

Northminster News

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**Proclaiming God's
Grace,
Creating Community,
Serving our Neighbors**

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THE INTERIM PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Church Family,

I'm writing this article a couple of days after Easter and a few hours before our evening joint Elder-Deacon meeting. Allow me to comment on both, starting with Easter. What a glorious Sunday! Lots of smiling faces, wonderful music, visiting family and friends, and of course, Matthew's recounting of the events of that first Easter morning. As the Creed states: "...he was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead...". That message is the foundation of our faith, hope, and love. We serve a Lord who is risen; as promised, through the Holy Spirit, he is with us now. As individuals, families, and a church community, we never walk alone. Let us join the Apostle Paul in having as our goal "to know him (Jesus) and the power of his resurrection."

Which brings me to our joint Elder-Deacon meeting. What a terrific group of faith-filled leaders you have. I've been very im-

pressed by their desire to serve Christ and to serve NPC. Leading through transition can be a daunting task, yet they are carrying it off with good cheer, determination, and an authentic confidence in NPC's future. Please continue to pray for them and to encourage them.

A final comment: Over the next several weeks, the wheels should start turning with respect to forming a new Pastor Nominating Committee. This will be the team who will prayerfully seek NPC's new pastor. Please pray that just the right mix of folks - diverse, yet able to work well together - is identified and called. Exciting days lie ahead!

Faithfully yours,

Tyler

CE NEWS

Allelujah wands a-waving, beautiful choir music, children's chimes choir performance; Easter, and all of April in general, was full of joy!

Our Easter breakfast was a success! Thanks to all who came out to enjoy our delicious feast, featuring our premiere new food; "ham-cakes." Our youth sincerely appreciate your support for their summer mission! Further info on our mission trip to follow.

Looking ahead, we are preparing to finish out the school year strong! Our Elementary Sun-

day school is learning about "Good News," and our youngest church members will be learning other Bible stories in our Pre-K classroom!

As always, we would LOVE for you to join us on Sundays! New friends, visitors, and volunteers are always welcome in any of our classrooms!

Have a marvelous May!

- Elyse Fairweather, CE Director



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MISSION AND VISION

The Vision and Mission group, a combined committee of Elders and Deacons, has been hard at work for the last two months to review the Northminster Mission Statement, gather input from the congregation about current program and needs, and to write a report of the findings and recommendations. Members and friends of the congregation were invited to offer input through conversational meetings or written feedback to four questions regarding what brought each person to Northminster, why he/she continues to participate, what resources for spiritual growth are desired, and what service opportunities people would like to have. The responses to the questions were very helpful and guided the committee in preparing a summary re-

port and to come up with recommendations for next steps to be taken. The information will also be helpful when a new pastor search committee is formed. The report was presented at a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons on April 22, and will be discussed further in another joint meeting of those groups. The report will also be available for review by the congregation in the near future.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members (Rachel Van Noord, Liz Tenant, Trisha Wirta, Ben Woldseth, Sheila Striegl and Beth Schmidt) with any other questions you have.

NPC YOUTH CONTINUE EASTER BREAKFAST TRADITION

What better way to begin the celebration of our Risen Lord than a delicious Easter breakfast before service? A dozen of our Youth and volunteers kept us this wonderful NPC tradition with a ham, egg, fruit and pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday.



The crew planned and purchased on Good Friday and prepped and prepared on Holy Saturday. There was darkness all over the land as the crew wasn't sure if the old kitchen equipment was going to cooperate for one more celebration, but in the end there was no need for despair. The Breakfast Crew arose early

on Easter Sunday and cooked a wonderful meal for around 125 of our Northminster family and their guests. After knocking on the door three times to "He has Risen" we all sat down to eat. It was a beautiful feast! Hallelujah!



WOMEN'S RETREAT MAY 3RD!



Don't forget about the Women's Retreat on Saturday, May 3rd from 10 to 4. It will be a time of learning, reflection, crafts and fun with the women of Northminster. You already know

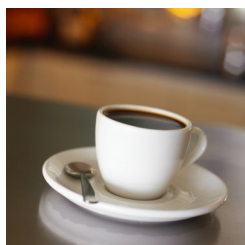
what a fun bunch we are so join us even if you haven't pre registered!

We'll meet in the Fellowship hall! Lunch and high tea are provided!

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hosts are needed for set up and clean up in the Reception Room for the Sunday morning coffee time after worship!

There is a clipboard in the Reception Room where you can sign up. Find a friend and sign



up together- many hands make light work!

Thanks,

Beth Schmidt

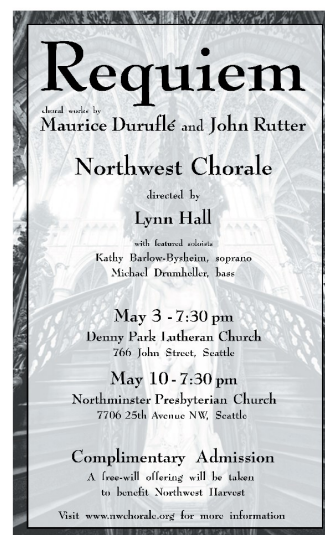
NORTHWEST CHORALE CONCERT ON SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

The Northwest Chorale will be singing a free concert at Northminster again in May. On Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 PM, they will perform the Rutter Requiem and the Duruflé Requiem. These two pieces, quite different from each other, are both exceptionally beautiful and quite moving. Parts of both pieces have been sung in past worship services here.

Northminster was selected because of our great acoustics and our superb organ. Both pieces will feature organ as principal accompaniment, along with oboe, harp, and strings. Our Allen Digital organ, a gift from the Schumann family, offers exceptional subtlety in both voice and volume, which are necessary to present this music at its best. Our talented organist, Ahra Yoo, has been chosen to play the organ for these works.

Northwest Chorale is directed by Northminster's former choir director, Lynn Hall, and several of our choir members will be singing. The Chorale does not charge admission for their concerts, instead they take a free will offering at the intermission to benefit Northwest Harvest, which serves Seattle to feed the poor and hungry.

Put this date on your calendar and tell your friends to come. This is your chance to reach out into our community and help others as well as enjoy an evening of glorious music. If you can't come on May 10, the chorale will also be performing this concert on May 3, at 7:30, at Denny Park Lutheran Church, located at 766 John Street, near Dexter and Denny Avenues.



A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE DEACONS

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation during the Easter season, the Deacons will be distributing funds to the following causes: \$1,000 to Mary's Place for their building fund and \$600 to Oso disaster relief.

This financial assistance is another way Northminster is serving the community around us - many thanks to each of you who donated to help support these efforts.

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

Are you available occasionally to provide transportation to church on Sunday? We have seven members who could use a ride. If this is something you can do, we will try to match

you by neighborhood. Your commitment need not be for every Sunday. Please give me a call if you can help. Sheila Striegl @ 206 781 4192 or let Pam know.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

It is no small thing to be a part of the family of God. It was you, dear sisters and brothers in Christ, who with your prayers, cars, and kindnesses, kept my spirits high and helped in the quick healing of that “wicked wound” suffered on January 29. Yes, I give thanks to the fine surgeon and all the wonderful medical personnel, but you were also wonderful. This may sound very dramatic, but isn’t every healing dramatic and amazing and a gift from the Divine Healer?

It is delightful that I can already begin gardening in the space behind our church. The precious little Violets and Lillies of the Valley and Forget-me-nots have awakened from their winter sleep—and so have the weeds! If it should be that any of you readers likes to garden but have no place to do it, I will welcome your help. Re-

member—even the “Garden of Eden needed weeding” (after Satan arrived). These are three freebies:

- ◇ Exercise for the muscles
- ◇ Sunshine for bone calcium
- ◇ Peace and birdsong for the soul.
- ◇ Elsie S. Wassenaar



Richard Langford’s phone number has changed. His new phone number is 206.457-6131. Please make the change in your directory.

Thank you!

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

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|--|--|--|---|-------|
| Norma Allison [mother of Lisa Horowitz] | Kathy Davis [sister-in-law of Nancy Ingle] | Tori Fairweather Duane and Kay Glasscock | Anne Nilsen Helen Pheasant Dennis Pickell | Wynne |
| Terry Branca [friend of Sandy Coyer] | Judy Dundon [friend of Sandy Coyer] | Mary Gruenke [sister-in-law of Sylvia King] | Mary Purcell [mother of Mark Purcell] | |
| Dick Brooking | The family of Bernice Ekern | Lena Harms | Joan Stavig [friend of Sylvia King] | |
| Bobbi Jo Connell [friend of Wynona Morrison’s daughter] | Roberta Evans [friend of Vera Crooks] | Vicki Mears [sister of Gary Ingle] | Sid and Phoebe Wold Dixie and Wayne | |



MORE NORTHMINSTER HISTORY (and more to come in our 125th year)

The women of the church raised money for pulpit furniture and carpet. Mr. Canney left April 11, 1890 and was succeeded by The Rev. J.M.C. Warren, who began his work on August 1, 1890. The earliest Session meeting on record is October 6, 1890 and was moderated by Rev. Warren.

The first baptisms on record were October 19, 1890.




A 1955 church school class shares tight quarters with the furnace.

Please enjoy some photos from past newsletters!



Candidates for the Session of 2010.

May, 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | | | <u>1</u> •12:00 A.A. group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight •7:30 Choir | <u>2</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 4:15 Youth group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight | <u>3</u> •10:00 Women's Retreat in the Fellowship Hall |
| <u>4</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship • 125th Anniversary committee meeting | <u>5</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 2:30 Worship and Music | <u>6</u> •12:00 A.A. group | <u>7</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night supper/ | <u>8</u> •12:00 A.A. group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight •7:30 Choir | <u>9</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 4:15 Youth group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight | <u>10</u> •7:30 Northwest Chorale Concert |
| <u>11</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship | <u>12</u> •12:00 A.A. group | <u>13</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Building and Grounds | <u>14</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night supper • Reading group discussion | <u>15</u> •12:00 A.A. group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight •7:30 Choir | <u>16</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 4:15 Youth group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight | <u>17</u> |
| <u>18</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship | <u>19</u> •12:00 A.A. group | <u>20</u> •12:00 A.A. group | <u>21</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night supper | <u>22</u> •12:00 A.A. group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight •7:30 Choir | <u>23</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 4:15 Youth group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight | <u>24</u> |
| <u>25</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship | <u>26</u> All day office closed for Memorial Day •12:00 A.A. group | <u>27</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Session | <u>28</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night supper | <u>29</u> •12:00 A.A. group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight •7:30 Choir | <u>30</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 4:15 Youth group •5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight | |

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 4

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-25

May 11

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

May 18

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 25

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



READING GROUP ON MAY 14TH



The Reading group will have a discussion this month's Seattle Public Library book group selection.

There are copies of the book in the

cubby in the mailboxes if anyone would like to pick up a copy. Please check your name off the list.

Thank you.

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