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"Building relationships with Christ and each other"

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"Do You Ever Wonder?"

How many of us will say at least once a day, "I wonder..." By nature, we are curious people who seek to know more about those experiences that are veiled, partially seen, or completely hidden from us. "I wonder what he's thinking." "I wonder why that happened to me." "I wonder if there was something more behind what she said." "I wonder how that works." "I wonder what Jesus' suffering and death means for us now."

The season of Lent is a great time to increase our sense of wonderment as we hear and witness the journey of Jesus to the cross. This year, we invite you to come to the Lenten experience with a spirit of awe and wonderment as we reflect on both the bane and the blessing that surrounds Jesus' life and our own. From this holy curiosity, we can discover together new ways to understand and experience the depth of God's love for us through Christ.

Please join us beginning this Wednesday on Ash Wednesday as we are marked with the cross of Christ and begin our journey of wonderment through Lent.

In Christ,
Pastor Sally

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 13

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

Monday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

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 17

6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, March 19

9:00 AM Bible Study

Sunday, March 20

9:45 AM MCLC Worship Holy Communion by Intinction/Sunday School
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
1:00 PM HCCS

Up Coming Events

Ash Wednesday, March 9

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

PRAYER LIST

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

Brent, Kathy & Julia Sjodin, Megan, Branden & Sophie Skalsky, Emma & MacKenzie Hoffman, Linda Sloan, Dick & Shirley Smith, Tony, Julie, Andrew & Sydney Smith, Joe Spence, John & Lois Stark, Lyman & Carolyn Stein, Karen Steinbring, Marcella Strand, Sharon Sundt, Donna Tanner, Amaryllys Thompson, Angie



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 ❤️

♥ MCLC would like to thank Helen Holtti for her many years of service as a Sunday morning van driver. Helen is “retiring” from this position and is looking forward to serving in other ways. Thank you so much, Helen!

♥ A big thank you to Wes Rannow for his loving care and cleaning of the altar and sacristy.

♥ Many thanks to our own Youth on a Mission for their help in unpacking, moving and arranging the new chairs in fellowship hall.

♥ To the parents of the confirmation class who joined their students on Sunday, February 27th.

♥ To Elias and Jordan Ankerfelt for shoveling on Saturday, February 26th.

♥ A special Thank you to WELCA for the comfortable chairs enjoyed by all.

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 a guitar playing comic! Put the date on your calendar. More information will follow. Please plan to attend!

Penny Jar Collection Resumes in March

Beginning March 6, we will be bringing back the penny jar in worship as we collect coins for the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly offering that will be used for supporting new congregations in our synod. We thank you all for supporting the penny jar ministry!

Giving to rid Malaria in Lent

Dear Friends of M CLC,
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.

Birthday Correction

My apologies to Joe Botten for missing his birthday February 12. Happy Birthday Joe.

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 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., served by Jean Lougee & YOAM
Service at 6:30 p.m. - The Road to Emmaus: "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., served by Dave Whale
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., 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., served by Darlene Bolin
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 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.

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. 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 them to the ushers on Sunday. We would like the orders in by **April 10**. If you have questions please call the office.

Annual Report Sunday School Report for 2010

Our Sunday School program underwent some changes in both structure and format beginning September of 2010. We reconfigured the children into three, rather than two, groups. We now have a Pre-School to 3rd Grade class, a middle school class, and a high school class. Each of the classes has two teachers assigned so that teaching responsibilities are shared. Robin

Broms and Carrie Wolke are the teachers in the youngest group. Mary Beth Carlson and Shani Catarra teach in the middle class, and Erin Brothen and Kathie Peterson in the high school group. This re-structuring allows for a more appropriate fit of materials and activities to the interests and maturity levels of the kids in each class.

Additional changes to support the re-structuring:

- Adjusted the Sunday School schedule (and consequently, the order of some parts of the worship service) so that the middle and high school classes begin at 9:45. The youngest group begins Sunday School after the children's story, which occurs just before the sermon, and just as the older kids are joining the worship service. (This change addressed the need to have a more flexible stop point for the pre-school to 3rd Grade class and also to allow for regular participation in communion for the older kids.)
- Pastor Sally identified and purchased appropriate curricula for each of the classes. The teachers seem to be enjoying the change to using a specific

curriculum rather than having to develop their own each week.

- Created the Praise Store, a concept based on awarding points for Sunday School attendance and participation. Points earned are redeemable, once a month, for age-appropriate items in the Praise Store. As has been our tradition, the Sunday School participated in both Easter and Christmas dramas this past year that were created specifically for our kids. These short plays are performed for the congregation during a regular worship service, allowing our church members to enjoy the talents of our children. Weekly Sunday School attendance is typically 15 – 20. The high school group (at 8 – 10 each Sunday) is the largest. While attendance is steady, it would be great to have some additional families in our program, especially in the pre-school to 3rd grade and middle school groups. Submitted by Kathie Peterson

WELCA—Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Annual Report

Wow, another year has gone by and here I am writing a few more words. I think this is now about my 16th years sharing WELCA's report. This report is truly a **THANK YOU** to everyone at Minnehaha Communion we continue activities and events during the year because of **you** who give unconditionally anytime assistance/help when needed. The **'yes I can'** means so very much when asked to help; whether it's making a cake, serving coffee, setting tables, serving meals, sorting rummage, baking, donating baskets for the bazaar or just doing things that need to be done. The events/activities during the year happen because of **you**. Take time to review WELCA's budget for 2010. WELCA gave \$6000.00 to the church general fund and \$1000.00 to the youth for campers. An additional \$1,100.00 was given to community outreach areas, i.e. Kinship, Simpson Housing, Plymouth Youth and others.

Over the many years WELCA has continued having activities and events for all to enjoy and take part in. Each year we wonder how all will continue to happen and at the end I say **AMEN**, another year and look what we all have done together. **Thank you everyone for the support given throughout the year. Job well done by all. TEAM—Together Everyone Achieves More God's Blessings**
Kathy Mackdanz –WELCA President

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

Confirmation Class

Met last week with their parents for a class that focused on the parent/child relationship. Interactive exercises that culminated in a parent/child covenant was the majority of the class time. The class will be wrapping up the relationship focus in a couple of weeks and will move on to preparation for the Rite of Confirmation.

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...

Defensive Driving Course

Dan Cheung, our State Farm Insurance Agent, is once again offering free of charge, a defensive driving course for MCLC 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.

Church History Tour Celebration

Saturday, March 19, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. You are invited to come, celebrate and listen to area church representatives and hear their history. Augustana Apartments Dining Room, 1515 11th Avenue So. Minneapolis.

St. Matthew Passion

Sat., March 12 at 7:00 p.m. and Sun., March 13, at 4:00 p.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran church 5005 Northwest Blvd. Plymouth. The music of Johann Sebastian Bach will be staged while great works of art depicting the scenes of the story are projected on large screens. Approximately 3 hours in length. Tickets \$20 - \$15 for students and seniors over 65. Available by phone, 651-707-0727 or visit their web site www.exultate.org.

La Conexion de las Americas

will host the showing of the movie “*Papers*” on Sunday **March 13th** – **1pm** at Bethel Lutheran Church (17th Ave & 42nd St) “**Papers**” is the story of undocumented youth and the challenges they face as they turn 18 without legal status. There are approximately 2 million undocumented children who were born outside the U.S. and raised in this country. These are young people who were educated in American schools, hold American values, know only the U.S. as home and who, upon high school graduation find the door to their future slammed shut. Pending legislation called the Dream Act is there only hope. Rev. John Gutterman, The Advocates for Human Rights-Volunteer Liaison to Faith Communities, will be present for questions and discussion.

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. 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.

Upcoming Scripture Texts

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

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

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

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Fairview Representatives: Barbie Whale, John
Molinaro

Ushers

March 13 – Dave Anderson, Dave Whale
March 20 – Roxanne Dunlop, Dan Mooney

Reader

March 13 – Wendy Graber
March 20 – Helen Holtti

Tellers

March 13 – Joan Vindedahl, Janet Lovejoy
March 20 – Brenda Robbins

Van Driver

March 13 – Brent Sjodin
March 20 – Bryan Hagelberger
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

Coffee Hour Servers

March 13 – Cozy Quilters
March 20 – Kathy Mackdanz, Shirley Malcolm

Attendance

February 27 - 91
March 6

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