



The Diamond Lake Lutheran

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Inviting all people to a life in Christ

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book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

JOIN THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Book of Faith: Praying with Jesus

In Luke 11:1, one of Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus responded, "Pray in this way" and proceeded to teach his disciples The Lord's Prayer.

Our Lenten journey will take us deeply into this prayer as we focus on its seven petitions in worship on Sundays and Wednesday evenings and by reading the Book of Faith Lenten Journey, a 40-day devotional. This book may be read on your own or in a small group which begin meeting the first week of March. Sign up at church. The book costs \$10 and can be purchased at church or from your small group leader.

Worship Themes

Wed, Feb 25 (Ash Wed) Introduction to The Lord's Prayer

Sun, Mar 1 Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name

Wed, Mar 4 Your Kingdom Come

Sun, Mar 8 Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven

Wed, Mar 11 Give us today our daily bread

Sun, Mar 15 Daily Bread

*Wed, Mar 18 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us*

Sun, Mar 22 Forgiveness

*Wed, Mar 25 Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil*

Sun, Mar 29 For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours, now and forever

Wed, Apr 1 Conclusion to The Lord's Prayer

Wednesdays in Lent

Midweek Lenten worship services begin with a congregational dinner at 6:00 pm in the Lakeview Room followed by worship at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. This year we will be using the beautiful evening prayer service, Joyous Light. The message, three-person dialogs written by Frank Anderson, will be delivered by members of the congregation.

Lenten Dinner Menus

Suggested Donation: \$5 adults, \$3 children

February 25	Cranberry Chicken
March 4	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
March 11	Oven Beef Stew
March 18	Country Chicken and Biscuits
March 25	Turkey Chow Mein
April 1	TBD

The April 1 dinner is still available to any ministry wishing to raise funds. Contact the church office if you are interested in preparing this meal.

The Property and Youth committees are preparing several of the meals and are seeking Thrivent matching funds. In order to get the match, six Thrivent families must help with each meal. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider how you can help, either by assisting with a meal and/or making a monetary donation.

PASTOR REANY TO RETIRE

After seven-plus years of faithful service at Diamond Lake, Pastor Reany Lindberg plans to retire in 2010.

In 2009, Pastor Reany will take the summer months off, return after Labor Day, and continue her work at Diamond Lake through the end of the year.

See Pastor Reany's column on page 2 for details. Best wishes and God bless, Pastor Reany.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

“My Friend, is not time, even as love is, beyond division and interconnecting? Yet, in our thoughts if we must measure time into segments, let each season encircle all the other seasons. May today embrace the past with memories that lead to growth. Let us live this moment so it nurtures a faith in the future and a longing for shared new beginnings.” (Karen Kaiser Clark, “Life Is Change – Growth Is Optional”)

It is true, everything has its time. As I write this piece for the March newsletter, I realize it was seven and a half years ago that I was called to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church as your Interim Associate Pastor. Sunday, January 25 at the annual meeting of this faith community, I announced that my partnership with you in the ministry of the gospel will come to its conclusion at the end of 2009. The transition will be somewhat gradual – as I will cut back my time a bit in 2009. I will take the months of June, July and August off. As September returns, I will return to my work here the week following Labor Day remaining to the end of 2009.

This is a decision that my husband Steve and I have come to after thoughtful reflection, prayer and conversation. We look forward to transitioning toward retirement and the new adventures it will bring to our lives. And I must say, that the Executive Committee of this faith community and Pastor Mark have been most gracious as they have worked along with me to begin this transition for me and Diamond Lake throughout 2009.

It is a joy to work here. I have been blessed throughout all my years serving as a pastor to partner with fine colleagues. Pastor Mark and Pastor Amy I include as two of the finest. I am grateful to have had the privilege to serve alongside them.

I look forward to our continued ministry together in 2009. And together, Steve and I look forward to the new ways God will call us in 2010.

God guard and keep us as we continue our Lenten journey – looking ahead to that Easter morning once again.

Pastor Reany Lindberg



EASTER GARDEN

A tradition at Diamond Lake is to celebrate Christ's resurrection with a beautiful springtime garden on the altar. You are invited to purchase potted flowers to help create this garden.

Flowers will be ordered from Bachman's. Your choices are a white Easter lily or a pink Farolito lily (\$10 each), Mum—yellow, lavender or white (\$8), Azalea—deep pink, light pink, white (\$15), and Hydrangea—blue/purple (\$15)

This year we are using an Easter flower envelope to place orders. The envelopes can be found in the pew racks in the sanctuary, on the information table in the Narthex, and on the counter at the Welcome Center. Please fill out the order form on the envelope and enclose cash or a check made out to Diamond Lake. You may drop the envelope in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Or you may print an order form at the church website, www.dllc.org, and mail it with payment to the Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, 5760 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55417.

Orders must be received no later than Wednesday, March 18. Flowers may be taken home following the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday, March 29

This class is for anyone in first grade or older as well as one or both parents, or anyone interested in a refresher course. Stay after church on Sunday, March 29, have lunch, and join us in the North Room from noon until 3 p.m.

All who attend are invited to celebrate their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 9 at the 7:00 p.m. worship service. Please bring a Bible. Call the church office, 612-866-2579, to let us know you are coming so that we know how many to plan for lunch.

MARCH ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, 9:50 a.m., North Room

March 1

Chillon Leach

A Minnesota artist who explores her Christian faith in her religious and liturgical art

March 8

Darrell Jodock, Professor of Religion, Gustavus Adolphus

Understanding Christian Identity Amid Many Religions

March 15

Adil Ozdemir, Professor, University of St. Thomas
The Sacred Texts of Islam Part I

March 22

Adil Ozdemir, Professor, University of St. Thomas
The Sacred Texts of Islam Part II

March 29

Bruce Forbes, Author, Professor, Morningside College

Sister Religion or Frightening Rival?

What Should Christians Think About Islam?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank You

Thank you to all of the J-Term Shepherds and Sunday School Teachers for all of their work in January and February. We couldn't offer such great Sunday School programming without your help and support.

As always, we continue to need volunteers for upcoming Sunday School rotation classes. Opportunities are available to teach and/or shadow in a classroom. Teacher suggestions and recommendations are appreciated as well! Please contact anyone on the Christian Education Committee.

Christian Education Committee Members

Lisa Bass	Katherine Burns-Christenson
Jane Dahlgren	Lisa D'Cuhna
Lisa Eckroth	Rita Gehrke
Carol Mahler	Pastor Amy Thoren
Candace Lindow Davies	
Karoline Lewis (Chair)	
Joan Voeller (Council Representative)	

March Mission Project

Rice is the theme for our March mission project. All varieties and types are appreciated!

Hold the Date

Vacation Bible School returns to Diamond Lake in June. "Son Rock Kids Camp" will take place June 15-19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Rita Gehrke at ritamarr@visi.com.

Christmas Program Coordinator 2009

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a coordinator for our 2009 Christmas Program. The program is written! Early planning and many hands will make for light work and a great program. Please contact a Christian Education Committee member for more information and/or to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Souper" Results

A big thank you to everyone who donated for the Souper Bowl. We collected \$296.50, and this money was donated to Nokomis Healthy Seniors for their work within our community.

Thank You from Our Saviour's

"On behalf of the residents and staff of Our Saviour's Housing, I'd like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of you for providing 80 hearty lunches in January. We really appreciate your including Our Saviour's Housing as a recipient of your sandwich marathon. Your timing was perfect—we were running out of lunches!

Your participation in the lunch program is a reminder to our residents that there are many people who care about them. You helped make a meaningful difference in the lives of many people living in the shelter at Our Saviour's Housing. "

In Gratitude,

*Maryellen Skan, Volunteer Coordinator
Our Saviour's Housing*

Great Date Night

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the February Date Night: Cyndi Kresse, Sue Nelson, Darrell and Norma Williams, and all the youth who helped to create a fun filled, action packed night of child care. All money collected goes into youth

accounts for their summer trip. Keep your eyes open for the next Date Night opportunity in April.

Lenten Journey

The youth head into March following the Book of Faith Lenten Journey. They are studying the Lord's Prayer along with its relationship to scriptures of other religions. We invite you to join us as we listen to Rev. Dr. Darrell Jodock in Adult Forum on March 8th. Dr. Jodock is a professor at Gustavus and teaches in the area of Lutheran Studies.

National Youth Gathering

Our trip to New Orleans is fast approaching! Three meetings will be held in March as we prepare for Jesus-Jazz-Justice. Participant meetings are scheduled for Sunday, March 15 and 29 at noon in the Youth Room. A parent meeting will be held at noon on Sunday, March 22 in the North Room. Contact Kirk Gallup with questions.

PURPOSE FOCUS: EVANGELISM

Servant Evangelism is an outreach to touch the lives of our local community and many members of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. Diamond Lake Lutheran practices servant evangelism through a number of its ministries.

Our Saviour's Homeless Shelter: Once a month, two or three families from the congregation plan and prepare in their own homes a meal that is then taken and served to about 40 to 50 people who are struggling to find and keep a home.

Meals on Wheels: Every other month, an army of church members gather in the church parking lot to pick up hot meals that are delivered to the homebound on five routes in the Diamond Lake neighborhood.

Food Drives: Twice each year, the congregation together donates pounds and pounds of non-perishable food items during food drives to raise goods for area food shelves.

None of these programs would be successful without the organizational efforts of those who coordinate these ministries. Many thanks to Carol Anderson, recently retired from coordinating Our Saviour's volunteers and to Sandy Dostal for taking over for her; to Judy Peacock for her many years

organizing Meals on Wheels drivers; and to Olaf Minge, chair of the Social Concerns Committee, for organizing food drives and to Julie Schmidt who faithfully loads many, many grocery bags of donations into her car to deliver to food shelves.

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

Minnesota FoodShare's goal for 2009 is its largest to date: 10 million pounds and dollars.

Minnesota FoodShare, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, set the ambitious goal in response to a growing need for food shelf services. Minnesota food shelves have seen a 13 percent increase in visitors, while food donations are up less than 3 percent.

Minnesota FoodShare is in the middle of its March Campaign, the largest food and fund drive in the state. The March Campaign is responsible for more than half of the food distributed each year at Minnesota food shelves. In 2008, the March Campaign surpassed its goal. The theme for 2009 is, "Imagine ... if every Minnesotan shared with their local food shelf."

"No campaign is too small," noted Sue Kainz, March Campaign coordinator. "If every Minnesotan gave just \$2, we would surpass our goal again."

Minnesota FoodShare says you can help by: organizing a food and/or fund drive for your local food shelf in March; telling family, friends, and co-workers about the campaign; or making a donation directly to Minnesota FoodShare.

All March donations go to Minnesota food shelves to purchase food. For more information, go to www.gmcc.org/foodshare/marchcampaign, or call Julie at 612-721-8687, extension 304.

LUTHER PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Confirmation is just around the corner and service projects are being worked on.

Drake Kilber is collecting items for Luther Park and would like your help. Some items might only need to be donated once, so look in the foyer for the collection box and a list of items that still need to be collected. Items will be collected through March.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Tired of the long, cold winter? Get revitalized at the Women's Retreat! It will be held April 17-19 at Camp Friendship—a beautiful, peaceful spot on the shores of Clearwater Lake near Annandale. Women of all ages are welcome. Details are still being worked out so watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and in the April newsletter, but get it on your calendar NOW!

SUPER-DUPER RECYCLING PROJECT, AKA THE GARAGE SALE

The date for the Diamond Lake garage sale has been set for May 9. This year we wanted to recycle the proceeds once more into another environmental project and the Property Committee has chosen to use the funds to finish landscaping the area at the end of the parking lot near the lake.

The planting is necessary at a minimum to prevent erosion of soil into the lake and to protect the shoreline. Of course, we also expect that it will improve the appearance of the grounds and may even help to filter out some pollutants that would otherwise run into the lake.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

How is your heart doing? Come have your blood pressure checked! It only takes a minute and doesn't even hurt. Have it taken as you wait to have your cup of coffee in the Lakeview Room on Sunday, March 1 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Judy Goodman and some of her fellow nurses are organizing the event, with help from the Dick Goodman Memorial Fund.



Bread for the World

Thank you for your gift which we received on January 15. As we begin Bread for the World's 35th year, your financial support strengthens our Christian voice on behalf of hungry people.

Sincerely,

*David Beckmann, President,
Bread for the World*

Minnesota FoodShare

Thank you for your congregation's generous gift of \$700 made to Minnesota FoodShare, which we received on December 31. This contribution will provide critical support for our year-long work easing the burden of hunger in Minnesota.

Your congregation's support makes all this work possible, and proves yet again that here in Minnesota, we are generous and we feed the hungry.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Thell, Director
Minnesota FoodShare*

Crisis Nursery

On behalf of the children whose safety is secured, and parents in crisis who find strength and support through Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery's programs, we thank you for your \$1,350 donation.

Your gift can make a difference in children's lives now and in their future. Thank you again on behalf of every life your gift impacts in our community.

Warm regards,

*Mary Pat Lee, Executive Director,
Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zachary Brooks, Beth Hardy
- 3 Katelyn Ogren, Kristen Thompson
- 4 Ryan Volk, Joseph Wheatcroft
- 6 Bertha Barth
- 7 Mark Vitelli, Jo Anne Wallinder
- 9 Christopher Clausen, Kristin Miner
- 10 John Teurman
- 11 Dale Settergren, David Wick
- 12 Jordan Noonan
- 13 Jack Delebo, Paul Groskreutz, Allison Horstman, Lucas Lang, Maija Saulitis
- 15 Cian Burns, Dorothy Pederson
- 17 Erin Graves, Vivian Gruber, Allison Petter
- 18 Kiel Hawkins, Margaret Langsdorf, Anne Loger
- 19 Jane Dahlgren, Liz Eidsmoe
- 20 John Nelson
- 21 Frederick Myren
- 22 Scott Hanson, Steven Kittleson, Margaret Wangensteen
- 23 Stacy Klage
- 24 Aaron Bengtson, Alan Crawford, Amelia Johnson, Birgit Lillehei, Ralph Mayer, Erin Stromgren, Carl Welbaum
- 25 Robb Bass, Griffin Kilber, Jared Noonan, Sue O'Malley, Anna Teurman, Joan Voeller
- 26 Dennis Olean, Megan Priadka
- 28 Paul Batz, Andrew Hartmann
- 29 Isaac Eckroth, Debra Lakin
- 30 Brien Spanier
- 31 Jonathan D'Cunha, Arthur Glick, Gladys Pearson



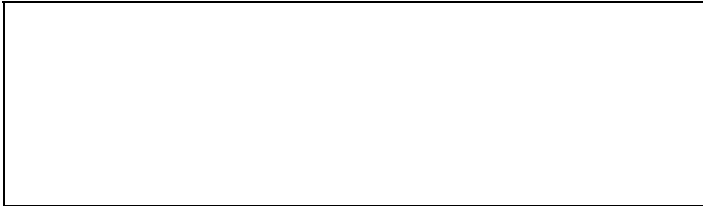
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March Worship Services
Nursery available
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday, March 1
 Worship 8:30 & 11am
 Sunday School 9:45; Adult Forum 9:50

Wednesday, March 4
 Lenten Worship 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 8
 Worship 8:30 & 11 am
 Sunday School 9:45; Adult Forum 9:50

Wednesday, March 11
 Lenten Worship 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 15
 Worship 8:30 & 11am
 Sunday School 9:45; Adult Forum 9:50

Wednesday, March 18
 Lenten Worship 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 22
 Worship 8:30 & 11am
 Sunday School 9:45; Adult Forum 9:50

Wednesday, March 25
 Lenten Worship 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 29
 Worship 8:30 & 11 am
 Sunday School 9:45; Adult Forum 9:50

Diamond Lake Ministers
Every member of the congregation

Assisted by:

Senior Pastor..... Mark N. Orvick
 Interim Associate Pastor.....Reany K. Lindberg
 Associate Pastor Amy C. Thoren
 Director of Equipping MinistryKathi Gallup
 Director of CommunicationsCasey Quinn
 Facility ManagerKeith Keith
 CustodiansNate Koenig, Clarence Rogers
 OrganistRichard Neighbor
 Senior Choir DirectorBruce Gleason
 Youth Choir Director..... Paul Batz
 Director of Children’s ChoirsHannah Sieling
 Director of Bell ChoirsChuck Linderkamp
 Wedding CoordinatorJulie Sarff
 Nursery Coordinator Mary Teurman
 Accountant.....Mark DenDooven

