

Presbynews



Seeking God Through Christ ~ Growing in Spirit ~ Welcoming All!

February is a great time to share God's love

Dear Friends,

This month will provide us with many opportunities for service and spiritual growth. The Deacons will be hosting a time of serenading at local care facilities. Sharing God's love in song with the help of the puppets is uplifting for all. This is a great way to visit members who you have been meaning to see, but have not done so yet this year. Visits, smiles, and songs (maybe a little chocolate) are a great way to share God's love!

The Lakeside/Lester Park churches will be working together on hosting CHUM Church this spring. This is an afternoon of worship, study, and fellowship for disabled adults. Be on the look-out for ways to serve on February 12.

The hopes are that the East Side Food

Shelf will begin soon. Another planning meeting is set for February 16 at 7:00PM at Duluth Congregational Church.

The Presbytery of Northern Waters will be meeting on Saturday, February 18 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Duluth. The Moderator of the 219th General Assembly, Elder Cynthia Bolbach, will share the message during worship and will lead a time for discussion with a question and answer segment. This is a wonderful chance to connect with our denomination on the Saturday following our completion on the Great Ends of the Church study! All members are invited to attend, to learn, to worship, and to share fellowship with our brothers and sisters of Northern Waters.

February 22 is the beginning of the

Lenten Season. On this day the Deacons are hosting their Pancake Dinner, followed by a special worship service on Ash Wednesday. This time of worship will be in the sanctuary at 6:30PM. Communion will be celebrated and the imposition of ashes will be offered to those who desire to receive this special mark of the cross.

As we begin our journey with Jesus to the cross and continue traveling on the journey of discipleship, our Lord calls us to look within. May we all make the time to open our spirit to God's Word and presence through study, prayer, and worship during this special season of the church year.

In Christ,
Pastor Kari

LPW Winter mission focuses on

The Women's Association will be supporting Churches United in Ministry (CHUM) as its mission through March.

CHUM always needs money to purchase food; the food shelf can purchase food for as little as 22¢ per pound. A box will be in Fellowship Hall for other items on their wish list:

- Day planners
- Sewing kits
- Working electronics

- Cell phones with chargers & batteries
- Sugar and flour
- Coffee
- Peanut butter
- Peaches and pears
- Cleaning supplies
- Personal hygiene items
- Hand sanitizers

For more information, visit the CHUM website at www.chumduluth.org.

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Plan Ahead!

On April 20-22, LPC will be having an **All Church Retreat** at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest. Details will be in the March Presbynews. (No, you will not be sleeping in tents, but in a comfortable lodge.)



LPC Office Hours

Mondays	8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Tuesdays	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesdays	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursdays	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM



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Deadline for submitting material for the March issue is Friday, February 17.

Library Corner

For Adults

Small Wonder Essays by Barbara Kingsolver

Mrs. Kingsolver writes these essays in response to the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, with

some personal essays thrown in. In some essays she urges us to get along with less, to be thoughtful and simplify our needs. She also includes some essays to her mother and her daughters.

Mrs. Kingsolver ends her essays with this statement, "What we get (in life) is just what we're willing to find: small wonders, where they grow."

For Children

A First Bible Story Book

retold by Mary Hoffman and illustrated by Julie Downing

This book contains familiar Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments which are shortened to eight pages or less with pictures. This book contains good bedtime stories to read to young children and read-alone stories for lower elementary children.



Book reviews by Diane Mundell

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Worship February 22nd

5:00pm Pancake Dinner

Tickets \$ 6/individual

\$15/family

6:30pm Worship

with communion

Sponsored by the Deacons





In the Spotlight—Krista, Ron, & Kalina Mattila

By Florence Anderson

As we approached the lovely, chalet-style home of the Mattilas, we heard a chorus of excited barks from Murray, their beloved beagle. Krista and Kalina, the couple's precocious and adorable brown-eyed daughter, greeted us. The delightful 2½ year old toddler proceeded to show us some of her favorite toys as well as her new sticker book. A tour of the unique home presented many great features including Krista and Ron's loft bedroom, Kalina's pink and girly bedroom, and a magnificent deck. The railings are a combination of wood and wrought iron with scenes of three moose and three bears fashioned in wrought iron in the center of each railing.

Virginia, MN, is Ron's hometown. The youngest of five children, he spent his childhood on his family's hobby farm. Sulo, his dad, was a carpenter by trade, while his mom, Velda, was a homemaker and treasurer of Sandy Township, a suburb of Virginia. Sadly, Velda was only 44 years old when she died, one week before Ron's eighth birthday. It was difficult for him to comprehend her death.

In 1990 Nancy, one of Ron's sisters, was hit in a crosswalk by a truck and instantly killed. Sister Donna lives in Wattertown, MN, and is an administrative assistant. Shirley, the oldest, is a nursing assistant in Excelsior, MN. His brother Paul works at the Minntac plant in Mt. Iron. He and Ron jointly own 80 acres that are part of their grandparents' farm. In fact, Paul resides in the Virginia farmhouse.

Besides working for Manney's Shopper during his junior and senior high school years, Ron was an ambitious helper for his dad, hauling heavy packs of shingles onto roofs. He gained an appreciation of hard work by working with Sulo.

After graduating from Virginia High School, Ron attended Bemidji State University where he in 1991 earned a degree in city planning. Unfortunately, the job market was tight. To supplement his income, Ron had odd jobs in the Twin Cities and Superior, WI. In 1992 Ron



began working for CustomerLink which is an outsource call center that works with utility and energy companies. That temporary job has lasted for 19 years and Ron is now the Chief Operating Officer. The business has been so successful over the past year that Ron has been working extra hours moving their office into a larger space located in Duluth's Tech Village.

I've been blessed to know Krista since she was born and later baptized at Lakeside Pres. Outside of a four-year move to

Florida when she was six, she has called our fair city her home. Krista has a wonderful sister, Lisa, who is the mom of two, and grandmother to twin girls. Their dad is our own John Fleischmann. Krista's mother is Kathy Shotts, who moved away to Mississippi when Krista was very young. Kathy lives with Krista's half sister, Amanda, Amanda's husband TJ, and their daughter, Sawyer. Although Krista has had two stepmothers, (and is very close to Rhonda) John mostly raised his daughters on his own with the help of his mom and dad, Carol and Bob. The love that John, Krista, and Lisa have for each other is palpable every time you see them together. They adore and respect one another.

How can I forget the fantastic year Krista (whom I dubbed Kristabell) and I had at Ordean? She was my beloved library cadet and was a ray of sunshine every day. Following her East High graduation, Krista attended Duluth Technical College and Community College, where she obtained a degree to work as an administrative secretary. During high school and college Krista was employed by Miller Dwan as a dishwasher and server. Her first job using her degree was at Arrowhealth Medical Supply. For nine years she worked as a human resources director at Customer Link. Presently she is enjoying Edgewood Vista where she is again a human resources director.

On April 25, 2006, Krista and Ron

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Our Church Family



Death

Elaine Ellian passed away Sunday, January 15. A funeral service was held at LPC on Thursday, January 19.

Residential and nursing home residents

Aftenro: Stan Sheldon

Benedictine: Joyce Torvund

Chris Jensen: Dorothy Blatnik

Diamond Willow: Florence Jeannette

Edgewood Vista: Roberta Johnson

Heritage Haven: Herb Gerber, Charlie Saburn

Primrose: Lilah Child

St. Ann's: Shirley Hoff, Evelyn Tonkin

Pines III: Janis Brazzol, Mary Gorman, Florence Merkel, Joyce Pierce, Art Wright

Silver Bay Veterans Home: Donald Crassweller, Harley Johnson

The Shores: Florence Stillman

Westwood: Jack Hofslund, Kathee Johnson, Maureen McLachlan, and Ann Weisenhaus

February Volunteers

Dial Hope

Jan. 30-Feb. 12 Molly Payette

Feb. 13-26 Dave Wicker

Feb. 27-Mar. 11 Dave Genskay

Nursery Care

February 5 Molly & Katie Payette

February 12 Sandy Uttley and Betty Opland

February 19 Laura Johnson and Brooke Appleby

February 26 Alyson & Leo Jewett

Custodians

February 5 Bob O'Donnell

February 12 Bob Saburn

February 19 Gary Simonsen

February 26 Craig Morwood

Bereavement

Carolyn Genskay

Greeters/Servers

Feb. 5 and 12—Esther/Ruth Circle

Feb. 19 and 26—Giving Forest

Ushers

February 5

Marcia Kohlhaas – Head Usher

Joann Kovach – Scrip

Jerry Walls

David Treichler

February 12

Carolyn Genskay—Head usher

Dave Genskay—Scrip

Genevieve Martin

Steve Arnold

February 19

Molly Payette—Head usher

Bruce Mork - Scrip

Dave Treichler

Julie Trevillion

February 26

Dan Lillo—Head usher

JoAnn Kovach, Scrip

Faye Swanstrom

Colleen Martin



Communion and Prayer Service

A Communion and Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, February 8, at 6:45PM in the sanctuary.

This special service will be held on the

second Wednesday of each month, with a focus on prayers for healing. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Spotlight on the Mattilas

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exchanged vows on a beach in the Dominican Republic. It was an exciting day for the two who met as friends at CustomerLink and grew to deeply love one another.

What a gift Krista and Ron received when beautiful Kalina entered their lives on July 6, 2009! The three have faced many challenges with bravery and a strong faith. Kalina was born with a vascular abnormality on her left leg. She has endured 15 surgeries with no complaints. Although the treatments to form scar tissue are not a cure, Kalina walks into the operating room as chatty as ever and selects the flavor of anesthesia to be used. Hopefully these laser treatments will permanently cure the bleeds that Kalina has had.

Both Ron and Krista enjoy household projects, as well as landscaping their property, which they call "country living in the city." Prior to Kalina's birth, Ron ran 4 marathons. Now they happily spend their time playing with their daughter. The couple like playing volleyball, having fires in the backyard, and are avid Vikings fans.

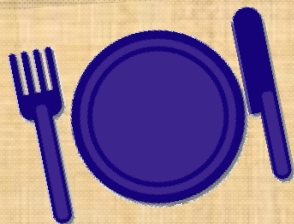
Recipe books are Krista's "guilty pleasure." She says she is the best cook at making something out of nothing. Reading is also a passion; however, if she begins reading a novel, she won't stop

until she finishes the book, even if it means not sleeping! Since Kalina's birth she hasn't had much time to read, but hopes to resume in the future.

A life-long member of Lakeside Presbyterian, Krista has served as a Deacon. During high school and college she sang in our choir under the direction of Rory Raymond.

The birth of Kalina and her subsequent surgeries were life-changing for Krista and Ron. To lose his mother at such a young age was difficult for Ron. The deaths of Carol and Bob Fleischmann have been particularly wrenching for Krista. She and Lisa lived with them while John completed his Florida job. Carol was Krista's mother figure and her death and her grandfather's have left a deep void in Krista's life. Ron related that finding someone with such similar interests really changed his life.

When Krista left the room to put Kalina down for a nap, I asked Ron to pick his favorite hymn. Without hesitation he said, "Amazing Grace." Krista returned and, when asked, echoed Ron's choice. Throughout the interview I could sense the togetherness that this couple experiences. Their joy in one another, even through many adversities, remains strong. They are a shining example of faith in action. May God continue to richly bless them.



Out to Lunch Bunch

Where: Sammy's Pizza
403 North Central Avenue

When: Sunday, February 12, 12:30PM

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Call Donn and Florence Anderson, 724-6304 with questions.

Circle Meetings

Lydia Circle

Thursday, February 9, 10:00AM

Rachel Circle

Wednesday, February 8, 10:00AM

Rhoda/Martha Circle

Monday, February 13,
1:00PM



LPW Board

Thursday, February 2, 9:30AM

POTLUCK

Sunday, February 5

Bring a dish to share after worship. Beverages will be provided.

Faithbuilders

All men are invited to join Faithbuilders at 7:30 AM on Saturdays for fellowship and rousing discussions.

Feb. 4 – Living the question 2, Practicing Resurrection

Feb. 11 – Mystery guest

Feb. 18 – Hashing it Out, Should mothers stay home to raise the kids?

Feb. 25 – Living the question 2, Debunking the rapture

Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the January pasty bake. Our new convection oven worked great!

A special thanks is extended to Sandy and Keith Hansen for donating all the onions for the pasties.

Pasties available

We still have delicious pasties available for sale at \$3.50 each. Come and get yours before they're gone!



Every dollar helps

More than twenty years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer. Since that day over 81 million dollars has been raised for local charities.

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, the youth will be collecting money after worship for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Be a part of this mission that is sharing God's love with those in need. One hundred percent of the donations will go to Duluth's Damiano Soup Kitchen.



Learning Circle

The next Learning Circle meetings will be February 5th and 12th at 8:45AM in the library and will continue the discussion and study of the book Sabbath by Wayne Muller.

Please join the Learning Circle for this spiritual journey to find the rhythm of life and the balance between work and rest. Call Paige Mellinger at 525-5852 if you have any questions .

Singles Over 50

Join us for dinner at Valentini's Restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30PM. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Questions? contact JoAnn Kovach (525-4139) or Peg Johnson (260-8950).

Valentine's Serenade

Join us for an old time Valentine's Day serenade on Sunday, February 12. We, along with the LPC singing puppets, will be meeting in the church at 2:00PM to prepare to visit various care facilities. We should be back at the church shortly after 4:00PM. Any and all who love song are encouraged to join us for a fun afternoon.



Interfaith Group

Join the Lakeside Interfaith Conversation group as we discuss Judaism Today. The group meets every Monday at 10AM. We are an open and welcoming group. Facilitator Rev. Martha Coltvet can be reached at 218-206-1249.

BAKE SALE



Sunday
February 12th
Following Worship

Donated baked goods are needed.

Proceeds help support the
Second Harvest Northern Lakes
Food Bank.

Sponsored by LPW.


Scholarship available

LPC has a number of scholarships available including the Kent D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, LPC Scholarship, and Florence Hanson Waits and James Grant Waits Scholarship. New application and renewal deadlines will be occurring during the up-coming months. Students are encouraged to apply for these financial supports.

The Kent D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship is available for full-time junior or senior college students enrolled in the fields of engineering, math, science, or music. Initial application deadline is April 1, 2012. The Scholarship is renewable each year of schooling to a maximum of three years, with the renewal request deadline of March 1.

Additional information, guidelines, requirements, and application forms are available in the Church Office. Contact Jim Anderson with other questions.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice	2 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 9:30AM LPW Board 10:30AM Memb/Past Care 12:15PM Prayer Time 4:45PM Kindermusik 6:30PM Pack 15 6:30PM M&M Task Force	3 5:30PM AA	4 7:30AM Faithbuilders
5 Tub Toter Day Souper Bowl of Caring 8:45AM Learning Circle 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Potluck	6 10AM Caregiver Program 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15	7 4:45PM Union Gospel 7PM Deacons	8 10AM Rachel Circle 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 6:45PM Prayer Service 7:15PM Choir practice	9 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 10AM Lydia Circle 12:15PM Prayer Time 4:45PM Kindermusik 6:30PM Pack 15 7PM Giving Forest	10 5:30PM AA	11 7:30AM Faithbuilders
12 Food Shelf Bake Sale 8:45AM Learning Circle 10:30AM Worship 11:45PM Blood Pressures 12:30PM Out to Lunch 2PM Valentine Serenade	13 10AM Caregiver Program 1PM Rhoda/Martha 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15	 Valentine's Day 6PM Bldg & Grounds 6:30PM Administrative Committee	15 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice	16 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 12:15PM Prayer Time 4:45PM Kindermusik 6PM Pack 15 7PM Food Shelf Planning @ Duluth Congregational	17 5:30PM AA	18 7:30AM Faithbuilders
19 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship	20 10AM Caregiver Program 5:30PM TOPS	21 5:45PM Worship Cmte. 7PM Session Meeting	22 Ash Wednesday 5PM Pancake Supper 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Worship 7:15PM Choir practice	23 12:15PM Prayer Time 7PM Memorial/Scholarship	24 5:30PM AA	25 7:30AM Faithbuilders
26 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship with communion	27 10AM Caregiver Program 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15 7PM Christian Ed Cmte.	28 6:30PM Mission Committee	29 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice			

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Administrative.....	February 14	6:30 PM
Building & Grounds.....	February 14	6:00 PM
Christian Education.....	February 27	7:00 PM
Deacons.....	February 7	7:00 PM
Giving Forest.....	February 9	7:00 PM
LPW Board	February 2	9:30 AM
M & M Task Force.....	February 2	6:30 PM
Membership/Pastoral Care.....	February 2	10:30 AM
Memorial Scholarship.....	February 23	7:00 PM
Mission & Social Concerns.....	February 28	6:30 PM
Session/Council.....	February 21	7:00 PM
Worship Committee	February 21	5:45 PM



* The Session and Deacon Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 3 at the Canal Park Lodge, beginning at 9:30AM *