



Welcome to

Minnetonka Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 4, 2010 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**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

Lector: Kathryn Schmidt

Greeters: Annette LaPlant, Parker LaPlant

Coffee Fellowship: Jayn & Ellsworth
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Altar Team: Helen Grimes, Kay Kitchak

Communion Assistant: Knute Gilbertson

Pastor's Assistant: Joann Gilbertson



On this Fourth of July, we joyfully celebrate our nation's birth. We are pleased that you've come to praise God, who richly blesses our beloved country.

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, July 4
Independence Day
9:30am Worship

Monday, July 5
Church Office Closed
6:15am Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 6
9:00am Quilting Group
9:30am Al-Anon
11:00am Staff meeting
6:30pm Forward XIX AA
7:00pm Scout Troop 426

Wednesday, July 7
7:00pm Rescue from Shipwreck AA

Thursday, July 8
9:00am Al-Anon
4:30pm CMTM Meeting
7:00pm Contemporary Band rehearsal

Friday, July 9
9:00am Friday Boys

Saturday, July 10

Sunday, July 11
9:30am Worship

The Fantastic Prayer Shawl Ministry

This brand new ministry at MLC is up and running! In honor of Earl DeJonge, the group has been named "*The Fantastic Prayer Shawl Ministry.*"

Join other knitters for an hour of knitting shawls, caps, teddy bears—anything that might bring comfort and blessing to someone in need. As we knit, we pray for the person who will receive the shawl. If anyone is cleaning closets and has extra yarn laying around the house and don't know what to do with it we would welcome it! Come for treats, coffee and fellowship!

This group meets the third Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the MLC library (July 17). Knitters from all experience levels welcome—from beginners to advanced!

Office closed
Monday,
July 5 in
observance of 4th
of July Holiday.



Adopt a Counselor



Being a camp counselor is mighty but difficult work. The staff members who work at Camp Onomia for the summer are responding to Christ's great commission. They are dropping their "nets", leaving friends and family (and perhaps sanity!) for the summer to do the Lord's great

work. We here at MLC are going to support three of these young men and women by praying for them throughout the summer. Please hold the following three individuals in your prayer life: Sarah Christoffersen, Becca Deutsch and Lexi Duscher. Watch for updates as the summer goes on, but always general prayers of strength, patience, energy, wisdom and hope are good. We will also be seeking to send each of these camp staff a couple of letters/cards throughout the summer. If you would be willing to drop a note in the mail, sign up at the welcome desk so Pastor Paul can coordinate when and who gets the letters.

Camp Onomia | 14202 Shakopee Lake Road | Onamia, MN 56359

Confirmation Summer Get Together: Wacky Olympics

Wednesday, July 14th, 7:00-8:00 PM
What do you get when you mix water balloons, Jello and rubber chickens?



InSANity!!

Students entering 7th-9th grades this fall are invited to come and participate in some crazy activities and connect with friends. We'll meet outside by the fire pit (but there won't be a fire this time!) You might get a little messy... so dress accordingly.

Book Group

Mikael Blomkvist, a once-respected financial journalist, watches his professional life rapidly crumble around him. Prospects appear bleak until an unexpected (and unsettling) offer to resurrect his name is extended by an old-school titan of Swedish industry. The catch--and there's always a catch--is that Blomkvist must first spend a year researching a mysterious disappearance that has remained unsolved for nearly four decades. With few other options, he accepts and enlists the help of investigator Lisbeth Salander, a misunderstood genius with a cache of authority issues. Little as it seems in Larsson's novel, but there is at least one constant: you really *don't* want to mess with the girl with the dragon tattoo.



Book Group meets July 19 at the home of Karen Kensok. Call the church office for directions.

ICA invites you to:



"Please fill our shelves with peanut butter and jelly"

You may drop your donations off in the large basket near the front entry of church—we will be sure the donations get over to ICA. Thank you!

Fresh Muffins Today!



The Mission Trip team will be selling muffins on July 4th... 100% of all money taken in will be given to one of the organizations that we work with during the trip.

Dead Sea Scrolls



Free Spirits— Prepare yourself for one of the most exciting events yet! We are going to the Science Museum, to view the Dead Sea Scrolls!

Join us on Tuesday, July 20.

Watch the Free Spirits Bulletin Board for further details. (located at the entrance of the volunteer room to the church office.)

WOMEN OF FAITH

God is not stingy. He does not weigh out His love for us grain by grain, He doesn't squeeze out forgiveness one tiny drop at a time. Not our God—He pours out mercy in a flood! He loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask for or dream. He's unrestrained. Excessive. Outrageous. Over the Top.

Mark Your Calendar Early!

Women of Faith Conference coming to the Xcel Energy Center Oct 22-23!

Inspirational speakers, fantastic music and so much more. Discount tickets—\$89 includes box lunch for both days. Contact Lori Rusert for more details.



Someone has said, "Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer."

There are good reasons to take a vacation every year: spending time with friends and loved ones, experiencing physical and mental refreshment, enjoying changes in scenery and routine, and preparing for another year of productivity.

Please enjoy your vacation! Try to be faithful to the Lord by attending church while you're away, if you have the opportunity.

Just remember that during vacations and weekend getaways, you're especially missed by your friends at church. The work of the church suffers because no one can fill your place of responsibility quite like you.

God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vigorous throughout the entire year. When you're away, please bring or send your offering before you go.

Have a wonderful summer!

Bible Quiz



Almost 600 years before Christ, the Babylonian army marched into Jerusalem, ravaging the city and destroying the glorious temple. Furthermore, the enemy soldiers took a large number of the city's inhabitants back to their country to serve as slaves. Later, an Old Testament book described the woes the Jews suffered because of the war. That book begins "How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become "

Choose the name of that book.

- A. Lamentations
- B. Obadiah
- C. Isaiah
- D. Amos

Answer: A (see 1:1, NRSV)