



Welcome to

Minnetonka Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 17, 2010 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

**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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Gary Schmidt President
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Today's Volunteers

8:45 service

Lector: Annette LaPlant
Acolytes: Georgie Lowden, Madeline Lattery
Greeters: Doug & Ephame Dehn
Coffee Fellowship: Helen Grimes
Ushers: John Lee, Pat Anderson, Ken Bom
Altar Team: Barb Specca, Connie Ede
Communion Assistants: Lisa Haakenstad, Maggie Dean

11:00 service

Lector: Natasha Sufka
Greeters: Kay Kitchak, Sharon Torberg

Thank You Volunteers!



Heavenly Creator, as we remember how Christ prayed for his followers to be one, give us the desire to be unified with all who follow him "that the world may believe" in you.
(John 17:21, nrsv).

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 17

8:45am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
9:50 Education Hour
11:00am Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Church office closed
Newsletter Deadline
6:15am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Book Group at Gail Conroy's house

Tuesday, January 19

9:30am Al-Anon
11:00am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Daniel Bible Study (meet in Youth Room) "Foreshadowing the Little Horn"
6:30pm Handbell rehearsal
6:30pm Forward XIX AA
7:00pm Scout Troop 426

Wednesday, January 20

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 21

9:00am Al-Anon
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 426 meeting
7:00pm Contemporary Band rehearsal

Friday, January 22

9:00am Friday Boys
5:00pm Pack 426 Meeting

Saturday, January 23

8:00am Pack 426 Pine Wood Derby

Sunday, January 24

8:45am Traditional Worship
9:50am Education Hour
11:00am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
12:15pm Congregational Potluck
12:45pm Congregational Annual Meeting

2009 MLC Annual Report is available at the Information Desk.

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."



Annual Congregational Meeting



MLC's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 24—12:15pm.

The meeting will kick off with a potluck luncheon. Meeting start time is 12:45pm.

The Fellowship Ministry Team will provide dinner rolls and the main dish (baked ham). Members attending the meeting should bring:

A-J bring a hot side-dish, K-R bring salad, S-Z bring dessert.

Nursery Volunteers

Even though you are a distance away from the sanctuary during worship you are providing important leadership by caring for young children and infants. Parenting can be stressful and when parents of young children come to worship they may not be able to concentrate on parenting and worshipping at the same time.



Your hands become the hands of Christ as you care for the children while parents are away.

If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please see Beth Flynn today. Beth will be at a table today in the narthex between services. Beth can also be reached by calling 952.906.3901.

Volunteers of almost any age from young singles, to grandparents are welcome and encouraged to assist in the nursery.

MLC 'Membership' Information Class

Sunday February 21— 12:15 - 3:00pm
(Right after 11am Worship - starts with delightful fellowship meal in Fellowship Hall)

Interested in membership in the Minnetonka Lutheran Church family of God? Know someone who might be interested? Come and share in a **fellowship luncheon** and a meaningful introduction to life in Membership. We will share the ministry programs and opportunities through MLC, examine our Lutheran Faith, share with and get to know one another, and dialog about the future and direction of MLC. Child care is available—please make your needs known. Call or e-mail the church office to RSVP and place your name on the invitation list.

Class received into Membership Sunday, March 7 at 11am worship.

Wednesday Night Family Dinners

Who should come to 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?

Pot roast, mini baked potatoes, vegetables

Confirmation Families serving:

Payton Bailey-Ede, Maddy Lattery

January 13, 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The first chaotic reports and images now are coming out of Haiti, documenting the devastation caused by yesterday's massive earthquake. Haitian officials estimate that more than a hundred thousand people may have died and that the quake destroyed major parts of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America already is responding through the Lutheran World Federation's Haiti Program. Given the devastation caused by this earthquake, the ELCA has committed an initial \$250,000 from ELCA International Disaster Response for Haiti and has authorized an additional \$500,000 as congregations respond both to the immediate needs and long-term rebuilding efforts.

We give thanks to God that LWF staff escaped injury from the earthquake. We also give thanks that we have trusted and effective partners on the ground in Haiti who already are at work helping earthquake survivors. The ELCA is the largest regular supporter of the LWF's program in Haiti, which helps communities escape the deep poverty in which so many Haitians live. Since staff is already in place, no precious time will be lost in shaping an effective response. The work of providing food and shelter and in helping people to rebuild their lives is under way.

We give thanks also for our partners in this work. The LWF staff in Haiti also was tapped to coordinate the responses of Protestant and Orthodox churches throughout the world through Action by Churches Together (ACT). In addition, the ELCA, in coordination with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, will be working to provide disaster support to and possibly through the emerging Lutheran church in Haiti.

More details of the ELCA's response and a disaster insert for congregational use are posted on www.elca.org/disaster as communication channels are restored. Please share with members and friends both the urgent need in one of the United States' closest neighbors and the effective means by which their church is responding.

In God's grace,

Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Epiphany Banner

The banner used during Epiphany is full of symbolism.

The five pointed stars represent the Star of Bethlehem. Epiphany is the time of "Aha!" when the Magi finally discovered the one for whom they were searching beneath that brilliant star, and of course, this was the baby Jesus.

Look for the color green. The color for this season is now green and means Growth in Christ. The colors and fabrics used are meant to reflect light--the light of the star and the light that is Jesus.

**This special banner was hand made by Beth Brusius*

Book Group

Book Group will be held at Gail Conroy's on Monday, January 18th at 7pm.

This month's book selection was "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.

Gail's address is: 16217 Hidden Valley Road. Please feel free to come even if you have not read the book and enjoy the discussion.

Six New Year Resolutions

1. Forget the past and honor God more
2. Live for Christ in the world
3. Trust God with a strong faith
4. Remain faithful to your church
5. Witness to the lost
6. Cultivate the talents God has given you for His glory