



Welcome to

# Minnetonka Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 27, 2011 – First Sunday in Advent

**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**

**8:45am Service**

**Acolyte:** Carissa Hilgers

**Audio/Visual:** Dan Flynn, Royal Dossett

**Reader:** Al Quie

**Altar Team:** Nancy Kragness, Gail Conroy

**Coffee Fellowship:** Helen & Vernon Grimes

**Greeters:** Mike & Sue Hlavac

**Ushers:** Marv Hinrichs, Jim Vo, Mike Specca, and Ed Sorebo

**11:00am Service**

**Acolytes:** Caitlin Staffanson, Ari Kirk

**Reader:** Stu Deuring

**Greeters:** Tim & Karen Kensok

**Communion Assistants:** Mark & Trudy Schnorr

**Pastor's Assistant:** Lenore Lockwood



Check out the MLC website for all events, activities, programming notes and news happening around church!  
[www.mtkalutheran.org](http://www.mtkalutheran.org)



Happy New Year in the life of the church! We're delighted you're here as we enter the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ.

**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, November 27**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**8:45am** Traditional Worship

**9:50am** Y.E.S. Grades 7-9 in Youth Room

**9:50am** Education Hour

**10:00am** Advent Bible Study with Lori Rusert in the blue butterfly room

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

**12:15pm** Healing Service

**Monday, November 28**

**7:30am** Men's Monday Morning Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 29**

**9:00am** Make meatballs for Smorgasbord in MLC kitchen

**9:30am** Al-Anon

**11:00am** Staff Meeting

**2:00pm** Smorg Team Meeting

**4:30pm** Stewardship Team Meeting

**6:30pm** Cub Scouts Den 8 in Fireside Room

**6:30pm** Forward XIX AA

**6:30pm** Handbell Choir rehearsal

**7:00pm** Scout Troop 426 Activity Room

**Wednesday, November 30**

**9:30am** Wednesday morning Bible study

**6:00pm** Wednesday Night Family Dinner

**6:45pm** Confirmations

**7:00pm** Choir Rehearsal

**7:00pm** Rescue from Shipwreck AA

**7:45pm** Advent Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 1**

**9:00am** Al-Anon

**5:30pm** Worship Team Meeting

**6:30pm** Boy Scout Parent Meeting in FH

**6:30pm** Tiger Cubs in Activity Room

**7:00pm** Contemporary Band Rehearsal

**Friday, November 2**

**9:00am** Friday Boys

**9:00am** Smorgasbord Decorating and Prep

**Saturday, December 3**

**9:00am** Smorgasbord Prep

**5:00pm** Smorgasbord

**Sunday, December 4**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**8:45am** Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

**9:45am** Choir Rehearsal

**9:50am** Y.E.S. Grades 7-9 in Youth Room

**9:50am** Education Hour

**10:00am** Advent Bible Study with Lori Rusert in the blue butterfly room

**11:00am** Contemporary Worship

**Christian Sympathy** to the family and friends of former MLC member Betty Spofford. Betty died on Nov. 7, funeral services were held on Nov. 14 in Luck, WI.

**Christian Sympathy** to the family and friends of former MLC member Don Lawyer. Don died on Nov. 12, a celebration of Don's life will be held sometime in the summer of 2012 at their Breezy Point residence.

### Smorgasbord 2011

The Annual MLC Smorgasbord event is shaping up to be another great event! It will be a fun-filled evening for people of all ages—children, parents and grandparents alike. There will be a potluck meal with plenty for kids to eat, and with a few exotic things (like lutefisk) for braver souls to try! Kid friendly entertainment will be available for young folks to participate in once they have finished eating, allowing parents and other adults time to enjoy a more leisurely meal. The meal will include a performance by The Elizabethan Syngers (our very own Jason Horner is the Artistic Director for the group).

Nursery care will be available throughout the event. Please invite your friends, neighbors and family members to this wonderful event!

The festivity kicks off at **5:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 3rd**. Tickets can be purchased at church through out the month of November.

MLC families in attendance are also asked to bring a potluck dish to share. You can sign up for what to bring when you buy your tickets.

### Remember Changel...

that 'always hungry' if not starving "Angel of Offerings"? As we move toward Thanksgiving celebration, give Changel a thought... and fill a pocket with change to feed the lowly ones. Changel is our ever-blessing Angel of Generosity... meeting needs through MLC.



### Bakers and Buyers Needed for MLC Christmas Bake Sale

*Don't have time to do your Holiday baking this year?*

*Have a little extra time to do some Holiday baking this year?*

**GREAT! We need you!**



**Bakers are needed** to donate a plate of their favorite Holiday baked goods, so MLC can host a bake sale to assist those of us who can't find the time to squeeze baking in! Please submit the recipe to the goodies you donate.

**Buyers are needed** to purchase the delicious home-baked treats to share with friends and family.

The treats will be on sale December 11 before, during and after the 11:00am service in the entry hall. This event is sponsored by the Revenue Streams Team. Gail Conroy will be available on 12/4 to hand out detailed information.

### Vi Sevold Celebrates 90th Birthday



Vi turns 90 on December 5—and to celebrate this event, daughters Janet and Vicki have requested that we shower her with birthday wishes!

Please send your birthday greeting to Vi at :  
3811 Baker Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55305

**A Special Birthday**

### Plymouth Christian Youth Center

The Christmas season is fast approaching, and it is time for the **Annual Children's Gift Sale**. Children in North Minneapolis, with no money to buy presents for their family, purchase 5 new gifts for a small donation of \$1, learning the joy of giving as they select that special something for mom, dad, grandma, sibling or other loved one. MLC has sponsored PCYC for many years with donations for their annual sale.

**Here are some ways you and your family can get involved:**

- **Donate Money** - cash or checks can be left in the MLC office. Designate your gift to the Children's Gift Sale.
- **Buy Gifts or Re-gift** - We suggest you purchase gifts valued at \$5 to \$8 each, or re-gift new items from among those gifts you received and never used.
- **Volunteer to Set Up** - Help us set up our "store", sort gifts, make gift packs, and sell tickets to kids for the event during the week of December 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday through Friday, day and evening shifts available). **Volunteer on the Day of the Gift Sale** - Volunteer to shop with kids on the day of the sale.

Drop your donations in the MLC gift box in the hall.

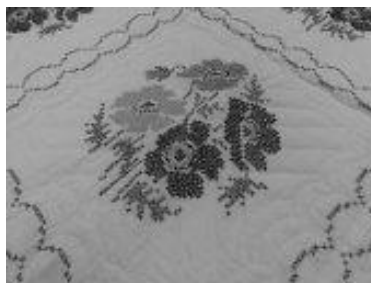
For more information, contact Bill & Shirley Greenwood at 952.933.4393.

### Advent Bible Study with Lori Rusert

With Advent upon us, we ponder what really happened 2000years ago in Bethlehem.

Join me in a 4 week study, "CHRISTMAS, the real story" 9:50am Sunday mornings in the Blue Butterfly room. Nov 27th-Dec18th.

### Vintage and Other Fine Quilts Available



The quilting ladies have been blessed by donations of much wonderful yardage to be used to put together many fine quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

In addition to the material, already-made vintage quilts and quilt tops have also been given. In the interest of appreciation

for the handwork that has gone into these beautiful items, an appraisal was done by a Certified Quilt Appraiser. Jean Carlton, the appraiser, verified the value of the various quilts and made suggestions to bring attention to them for the purpose of obtaining the greatest monetary benefit for Minnetonka Lutheran Church.

To this end, the quilts will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour for the next few Sundays. There will be a brief history of each quilt (if known), sizes and other specifics. It is desired that loving, appreciative new owners will recognize their worth, and consider them as gifts for weddings, showers, Christmas, or indulge themselves. Photos will be taken of them and posted on the Church website, too. Please let friends or relatives know of this opportunity. The greater exposure to these heirloom-quality quilts we have, the greater the benefit for MLC.

### Big Brass Band Benefit for Families Moving Forward

What: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Benefit Concert for Families Moving Forward performed by The Lake Wobegon® Brass Band conducted by Michael Halstenson.

Where: Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina When: Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 PM. Doors open at 6:30, arrive early for best seats. Your free will offering will help to fund our emergency shelter program plus advocacy and supportive services for families moving into permanent housing. Refreshments will be served.

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along your way;  
Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day;  
Be grateful for the health you own, the work you find to do,  
For round about you there are souls less fortunate than you.