

December 2009

# HIGHER GROUND Newsletter

Lake Superior Interfaith Community Church

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## President's Message



Sunday Services  
11:00 A.M.

Lunch after every service.  
Potluck 3rd Sundays

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In his recent email newsletter, Neale Donald Walsh said:

"... You have only just begun to discover your magnificence.

This period of your life marks a New Beginning.. You have only just begun to know the treasure and the glory of You, and you have only just begun to make your real and lasting Contribution. Go now and *give your gift*. We're all waiting for you. And we need the wonder of *Who You Are*."

I like Walsh's daily pearls of wisdom, because they make me think- or remember something I already know on some level, but have conveniently forgotten in my busy brain.

Most of us would have difficulty acknowledging our God-given magnificence. We were probably taught to be self-effacing and modest, and that vaunting ourselves was very unseemly.

If it helps, remember that that your Magnificence is also God's magnificence, shining through you. So, please, now say to yourself: *I Am Magnificent*.

It may be easier to recognize or admit the beauty in another, so please think of another shining soul and say to that person, either in your mind or directly: *You Are Magnificent*.

And as the group of souls that chose to incarnate together, to learn and love together, we may recognize that in the oneness of our chosen family, *We Are Magnificent*.

As the observation of the birth of the Christ approaches, this reminder is my gift to you: **You Are Magnificent**; and perhaps your greatest gift to the Christ Child will be welcoming his light into your being, and then shining it forth for all the world to see. *Merry Christmas!*

Blessings.

Jasmine

### 2009 Giving Tree

Once again it is our privilege to help those who are in need of help.

This month we are focusing on personal care items for CHUM  
Suggestions: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, lip balm, combs, brushes, lotion - any products you feel would fit into that category.

Thank You



## Upcoming Events

### Movie Weekend

Your choice of three classic  
Christmas favorites running over  
The weekend of Dec. 11-13th  
See list on another page

Solstice Drumming  
December 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan 24  
Rev. Phyllis McCoy  
Conferences following service

*Merry Christmas*

## Ongoing Events

Debtors Anonymous Meeting  
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Contact Gary 728-4085

Gamblers Anonymous  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Buddhist Group  
1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Peace & Healing Meditation  
2nd & 4th Thursdays 6:00 p.m.  
Open to all

Peace and Healing  
Every Sunday before the service  
Starting at 9:30  
Open to all - Come in quietly

Please Note: The Conscious Development Class will not be meeting for the winter months. We will begin again in the spring. Watch the newsletter and website for further information. Thanks!

## Winter Solstice



We have arrived at the longest night, when the power of the sun is at its lowest point. From this point of Solstice onward, the sun will experience a rebirth'; that is, each day will see more and more sunlight from this Solstice until the Summer

Solstice, when solar influence will be at its peak.

The ancient peoples used this time of 'longest night' to focus on the power of darkness. Not the negative image of darkness, but the richness of that unknown, dark, fertile, deep part in each of us wherein our intuitive, creative forces abide.

In modern terms, it is time for owning one's shadow, so as to transform any negative energy associated with it into the energy of creation and psychic ability. We must accept and know our Darkness before we can fully know our Light. The Christ energy enters the Earth at this time in our yearly cycle, infusing our world with the ideal of perfection and the desire for a re-merging with the One. As the Essenes prepared for this infusion at the beginning of the Piscean Age, so do we prepare for this entry of Christ energy at this season. On the morning following Solstice, the Yule log is lit, signifying the return of the sun (Son) after our long night of winter preparation.

## Information For You From The Board

Each December, the board of our church, on behalf of the congregation, makes donations to community organizations, and in some cases, individuals in need. We welcome your input and ideas for recipients of our gifts this year. If you have an organization, agency, or individual you would like for us to consider, please mention this to any board member by the end of November.

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To schedule Church events, please contact the President, Jasmine Phoenix and submit a written proposal with dates and times.

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December	January
Dec. 6 11:00 a.m. Speaker - Roger Crafun Healer - Lisa Cerri	Jan 3 11:00 a.m. Speaker & Healer Chuck Crom
Dec 13 11:00 a.m. Speaker - Sr. Jean Maher Healer - Carolyn Brooks	Jan 10 11:00 a.m. Speaker — Lisa Cerri Healer - Sue Brewer
Dec 20 11:00 a.m. Speaker Rev. Sharon Szukis Healer - Jerome Kwako Pot Luck	Jan 17 11:00 a.m. Speaker- Rev. Sharon Manns Healer - Carol Gieseke Pot Luck
Dec 27 11:00 a.m. Speaker Rev. Walter Sipila Healer Carol Kondrath Fold newsletter 9:30 a.m.	Jan 24 11:00 a.m. Speaker - Rev. Phyllis McCoy Healer - Rebecca Lee Conferences after lunch
<i>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year</i>	Jan 31 11:00 a.m. Speaker Dan Rogers Healer- Jean Kwako Fold newsletter 9:30 a.m.

**ANNUAL WEEKEND OF CHRISTMAS CLASSICS AT LSICC  
ADMISSION: \$5.00 OR FOOD SHELF DONATION**

**How often do you get to experience movies that...**

Awaken your sense of joy and wonder and really make you feel alive?

**How often do you get to enjoy movies that...**

Inspire love and compassion for your fellow human beings?

**How often do you get to discover movies that...**

Evoke a deeper sense of connection with the universe around you?



7:00 pm Friday December 11th — a classic from 1948

**The Bishop's Wife** — deserves to be as much a Christmas classic as *It's a Wonderful Life*. Dudley (Cary Grant) is an angel sent down by the prayers of a new bishop (David Niven) who is struggling to raise funds for a new cathedral. He's so entrenched in his fund-raising that he hardly notices his marriage crumbling around him, and now only divine intervention can save it. Loretta Young plays his devoted wife Julia. The film is an absolute joy and a wonderful present for anyone who has not seen it. As usual, Grant is suave, worldly, and enchanting.

7:00 pm Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> — a classic from the 90's

**The Christmas Wish** — destined to become a classic in the tradition of *It's a Wonderful Life*. When Will (Neil Patrick Harris) returns home after his grandfather's death, he and his grandmother (Debbie Reynolds) discover a mystery in his grandfather's journals. For 25 years his grandfather left the house on Christmas Eve to secretly spend time with a woman named Lillian. To fulfill his grandmother's Christmas wish, Will embarks on a journey to find the mysterious Lillian, and in the process he unlocks a secret from the past and learns the true meaning of Christmas lies in the power of forgiveness.

7:00 pm Sunday December 13th — a contemporary classic

**Noel** — a romantic Christmas drama borrowing inspiration from *It's a Wonderful Life*. Joy and love are just around the corner one Christmas Eve when the lives of five strangers (Susan Sarandon, Penelope Cruz, Paul Walker, Robin Williams, and Alan Arkin), who share little in common but loneliness, intersect at a crossroads of forgiveness and redemption. This story of peace, companionship, comfort, love, and healing unfolds against the backdrop of New York City. *Noel*, with its stunning cast and inspirational story, proves miracles are closer than you think.

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