



# Illuminator

*"Building relationships with Christ and each other"*

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## **Easter Spills over and Lives on...(Through us!)**

I Corinthians 15 in the Bible talks through Easter's impact on all of creation!

After the highs and lows of our Holy Week journey, God's Easter miracle of victory over death brings new life to us! The Easter news that we receive is what Paul says: "death is the last enemy to be destroyed." (I Corinthians 15:46)

This victory is claimed and handed over to us as recipients of new life! Wow, what a privilege and joy to pass on what we already know...Paul goes on to say in this passage "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord!" (15:58a)

It is our Christ like service that lets others know what truly matters: Easter's lasting Life that spills over into our existence, here and now. Knowing this, we can work in confidence with God's claim upon our lives; Easter lives on, through all time and space! Alleuia! New Life in Christ has arrived!

Living and working with you in Easter joy.

Pastor Dan

## Weekly Calendar

### Thursday, April 21

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday at Bethany

### Friday, April 22

3:00 PM HCCS Friday Worship

7:00 PM Tenebrae Service at MCLC

### Sunday, April 24

9:45 AM Easter Worship

11:00 AM Coffee Hour

1:00 PM Holy Church of Seraphim and Cherubim

### Monday, April 25

Office Closed in observance of Easter Sunday

10:00 AM Cozy Quilters at MCLC

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### Tuesday, April 26

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### Wednesday, April 27

5:30 PM Youth on a Mission

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### Thursday, April 28

6:30 PM La Conexion Board Meeting

6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting

### Sunday, May 01

9:45 AM MCLC Worship with Holy Communion/Sunday School

11:00 AM Coffee Hour/New Member Reception

11:00 AM Confirmation Class

1:00 PM Holy Church of Seraphim and Cherubim

### Up Coming Events

May 7, 5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner

## PRAYER LIST

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

*Barb Villebrun, Debbie, Cassandra, & Nicholas Villebrun, Dan & Joan*

*Vindedahl, Roger & Henrietta*

*Vizenor, Daniel Waibel, Judith*

*Watson, Mike Weltee, Dick West,*

*Dave & Barbie Whale, Marion*

*Whitbeck, Margaret Wilkes, John &*

*Hillary Williams, Dawn Winslow,*

*Robert Witt, Carrie, Brady, Connor &*

*Julia Wolke, Laine Adams.*



*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 to Jeff & Mary Beth Carlson and to Darlene Bonin for sponsoring two soup suppers during Lent.

♥ Thank you to Bryan Hagelberger and Linda Glass for purchasing and installing the new light fixtures on each side of the front doors. They're beautiful and blend right into the décor of the church.

♥ Thank you to the Sunday school for the play "Best Friends": Lexi & Raven Catarra; Matt & Olivia Albers; Adrianna & Jordan Medlock' Ashley Carlson' Brady & Connor Wolke; Ruby Curti; Madeline & Nathan Nutter; Jordan & Elias Ankerfelt; Sam Rollay; Andy & Joe Graber – and to Kathie Peterson for writing the play!

♥ Thank you to the students and their parents and Lorraine Anderson and Kathy Macdanz for baking, making and serving a delicious brunch following worship.

♥ Thank you to the ladies, including Cleo Medlock and Pat Botten who coordinated the tea and Paultina Rollay who made the beautiful

programs. A good time was had by all!

♥ Thank you one and all. Once again the help received, whether donations, setting up starting on Wednesday to taking down and cleaning up on Saturday, pricing, baking bars/cookies, making sloppy joes, just being around to help wherever needed, THANK YOU. The total made \$1095.00. The fall rummage sale is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

♥ Thank you Cece Flanery for organizing the Easter Breakfast once again and to the Flanery and Foslien family member's for all the work done on Saturday and Sunday for the breakfast. The breakfast has been an annual event for years and we look forward to it. Thank you.

♥ The soups were awesome, all homemade. Thanks to all who gave their time and talent for the Lenten soup suppers.

♥ Thank you to Georgia Bredesen, three Braille copies of the prayer of the day will be available for use during worship on Easter Sunday.

## **MCLC COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Congratulations**

To Jean Lougee, who has been selected to receive Bethel Seminary's 2011 Who's Who in Community Ministry Leadership Award for her tireless work with Minnehaha Communion Church. An awards dinner in recognition for Jean's community service, along with all awardees, to be held Friday, May 13 at 5:30 pm at Bethel University, 3900 Bethel Drive St. Paul. Through Jean's service, she has joined a remarkable team whose everyday acts of kindness and decency make our communities places of hope.

### **To Youth on a Mission**

Our own Youth on a Mission has been highlighted by the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. As part of the summer youth program in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, helping to raise \$30,000 for 2011. Children, youth, and families in the urban core are blessed through unique and creative ministries during the summer months, thanks in part to generous funding from Minneapolis Area Synod congregations, individuals, and Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans. The Minneapolis Area Synod's Summer Youth Program Consortium, links our synod congregations with the needs of kids and families in the city. Through the work of 19 of our urban congregations, our own YOAM was part of that program.

### **Celebrating newness at Easter!**

In the church year, as in other areas of life, we follow certain practices during certain seasons. In the reflective, penitential season of Lent, we do not say or sing Alleluia during worship. Come Easter morning, however, the word returns in full force! To help mark this change in tone, we will again be having an "Alleluia Contest." Children will receive a "count sheet" upon entering worship Easter morning, and are invited to count the number of times Alleluia is said or sung. We will draw from among the correct entries for a copy of the book Jesus, the Good Shepherd, presented with a stuffed sheep. Following worship, children under 10 are invited to participate in an Easter Egg hunt. Come, celebrate

the risen Savior - and have a bit of fun with your family!

### **Strategic Goal Update**

Dear friends and family of MCLC, After our annual meeting in February, four goals came forward from the pastoral team as strategic goals and objectives for this coming year and into the future. These four goals are as follows:

1. Address the stress on our structure.
  2. Begin to replenish/add to our restrictive funds.
  3. Stay attentive to God's word.
  4. Further engage community connection and support.
- At our March council meeting, Dave Whale came forward with a stewardship proposal aimed at encouraging and sharing the assets we all have to share to help address items 1 and 2 as our goals. A leadership team is currently being recruited to help lead and guide this stewardship endeavor, more information will be forthcoming as we move this forward under the guidance and direction of the council's. It will be our intent to give up current and frequent updates and information on our progress.

Thanks for your on-going support of MCLC!

### **May Birthdays**

Jeff Elliott	5-1
Virginia Salter	5-1
Elias Ankerfelt	5-3
Connor Wolke	5-4
Wendy Graber	5-9
Phyllis Bakke	5-11
Carolyn Berg	5-11
Karl Salkowski	5-11
Helen Holtti	5-13
Julia Arlandson	5-14
Priscilla Grefsrud	5-16
Sharon Sundt	5-17
Cathy Scanlon	5-19
Jasmine Carlson	5-20
Brian Fisher	5-21
Dan Waibel	5-22
Cece Flanery	5-23
Donald Drogseth	5-24
Eleanor Olson	5-24
Debbie Villebrun	5-24
Brian Flanery	5-25
Kelly Molinaro	5-25
Scott Roberts	5-26
Donna Tanner	5-26
Bobbie Kuhlman	5-29
Georgia Bredesen	5-30

### **Easter Morning Breakfast**

A wonderful MCLC tradition. Please plan to join us for deviled eggs, ham and rolls beginning at 8:30 Easter Morning. Our thanks once again to the Foslien family for hosting and preserving this wonderful family tradition. No reservations needed.

### **Easter Services**

#### **April 21st**

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany 3901 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue So.

#### **April 22nd**

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

#### **April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Breakfast

MCLC 8:30 – 9:30 am

Bethany 9:00 – 10:00 am

Easter Sunday worship

MCLC 9:45 a.m.

Bethany 10:30 am

### **Braille Prayer of the Day**

Thank you to Georgia Bredesen for making available, three Braille copies of the Prayer of the day. These will be available for use during worship. You may request a copy from an usher.

### **Think Spring Clean-up**

The Building Task Force is planning the annual spring clean up of the church, inside and out. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 14. The plan is to clean inside the first Saturday and outside the next. More information to come along with a sign up sheet...

### **Hallum Scholarship Applications now Available**

MCLC is accepting member's applications for scholarships for higher learning. If you are attending or going to attend a college or Vo Tech after high school, please contact the church office for an application. All applications are due May 31<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pastors Report**

**Worship:** We had a wonderfully busy four weeks since our last council meeting: Wednesday evening Lenten services, Sunday worship, a Palm Sunday play by our Sunday school. This week, we continue with Holy Week observances: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 at Bethany Lutheran; Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Minnehaha Communion; Easter

Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We wish to thank all of you who have participated, assisted, and attended these worship services. Worship, along with the study of God's Word, is at the heart of our faith community and life. We are exploring new ways to support our worship and study of God's Word in community.

**Sunday school:** Thanks again to the Sunday school for their Palm Sunday play and for all who helped make it happen! Here are some important events for the Sunday School:

May 22: Sunday school celebration and recognition during worship

Teacher recognition during worship  
3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and up receive their first Bibles

Last day of Sunday school for the school year- we will keep you posted about summer activities.

**Confirmation:** We are expecting about 9 students to be confirmed on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a formal list of confirmands for approval at the next council meeting.

**Education:** A special thank you goes out to Roxanne Dunlop for her continued leadership with the Saturday morning Bible study. Thank you, also, to all who attend the study and to the others who have led the group. Discussions are underway for another Book of Faith study in the fall.

**Outreach:** Thanks to Cleo Medlock who is attending the Longfellow Community Council annual meeting and representing our congregation at a booth that will have info about our church.

Pastor Dan attended an ecumenical faith discussion sponsored by the LFC. He now has great information and resources from Hennepin County to share with the Sustainability committee that then will be shared with our congregation.

New member Sunday is May 1. We will have the new member list firmed up for the next council meeting. We are planning on welcoming 2 new family units. If you know of anyone who is interested, please let Pastor Dan or me know.

**Stewardship:** Dave Whale and Pastor Dan have been busy firming up the special campaign plan that Dave will present tonight. We are excited to be exploring new avenues for stewardship.

**Pastoral Care:** We have had several people in the hospital and with other needs where pastoral care is offered. We do extend our sympathies to the family of Ruth Husing whose funeral was at MCLC.

We have learned that former Pastor Stan Sennes has recently passed away. Pastor Sennes' funeral will be at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Richfield this coming Friday morning (April 22), at 10:30 am.

**Adminstration:** As most of you know, Jesse Nicol resigned as building manager. We now have Howie Reynolds as interim custodian. The planning and search team has been assembled (Dave Whale, John Molinaro, with input from Pastor Sally, Janet Lovejoy and office administrator, Ela Georg) and has been reassessing our needs. We will be presenting a brand new job description with recommendations by

May's council meeting with the goal of having a new position posted by mid-May.

#### **Parish Nurse Report**

1. Welcome Kayla Rydberg, nursing student from Inver Hills College, doing her preceptorship in Parish Nursing.

2. Prayer stations were hosted and utilized throughout Lent. Beginning May 1, they will return to the first Sunday of the month.

3. Easter Cards were sent to shut-ins and the bereaved from the pastoral staff.

4. Sue has completed the on-line training and will be attending a full-day seminar to be certified as an Advance Care Planning Facilitator. This is part of the Honoring Choices MN program, a sort of "Advance Directive Plus" approach to discussing and planning care. Funding was graciously provided through Fairview Foundation. The subsequent discussions and education should fit nicely into the evolving Stewardship plan.

### **HEY YOUTH!**

#### **“Sponsor a Bible Camper” This Summer**

We are again looking for partners who are willing to support youth going to Bible camp this summer. Bible camp is a wonderful place where relationships and faith – growing opportunities can last a lifetime. Each camper's weekly fee is usually around \$400.00 a piece. So far we have nine (9) youth who are interested in attending Bible camp. We appreciate and thank you for your on going commitment and contributions to our youth here at Minnehaha Communion.

#### **Upcoming Events for MCLC Youth Spaghetti Dinner!!!**

**WHEN:** Saturday May 7th, 2011 at 5pm

**WHO:** Bring your friends and family.

**WHERE:** MCLC

**WHY:** To fundraise for Camp Wapo and other youth events!

612-636-2936 or

juliemaemiller@hotmail.com

### **AND IN THE END**

#### **Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show**

All are invited to a salad luncheon and fashion show, Saturday, May 7 beginning at 12:00 at Epworth UMC, 3207 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue So. The theme for this years fashion show is Happy Homemaker, smiling and styling in the 50's. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Proceeds benefit meals on wheels.

## **Upcoming Scripture Texts And Readers List**

You can also find complete texts on our web site,  
[www.minnehahacommunion.com](http://www.minnehahacommunion.com).

### May 1, 2011 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31

### May 8, 2011 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

1 Peter 1:17–23

Luke 24:13–35

### May 15, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42–47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10

## **Readers List**

May

- 1 Barbie Whale
- 8 Patty Dolan
- 15 Erin Brothen
- 22 Kathie Peterson
- 29 Jeff Carlson

June

- 5 Linda Glass
- 12 Dar Sandey
- 19 Margaret Wilkes
- 26 Andy Graber

July

- 3 Rob Graber
- 10 Wendy Graber
- 17 Helen Holtti
- 24 Joan Vindedahl
- 31 Patty Dolan

August

- 7 Rosemary Borodine
- 14 Vicky Anderson
- 21 Roxanne Dunlop
- 28 Jeff Carlson

Please let the office know if you can not read on your assigned week.

## **Easter Flowers Given in Memory Of**

Ned Hoffmann and Sister-in-law Marty Thompson, Loved Ones, Barbie's parents Ralph & Orvilla Jacobs, Uncle Orville Jacobs and sister/friend Shari Markgren, Martha Hinkle, Wife Lynn Halvorson from Matt, Melissa, Elizabeth & Ron, Parents Carl & Gladys Hovden, Husband Alvin Malcolm, Elaine & Alex Anderson, Marion & Bob Beamish, Elsie Anderson, Rob Shingledecker, Dan & Due's Parents, John Bolin Sr. & John Bolin Jr., Harold & Myrtle Arlandson & Ben & Gladys Peterson, Donald Rannow & Loved Ones, Beorgia Bredesen's Mother & Dad, Bernard Flanery, Grandparents of Robe & Wendy Graber, Paretns of Phil & Mary Foslien, sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren of Kim & Debbie Nutter, Loved Ones, Grandparents of Brenda & Ron Robbins, Mike Botten, Mother Judith Benson, Audrey Flanery, Grandparents of Anderfelt Family, Roxanne Arhart & Kevin Smith.

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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**

April 24- Paultina Rollay, Patty Dolan  
May 1 – Verna McCarty, Margaret Wilkes

**Reader**

April 24 –Jeff Carlson  
May 1 – Barbie Whale

**Tellers**

April 24 – Brenda Robbins  
May 1 – Jean Lougee, Peter Nutter

**Van Driver**

April 24 – Bryan Hagelberger 612-721-0037  
May 1 – Jean Lougee 612-724-5520  
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

**Coffee Hour Servers**

April 24 – The Flanery & Foslien Families  
May 1

**Attendance**

April 6 - 15  
April 10 - 91  
April 17 - 140

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