



Welcome to

Minnetonka Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 3, 2010 – Second Sunday of Christmas

**Grow in faith
Share the Good News
Serve in love
All in Jesus' name.**

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Holy Communion: We practice an "Open Table" at MLC. All baptized Christians who recognize the Presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to celebrate regardless of church membership. Grape juice is available from the final server. Welcome to the Lord's Table.

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Today's Volunteers

8:45 service

Lector: Bob Antonovich
Greeters: Payton Bailey-Ede, Connie Ede, Donovan Runnels
Altar Team: Pam Grossman, Jennifer Specca
Coffee Fellowship: Judi Forsmark, Shirley Greenwood
Communion Assistants: Karen Antonovich, Jeanette Olin
Pastor Assistant: Bob Antonovich
Ushers: Lynn and Dave Mueller, Mike Warber, Lou Morseth

11:00 service

Lector: Glenn Lund
Greeters: Jim Howg, Sally Cook
Ushers: Dave DeReus, Gene Moll, Bob Antonovich, Glen Hohenstein

Thank You Volunteers!



Gracious Lord, just as you've brought us to the threshold of this new year, guide us as we journey through each day.

During Worship Today...

For families with children:

- Children's bulletins are available from an usher
- Nursery care is available for children up to age 3 in the Church Nursery located near the Main Entry. Greeters or Ushers are available to direct you.
- Busy Bags for children are located on the coat tree in the narthex.

Personal Hearing Devices are available from the ushers.

Please sign the Friendship Pad when it is passed or the Guest Book in the Narthex. If you are a visitor, please include your address and phone number so we can acknowledge your visit.

Accessible restrooms are located in the Blue Room (through Fellowship Hall).

Opportunities at MLC

Please schedule your meetings and events with an MLC staff member.

Sunday, January 3

No Education Hour

8:45am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
11:00am Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 4

6:15am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Arts and Environment Team meeting

Tuesday, January 5

9:30am Al-Anon
11:00am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Handbell rehearsal
6:30pm Forward XIX AA
7:00pm Scout Troop 426
7:00pm Witness Team meeting

Wednesday, January 6

9:30am Bible Study
5:30pm Joy Choir
5:30pm Sonshine Choir
6:00pm Family Dinner in Fellowship Hall—all are welcome!
7:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Rescue from Shipwreck AA

Thursday, January 7

9:00am Al-Anon
7:00pm Contemporary Band rehearsal
7:00pm Worship Planning Team meeting

Friday, January 8

9:00am Friday Boys

Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10

8:45am Traditional Worship
9:50am Education Hour
11:00am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
12:15pm Financial Presentation on 2010 Budget Plan (lunch served)

Looking Ahead...

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 24, 2010. We will kick off the meeting with a potluck luncheon at 12:20pm. Meeting start time is 12:50pm.

Parent/Student Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

6:00 Family Dinner

7:00 Mid Year Confirmation Check in



Students and parents will gather fellowship hall to talk about what's coming up in Confirmation.

Come ready to sign your child up for acolyting, nursery service, Family Dinners, etc. for the second half of the year.

Remember that this is an event that is part of the regular confirmation schedule. As students are expected to attend our "regular" Wednesday night gatherings, they are expected to come to the parent/student night.

Calling all Women of MLC and Friends!

Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats—today's believers face many of the same trials.

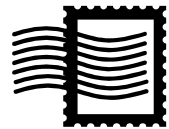
Part II:

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy, by best-selling author Beth Moore. This fascinating study of the book of Daniel shows how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.

Join Lori Rusert in this 7 week study (Part II) on Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm. **Beginning January 12th.** Cost per book: \$20

Call Lori Rusert at 763-263-0149 to reserve your workbook!

Significant Savings in Postage!



Please help MLC realize a significant savings in postage by picking up your 2010 offering envelopes today. They are located on a table near the entrance to the church.

How to Stay Warm in Church

1. Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.
2. Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
3. Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air is emitted from that area.
4. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
5. Wait for an unfamiliar hymn — and then watch the sparks fly!

A Word From the Financial Secretary December 2009

2010 Offering envelopes are out on tables in the entrance to the church. Please use your Offering Envelopes to ensure timely and accurate data entry. If you do not have your 2010 envelopes, please email me at JAWinberg@aol.com. If you do not email, please call me weekdays between 7:30 and 9:30pm at 952-475-1491.



I will credit your 2009 Contributions with any 2009 Offering Envelope or loose check dated 12/31/09 or earlier if received by 12:00 Noon Sunday, January 10, 2010.

You may contribute to multiple accounts with one check inserted into one envelope. Simply designate the fund (General, Missions, etc.) and the amount to go to each fund on your envelope. If you miss a week you do not have to write separate checks and use separated envelopes. Simply write one check and designate the amount to go to each fund on the front of the envelope.

Please consider using "Simply Giving," the automated withdrawal program. This program ensures an even flow of contributions throughout the year, and saves time and money depositing funds into the church's bank account. You can sign up for Weekly or Monthly withdrawals by contacting me by email or phone.

If you would like an update on your 2009 giving, please email or call at the addresses listed above.

Thank you,

John Winberg, Financial Secretary

A Winning Pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

"You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all."

Choral CD

A CD recording of the December 20 performance of "I Hear the Prophet Calling" will be available for a donation recognizing the efforts of the choir, orchestra, and support people. All donations will be used for new music and for the sound system upgrade. Stop by or call the church office to order your copy of "The Prophet."



Wednesday Night Family Dinners

Who should come to Wednesday Night Family Dinner?



YOU! All are welcome and invited to come. Give it a try—you might decide to make it a weekly tradition!

So What's for Supper this Week?

Breakfast for Dinner! French toast sticks, sausage, potatoes, juice

Confirmation Families serving:

Alissa Johnson, Annie Haakenstad

The MLC Council invites you to attend an informational meeting to discuss and present plans forward to bridge the gap between the 2010 commitments and income and the 2010 ministry budget needs.

Please plan on attending this important meeting on either Sunday, January 10 at 12:15pm (a light lunch will be served) or on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm—dinner will be provided.