

Newsletter

July - August - September 2014

Schedule of Services

Sunday Mornings

Energization Exercises 9 - 9:15
Personal Meditation 9 - 9:30
Meditation Service 9:30 - 10:15
Reading Service 10:30 - 11:30 Sunday
School 10:30 - 11:30

Tuesday Evenings

Meditation 7 - 10 PM 2nd Tuesday of month
The Tuesday meditation services begin with group practice of Energization Exercises at 7 PM

Wednesday Evenings

Lesson Study Group 7:30 - 8:30

Thursday Evenings

2nd & 4th Thursday
Inspirational Service, 7:30 - 8:45
Prayer Service 8:45 - 9:00

Saturday Mornings

5-hour Meditation 7 AM - Noon
Group practice of Energization Exercises 7:00 & 9:30 AM
First Saturday of month - Guided Meditation 10 AM - Noon
Last Saturday of month - Kirtan 10 AM - Noon

Special Services

Babaji Commemoration Service Friday
July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30

Janmashtami (birth of Bhagavan Krishna) Sunday August 17th, 7:30 - 8:30

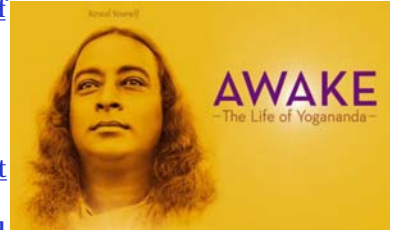
Mahasamadhi of Lahiri Mahasaya
Friday September 26, 7:30 - 8:30

Birthday of Lahiri Mahasaya
Tuesday September 30th, 7:30 - 8:30

General Meeting

Awake: The Life of Yogananda

As the rollout of [AWAKE: The Life of Yogananda](#) begins, the filmmakers report the following: "We are back from the Maui Film Festival with fantastic news - **AWAKE: The Life of Yogananda** won the [Spirit in Cinema Award](#). And last week in Sedona, we won the [Audience Award for Best Film](#) at the inaugural *Illuminate Film Festival*. This is a very auspicious start to what we hope will be an ever-expanding release." For more information regarding the movie screenings click [here](#).



Committee News and Announcements

Sunday School

We sent 5 girls and 1 boy to the SRF Youth Program in California this year. The Youth Program provides an opportunity to learn and practice Paramahansa Yogananda's "How-to-Live" spiritual principles in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains. The children were able to deepen their relationship with God while developing friendships with spiritually minded peers. The Teen Group sends a special thank you to all who contributed to the Youth Program's Transportation Fund.

Sunday School and Teen Group is in recess until the first Sunday after Labor Day. We will resume classes Sunday, September 7th. If you come with children to the Sunday Reading Service, please be advised that one adult must be with the children in the Sunday School area downstairs.

Landscaping

With summer in full swing and everything growing, the Landscape Committee is busy. If you can serve by helping keep our grounds beautiful, contact [Anton Crane](#).

Sunshine

If anyone has personal news they would like to share with the group, please send that to the council secretary (secretary@srfminneapolis.com) and it will be included in the electronic weekly announcement in a new section called "News To Share". Due to confidentiality issues, please share only your own information and not that of other members in the group.

Next General Meeting is July 20th

Movie Night

Saturday July 19th & September 20th

Church opens at 5:30 PM and the movie starts at 6:30 PM.

Social Gatherings

Vegetarian Potluck after Sunday Reading Service the first Sunday of every month.

Sunday Readings Schedule

July

6 - Building World Unity
13 - Understanding Reincarnation
20 -The Spiritual Science of Kriya Yoga
27 -Why We Suffer

August

3 - How to Develop True Intuition
10 - Who Made God?
17 - Miracles: The Working of Higher Laws
24 - The Battle Between Good and Evil
31 - Meditation: Direct Perception of God

September

7 - How to Spiritualize Business
14 - The Unlimited Power of the Mind
21 - Be a Smile Millionaire
28 -Our Immortal Nature

Quote From Master

"The deeper you meditate and the more willing you serve, the happier you will be."

Paramahansa Yogananda in
Where There is Light - p. 114

Regional Retreat 2014

All would agree that our monastic-led Regional Retreat was an inspiring weekend. Bro. Devananda Br. Daniel conducted the retreat and about 55 devotees from the region attended.



Movie Night

The next movie nights will be July 19th and September 20th. On July 19th the movie will be "Vivekananda As We Saw Him". The movie chronicles the life of Swami Vivekananda told through photographs, a well-prepared narrative, and personal reminiscences by those who knew the pioneer of the Vedanta mission in America. On movie nights the Church opens at 5:30 PM and the movie starts at 6:30 PM.

Building Fund Update

Two years ago the MMG Building Fund drive was launched to meet the monthly loan payment for our church. Our goal was to collect \$1,700 in monthly donations for the Building Fund. MMG would contribute an additional \$500 from the general donations to meet our monthly payment of \$2200. The pledges we received reach \$1400 per month.

After having seen a strong decline in contributions during the later half of 2013, we are happy to let you know that the first few months of 2014 donations met our monthly requirements. As of April though, the contributions show a slight decline again. We will be continuing to monitor contributions and reporting to you the state of contributions. We hope you will continue to serve Master's work by remembering to contribute to our Building Fund, allowing us to meet our monthly loan payment.

Information on how to contribute is available at the church and [here](#).

We thank you all for your generous support.

General Meeting

Our next general meeting will be Sunday July 20th immediately after the Reading Service at 11:30. Please plan to attend. A pizza lunch will be served.