



# Illuminator

*"Building relationships with Christ and each other"*

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## The Holy Week and Easter of our Time

“Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray. He took with him Peter and two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated...Then he came [back] to his disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter...”Stay awake with me and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matt. 26:36-37, 40)

In my childhood, I remember all the businesses in Little Falls closing from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. In addition, the school’s “Spring Break” was called “Easter Break” and always fell on the week before Easter to allow us to observe and practice the events of Holy Week.

We all know that this is not the case anymore. In fact, at our home this past week, we have received two invitations for events on Maundy Thursday evening.

Though it may sound like it, I’m not complaining- although I am mourning the loss of the privileged status we as practicing Christians enjoyed for hundreds of years.

But, here is the deal: “practicing Christian” and “privilege” do not belong in the same sentence. There never has been the expectation that following Christ would be easy and that others would step aside for us. In fact, even the early disciples of Jesus had a hard time sticking with Jesus while he went off to pray and soon would encounter an unwelcoming world. They fell asleep - not once but three times, despite the fact that Jesus warned them of the trials soon to come. No, nothing is easy about following Christ.

Having other distractions, receiving no special treatment during our holy days, is part of the territory. It is – and always has been - completely up to us to follow, to take the time, to stay awake, to hold fast to the faith. We have the saints who have gone before us; we have each other; we have the priesthood of all believers; we have Christ Himself, to support us in our journey as active, committed followers of Jesus.

May God’s grace be with you all as we enter into this most holy season and consider again the sacrifice Christ made for us.

In Christ, Pastor Sally

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, April 10

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

### Monday, April 11

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### Tuesday, April 12

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### Wednesday, April 13

11:00 AM Mid-Day Lenten Service At Bethany  
5:30 PM Community Meal  
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, April 14

6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, April 15

7:00 PM Longfellow Parish Lock-In

### Saturday, April 16

9:00 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Ladies Tea

### Sunday, April 17, 2011

9:45 AM Palm Sunday Worship/Sunday School  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour  
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 8

#### 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.*

*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 Carl and Kathy Mackdanz for the memorial to the Foundation, in memory of Dwayne Dahl.

♥ Dear friends and staff at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, Thank you for your prayers and support this past week when I broke my foot. The Lord has truly been with me every step of the way. The doctors said I did not have to have surgery which was a great relief. Thank you for the loan of the walker and the wheelchair, they have helped tremendously. Thanks to Ela for conveying messages, to Sue Arens and the pastors for their concern. Robin Broms.

♥ Thank you to John, Scott, Kathy and Mary for providing the mid-week delicious soup during Lent in March.

♥ Thank you to Sue Albers and Kathy Mackdanz for providing the confirmation meals on both March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3.

♥ Thank you to all who have given to the penny jar, \$253 has been collected for March. WOW!

## MCLC COMMUNITY NEWS

### Building Manager Resigns

Due to personal reasons, Jesse Nicol resigned his position as building manager effective immediately. We thank Jesse so much for his hard work over the past 15 months. He will be sorely missed. We wish him God's speed as he makes this transition.

### 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. Still taking reservations, so call now!

### Spring Rummage Sale

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

### **The New Chairs**

Make the dining room look so much more comfortable and beautiful. We are thankful to the following people who have donated chairs (if you donated and don't see your name below, please see Pat Botten): Norm and Julia Arlandson; Erv and Marilyn Boehm (given in memory of Erv's brother, Ernie Boehm); Audrey Hagen, Audrey Flanery; Kathy and Carl Mackdanz (given in memory of Wally Sibell and honoring Carl's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Pat's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday); Cheryl Miller (given in memory of Marvel Coomes); Pat and Joe Botten (given in memory of Mike Botten and Olivia and Emmett Botten); Gerry and Bill Knutson; Leroy and Bonnie Foslien (given in memory of Philip and Margaret Foslien and Amy and Helmer Lindquist); Gail and Bob Onan (given in memory of Ruth and Carl Brenden); Marlene Bolin; Wes and June Rannow; Janet Lovejoy and Dan Waibel; Sherry and Mike Trego (given in memory of the Leinum Family and in honor of the Leinum-Trego Family); Robin Broms; Norma Hovden; Eric Gustafson; Joan

Vindendahl; Wally and Vi Bjorkstrand; Marlin and Sue Bristor (given in memory of sister, Cyndi Smith); Shirley Walderon (given in memory of daughter, Cindi Smith); Suzanne and James Brothen, Frieda Lougee; Mabel Myhre (given in memory of Vee Norton); Larry and Sue Klocek; Harriet Sandey (given in memory of Lloyd Sandey); Denny and Dar Sandey (given in memory of son, Michael); Barb Villebrun and Dar Sandey (given in memory of mother, Bernice Swanson); Fern Eidsvoog; Bob and Rosetta Marshall; Marilyn Thorsgard (given in memory of parents, Julia and Noel Holm); Ruth Husing (given in honor of James Husing); Phil and Mary Foslien; Erin Brothen (given in honor of Karl Salkowski); Julie Miller (given in honor of mom, Cheryl Miller); Patty Dolan (given in memory of mother Aryles Dolan and sister, Arloine); Susan Albers (given in honor of parents Kathy and Carl Mackdanz and children Matt and Olivia); Carol Tornes (given in memory of husband Stan and son Jim); Valborg Tollefsrud (given in memory of parents, Rev. M.

B and Burdy Tollefsrud and in honor of Pastor Dan, Pastor Sally and Donna Tanner); Hila Draving; Bonnie and Joe Lilla; Judy Knutson (given in memory of mother, Judith Benson); Hillary and Jack Williams (given in memory of Amy and Harry Torgerson); Verna McCarty and Shirley Malcolm (given in memory of Irma Danielson); Georgia Bredesen (given in memory of Gust and Marie Bredesen, Agnes Botner and cousin Ed Foslien); Shane Lehrke (given in memory of Ed Gordon); Jill Lehrke (given in memory of Lydia Gordon); the Nordos Family (given in memory of Roy and Florence Nordos); Bryan Hagelberger and Linda Glass, Roxanne Dunlop and Edith Peterson. We are still accepting donations! The plan is to make storage covers for the chairs when they are stacked up. See Pat Botten or Kathy Mackdanz if you have questions.

### **Palm Sunday Celebration**

Please join the Sunday School and youth of MCLC for a special Palm Sunday celebration on April 17. We will present a play titled "Best Friends" during the worship service. Our play will explore what it means to be a good friend and we'll discover what Jesus has taught us about friendship. Following the service you are invited to a special brunch put on by the kids. Everyone is welcome – no reservations needed! So please plan to join us. The brunch will be an opportunity for you to get to know our great kids. They're anxious to have a chance to get to know all of you. Easter Morning Breakfast is a wonderful MCLC tradition. Please plan to join us for deviled eggs, ham and rolls beginning at 8:30 Easter Morning. No reservations needed. For the calendar: please add Play Practice for the Sunday School and youth on Saturday, April 16 at church. 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade 2 – 4:00. Pre-school to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 3 – 4:00. Please call Kathie Peterson (612-727-2435) with questions.

## 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. 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!

## Lenten Services

### 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 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

## Esther Circle

Esther Circle is meeting on April 7th at 6:30pm at Elizabeth Anderson's home.

## Easter Lilies/Tulips/Hyacinth

There is still time to order your Easter plant, call the office if you wish to order before the 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is still \$15 per plant. 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 in by **April 10**. If you have questions please call the office.

## 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...

## Synod Assembly Delegates Needed

This years synod assemble 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 years theme is "A Community Gathered by Christ: From Stranger to Neighbor". Contact Pastor Dan or Pastor Sally if you are interested.

## Introducing the Interim Custodian

Howie Reynolds, who owns a handy man business, will be our custodian while we reassess our custodial needs. Welcome Howie.

## HEY YOUTH!

### Upcoming Events for MCLC Youth

Longfellow Parish Lock-In

🕒 April 15<sup>th</sup> 7p.m.-7a.m.

🕒 Featuring Concert by AGAPE

🕒 Permission slips in the narthex

Camp WAPO

🕒 June 17<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> for grades 9-12

🕒 June 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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!

SPECIAL NOTES: Parents  
please plan on helping with this  
event. Please let 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. 31<sup>st</sup> St. All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
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...**

#### **Members vote on \$1 million charitable distribution**

A total of 130,681 Thrivent Financial  
members cast votes in the winter  
Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> Voting Event.  
Voting ended Feb. 28.

Members recommended where  
Thrivent Financial distributes \$1  
million of its charitable outreach funds  
among seven national Lutheran and  
non-Lutheran charitable organizations.  
Based on the percentage of votes cast,  
the organizations received the  
following charitable funds:

- Bethesda Lutheran  
Communities: \$136,317
- Feeding America: \$206,335
- Lutheran Immigration and  
Refugee Service: \$50,979
- Lutheran Services in America:  
\$129,927
- Orphan Grain Train: \$153,182
- St. Jude Children's Research  
Hospital: \$279,941
- Wheat Ridge Ministries:  
\$43,319

All members 16 and older are eligible  
to participate in Voting Events.  
Learn more about Voting Events and

the Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> program at  
Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

#### **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.

### **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 can call provide one for you.

### **Upcoming Scripture Texts**

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

#### 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**

Because of a glitch (or operator error) with the database, several birthdays were missed for April. My apologies to you all.

Terrell Anderson 4-3

David Ervin 4-12

MacKenzie Hansen 4-13

Jean Lougee 4-20

Marlene Bolin 4-25

John Molinaro 4-26

And a special Happy Birthday to Chester Doss, 4-6, who is turning 90.

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Fairview Representatives: Barbie Whale, John  
Molinaro

**Ushers**

April 10 – Jean Lougee, Brenda Robbins  
April 17 – Troy, Toni, Jordan & Adrianna Medlock

**Reader**

April 10 – Dar Sandey  
April 17 – Emily Sien

**Tellers**

April 10 – Brenda Robbins  
April 17 – Jean Lougee, Peter Nutter

**Van Driver**

April 10- Brent Sjodin 612-722-7430  
April 17 – Bryan Hagelberger- 612-721-0037  
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

**Coffee Hour Servers**

April 10 – Carolyn & Ruby Curti & Kathy Mackdanz  
April 17

**Attendance**

March 23 - 21  
March 27 - 91  
March 30 - 19  
April 3 - 98

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