fairview Foundation.

- Nominations needed for Pastoral Support Committee.

- Discussed need for a Building Task Force to ensure all building maintenance is taken care of. We will look for 3

nominations at the Annual Meeting; Men's Group will step up to this.

- Elevator is being repaired, cost is covered by insurance. This will include almost total replacement of the elevator. Need to complete work & have inspected by State again.

- Determined to put Nat'l Night Out/Health Fair on hold for this year, and focus more on the

Longfellow Corn Feed. Health Fair could be a part of another event such as the Ice Cream

Social or a carnival or another event.

- The Cozy Quilters are moved in!

Annual Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2011

Minutes taken and submitted by Erin Brothen, Council Secretary
These minutes are for your information and have not yet been approved.

Minnehaha Foundation Report

given by Brent Sjodin. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the foundation treasurer's report. Foundation thanks Carl Mackdanz for his years of service. Jean Lougee elected to serve as a new Director. Motion made, seconded and carried to confirm the directors of the Foundation. Motion made, seconded and carried to confirm the officers of the Foundation. Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn Foundation Meeting.

2011 Annual Meeting of Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church called

to order by Council President Janet Lovejoy.

Pastor's Report: Reminder of the three "R's" at MCLC: radical hospitality, real relationships and responsive worship. Announced the possibility of an intern at MCLC from the U of M to help with grant applications. Pastor's report included in the Annual Report.

GPS for the Journey activity: Each table brainstormed possibilities for the future, and how to make those ideas happen.

Secretary's report: motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's report: Council treasurer Joan Vindedahl presented treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the general funds report.

Auditor's Report: Motion made, seconded and carried to approve auditor's report.

President's Report: President's and Council's reports included in the Annual Report. Discussion of recent building repair costs for the elevator and roof. Insurance covering costs for

the elevator repair. The Foundation is providing funds to cover the steeple roof costs.

Parish Nurse Report: Included in the Annual Report.

Sustainability Committee: Sustainability activities already generating a few savings.

WELCA Report: WELCA is accepting ongoing donations for new chairs. Included in the Annual Report.

Thrivent Financial Giving: Thrivent Financial Coordinator Brenda Robbins reported on the changes to the Thrivent giving options. Those eligible to allocate Thrivent Choice dollars can designate money to MCLC. Amount of Choice dollars an individual can allocate is based on the total amount the individual holds in Thrivent products.

Proposed Budget: Motion made, seconded and carried to approve proposed budget. Formal thank you to Joan Vindedahl for 4 years of service as Treasurer.

Old Business: Formal thank you to Wally Bjorkstrand for his help shoveling at church. Another thank you to Bryan

Hagelberger for repairing the snowblower. Snow removal for 2010-2011 winter has been added to Jesse's job duties as the custodian.

Van ministry in need of more volunteer drivers, and there is an interest in finding a new van with a lift.

New Business:

Council recommendation to use the interest and bank charges budget line in the restricted funds to cover the Parish Nurse salary. If more funds are necessary, the Holy Communion Special Ministry Fund would be used. Motion made, seconded and carried to change the source of the Parish Nurse salary.

Council Nominations:

Addition to the ballot from the floor to include Bruce Melrose as a Pastoral Support Committee nominee. Jessica Sullivan nominated for Treasurer. Jeff Carlson nominated for Council Member. Sherry Trego nominated to Pastoral Support Committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried to name the Men's group as the Building Task Force. Motion made, seconded and carried to make John Molinaro the

official contact for the Building Task Force.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the 2011 ballot for council members.

Closing Remarks: Thank you from the floor for work by Janet Lovejoy and others on the extra building and property issues in 2010.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn annual meeting. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pastors' Report-February 15, 2011

Worship – As we move into February, planning is underway for the season of Lent which begins March 9 with Ash Wednesday. The theme of “Wondering” is planned with shared Wednesday soup suppers and worship services with Bethany.

-Last month, Pastor Dan held a communion service at Nokomis Square for MCLC members and anyone else who wanted to attend.

There was a good response and gratitude for MCLC coming to Nokomis Square during the cold snap and lack of elevator which has made it difficult to people to attend here on Sundays.

Outreach – We have had a rather quiet month for outreach. The last penny jar distribution of \$183.00+ went to Heifer International for the purchase of a sheep and several groups of chicks per the designation from the Sunday school.

Education- This month has been busy with several educational opportunities.

We have had a great response to the “Coffee, Tea, and John” Saturday study as well as the “Lutheranism 101” Wednesday class. It is encouraging to witness our congregation engaged in Bible study in such an enthusiastic (which means “in the spirit”) way. We as your pastors firmly believe that the study of God's word is one of the foundations of an active, committed faith life.

Thank you to all who are attending the various Bible studies at MCLC!

-A first communion class will be offered during Lent with the exact dates to be determined.

Confirmation- The class continues their focus on relationships with the life of Christ and the early church as the template. The fourth Sunday of this month will be a parent-student

class. All parents of confirmands are strongly encouraged to attend.

-We will be discussing a possible Rite of Confirmation this spring.

Youth-

-Bible camp registrations are due by March 1st with a \$25 deposit to get in on the early bird discount. Julie Miller is working with the registration and will be identifying student to participate in the TIM TEAM (youth leadership) camp. Brochures are available at church.

-A spring Longfellow Lutheran parish lock-in is being planned with AGAPE (a popular area hip-hop artist) for Friday, April 15th.

-15 youth participated on our MOA theme park trip last Sunday, February 13th. A good time was had by all.

Thank you so much to the anonymous donor of the tickets!

Pastoral Care –

-We hold in prayer the family of Marian Hagen, whose funeral will be this Thursday at noon at Augustana Home with Pastor Dan officiating. We also pray for those members of our church family who are sick or undergoing surgery.

Stewardship-Pastor Dan will assist the congregation in considering the options for financial stewardship as we move forward into this new year. The ideas of legacy giving, “up and beyond” donations, wills, life insurance policies, etc. will be explored. Anyone interested and gifted in these areas is welcome to contact Pastor Dan.

Parish Nurse Report

* Ongoing visits and follow up on health concerns

* Prayer support: distribution of shawls continues, prayer stations, will resume weekly for Lent requests may now be made on line - thanks, Pr Sally & Ela!

Working on prayer request card for pews

* preparation underway for Lenten devotional

HEY YOUTH!

Confirmation News

For the parents and students:

Sunday, February 27, parents or guardians are invited to the confirmation class for a special relationship focus. We will be firming

up our personal covenants and will be talking about parent-child relationships. This class will include some one-on-one time with your child(ren). At least one parent is strongly encourage to attend. Coming up, there will be individual parent/student meetings with Pastor Sally. As we explore the possibility of holding the Rite of Confirmation this spring for some of the students in class, Pastor Sally would like to meet with you as a family to discuss the readiness of your child(ren). A sign-up sheet will be available at the February 27th class. Please call Pastor Sally with any questions.

Upcoming Events for M CLC Youth Mark your calendars for:

Longfellow Parish Lock-In

🕒 April 15th 7p.m.-7a.m.

🕒 Featuring Concert by AGAPE

🕒 Permission slips will come soon

Camp WAPO

🕒 June 17th -24th for grades 9-12

🕒 June 19th -24th for grades 4-8

🕒 Brochures with registration and health forms can be found on the information shelf across from the office. Forms and \$25

deposit should be turned into the church office by March 1th.

🕒 More details to come

Spaghetti Dinner

🕒 Date is to be determined

Call or email Julie with any questions, 612-636-2936 or juliemaemiller@hotmail.com

AND IN THE END...

Defensive Driving Course

Dan Cheung, our State Farm Insurance Agent, is once again offering free of charge, a defensive driving course for M C L C members. This course is for people age 55 or older and qualifies them to receive a 10% discount on their auto insurance for three years. Classes will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Both will be held at the Dan Cheung Insurance Agency, 4020 Minnehaha Avenue. Class size is limited to 30 people, please call for more information and to reserve a space 612-728-1000.

March Birthdays

Vicky Anderson-Clement	3-1
Emily Scanlon	3-2
Chris Feste	3-3
Kathy Mackdanz	3-4
Bernice Nygard	3-4
Kathie Peterson	3-4
Lorraine Gustafson	3-6
Norma Hovden	3-7
Betty Thompson	3-8
Larry Klocek	3-9
Mina Bradley	3-9
Marcella Salmonson	3-9
Edith Peterson	3-11
Vi Town	3-11
Elizabeth Halverson	3-12
Wendy Forster	3-12
Lynn Molinaro	3-12
Selina Billington	3-13
Dennis Sandey	3-16
Earl Tolan	3-17
David Anderson	3-19
Mary Foslien	3-20
James Larson	3-21
Nicholas Villebrun	3-27
Dwayne Dahl	3-28
Sherri Schwalbe	3-30

Please let me know if I have forgotten anyone. Thank you.

Upcoming Scripture Texts

You can also find complete texts on our web site,
www.minnehahacommunion.com.

February 27, 2011 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:8–16a

Psalm 131

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Matthew 6:24–34

March 6, 2011 Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12–18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16–21

Matthew 17:1–9

March 13, 2011 First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12–19

Matthew 4:1–11

March 20, 2011 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1–4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

John 3:1–17

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Helen Holtti, John Molinaro, Dave Whale, Norm
Arlandson.
Mutual Ministry Committee: Sherry Trego, Janet
Lovejoy, Nick Salkowski, Bruce Melrose.
Fairview Representatives: Barbie Whale, John
Molinaro

Ushers

Feb. 27 – Wally & Vi Bjorkstrand
March 6 – Troy & Toni Medlock

Reader

Feb. 27 – Andy Graber
March 6 – Rob Graber

Tellers

Feb. 27 – Brenda Robbins
March 6 – Jean Lougee & Peter Nutter

Van Driver

Feb. 27 – Jean Lougee 612-724-5520
March 6 – Jean Lougee 612-724-5520
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

Coffee Hour Servers

Feb. 27 – Mary Foslein & Kathy Mackdanz
March 6 – Helen Holtti & Nick Salkowski

Attendance

February 13 - 78
February 20 - 83

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