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"FAITH ON THE MOVE!"

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Jesus certainly knew that faith was a fragile thing, His own disciples were sure of that. Throughout their Lenten walk, the disciples fell prey to their own pride and unbelief. Their foolish questions and blown assignments on his behalf more than once shook our Lord's confidence in them.

Jesus, our Lord's, poignant question of finding faith reminds us that the doldrums of winter are now giving way to a new season and a new creation. For behold, the old has passed away and the new has come! There is always more in store with God!

As we continue to wonder about what God is doing in our lives, let us be responsive and committed to God's cause intersecting our lives. Let us vow to remain steadfast in our faith journey.....as we consider, wondering about faith in and through us.

With God's declaration to us, we cannot sit still. We must take action!

God's very place in our lives is at stake in what we can do in our living: having "faith on the move!"

May God continue stirring and moving you in wonder,

Pastor Dan

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 27

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

Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

6:00 PM LaConexion Board Meeting
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 30

11:00 AM Mid-Day Lenten Service At Bethany
5:30 PM Youth on a Mission
5:45 PM Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Worship Service
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, March 31

6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, April 02

9:00 AM Bible Study

Sunday, April 03

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

Up Coming Events

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am Rummage Sale

Saturday April 16

11:00 am Ladies Tea, RSVP to the office by April 1

Friday, April 15

7:00 pm Longfellow Parish Lock-In

PRAYER LIST

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

Betty Thompson, Scott & Jane Thompson, Todd Thompson, Lynda Thornburg, Marlys Thorsgaard, Martin, Melissa, Breanna & Parker Thurber, Sandra Tindall, Earl & Barb Tolan, Valborg Tollefsrud, Carol Tornes, Curtis & Vi Town, Sherry & Mickey Trego, Joshua Leinum, Nancy & Emmalee Trottier, Audrie Upgren.



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 ♥

♥ To Ela, for ordering my color requests for altar flowers in honor of Megan and Branden's wedding, and in memory of Ned, and of my sister-in-law, Marty Thompson.

♥ Pastor Sally: On behalf of Keith and our family, thank you for all the care and service you gave us for Marty's Memorial Service (and before). Thank you's to Cleo M. & Sherry T. for helping with the coffee and bars afterwards, and to Kathy M. for setting up beforehand.

♥ To my friends at MCLC:

I appreciate all the showing of love and care on Valentine's weekend - the one year anniversary of Ned's passing away. Also, for the prayers and support for MacKenzie's surgery, which was very successful. Sue, the wheelchair and prayer shawl were much appreciated, thank you. Thank you, Marge and family.

♥ Thank you to Sue Arens, our parish nurse and associate in ministry, for creating our Lenten devotional. Copies are now available in the narthex and as a PDF on the website!

♥ Thank you to YOAM and the Men's group, for serving Ash Wednesday soup suppers.

♥ Thank you for Cleo Medlock and Traci Dugan for the Lenten altar arrangements.

♥ The Mobile Loaves & Fishes community at St. Joan of Arc and Knox Church hope that 2011 brings you much joy and prosperity. We, along with the working poor, the families that we serve, and the homeless men, women and children in need, would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation for your very generous gift of \$259.05. We all know that these economic times are tough for everyone and we are so grateful for your generous financial support more than ever. Mark McLellan MLF Catalyst for Minneapolis.

MCLC COMMUNITY NEWS

MCLC 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 comic Dean Johnson! Put the date on your calendar. Please call the office to reserve your seat.

Synod Assembly Delegates Needed

This year's synod assembly will be meeting May 6 and 7, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. As the delegates vote on important matters in our synod, they will also enjoy good food and excellent presentations. This year's theme is "A Community Gathered by Christ: From Stranger to Neighbor". Contact Pastor Dan or Pastor Sally if you are interested.

Congratulations

To Nicole and Jon Kennedy on the baptism of Katelyn Nicole March 20!

Giving to rid Malaria in Lent

Dear Friends of MCLC,
During the season of Lent, it will be our goal to use the loose mid-week offerings to support the awareness and cause of helping Africa rid the devastating effects of malaria. An African child dies from malaria every 45 seconds. Through our malaria work, your contributions and generosity can and will save lives this Lent. These are difficult times. However, our generosity to our church's shared Lenten journey can include the global community in

which we serve and live. You can provide protection and healing from malaria. Let us together give to our neighbors in Africa in a new way. Blessings to your Lenten journey as we together wonder in wonder, share our gifts and help others. Together in Christ, building relationships,
Pastor Dan

Spring Rummage Sale

Will be Saturday, April 9th this year. Start your SPRING cleaning now and bundle up **good**, useful, **clean** items for the sale. Items can be brought to church starting Monday, March 28. Please do not bring high chairs, strollers, car seats, computer terminals/boxes and televisions. Thank you.

Adoption Fever Launched

Congratulations to Ashley, Elias and Jasmine, for forming an adoption group that offers conversation, support and fun to adopted youth grades 6 – 10th. The group is meeting on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays of every month at Riverview Café. Adoption fever is accepting members through May 1st. This group is open to adopted youth of

all walks of life. Contact 612-203-6530 for more information.

Lenten Services

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

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., served by Mary Foslien & Kathy Mackdanz
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., served by Scott Roberts
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., prepared and served by Jeff & Mary Beth Carlson
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., served by Darlene Bolin
Service at 6:30 p.m. - Paul: "The Wonder/Mystery God Makes Known".

April 21st

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany 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.

Easter Lilies/Tulips/Hyacinth

Last year we had a veritable Easter Garden in our sanctuary. We will be doing it again this year. The cost is still \$15 per plant and again we encourage folks to take their plants home after service. Order forms can be found in the narthex and the last page of the Sunday bulletins. Please make your check payable to Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church and attach it to your order form. You can drop them off or mail them to the office, or give Jean Lougee, Kathy Mackdanz or to the ushers on Sunday. Please have your orders by **April 10**. If you have questions please call the office.

Pastors' Report March 15, 2011

WORSHIP- The Lenten schedule is underway. We had a good Ash Wednesday service and now will begin the mid-week Lenten services up in the chapel with a soup supper prior.

-Please note the Holy Week schedule in the bulletin and Illuminator.

-Choir will resume for Holy Week and Easter. A schedule will be forthcoming.

-The worship and music committee is exploring the idea of an additional worship service during the week.

OUTREACH- The EPA grant is underway. An organizing meeting with community partners will take place in March.

-A new member class and Sunday will take place in April. If there is anyone who would like to become a member or anyone you know who is interested, please let Pastor Dan or Pastor Sally know.

EDUCATION- Pastor Sally is visiting confirmation students (along with their parents) who have been in the program for at least two years. The Rite of Confirmation is being planned for early June.

-The older Sunday school group is planning a service opportunity. Stay tuned for further info!

YOUTH- Bible Camp forms with a \$25 deposit are now due. Check with the church office if you haven't picked one up. A spaghetti dinner is being planned for Sat. May 7th as a fundraiser for camp.

-The Longfellow Parish lock-in is just around the corner on Friday, April

15th. Sign-up slips are here at church and can be filled out and returned to church. Cost is \$5.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE- Dave Whale has proposed a stewardship plan that will include the three T's: Talents, Time, and Tithing. We will be walking you through this plan this evening at council.

PASTORAL CARE- We extend our prayers, support and sympathy to the family of Dwayne Dahl who died yesterday (Monday, March 14, 2011).

-We continue to visit people in their homes, at the hospitals, and care centers.

Parish Nurse Report

Council Report for 3-15-11

* Ongoing contacts and hospital follow-ups with members

* Lenten emphasis - devotionals based on theme "Wondering in the Wonder" and selected texts completed and available at worship as well as mailed to shut-ins. Will also appear on web site.

* Prayer emphasis - prayer stations available each Sunday during Lent. We have also received several prayer requests through our new email

prayer option on our website. We are looking into creating a design for prayer card to fit in our pew racks.

* Several minor health issues during and following worship recently, all with successful resolution!

* Planning underway to add Parish Nurse page to web site.

* Lay Sunday participant meeting tentatively planned for early April - invites to follow for the May lay-led Sunday.

HEY YOUTH!

Upcoming Events for MCLC Youth

Mark your calendars for:

Longfellow Parish Lock-In

🕒 April 15th 7p.m.-7a.m.

🕒 Featuring Concert by AGAPE

🕒 Permission slips in the narthex

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 as soon as possible.

📍 WHAT: Spaghetti Dinner!!!
WHEN: Saturday May 7th,
2011 at 5pm
WHO: Bring your friends and
family for a yummy Spaghetti
Dinner!!!
WHERE: MCLC
WHY: To fundraise for Camp
Wapo this summer and other
youth events!
SPECIAL NOTES: Parents of
the youth, plan on helping with
this event. Please let me Julie
know if you have any major
conflicts! 612-636-2936 or
juliemaemiller@hotmail.com

Longfellow All Night Lock-In

April 15-16, 7 pm – 7am \$5 per
person at Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church, 2730 E. 31st St. All 7th – 12th
grade youth and friends are invited to
join us for an evening of music, fun,
games, food, and no sleep, with a
special concert by Agape. Permission
slips should be returned to the office
no later than April 10 along with your
\$5. Please call the office or pick up a
permission slip in the narthex.

AND IN THE END...

Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami

On March 11, one of the largest
earthquakes on record with a
magnitude of 8.9 struck Japan near the
town of Sendai and was followed by
30-foot waves, devastating Japan's
coastal areas, and more than 50
aftershocks. The death toll continues
to mount. Local officials are also
assessing impact to new technology
such as nuclear power plants,
transportation and communication
networks. What you can do:

Pray:

As the news of the earthquake was
announced at the leadership
conference in Malaysia, a
representative from the Australian
Evangelical Lutheran Church, a
church that has recently had to deal
with massive flooding and an
earthquake in New Zealand, shared
that of all the outpouring of help from
the international community received
“prayer was the most important gift.”
“Please keep the people of Japan (and
just Japan in general) in your thoughts
and prayers. This is the biggest

earthquake they've seen since the
Kobe earthquake of 1995.”

Give:

Those who give to shared mission
support and ELCA World Hunger are
already helping to fund the ongoing
work in Japan and the deployment of
mission personnel through ELCA
Global Mission. Special needs and
opportunities have arisen in response
to the current crisis. The ELCA invites
gifts to ELCA Disaster Response in
order to continue its work in Japan
and surrounding region.

You may provide support in the
following ways:

- Give by phone at 800-638-3522
- Donate online
- Send checks to:
*ELCA Disaster Response
39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694*
- *Memo: Pacific Earthquake
and Tsunami*

Thank you for your prayerful
consideration.

March is Food Share Month

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. Bring
your donated food here and drop it off
in the narthex or make your check out
to MCLC with a note for Food Share.
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.

Bethany Lutheran Women's Salad Luncheon

We cordially invite you to join Bethany Lutheran for our Women's Salad Luncheon, Saturday, April 9 at 12:00. Tickets are \$8, and may be purchased by calling our church office at 612-729-9376. Speaker and musicians Suzanne & Raymond Berg. Please wear a hat or we will provide one for you.

Minnehaha United Methodist Salad Luncheon and Style Show

Saturday, April 2 at 11:30 am, you are invited to a Salad Luncheon and style show at Minnehaha United, 3701 E. 50th Street. Tickets \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 3-12. Tickets may be purchased Sunday mornings or contact Kim Kanuit at 612-729-1111.

Upcoming Scripture Texts

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

March 27, 2011 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

April 3, 2011 Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 10, 2011 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 17, 2011 Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April Birthday's

Jordan Ankerfelt	4-1
Marion Whitbeck	4-2
Lindsey Rollay	4-3
Terrell Anderson	4-3
Martha Hinkle	4-5
Cleo Medlock	4-6
Herbert Ovall	4-8
Barbie Whale	4-9
Audrey Ring	4-9
Patty Dolan	4-11
Robert Witt	4-12
David Ervin	4-12
Annie Compton	4-18
Linda Sloan	4-19
Valborg Tollefsrud	4-20
Joe Lilla	4-24
John Molinaro	4-26
Michael Compton	4-27
Ruby Anderson	4-29

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

A belated Happy Birthday to Max Gordon, December 17.

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Ushers

March 27 – Wes Rannow, Helen Holtti
April 3 – Patty Botten, Patty Dolan

Reader

March 27 – Joan Vindedahl
April 3 – Rosemary Borodine

Tellers

March 27 – Jean Lougee, Peter Nutter
April 3- Joan Vindedahl, Janet Lovejoy

Van Driver

March 27 – No Van Driver
April 3 – Jean Lougee 612-724-5520
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

Coffee Hour Servers

March 27 – Pat Botten & Verna McCarty
April 3

Attendance

March 9 Ash Wednesday - 51
March 13 - 68
March 16 - 1st Day of Lent - 29
March 20 - 103

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