



Life of Lynnwood

Lynnwood Reformed Church

February 2012

“The Parable You Thought You Knew” Ash Wednesday Service

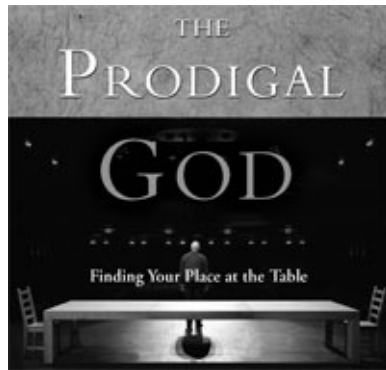
February 22nd, 6:45 - 7:25 pm



Our Video-Based Lenten
Service “Prodigal God”

Wednesday Evenings
During Lent

6:00 PM Light Supper
6:30 PM Service



Sunday Worship
9:45 a.m. —11:00 a.m.

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BBQ to Benefit Playground and Garden Improvements.



February 11th
3 - 6 pm



Lynnwood Women will host our annual Mid-winter Brooks BBQ on Saturday, February 11 from 3:00-6:00 PM. Our goal is to sell 500 -600 delicious chicken dinners. Please sign up at the Publicity Center today. We need brownie bakers, assembly line workers, order takers, runners and traffic control persons. The proceeds from this fund raiser have been designated for the improvement of our playground and garden area. Join us to make this a HUGE success. And take home your dinner.

Thank you!



When We Care Deeply, Deeply!

Being a Christian is one thing, but being a jerk about it, well,

who wants that? Who wants to come across like some kind of religious nut or fanatic? When a clergy friend sent this cartoon to me last week I confess that I asked myself if he was giving me a not-so-veiled message. When I hung it on my office door for a few days and no one said anything, I was worried! I probably shouldn't be that way, but I do not want to be anything like those Religious types whose second nature is to be obnoxious *in the name of Jesus*. Am I seen that way, I thought?

Perhaps, but I truly hope not! Being a follower of Jesus in a country where Christianity is increasingly and openly mocked is tough enough, but being a minister is tougher still. I get to own all the garbage of the Church. **Let me give you a for instance.**

In my temporary sojourn in Vermont before I came here I wore my clergy collar a few times a month, no more. When people who did not know me saw me going about daily life with my collar, they invariably thought I was some kind of priest. After a few months I realized that many ministers who might have worn collars *did not*. I put two and two together and decided to keep running a personal test. Forgive me.

Did people tend to treat me cordially when I was sporting my collar? Was I human like anybody else? Did they exhibit awkwardness, or were they relaxed? Did they make an effort to relate to me, or did they look relieved when I started to head out the door?

I soon picked up on a reaction that I never expected. I would be pumping gas only to see the guy over at the next pump **glaring** at me for no reason. Seriously. I would be buying some stuff at the hardware store and some random customer would look **daggers** at me. Was this a case of mistaken identity or what? After a bit I knew that I was not imagining this. To show deep dislike towards Christian clergy was routine and accepted.

Is this what we have come to as a country? Has the massive sacrifice and astonishing pile of good work done by Christians **and no one else in our country or anywhere** been all but completely discredited by the bad apples that crop up in any bushel? We might well ask how many millions of atheists have built myriad thousands of schools and hospitals around the world for Christians, like we have for non-Christians. This is nonsense. We have to do better and we have to get this right while there is still time.

Will I dare to wear my collar ever again?

Pastor Bill

Friendship Circle

Will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 at 12 noon in the Conference Room. Our meeting date has now been changed and we will be meeting regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We will be finishing our study of 1st Corinthians- chapters 11-16. Bring a sandwich and join us for a time of Bible study and fellowship. No reservations needed! Dessert and beverage are provided.

Fellowship

Join us on a trip to experience the story of the prophet JONAH at the Sight and Sounds Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on June 1 -2, 2012. Brown Tours is offering this two day and one night trip. Day 1 includes dinner at the Plain & Fancy Restaurant and Jonah. Day 2 includes a tour of an Amish farm with dinner at a real Amish home. See the publicity cart bulletin board for details and cost. Questions may be addressed to Eileen Brown or Lauri Miller.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets every Sunday during fellowship time at 11 am to knit and crochet prayer shawls or help anyone LEARN to knit or crochet. This ministry provides prayer shawls for those in our congregation as well as those experiencing challenges 'beyond our doors.' We have the yarn and the needles. . . you provide the time. We also meet once a month at Lauri Miller's home @ 1081 Serafini Drive in Guilderland from 4 - 7pm the first Wednesday every month. Look for information in the bulletin and newsletter. Prayer Shawl Ministry is a wonderful way to make a meaningful contribution to our church as well as to meet some lovely women.

The Joyful Noise Circle

The Joyful Noise Circle usually meets the third Wednesday each month from 9:30 - 11 at Lauri Miller's home. We are reading and discussing the book, HAVING A MARY SPIRIT. Please consider joining us. In FEBRUARY however, due to a scheduling conflict, we will meet on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13. Still at 9:30. Still at Lauri's. Questions: twocrazydogs@gmail.com or 356-3559.

Mission

This year we are again looking for two LRC high school seniors or college students for the Summer Internship Program for SICM..Students will work approximately 10 weeks in various programs, Summer Lunch, Damien Center, Emergency Food Pantry, Edible Playgrounds (gardens for and by children) or the SICM office. Position descriptions and application will be available in February on their website (www.sicm.us) The deadline for applications is March 15, 2012.

"Skepticism is the beginning of Faith."

~ Oscar Wilde

"Little faith will get you to heaven. Great faith will bring heaven to you".

~David Legge

"The history of missions is the history of answered prayer."

~Samuel Zwemer

Tech Team

Our team of trained "screen programmers" is growing. Sandy DeLorenzo and Susan Spring Meggs are learning the MediaShout software we use to program the projectors for Sunday worship. We thank them for their interest and encourage others to join us. Training is at Satterly's home on Thursday evenings to allow work on the following Sunday service. It's not too hard, just takes some time to become acquainted with the software. If you have a laptop we'll provide the software so you can work at home and email the file to the church Dropbox. See Ann or Neil Satterly.

Thank you Lynnwood Women for committing \$700 toward the relocation project for the audio and computer graphic station! Moving this equipment will provide necessary space for operating audio and screens on Sundays. Other donations are welcome. Work will not begin until June so that there will be no interruption of Sunday worship services.

Lynnwood Women

SUNSHINE BASKETS ... to show we care!

Everyone is invited to contribute items which will be used in putting together "Sunshine Baskets" for our homebound and those in nursing homes / hospitals.

A basket will be located in the narthex marked "Sunshine Basket" where you may place items such as tissue packs, individual apple sauce or fruit cups, serving size packages of crackers, cookies, toiletries, etc., OR whatever you think the recipient would enjoy. Great ideas welcome ... "no rights .. no wrongs". Please bring contributions to church on Wednesday evening Lenten Services Feb. 22nd, 29th, March 7th and 14th. OR bring them on Sunday mornings.

Small Group

When I first heard the term *Laity Empowerment Project* I thought to myself, "I can't get involved in another project!" Then I heard the leaders, Kay and Bill Grosch say that it was a *small group*. The term *small group* got my attention and I signed up. I had been involved in small groups (discussions, bible studies) in the past and looked forward to an opportunity to be part of a group that was "doing life together" - a small group of people who would meet weekly for a predetermined amount of time (8 weeks) to delve into a study of a particular area of scripture while at the same time enjoying fellowship together. I signed up not only for study, but with the hope of learning more about myself and maybe even how my walk as a Christian could grow. I signed the forms, agreeing to meet every Sunday evening and to give up a full Saturday for a retreat.

I did learn more about myself and about others. I learned that some people who are quiet and reserved really speak volumes through their quiet actions. I learned that folks like me who are outgoing and not afraid to speak up really gain a lot through silence and reflection. What I didn't anticipate was how powerful and profound the experience would be. Through the quiet times of reflection, the meaningful activities, the homework (homework!) with my partner I came to realize that it was not all about how God was working in my life, but what my role is as a *minister* to others. The activities and discussions helped us all to unwrap our own gifts which have been bestowed on us so that we may go forth and live a daily life of Christianity. As ministers we were challenged to go forth and build in-depth community. The question now shifts from, "How is God working in my life?" as a passive recipient to a more empowered minister seeking to work God into all aspects of my life. Not just on Sunday mornings. Not just with church friends. No, now I am empowered as a minister in all areas of my life. I hope you, too, will accept the gift of laity empowerment.

Joanne Cogswell

"Everything is possible for him who believes"

~Mark 9:23

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

~ Proverbs 16:3

"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

~Eleanor Powell

Keep them in your prayers

Joyce Buechner	Jean LaCrosse	Drew Bratt	Joyce Bordeau
Dottie Gralow	Yonia Foster	Grace Dugan	Grace Kemner
Suzanne Ports	Regina LaRue	Scott Lundstedt	Chuck Kenna
Ken Teetsel	Marie Murray	Gary Gillen	

Publication Deadlines

Articles for Life of Lynnwood are due on the 12th of each month.

Bulletin Insert

Bulletin insert information is due no later than 2pm on Wednesday.

CIRCLE MONDAY, MARCH 19th

Sunshine Basket Party. Watch for details. Questions on the baskets may be addressed to Jean Dean , Janice Shaffer, Jane Brehm, or Mary Lou Teetsel.

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