

The *VISITOR* is a monthly
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Deadline for April *VISITOR* is
Thursday, March 18.



**Daylight Saving Time
begins Sunday, March 14**



Maundy Thursday Service
April 1,
Light supper at 6:30 p.m.
followed by worship service at 7 p.m.



Visitor

LAKE HARRIET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 2010

People of the Table



We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

***As part of the one body of Christ,
we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.***

-Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity, disciples.org

At LHCC, along with other Christians the world over, we continue on a Lenten walk with Jesus throughout the month of March. Lent can be such an intensely reflective time that we sometimes begin to wonder if Easter will ever get here. As we move along in our lives during these weeks of spiritual renewal and, in the earth's northern hemisphere, springtime regeneration, it is striking every year how grateful we humans are for the new life that cannot help but spring forth from the soil of God's creation. Lent is a time calling for us to move slowly, allowing the growth of that new life within to be guided by prayerful attentiveness both inwardly and outwardly.

As Disciples of Christ, the place we hold most dear for experiencing this inward and outward attentiveness is at the Lord's Table. During Lent, as in every other season of the year, we join in worship each week with our central focus being the moments we are gathered at the Lord's Table in fellowship with Jesus and each other, and in communion with God through the *agape* welcome of Jesus Christ. It is to this Table that we are called to invite others, just as Jesus has invited us to God's *agape* feast.

For many Christians, the worship services of Lent that hold the most significance are Ash Wednesday and/or Good Friday. Over my many years of being a part of Disciples of Christ, I've noted the special significance of the Maundy Thursday meal and service in many of our congregations, and indeed in our own congregation. Amidst Jesus' Last Supper, we are

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made deeply aware of life's betrayals, yet in and through Jesus' persistent love at this table we are redeemed and renewed. Each week we commemorate the Lord's Supper, and each week at the table we are reenergized for life's challenging work of walking and living as God's Easter people all the time.

Prayerfully walking with Jesus,
Pastor Tammy Rottschaefter



***"Blessed are you poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you that hunger now,
for you shall be satisfied.
Blessed are you that weep now,
for you shall laugh."
-Luke 6: 20-21***

Remember the hungry during our congregation's March Campaign. We will be collecting food and cash donations for the local food shelf throughout March. Please place your food donations in the shopping cart located in the hallway by the Parlor.

Minnesota FoodShare is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

LIVE OAKS MARCH OUTING



Thursday, March 11, The Live Oaks will meet for dinner at 5 p.m. at Perkins (494 and France). Then at 7 p.m. they'll attend the band concert at Normandale College.

LHCC BOWLING FOR BEANS



**Sunday, March 21
12:30 p.m.
Bowling alley to be determined**

Members and friends of LHCC are invited to participate in a fundraiser to support our MN FoodShare congregational giving in March. If you'd like to bowl, please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchenette or contact the church office. For those wishing to make a monetary donation, participating bowlers with pledge forms will be circulating among the congregation during March seeking your support.

CARITAS CONCERT FOR PARISH NURSING

Caritas Vocal Ensemble will sing in a concert to benefit the TRUST Parish Nurse Program on Sunday, March 14th, at 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Caritas performs benefit concerts to raise money and awareness for other non-profits focusing on the provision of basic human service.



South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support

Winter Series - 2010

6:15 p.m. Registration and Refreshments
6:30 - 7 p.m. Speaker
7 - 8 p.m. Facilitated Small Groups

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
2914 W. 44th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55410

March 4 - Suicide Adds Another Dimension
March 11 - Where Is God in Grief?
March 18 - Service of Remembrance

Individuals may join the group at any time. For further information, contact coordinator Norine Larson at 952-925-2437.

METHODISTS PRESENT "ANNIE"

The musical *Annie* will be presented at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Ave. S., Friday through Sunday, March 12-14 and 19-21, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Free Will Offering

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

St. Joan of Arc Church welcomes everyone to its annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Tuesday, March 16, at noon, following the 11:30 Mass. St. Joan's is at 4537 3rd Ave. S. R.S.V.P by March 12th at 612-823-8205.

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LHCC's Pastoral Relations Committee:

- Alan M., Chair
- Carol C.
- John C.

Please feel free to connect with any member of the PRC relating to pastoral and congregational communication.



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

March 28

A Joyous Parade Came First

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1

We are People of the Table

At Lake Harriet Christian Church

Light Supper begins at 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

April 2

6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

To participate, sign up on the bulletin board
by the kitchenette
or call the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4

9 a.m. – Breakfast

Please sign up on the bulletin board by the
kitchenette to bring food to share.

10 a.m. – Easter Service

*Walking a Resurrection Way
of Life with Jesus*

It's time to order EASTER FLOWERS

All orders must be received by March 21st



Lilies (5-9 blooms) \$10.00

Tulips (7 bulbs) \$11.00

Hyacinth (4 bulbs) \$11.00

Daffodils \$11.00

Mums (spring colors) \$13.00

Azalea \$17.00

Hydrangea (3-5 blooms) \$17.00

**Please make checks payable to Lake Harriet
Christian Church and clearly mark them
“Easter Flowers.” Payment may be placed in
the offering plate or sent to the church office.**

**The deadline for orders is
Sunday, March 21.**

**Sign up on the bulletin board
by the kitchenette
or call the office
612-926-2592.**

A PRAYER FOR MARCH



The Lord is my Shepherd

-Tamara Rottschaefter

Jesus

Thank God

You are present

You are Shepherd

Want is fulfilled in your company

You guide

Breath

Stillness

Light

Joy

You restore being

To life eternal

Now and Always

Yet

Human

The valley comes

Shadow

Darkness

Looking

Intently

Ah, company

You are here

Even in darkness

Never alone

You always guide

Ever-present

You prepare a Table

Gathering ALL

You touch

All

With goodness

Mercy

Life eternal

Now and always

Amen.



**EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING
March 28 and April 4**

A teachers' pep rally for the Dallas Public School system was recently featured on Oprah Winfrey. Twelve year-old student Dalton Sherman asked the teachers, "Do You Believe in Me?" He was challenging the teachers to believe in him. If the teachers believed in him then, he told them, he could "do anything."

Jesus also asks, "Do you believe in me?" In John 11:25- 26, Jesus says to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Each day, the General and Racial/Ethnic Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) answer Jesus' question "Do you believe me?" through their witness to God's good news.

Your support of the 2010 Easter Offering witnesses to our belief that we can do all things through Christ Jesus, who believes in us. Your support of these ministries extends our church's witness from your doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Your gift to the Easter Offering shares the message of resurrection through:

Missionaries touching lives around the globe... Ministerial relief and assistance ... Stewardship education... Disciples Men's and Women's Ministries... A fully inclusive table where we learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ... Proclaiming our identity and history as a people of Christian unity... Our shared mission as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world... Education for and learning from children and youth... Leadership development... Evangelism Training... Hands on mission work... Global and domestic partnerships.

NEWS FROM "HOUSE OF HOPE"

Polycarpe Joseph is Director of FOPJ (Ecumenical Foundation for Peace and Justice). Week of Compassion supports FOPJ's program "House of Hope," in Carrefour-Filles, Port-Au-Prince. Martin Coria of CWS sent this report on his meeting with Polycarpe.



Though he is still coming to terms with the earthquake himself, Polycarpe Josephas and

his staff team are still finding the ability to serve others in need. All but two members of the staff lost their homes, and are making do living on the streets and in parks. Yet every day in the middle of the street and surrounded by destroyed buildings, they prepare and serve a hot meal for some 600 people.

"We need rice, beans, sardines, cooking oil, sugar and water. Thanks to another CWS partner, SKDE, we just found a safe place where to store food items. Before, we had to keep small quantities in different places for security reasons."

"Some food items can be purchased in Port-au-Prince but prices skyrocketed. A sack of rice cost \$200 before the Earthquake, \$400 two days ago. We need 3 (50 kilogram) sacks of rice to feed 600 people every day."

FOPJ is a community-based project that provides education and recreational activities for 125 children (aged 6-13) working as domestic servants for families in this neighborhood of Port-Au-Prince. When the earthquake struck, dozens House of Hope children were at the program. Today the building is destroyed but all 125 children served by the program are alive. "Other colleague projects of our network have lost between 20 and 60 kids," Polycarpe reports, "The roofs of classrooms full of kids fell down."



Polycarpe went on to say "Food is essential, but we must also work on emotional recovery very soon, now." That is why a group of Haitian volunteer social workers started supporting FOPJ staff in working with children. "Children should play, sing, dance." Because of lack of facilities, activities are taking place in open spaces.

Among the many things that have made an impression on Polycarpe is the rapid response and signs of solidarity from partners in the Dominican Republic. He also mentioned the important role of faith and churches now and in the future of Haiti. "The churches have to do important theological and pastoral work. God is life and hope. God loves life; God doesn't destroy it. Churches need to work to promote people's active engagement in reconstruction efforts and healing processes.

Through Church World Service and Global Ministries, Week of Compassion has helped FOPJ to purchase food items locally, donated food items transported from Santo Domingo, and helped to provide support for emotional and psychological recovery of the staff. CWS health and school kits and larger quantities of food are now being transported to FOPJ.

**LHCC WEDNESDAY
NIGHT**

**PRAYER and KOINONIA
MINISTRIES**

*Time for Communion
with God...*

*Opening to
Spiritual Formation
through encounters with God's
Spirit...*

*Genuine Fellowship...
KOINONIA...*

Together in Christ



**MARCH
BIBLE READINGS**

Lenten Wednesdays in March

March 3rd

- 6:45 p.m. – Open Sanctuary
- 7:45 p.m. – Prayer Circle and Card Writing

March 10th

- 6:45 p.m. – Open Sanctuary
- 7:45 p.m. – Prayer Circle and Hymn-sing

March 17th

- 6:45 p.m. – Open Sanctuary
- 7:45 p.m. – Prayer Circle and Vespers/Communion Service

March 24th

- 6:45 p.m. – Open Sanctuary
- 7:45 p.m. – Prayer Circle

March 31st

- No Open Sanctuary or Prayer Circle as Maundy Thursday is celebrated the following evening, April 1st.

March 7

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 14


Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 28 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee time 11:30 Education	1	2 7:45 a.m. Lectionary Group	3 6:45 p.m. Open Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir 7:45 p.m. Circle of Prayer /Card Writing	4	5 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	6
7 Regular Sunday Schedule	8 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting at Don's	9 7:45 a.m. Lectionary Group 6:45 p.m. Board Meeting	10 6:45 p.m. Open Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir 7:45 p.m. Circle of Prayer/Hymn-sing	11 Live Oaks Dinner and Concert 5 p.m. dinner at Perkins 7 p.m. Band Concert Normandale College	12	13 10 a.m. CFW Meeting
14 Regular Sunday Schedule 12:30 p.m. Live Oaks Meeting 4 p.m. Caritas Concert at St. John's Lutheran	15	16 7:45 a.m. Lectionary Group	17 6:45 p.m. Open Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir 7:45 p.m. Circle of Prayer/Communion Vespers	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20
21 Regular Sunday Schedule 12:30 p.m. Bowling for Beans	22	23 7:45 a.m. Lectionary Group	24 6:45 p.m. Open Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir 7:45 p.m. Circle of Prayer	25	26	27
28 PALM SUNDAY Regular Sunday Schedule Easter Special Offering	29	30 7:45 a.m. Lectionary Group 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Group at Linda's	31 No Open Sanctuary or Prayer Circle, as April 1 is Maundy Thursday. 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir			

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

See the list on the front board or in the lounge to sign up to bring treats and host the coffee fellowship.

March 7	Open
March 14	John and Joan C.
March 21	Open
March 28	Open

FLOWERS

If you wish to provide flowers, please sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board by the tower door. **The cost from our florist is \$25.** If you would rather bring your own flowers, please let the church office know.

March 7	Open
March 14	Open
March 21	Open
March 28	Open

MARCH ELDERS

March 7	Becky A.
March 14	John C.
March 21	Milt F.
March 28	Bob R.

DEACONS FOR MARCH

Tom E., Lester C., Lorna L.