



Illuminator

"Building relationships with Christ and each other"

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We want to thank all of you who attended our annual meeting this past Sunday. We had some exciting discussions about the upcoming year and the direction of our congregation. As many of you know, this past year was full of opportunity in ministry as well as challenges. I have found that when we are in the midst of challenging times, the church often flourishes with potential and possibility.

Minnehaha Communion is at a place of new life in the midst of on-going financial responsibilities and building repairs. At the annual meeting, I heard clarity-of -purpose that I believe comes from taking leaps of faith during uncertain times. Just as the earlier followers of Jesus, we, too, know that fruitful ministry doesn't come without effort and challenge. Service that bears fruit comes in spite of – and sometimes because of-the mountains we must climb.

May we continue to move forward with certainty, possibility and grace as we look toward another year of "building relationships with Christ and each other."

In the next few newsletters, we will be featuring some of the reports we heard and the dreams we explored at the annual meeting. We welcome your input, your gifts, and your energy in the weeks ahead!

With gratitude,

Pastor Sally

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 14

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

Tuesday, February 15

6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Council Meeting
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 16

1:00 PM Building Task Force Committee Meeting
5:30 PM Youth on a Mission
6:30 PM Lutheranism 101: Our Firm Foundation
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, February 17

6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, February 19

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM WELCA General Meeting

Sunday, February 20

9:45 AM MCLC Worship/Sunday School
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
1:00 PM Holy Church of Seraphim and Cherubim

Up Coming Events

Feb. 14 Cozy Quilters @ Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
Feb. 11-12 Women's Winter Retreat

PRAYER LIST

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

Herbert & Emogine Ovall, Edith Peterson, Kathie Peterson, June Rannow, Wes Rannow, Harley & Audrey Ring, Jr., Ron, Brenda & Zack Robbins, Delores Roland, Paultina Rollay, Chelsey, Lindsey & Samantha Rollay, David & Tracy Rose, Melonni & David Rose, Marcie Salmonson, Virginia Salter, Matthew & Lindsey Sanders, Dennis & Darlene Sandey.



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), David Senness (Son of Elizabeth Anderson), 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 ❤️

♥ The Women of the ELCA for providing and serving the Fløtegrøt and sweet breads for the annual meeting.

♥ Susan Albers, Paultina Rollay, and Kathy Mackdanz for providing the meal for the confirmation class.

♥ And all who attended and participated in the annual meeting.

MCLC COMMUNITY NEWS

Flowers, Flowers, where is the flower chart?

You may have noticed a change on the bulletin board across from the office, no flower chart! The music and worship team thought it better to have folks call or email the office when ordering altar flowers for a birthday or special event. The cost of altar flowers has not changed, so when ordering please put your \$15.00 check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office, with "Flowers" in the memo line. As a reminder, instead of flowers folks can also make monetary donations in memory or in honor of important anniversaries or dates in your life that you wish to share.

Lenten Services

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

Lenten worship begins with Ash Wednesday service March 9th with a soup supper at 5:45 p.m. and worship service at 6:30 p.m. Beginning that day through Wednesday, April 13th, the schedule would be the same each Wednesday:

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

5:45 p.m. Soup supper at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (Bethany Members are invited) followed by 6:30 p.m. service.

How about some new chairs!

There's still time to send in your checks to purchase new chairs. Plans are to purchase chairs for eleven tables; individuals may buy a chair or two or three. Each chair is \$20, and we will be adding your name to the bottom of the chairs, "donated by _____ for your comfort!" You can also give a chair in honor or memory of someone.

We are accepting donations, a check to WELCA specifying dining room chair(s) and/or giving a cash amount to Kathy Mackdanz or Patty Botten. Yes, we would keep some of the brown folding chairs for extra spots and for activities outside and we will probably have a few to sell.



WELCA general meeting...

Join us Saturday, February 19th at 10:45a.m. - 12:15p.m. for fellowship together, we will be looking at the 2011 calendar and making 'BIG' decisions. We need you to help us with making the right ones. So mark the calendar and you know we will have something to eat too!

Coming Soon...To Our Church Near You!

There is still time to join in with Pastors Dan and Sally, who are teaching a 45 minute class on Lutheranism Wednesday nights in February (the 10th, 16th and 23th), 6:30 until 7:15 p.m. in the fireside room. If you've missed the first class, that's OK, you can still attend the last three. This class is designed for those who wish to be "refreshed" on our history or those who might be new to our church...**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Do You Have the Gift of Driving

We are searching for van drivers who like to drive and like people. If you feel called to this mission, please call Pastor Sally.

Building Update

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time of building repair, it has been an interesting year. With that in mind...We are awaiting the elevator repair crew, who most likely will be scheduled to arrive this Wednesday. A notice will be in the next newsletter as soon as repairs are underway and complete.

We are also obtaining bids for the repair of the NE stair well, the steeple stair well and the hole in the ceiling caused by the resident squirrel. Repairs may be in the works in the next few months.

Lastly, repairs are being considered for the stained glass window in the sanctuary. A bid has been obtained from Glass Endeavors. After all of that, if you have any questions or concerns about any of the repairs, please call the office, Ela will be happy to answer your questions.



HEY YOUTH!

Confirmation News

For the parents and students of our confirmation class, here are some upcoming events:

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.

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 calss, 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

Youth On A Mission Update



Each winter Youth On A Mission, the Wednesday night youth group, work on a service project for the community. In the past they have completed mittens and scarves for the homeless and warm pants for local schools. This year, they have been busy piecing and tying quilts. The finished quilts will be donated to Simpson Housing. Thanks to YOAM for making our community a warmer place!

Annual Reports

This year, the Wednesday night group changed its name to Youth on a Mission: Going in the right direction with God's protection.

This year we made blankets for Simpson Housing, made and prepared community meals and shopped for

them, made soup mixes to sell for making money for the meals and went caroling to area residents. We also went sledding and had a pizza party.

We also have Bible study every Wednesday. Next year, we plan to do more outside activities.

We have a great group and others are welcome. Tommy, Kristina, D.J., Jordan, Sam, Elias

Y.O.A.M., formerly known as Kids in Church and Community, is experiencing phenomenal spiritual growth in the youth participants.

We are all excited about the contributions of the congregation, ministerial staff and the rest of the Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church faithful who have supported and encouraged the youth participants in their spiritual growth and evolution.

There is no better call towards ministry than to serve and love one another. All of us, as God's specially anointed children at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, are partners in this venture.

We, the members of Y.O.A.M. are deeply grateful and thankful.
In Christ with love, Albert Nelson, Jr.

Penny Jar Update

The January penny jar was \$183.53. The youngest Sunday school class decided to donate the money to Heifer International. From our donation, one sheep and three flocks of chicks have been purchased and will be given to families in need. Thank you to all who gave so generously to the penny jar!

AND IN THE END...

Annual Prayer Luncheon

Saint James AME, 3600 Snelling Ave So, ladies of Martha Merritt Missionary Society are hosting their annual prayer luncheon, Saturday, February 19th at 11:30 a.m. With prayers and meditation, the theme is "God's Promises; for a strong spiritual foundation". Guest speaker will be the Rev. Andrea McDonald, associate Pastor of Holdingforth the Word of Life Church. All are invited to come and share in this spiritual gathering of Christian Missionary. If you would like additional information, please contact Sister Betty Shorts, Chair 612-388-5449 or Sister Senoria Chadwick, co-chair 952-905-9422.



Upcoming Scripture Texts

February 13, 2011 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Psalms 119:1–8

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

Matthew 5:21–37

February 20, 2011 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18

Psalms 119:33–40

1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23

Matthew 5:38–48

February 27, 2011 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:8–16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Matthew 6:24–34

March 6, 2011 Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12–18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16–21

Matthew 17:1–9

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Feb. 13 – Bryan & Sid Hagelberger, Linda Glass
Feb.20 – Bob McMaster, Ron Halverson

Reader

Feb. 13 – Erin Brothen
Feb.20 - Margaret Wilkes

Tellers

Feb. 13 – Brenda Robbins
Feb.20 – Jean Lougee, Peter Nutter

Van Driver

Feb. 13- Brent Sjodin 612-722-7430
Feb.20 – Bryan Hagelberger 612-721-0037
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

Coffee Hour Servers

Feb. 13 – Cozy Quilters
Feb.20 - Wendy Graber, Mary Foslien

Attendance

January 30 – 76
February 6 - 68

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