



Illuminator

"Building relationships with Christ and each other"

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With the doors locked, out of fear, the disciples met together after Jesus' resurrection. Jesus came and said, "Peace be with you" and then he breathed on them His Spirit. (Paraphrase of excerpts from John 20)

Despite great news, the effects of a traumatic event do not magically go away. It is also possible that the future can hold the potential for new dangers and pain. For the disciples, there was a very real threat of some of the Jewish leaders coming after them, just as they had pursued and killed Jesus. Trauma, coupled with fear of the future, paralyzed the disciples.

For us, as followers of Christ in this day and age, we, too, may hear of the resurrection and sing the praises of God. However, our own traumatic events may get in the way to fully experience the new life the risen Christ brings. Furthermore, the prospects of the future can cause us to hesitate about how much we can really move forward without fear.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus seems to know how trauma and fear can immobilize us. He comes to the disciples – and to you and me – and bestows on us his peace and breathes on us his Spirit. With the peace of Christ upon us and the Spirit within is we have the ability to believe, to be bold, and to break free of whatever is holding us back.

There IS new life in the risen Christ. There IS freedom to live boldly and to share Christ's love in our words and deeds. With the healing peace of Christ and the presence of the Spirit, we do not need to live careful, fearful lives.

This is the news of the resurrection. Let us receive it and truly live it.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Sally

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 07

10:00 AM Think Spring Clean-Up
5:00 PM Youth Camp Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 08

9:45 AM MCLC Worship/My Rock
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
1:00 PM HCCS

Monday, May 09

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

Tuesday, May 10

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 11

5:30 PM Community Meal
5:30 PM Youth on a Mission
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, May 12

8:30 AM Longfellow Bus. Asso. Meeting
6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM Roots, Shoots and Fruits Meeting

Friday, May 13 Illuminator Deadline

Saturday, May 14

10:00 AM Think Spring Clean-Up Too

Sunday, May 15

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

Up Coming Events

May 7, 5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner
May 8, 9:45 am Mother's Day/My Rock

PRAYER LIST

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

Scott & Tamra Adams, Brian, Susan, Matthew & Olivia Albers, Jan Albers, David & Ruby Anderson, Lorraine Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Terrell & Elizabeth Anderson, Vicky Anderson-Clement, Pastors Dan & Sally, Joniqua, Elias & Jordan Ankerfelt, Sue Arens, Norman & Julia Arlandson, Kathy Arnold, Dagny Asleson, Orville Bakke, Phyllis Bakke.



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 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 Flanery's Auto and the Flanery family for donating their time and services on repairing the van.
- ♥ Thank you to Sherry Trego for decorating the Easter eggs to distribute to seniors. They brought smiles to all who received them.
- ♥ To Julie Miller and Donesha Mitchell for chaperoning the Longfellow Parish lock-in. A great time was had by all!
- ♥ To Julie Miller for coordinating the spaghetti dinner and being our Camp Wapo representative.
- ♥ To Sue Albers and Kathy Mackdanz for supplying and serving the confirmation meal last Sunday.
- ♥ To Cleo Medlock for attending the Longfellow Community Council meeting on our behalf with a display about our congregation.

♥ To all who participated in the Easter Sunday events including the Flanery's for the brunch; the choir for special music and processional participation; the ushers and reader; Jean Lougee, Mugs Wilkes, Wes Rannow, Cleo Medlock for the flower display and altar preparation; and all others who came to celebrate with us. If we missed mentioning you, please know we are so grateful for your participation and praise!

♥ Thanks also to our egg hunt helpers: Kayla Rydberg, nursing student who helped fill over 300 eggs, and Sherry Trego, Elias Ankerfelt, Sydney Hagelberger, and Ashley Carlson who helped hide them and oversaw yet another successful egg hunt. They even got the weather to cooperate – how amazing is that?!

MCLC COMMUNITY NEWS

May Birthdays

My apologies for missing the birthday of David Olson, May 15.

If I have missed your birthday, it's because I don't have it or I am experiencing technical difficulties. Either way, please call the office if you have been missed.

The Office is Closed

In observance of Memorial Day the office will be closed May 30. I will also be out of the office May 5 and 6, my friend Maggie Dorr will be filling in, my thanks to Maggie.

Welcome New Members

We welcome four new members to our congregation. Mark and Amber Hedlund and David and Deb Lindquist. We are glad you are with us.

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 7th and Saturday, May 14th. The plan is to clean inside the first Saturday and outside the next. Lunch will be served May 7th and stay for Spaghetti dinner that night. May 14th we are planning a pot luck barbeque.

A- G Hotdogs
H-M Buns
N-R Beans
S-Z Chips

Sign up sheets can found in Fellowship Hall, if you have questions, please call the office or speak to Pastors.

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 31st.

HEY YOUTH!

Alleluia – there is much to celebrate!

Congratulations to Adrianna Medlock, who won the Alleluia count contest on Easter morning. Adrianna's count of 45 was just one shy of the total of 46! For her attentive listening, she won the stuffed lamb and a copy of the book Jesus is My Shepherd.

Confirmation News

The students are completing their confirmation studies for this year on Sunday, May 22nd with a special confirmation class.

Those who are participating in the rite of confirmation on June 12 have been preparing their faith statements and selecting a Bible verse that reflects their beliefs.

Parents, please note that we will be having a group picture on June 12 at 8:45 a.m. Please have your students to the church by 8:30 that morning. I letter with details will be coming to you shortly.

Sunday School News

Our final Sunday school for the school year will be Sunday, May 22nd. We will be celebrating our year with special opportunities for involvement within the worship service. If you or your family has a gift to share: music, reading the lessons, ushering, lighting the candles, drawing, dancing, etc., please let Kathie Peterson or Pastor Sally know so that we may include you in the service.

On May 22, we also will have a special recognition of the Sunday school teachers!

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser coming this Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Join the youth for a delicious spaghetti dinner for raising funds for Bible camp. A suggested donation/free will offering is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children.

Upcoming Scripture Texts and Readers List

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

May 8, 2011 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalms 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

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10

May 22, 2011 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55–60

Psalms 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

May 29, 2011 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22–31

Psalms 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

Ushers List

May

- 1 Paultina Rollay, Patty Dolan
- 8 Verna McCarty, Mugs Wilkes
- 15 Mary Beth, Jeff Carlson
- 22 Patty Botten, Wes Rannow
- 29 Sherry Trego, Cleo Medlock

June

- 5 Jack, Hillary Williams
- 12 Bryan, Syd Hagelberger, Linda Glass
- 19 Bob McMaster, Ron Halverson
- 26 Wally & Vi Bjorkstrand

July

- 3 Troy, Toni Medlock
- 10 David Anderson, Dave Whale
- 17 Roxanne Dunlop, Dan Mooney
- 24 Wes Rannow, Helen Holtti
- 31 Patty Botten, Patty Dolan

August

- 7 Jean Lougee, Brenda Robbins
- 14 Peter & Jackie Nutter
- 21 Paultina Rollay, Cleo Medlock
- 28 Verna McCarty, Mugs Wilkes

Please let the office know if you can not usher on your assigned week.
Many thanks.

Easter Flowers Given in Memory

In memory of Wally Sibell from June and family.

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 Halverson from Matt, Melissa, Elizabeth & Ron; Parents Carl & Gladys Hovden, Husband Alvin Malcolm, Elaine & Alex Anderson, Marion & Bob Beamish, Elsie Anderson, Rob Shingledecker, Dan & Sue's Parents, John Bolin Sr. & John Bolin Jr., Harold & Myrtle Arlandson & Ben & Gladys Peterson, Donald Rannow & Loved Ones, Georgia Bredesen's Mother & Dad, Bernard Flanery, Grandparents of Rob & Wendy Graber, Parents 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 Ankerfelt 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

May 8 – Verna McCarthy, Mugs Wilkes
May 15 – Mary Beth & Jeff Carlson

Reader

May 8 – Patty Dolan
May 15 – Erin Brothen

Tellers

May 8 – Joan Vindedahl, Janet Lovejoy
May 15 – Brenda Robbins

Van Driver

May 8 – Bryan Hagelberger 612-721-0037
May 15 – Brent Sjodin 612-722-7430
Please call for van service by Saturday before 7:00pm

Coffee Hour Servers

May 8 –
May 15 -

Attendance

April 27 – 260 Easter Sunday
May 1 - 90

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