



Welcome to

# Minnetonka Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 24, 2010 – Third 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:** Al Quie

**Acolytes:** Stuart Maes

**Greeters:** Mike & Jennifer Specia

**Coffee Fellowship:** Ed & Nancy Sorebo

**Ushers:** Ken Bom, Doug & Ephame Dehn,  
Ed Sorebo

**Altar Team:** Rae Vanek, Helen Grimes

**11:00 service**

**Lector:** Cathy Broberg

**Acolytes:** Cody Peter, Patrick Griffin

**Greeters:** Bill & Marlys Binger

**Communion Assistants:** Vernon Grimes,  
Cathy Broberg

**Pastor's Assistant:** Helen Grimes

**Thank You Volunteers!**



Lord of all, may we strongly sense your presence now.  
May each of us realize our calling from you and respond joyfully.

**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 24**

**8:45am** Traditional Worship

**9:50** Education Hour

**10:00am** Children's Ministry Team Meeting in Library

**11:00am** Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

**12:15am** Congregational Potluck

**12:45pm** Annual Congregational Meeting

**Monday, January 25**

**6:15am** Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 26**

**9:30am** Al-Anon

**6:30pm** Cub Scout Den meeting

**6:30pm** Daniel Bible Study (meet in Youth Room) "Unexpected Answer to Prayer"

**6:30pm** Handbell rehearsal

**6:30pm** Forward XIX AA

**7:00pm** Scout Troop 426

**Wednesday, January 27**

**9:30am** Bible Study

**10:30am** Newsletter Assembly in Conference Room

**11:00am** Staff Meeting

**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 28**

**9:00am** Al-Anon

**6:45pm** Den 7 Pack 215 Meeting

**7:00pm** Contemporary Band rehearsal

**Friday, January 29**

**9:00am** Friday Boys

**Saturday, January 30**

**Sunday, January 31**

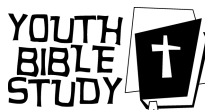
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**Senior High Bible study**

9:50 Sunday mornings  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Craig Larson in the youth room for donuts, conversation and scripture.



### 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."



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DVD

A DVD of the children's Christmas program is available. Please fill out an envelope - at the info desk - labeled "CHILDREN'S DVD" and leave with Sue in the office.

### Annual Congregational Meeting



MLC's Annual Meeting will take place TODAY.

The meeting will kick off with a pot-luck luncheon at 12:15pm. Meeting start time is 12:45pm.

### 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?

Sweedish Meatballs, mashed potatoes, salad

#### Confirmation Families serving:

**Jake Zilverberg, Whitney Nelson**

### MLC Responds with Generous Compassion:

**The Special Offering on Sunday Jan 17 brought gifts of \$2859.00 plus a \$1000 matching gift and an additional \$2000 contribution voted on by the Council from our Mission Funds. With the promises from a few members of additional gifts MLC made a church credit card transaction speeding our gift of \$6000 to our ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund. Thanks to all who responded generously. Additional gifts are welcome and should be designated to MLC with Haiti in the check memo.**



#### The Situation:

The earthquake in Haiti primarily impacted its capital of Port-au-Prince and its two million residents. It is believed that over three million citi-

zens of Haiti are affected. Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. Over 30 aftershocks have already been recorded.

The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals that were not directly impacted by the quake are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense. Already one of the poorest countries in the world, this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

#### ELCA Response:

The ELCA, through the Lutheran World Federation, is responding to critical needs in Haiti. Thankfully, the LWF offices and staff were spared, making it possible for work to begin immediately. Staff will focus immediate efforts on issues of water safety and sanitation, assisting with medical triage, and providing emergency sheltering for the homeless. The ELCA has long-standing relationships in Haiti through several organizations and the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

ELCA Disaster Response has authorized \$250,000 for immediate relief, with the possibility for an additional \$500,000 as the full scope of this disaster continues to become clear. Gifts are needed now for timely response.

While volunteers, especially skilled workers, will likely be needed in the coming months, the situation on the ground is still far too chaotic – no water, no power, few roads, and very limited communication – to support volunteers traveling to the area in the immediate days.

### 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*

### ICA Congregation of the Month



This February, **Minnetonka Lutheran Church** is Congregation of the Month at ICA Food Shelf! Each Sunday we will collect food, focusing on a different food group each week. The food will be delivered to ICA on March 1 for Minnesota FoodShare. We invite you to bring groceries in the following categories throughout February:

- Sunday, Feb. 7: Grains and beans
- Sunday, Feb. 14: Canned or dried fruits and vegetables
- Sunday, Feb. 21: Milk and dairy products
- Sunday, Feb. 28: Meat, fresh fruits and vegetables

Also—join us for a food drive in the neighborhood surrounding MLC on Wed., Feb. 10 at 5:30pm. Stop in the Fellowship Hall for a map and bags before heading out into the neighborhood. You are invited to return to the Fellowship Hall for Wednesday Supper at MLC.

ICA offers hope as we provide assistance to our neighbors in need. Visit [www.icafoodshelf.org](http://www.icafoodshelf.org) for more information.

Cash donations are also welcome—checks made out to MLC with "ICA" in memo line.