

# Christ Lutheran News

December, 2011

## Christmas Reminders

May the Christmas presents **remind you of God's** greatest gift – His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas candles remind you of Him who is **the "Light of the world"**.

May the Christmas tree remind you of another tree on which He died for you.

May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him who said, **"Be of good cheer."**

May the Christmas feast remind you of Him who is the bread of life.

May the Christmas snow remind you of the cleansing power of Christ.

May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas carols remind you of the song the **angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest."**

May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

*Peace On Earth*

We will seek God's will, share God's love, and serve as Christ's people.

*Saturday:*

5:15 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

*Sunday:*

9:00 am Sunday School — Preschool through Adult  
 10:15 am Worship (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

*Broadcasts:*

Sunday, 11:30 am Worship broadcast on Radio KJOE FM 106.1  
 Tuesday, 10:00 am Worship on Television Channels 3 & 67

**Executive Council**

Jan Cuperus, President  
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 Sandy Stokesbary, Secretary  
 Kathy Behrends, Treasurer

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**Prayer Requests**

Call the church office at 507-836-8291, or e-mail us with your prayer requests. If you want a pastoral visit or would like to be included in pastoral prayers during worship, please call the church office.

**Address, Phone & Email Corrections**

Christ Lutheran maintains a database of all members. If you have had any changes to your address, phone number, marital status, etc. please contact Dawn with your name and the changes that need to be made.

**If You Are Ill**

Hospitals no longer notify churches when their members are admitted for care. Call 507-836-8291 and let us know so we can support you with prayer and with presence.

*"It came upon a midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heav'n's all gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing."*

*"And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow:  
Look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh, rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing."*

~Hymn text by Edmund Sears; Verses 1 and 3

The month of December is a festive time, leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Christmas carols play on the radio, and on the speaker system at the malls. Houses are cleaned and decorated with their Christmas finery. Gifts are purchased, wrapped, and exchanged. Various parties are held with gatherings of family, friends, and sometimes work colleagues.

Of course a lot of this mood of celebration has been carefully nurtured by commercial interests who depend on Christmas-related purchases to make their year profitable. Yet even if we manage to keep our focus on the real meaning of Christmas there still is real reason to celebrate: In the birth of Jesus, God has taken on

human flesh in order to save us from our sin! The angels told the shepherds "To you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord."

In the middle of all this celebration, though, there are always some people who do not feel like celebrating. They may be mourning the recent death of a loved one, their marriage may be crumbling, they may be struggling with illness, or perhaps they have lost their job. Perhaps you are one of these people mentioned in the hymn above, who find yourself, "under life's crushing load," and you find it hard to paste on the holiday smile and get in the spirit of the celebrations.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about a "Blue Christmas" service that will be offered at Christ Lutheran this year. This type of service has been found helpful in other communities as one time that the reality of the pain in this world is acknowledged in the rush to Christmas, and comfort and hope are found in our God who so loves the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son. In the face of the darkness of our world, it is wonderful to "rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing." If this service would be helpful to you, you are certainly welcome to attend. Please also pass on the invitation to anyone who you think would appreciate this service. Most of all, though, I encourage you to look beyond the glitz and manufactured joy of the Christmas holiday and remember that as the Gospel of John put it, Christ is the light of the world and, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

~Pastor Ted Kunze

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Executive Council Minutes  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

President Jan Cuperus called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

Pastor Craig led devotions from Mark 10; followed by prayer.

The minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting and the financial report were presented. Pastors' reports were given.

**Old Business:**

1. Pastor-Parish Relations Committee appointment is Cal Wurpts.
2. Council recommendation to refer the possible purchase of a Cri-cut machine to the Memorial Committee.
3. Property and Management Committee has been checking on possible options for improvement to the North door entry.
4. Linda Thovson has requested consideration to add Monday to the Tuesday and Thursday schedule of her "chair yoga" class.
5. The council discussed the subscription to the Lutheran magazine. A motion to invite the congregation to request sub-

scriptions to be paid for or purchased on an individual basis and to have the budget provide minimal copies available in the library and for executive board. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

**New Business:**

1. Council discussion of Christmas Eve worship schedule.
2. Pastor Craig will take the Friday after Thanksgiving and sometime during Christmas break as vacation. Pastor Ted may possibly take a day or two during the break also.
3. Planning for the year-end:
  - a. Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 6:45 PM. Snow date would be January 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Board reports are due in the office 30 days prior to annual meeting
  - c. Nominating Committee is working on candidates for offices.
  - d. Personnel Committee is working on year end responsibilities.
  - e. Church budget planning is in process.
  - f. Committee and board chairpersons are encouraged to

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review ministry descriptions to update, adding or deleting before returning to the church office.

4. Council consensus to authorize AARP Defensive Driving class in late April or early May.
5. Ryan Werdon, choral director at MCC, has requested rental of the fellowship hall for a catered meal at a MCC Jazz Dinner Theater, late March 2012.
6. Christ Lutheran will host a synod event, "Thriving and Serving in the Name of Christ" December 3, 2011, 9:30-2:30.
7. There has been interest to have the Confirmation pictures updated for display. The display board is available and volunteers will be encouraged to work on the project.
8. Discussion of possibly hosting an ecumenical "Blue Christmas" service during the Advent season. The service would strive to bring some comfort and hope to anyone grieving or enduring struggles in many situations. The pastors will do further research and planning.
9. The Slayton Pizza Ranch would cooperate with a fundraising opportunity for Campus Ministry at SMSU. "Tip Night" idea would incorporate serving by college/high school Youth. Council will discuss further for possible planning in the New

- Year.
10. December meeting schedule: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>; 7 PM Boards/Committees, 8 PM Executive Council
  11. The Memorial Committee has authorized funds to purchase wood materials for sixteen Faith Chests. The Faith Chests would be given to newly baptized members.

Board Reports were given by: Youth, Fellowship and Service, Mission Outreach, Parish Education, Property and Management, Worship and Evangelism, and Women of Christ Lutheran.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Stokesbary, Recording Secretary

*If you would like a full copy of the minutes, we have created a mailbox near the Chapel Lounge. Please feel free to help yourself.*



On this page you will find a brief overview of the month's offerings. It is our goal to provide you with actual, updated information about Christ Lutheran's financial status.



At the annual meeting, the congregation approved the annual budget of \$261,295.00. This can be broken down to \$21,774.58 each month.

~Kathy Behrends, Treasurer  
& Dawn Mouw, Office Manager

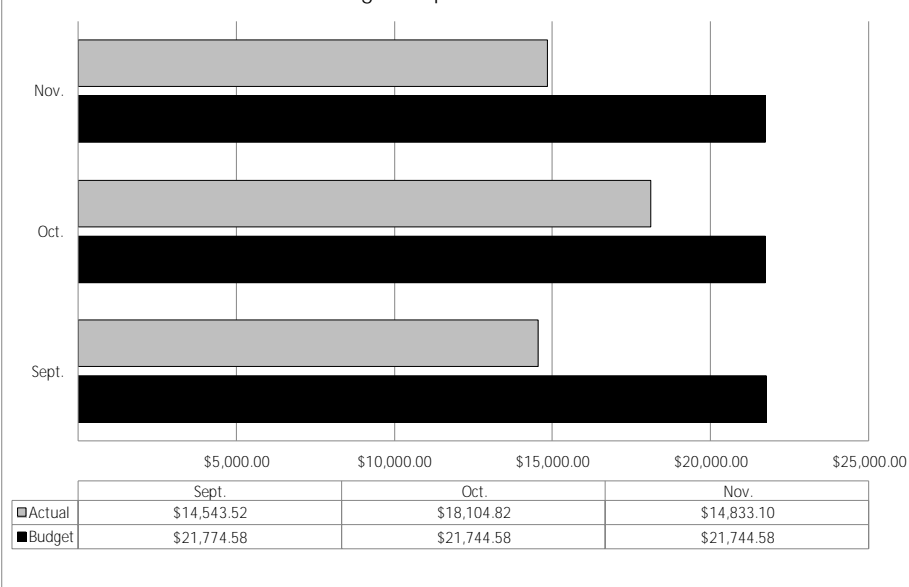
Here's a look at where we were the end of October:

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Beginning Balance: \$	(9,045.87)	\$ (5,260.09)
Income: \$	24,265.84	\$ 22,392.43
Expenses: \$	20,480.06	\$ 26,761.09
Ending Balance: \$	(5,260.09)	\$ (9,628.75)

*(Because of the timing of when the newsletter is published, this information is from the previous month.)*

The top, gray bar shows our actual offerings.  
The bottom, black bar is our budgeted offering total.

General Offerings - September - November, 2011



*Greetings to all Christ Lutheran Parishioners,*

We have just finished celebrating Thanksgiving, a special day set aside to thank God for the many blessings that he has bestowed upon us. The time, talents and treasurers that we all have are a few of those blessings.

Our prorated 2011 budget for Christ Lutheran for the past ten months is \$217,745. Our income for the same months has been \$187,819. We are struggling financially. We have a negative balance in our checkbook. Our managing tool has been to prioritize which bills get paid. Our benevolence to our SWMN Synod is one entity that has not been paid for some time.

We've been working on the 2012 church budget. The 2011 budget was not extravagant but we are working to reassess expenses, attempting to make the budget as bare bones as possible.

At service several weeks ago we heard the scripture of The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). With thoughtful consideration about our giving our Master will say, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave....Enter into the joy of your Master".

If you've been blessed with a good crop, in your business, or have had a stable salary, please consider an increase in your weekly giving so we can continue to serve our God, Church and community and keep Christ Lutheran Church viable.

Thank you for your gifts of your time, talents, and treasures to date. Our Church has been blessed by these and by your attendance and your involvement in our Church's ministry. They are all deeply appreciated.

It would be a true blessing for all of us if we could meet our ministry commitments by the end of 2011.

Respectfully,  
Kathy Behrends, Church Treasurer  
Dawn Mouw, Office Administrator



**Christmas/Christmas!**

With Christmas Day falling on a Sunday this year, we will have something of a double Christmas celebration. We will have our normal Christmas Eve candlelight and carol services with Holy Communion on Saturday, December 24. These services will be held at **5:15 PM** (our normal Saturday schedule), and at **7:00 PM**.

On Christmas morning, we will have worship at our normal Sunday morning time—**10:15 AM**. This service will also feature many of the great Christmas hymns, but will not be a preaching service. Instead, Scripture readings and narratives will link the hymns together to tell the larger picture of God’s great plan in sending his Son into the world.

Please join us for both Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services—and bring your company with you—as we celebrate the Good News at the center of the Christmas holiday—“To you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

**“Blue Christmas” Service**

Christ Lutheran will host a “Blue Christmas” service at **4:00 PM** on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a worship service that is open to anyone, but is especially designed for those who have experienced losses of various kinds, or are feeling stressed or anxious during this holiday time. It is a time that acknowledges the troubles of this world that can leave us feeling “blue” at Christmas, but looks ahead to the hope that the coming of Christ brings. Churches of the Slayton area Ministerium are being invited, so spread the word and invite your friends to this special service.

**Sunday Adult Study**

Our pastors have been offering two different adult study opportunities this fall, alternating based on their preaching schedule. Both classes meet in the Chapel Lounge from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, so they are ideal for parents whose children are in Sunday School during that time, or for others who want a learning opportunity before worship.

**Marriage Built To Last; Living Intentionally And Loving Biblically** is the title of the DVD-based series that Pastor Ted has been offering. While it might be most helpful to come as a couple, individuals are very welcome, too. In December this will be offered December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Galatians: What In The Word?** is the class that Pastor Craig is offering, looking at the New Testament book of Galatians. Each session can “stand” on its own, so come when you are able. This class will be offered December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Sunday School Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 18**  
during 10:15 am worship

We are in need of a 4 foot Christmas tree for the program. If you have one we could borrow, please contact Kari Mathiowetz or the office.

## Taking Faith Home

You have maybe already noticed a new addition to our worship bulletins. We have started using an insert called, "Taking Faith Home," put out by Vibrant Faith Ministries (what used to be called the Youth and Family Institute). It has several features designed to help people "take faith home:"

- A set of daily Bible readings
- A Scripture verse for the week
- Prayers and blessings
- Questions to spark "caring conversations" about the lessons
- A suggested devotion
- Suggestions for service in the community
- "Rituals and Traditions"

Bring the insert home, and see how it might work best for you! Our thanks to the Endowment Fund for paying for a one-year subscription to this service.

### "Giant-Print" Bibles

The Endowment Fund has purchased a case of "Giant-Print" Bibles to make available to people with diminished eyesight. The print in this article is approximately the size of the print in the Bibles. Many have already found these Bibles helpful. If you would like to have one, or see if it might work for you, come to the church office. There is no charge for these Bibles—they are a gift of the Endowment Fund.

### Baptism~

Jacob Dean Swart—November 5  
Son of Dave & Brooke Swart

### Funerals~

Margaret Staples—passed away November 1  
Funeral held at Christ Lutheran on November 5  
Georgia Smith—passed away November 8  
Funeral held at Christ Lutheran on November 11

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Kathryn Cole, Dick Donaldson, Delrose Hegstad, Twyla Hungerford, Brady Johansen, Julia Johnson, Alan Kramer, Marilyn Lamp, Donna Lange, Ron Muecke, Dana Pedersen, Mike, Lynda & Devan Petersen, Chuck Schmahl, John Schreier, Donna Scott, Pastor Laurie Skow-Anderson, & Harold Yotter

Continue to remember in prayer ~

- ◆ Those dealing with cancer and other long-term illnesses.
- ◆ Members who are shut-in
- ◆ Service men and women
- ◆ Those who mourn the loss of loved ones
- ◆ Those affected by earthquakes, flooding, tornados and severe weather throughout the United States



### Help Wanted ...

Ushers, Communion Servers, Lectors, Power Point, Greeters, Video Tapers and Bread Bakers. Please check out the sign up sheets in the back of church on the door. Please sign up if there are any of these jobs you are not currently helping with and could help with. Training is available for anyone who would like it. What a great way to meet other members and work together to serve our Lord!!!! Thank You!

~The Worship and Evangelism Committee

## Greetings from your Geothermal Committee

The committee is applying for a grant from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 to help with the final funding of the completion phase of the geothermal project. To be able to receive this matching grant, Christ Lutheran needs to raise at least \$20,000 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2012.

Whether you are thinking about a gift to our congregation's general ministry fund, and/or a designated gift to the geothermal fund, there are several ways to give, other than cash.

- You can give to Christ Lutheran through the gift of property. Examples of this would be grain if you are a farmer. If you gave 200 bushels of corn at \$6 per bushel the gift would be \$1200.00. If you gave the bushels to the church directly in Christ Lutheran's name at the elevator and let the church sell the grain in the church's name, you would avoid all taxation on the gift versus you selling the grain in your name and giving the cash which would result in taxable income for you. Livestock could also be given this way.
- You could give IRA money directly to the church from your IRA account if you are over 70 1/2. You could avoid the income tax on that money if it is given directly to the church and does not pass through your hands. (This loophole is only available UNTIL THE END OF 2011, so please don't wait until the last week of 2011 to do this!!) You would need to do paperwork with your current IRA custodian to make this happen.

- You can give a gift of appreciated property such as stock or mutual funds. The church has a brokerage account that can receive stock or mutual funds as gifts. If the church sells the stock or mutual fund in its name, neither the church nor you pay any tax on the gain on the investment.
- Other property such as vehicles, land, etc. can be given also and sold in the church's name.

For further information, see members of the geothermal committee or your tax advisor.

### **ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED**

The annual meeting of Christ Lutheran Church has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a congregational dinner at 6:00 PM, served by Fellowship and Service. The meeting will follow, at 6:45 PM. January 25<sup>th</sup> is our "snow date," with the same schedule. Please mark your 2012 calendars for the meeting, and watch our January newsletter for more information. **Board reports** for the annual meeting are due to the office 30 days before the meeting, which would be Monday, December 19.

January Newsletter deadline is Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The newsletter will not be mailed until the first week of January.



# Christ Lutheran's Calendar for December, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Service is broadcast every Sunday @ 11:30 am on KJOE FM</p>	<p><b>Pastor Ted Kunze</b>  <i>Pastor's Home #</i> 507-836-8136  <i>Cell Phone #</i> 507-995-4277  <i>E-mail:</i> pastorkunze@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Pastor Craig Nissen</b>  <i>Pastor's Home #</i> 507-335-7855  <i>Cell Phone #</i> 712-348-4740  <i>E-mail:</i> chilepastor@frontiernet.net</p>		<p>1  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>6:30</b> Community Band Practice</p>	<p>2  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i></p>	<p>3  <b>9:30</b> Synod Event  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>4  <b>9:00</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Class  <b>10:15</b> Worship w/ Holy Comm Coffee Fellowship/Bake Sale  <b>6:30</b> Community Band Concert</p>	<p>5  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>2:30</b> WCLC Nursing Home Project  <b>6:00</b> Love Circle  <i>Pastor Ted's Day Off</i></p>	<p>6  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>9:00</b> Comm @ Sunrise Terrace  <b>10:00</b> Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67  <b>10:15</b> Comm @ Golden Liv  <b>Noon</b> Sack Lunch Bible Study</p>	<p>7  <b>11:00</b> All Circle Bible Study, Potluck &amp; Program  <b>3:30</b> GLOW  <b>7:00</b> Confirmation for 7-9  <b>7:00</b> Choir  <b>8:30</b> HS Small Group</p>	<p>8  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga</p>	<p>9  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i></p>	<p>10  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>11  <b>9:00</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Class  <b>10:15</b> Worship Coffee Fellowship  <b>4:00</b> "Blue Christmas" Service</p>	<p>12  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <i>Pastor Ted's Day Off</i></p>	<p>13  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>10:00</b> Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67  <b>10:15</b> Comm @ Lindenwood</p>	<p>14  <b>9:00</b> WCLC Board Meeting  <b>7:00</b> Confirmation for 7-9  <b>7:00</b> Choir  <b>7:00</b> Committees  <b>8:00</b> Executive Council</p>	<p>15  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga</p>	<p>16  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i></p>	<p>17  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>18  <b>9:00</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Class  <b>10:15</b> Sunday School Program Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>19  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>Annual Report Deadline</b>  <i>Pastor Ted's Day Off</i></p>	<p>20  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>10:00</b> Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67  <b>Noon</b> Sack Lunch Bible Study</p>	<p>21  <b>7:00</b> Confirmation for 7-9  <b>7:00</b> Choir  <b>8:30</b> HS Small Group</p>	<p>22  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p>23  <b>Office Closes at Noon</b>  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i></p>	<p>24  <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>4:00</b> Worship at Faith  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/Holy Communion  <b>7:00</b> Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>25  <b>Christmas</b>  <b>9:00</b> NO Sunday School or Adult Class  <b>10:15</b> Worship Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>26  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>Office Closed</b>  <i>Pastor Ted's Day Off</i></p>	<p>27  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <b>10:00</b> Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67  <b>Noon</b> Sack Lunch Bible Study</p>	<p>28  <b>1-7</b> Blood Mobile  <b>7:00</b> Choir</p>	<p>29  <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga</p>	<p>30  <b>Office Closes at Noon</b>  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i></p>	<p>31  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/Holy Communion</p>



Our Mission:  
To mobilize women to act boldly on  
their faith in Jesus Christ.

December Visitation: Love Circle

*Christmas Project* at Golden Living Center on Monday, December 5 at 2:30 pm. Small fleece throws will be given to each resident at the nursing home.

*Love Circle* will meet on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm in the church kitchen. Please bring an appetizer to pass and a plate of Christmas goodies for our Shut-Ins.

*All-Circle Bible Study* and potluck on Wednesday, December 7; Bible study at 11 AM, potluck at 11:45 followed by program with Fran Pedersen on quilt history.

*tidings of joy!*

## December Study: Beyond Boundaries

“How many loaves have you? Go and see.”  
-Mark 6:38

## WCLC Highlights from November, 2011

- Learn to Make Day scheduled for November 5th will be rescheduled, possibly into the next year.
- Thank Offering Sunday was November 13; women of the church helped with the service, including installation of officers for 2012. Quilts were displayed.
- Since the cooking safety class was full, we will plan for a class in 2012 utilizing a DVD from the Extension Office.
- WCLC board met in November for program planning for next year and will meet in December for year-end mission disbursement gifts.
- Quilts: Jean Sagmoe has been busy creating baby quilts for baptismal gifts; she has 7 on hand. Mission Action has given 21 quilts and a prayer shawl to Hospice. The Murray County Christmas project has a need for quilts also.



*Celebrate the  
Wonder  
of the Season*

**Cafe'** is an award-winning, on-line magazine from Women of the ELCA that features timely articles about faith and life, Scripture reflections, and an opportunity for sharing your thoughts with others.

This free and monthly e-zine is addressed primarily to women ages 18 to 35, but its articles will inform and inspire women of all ages. Come to [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org) and feel your spirit refreshed.

*Ongoing Ministry Projects:*

- Murray County Food Shelf—collect food, personal care items, and birthday bags
- Troop Boxes—Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our troops. We have sent 11 boxes and will continue to collect items to send more.
- Radio Broadcast Ministry—the new calendar is out for 2012; \$65 per Sunday
- Quilting—No Quilting in December

Check out our website for more information about these projects.

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Bring Your Old Cell Phone to Church

Donate your old cell phones to the VA. The veterans will recycle old cell phones and program them for troops overseas. Just drop them off at the church office and Jem Hamilton will deliver them to the VA.

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BAKE SALE at COFFEE FELLOWSHIP  
for “**Salvation Army Christmas Project**”

Mission Outreach members are assembling hygiene gift bags for needy children in Murray County. There will be a Bake Sale at Coffee Fellowship on *Sunday, December 4th*. Bake sale proceeds will go toward purchasing items for the gift bags.

**Salvation Army Christmas Kettle**

**Campaign** is in need of bell ringers now through Christmas at Jim’s Market. If you would like to help ring, please contact Nikki Cheskie at (507) 760-1411. During the difficult economic times of the past year, we have helped more local people than ever before. Please help us to assist even more in the year to come. Thank you and God Bless!



*Ongoing Fellowship Activities:*

- Game Night—December 26, 7:00 pm in the Chapel Lounge
- Chair Yoga & Gentle Stretching—Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Find more information on our website.

Parents ...

There will **NOT** be GLOW on  
Wednesday, December 14, 21 or 28.  
**We’ll be taking a Christmas Break.**

We will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

## Upcoming Youth Group Plans:

I'm looking for feedback on several possible events for youth and families of Christ Lutheran. Some of these would happen soon, some are projected out a few months. Parents, please let me know what events you could help with, as well as other ideas. Thanks!

Many youth, 7-12 have been asking me about plans for a **Lock-In**. Glad they enjoy them so much! I am curious to see if *we could plan a lock-in during the Christmas break*, possibly Monday night the 26th. Not sure yet what days I'm out of town, but know I'll be here 26th-27th. I expect some of you will be out of town, and others will be having family holiday time/guests. Just throwin' that option out there. Other possible dates will be January 22nd (no school on 23rd), February 17 or 19th (no school on 20th). One of those weekends might also be a good opportunity for a ski trip! (see below)

I am looking to take another shot at a **"Family Snow-fun Day"** at Great Bear Recreation Park in Sioux Falls. I'm looking at January 8th, and arranging a group rate for our whole church. Last year the weather didn't cooperate and the roads were bad that day. That will of course be possible again this year. If you're unfamiliar with the place, they have a great tubing hill, and a ski slope that's great for beginners.

**ALSO** there was quite a bit of interest in a **ski trip** (Afton Alps) last year, but we started talking it up too late and ran out of winter. Would any of you be interested in being part of that? I can arrange for us to do a sleep-over at a large Lutheran church in the cities, allowing us to ski to close, drive home the next day. Thoughts?

**March 15-18** I'd like to take 5-6 High School youth to a Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat in Northwest Iowa (Sibley).

**March 23-24** the *whole confirmation class* has a retreat at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. We'll be sleeping over out there on the 23rd.

**April 28th** our congregation is serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls! Mark your calendars and plan to encourage your kids to help and/or come help as a family.

Several of you have asked about plans for a **trip this coming summer** (3rd or 4th week of July). The arrangements for the trip are tentatively set-up: places to stay, Habitat for Humanity office to work with, recreation options (whitewater rafting, ropes course, etc) checked out. But, we have not done any fund-raising. I take full responsibility for not pushing harder to get things moving on this front. The truth is we need 1 or 2 fundraisers that happen every year, just to feed a fund for a trip like this every three years.

Two questions:

- #1: how many of you think we should still go for it? (plan B is start working for trip in summer of 2013).
- #2: would any of you like to provide some leadership & organization to this, as I am not able to give it the attention it will need?

Let me know.





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## Mark Your Calendar

- \*Lutefisk Supper – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 5:30pm
- \*Live Nativity – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2011
- \*Winter Fun Day – (3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 2011
- \*Cross Country Skiing – Jan. 7 2012
- \*Snowshoe Hike – Jan. 8 2012
- \*Valentines supper – Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 2012
- \*Service in the cities – Feb. 17-19<sup>th</sup> (grades 7-9)
- \*Mother/Daughter Scrapbooking Retreat – Feb. 24-25<sup>th</sup>

\*Call Shetek Lutheran Ministries for any Questions 507-763-3567  
or check out [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

Thank you!!

The staff at Shetek Lutheran Ministries would like to thank you for your part in making the 2011 camper season another success!! Your time, talents and gifts have made your camp what it is today. You are truly making a difference in the faith building experience to all who come to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. We look forward to a new and exciting year as we plan for our 2012 programs and Special events. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
**May God's blessings be with you always!!**

## “Heaven and Nature Sing”

Shetek Lutheran Ministries  
Invites you to experience the true  
Wonders of Christmas

### “Live Nativity”

December 10th & 11th 2011  
at Shetek Lutheran Ministries Chapel  
Open house - 5:00-7:00pm  
{Free will Donation}

Christmas Lighting & Christmas Music

Refreshments, soup & cookies  
in SLM Dining Hall



## Day Camp 2012

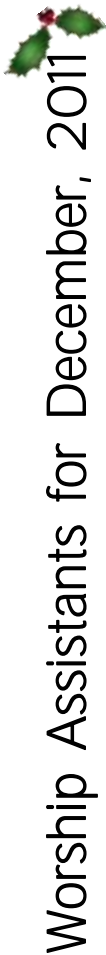
Bring Shetek to your Church!! Sign up for Day Camp Today. For more information: contact Kristin at 507-763-3567 or visit our website [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)




## Wish List

Save your caps ... we need 1000  
milk jug caps, LED Christmas  
lights, Eureka Timberline 4 person  
tents, Canister Vacuum, Kitchen  
towels, Bath Towels, Golf cart.

Thank you!!

**Help send kids to  
camp... Become a  
Pelican/Timber  
member... Call for a  
Brochure Today**


 Worship Assistants for December, 2011

Date	Acolytes	Lector	Greeters	Communion Servers	Ushers	Video	Power Point
<b>Dec 3 5:15 pm</b>		Brad Bergerson		Laurel Nelson Vicki Hoffmann	Brad Bergerson Gary & Char Busse		Aleshia Rossow
<b>Dec 4 10:15 am</b>	MacKenzie DeLong Camryn Boerboom	Carisa Clarke	Jim & Connie Berglund	Neal & Mary Everson	Kraig & Brenda Boese James & Angela Dahlgren	Linda Nelson	Arlyn Stokesbary
<b>Dec 10 5:15 pm</b>		Lorna Bader		Dick & Gayle Davidson	Lorna Bader Alice Beattie, Chuck Blackmer		Linda Thovson
<b>Dec 11 10:15 am</b>	Tyler Groves	Sam Erickson	Leslie Erickson Audrey Fletcher		Jim Berglund, Sam Erickson Elayne Finke, Betty Hughes	Marv Nysetvold	Leon Kruse
<b>Dec 17 5:15 pm</b>				Kathy Behrends Karen Onken	John, Kim & MacKenzie DeLong		Dylan Nelson
<b>Dec 18 10:15 am</b>	Brandon Winter		Orv & Shar Grieme	Kraig & Jeanne Cochran	Carisa Clarke, Burend Cuperus Perry & Mitchell Hegstad	Jim Berglund	Jon Hoyme
 <b>Dec 24 5:15 pm</b>	Faith Bose Mallory Loosbrock	Arnie Guild	Don & Janet Anderson	Steve & Dodi Haugen	Doug & Lynette Sieve Gerald & LeAnn Giesen		Greg Moberg
 <b>Dec 24 7:00 pm</b>	Kirsten Doeden Nicole Thovson	Katie Gillette	Jim & Carolyn Gillette	Jon & Ruth Hoyme	Gary & Char Busse Gary Johnson, Jim Johnson		Mason Whitehead
 <b>Dec 25 10:15 am</b>	Sydney Cuperus	Carisa Clarke	Darrell & Twyla Hungerford		Mark & Nancy Boerboom Kathy Uittenbogaard, Bernice Gass	Arlyn Stokesbary	Kyle Schreier

Bread Bakers: Twilla Sellman, Cari Schreier  
 DVD to City Hall: Karen Onken

**Thank you to everyone who is helping during worship services at Christ Lutheran Church this month. If you cannot fulfill your ministry responsibilities, please find your own substitute and let the office know of your replacement. Thank you!!!**

Worship Assistants for January, 2012

Date	Acolytes	Lector	Greeters	Communion Servers	Ushers	Video	Power Point
<b>Dec 31 5:15 pm</b>		Donna Johanson		Barb Falk Barb Hakeman	Dick & Gayle Davidson LeRoy Johnson		Grant Everson
<b>Jan 1 10:15 am</b>	Brandon Winter Tyler Groves	Lorie Kruse	Dale & Judy Lange	Jerry & Irene Moline	Luther & Pat Onken John & Darlene Meyer	Marv Nysetvold	Leon Kruse
<b>Jan 7 5:15 pm</b>		Terry Larson		Terry Larson Cheryl Krant	Dennis & Judy Lickness Linda Nelson		Linda Thovson
<b>Jan 8 10:15 am</b>	Mallory Loosbrock	Brenda Loosbrock	Betty Lee Joyce Larson		Mike & Brenda Loosbrock Rob & Kris Rohrer	Jon Hoyme	Arlyn Stokesbary

## Calendar for January, 2012

Bread Bakers: Marlys Hegstad, Char Busse

DVD to City Hall: Betty Lee



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>9:00</b> NO Sunday School & Adult Class <b>10:15</b> Worship w/ Holy Comm Coffee Fellowship	<b>2</b> <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga  <i>Pastor Ted's Day Off</i>	<b>3</b> <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga <b>9:00</b> Comm @ Sunrise Terrace <b>10:00</b> Worship on Channels 3 & 67 <b>10:15</b> Comm @ Golden Liv <b>Noon</b> Sack Lunch Bible Study <b>7:30</b> Pastor Parish Committee	<b>4</b> <b>3:30</b> GLOW <b>7:00</b> Confirmation for 7-9 <b>7:00</b> Choir <b>8:30</b> HS Small Group	<b>5</b> <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga	<b>6</b>  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i>	<b>7</b>  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>8</b> <b>9:00</b> Sunday School & Adult Class <b>10:15</b> Worship Coffee Fellowship	<b>9</b> <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga <b>7:00</b> Love Circle  Pastor Ted's Day Off	<b>10</b> <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga <b>10:00</b> Worship on Channels 3 & 67 <b>10:15</b> Comm @ Lindenwood <b>Noon</b> Sack Lunch Bible Study	<b>11</b> <b>9:30</b> Peace Circle <b>1:30</b> Faith Circle <b>3:30</b> GLOW <b>7:00</b> Confirmation for 7-9 <b>7:00</b> Choir <b>8:30</b> HS Small Group	<b>12</b> <b>8:00</b> Chair Yoga	<b>13</b>  <i>Pastor Craig's Day Off</i>	<b>14</b>  <b>5:15</b> Worship w/ Holy Communion

## December Birthdays

- |    |                      |    |                     |
|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Reuben Boxrud        | 19 | Ann Muecke          |
|    | Natalie Brown        | 20 | Cameron Johnson     |
|    | Sydney Cuperus       |    | Colton Johnson      |
|    | Coby Mahon           | 21 | Benjamin Kirchner   |
| 2  | Lou Rechtzigel       |    | Philip Klingbeil    |
| 3  | Anna Falk            |    | Pastor Craig Nissen |
|    | Shelley Fuerstenberg | 22 | Karen Johnson       |
| 4  | Mike Schreier        |    | Carl Lindberg       |
| 7  | Wayne Beatty         | 24 | James Estum         |
|    | Abigale Loosbroock   |    | Gary Muecke         |
|    | Wyatt Loosbrock      |    | Trevor Rosenbrook   |
| 8  | Brooklyn Johnson     |    | Christian Fransen   |
|    | Lucus Noerenberg     | 25 | Twillia Sellman     |
|    | Linda Thovson        | 26 | Ryan Erickson       |
| 9  | Grant Everson        |    | Chayce Johnson      |
| 10 | Dallas DeGreeff      |    | Irene Johnson       |
|    | Barbara Kirchner     |    | Betty Lee           |
|    | Aliyah Klaassen      |    | John Meyer          |
| 12 | Martha Giefer        |    | Greg Wasberg        |
| 13 | Rick Manderscheid    | 27 | Jena Wajer          |
|    | Jason Platt          | 28 | Bette Taylor        |
| 14 | Mark Wajer           |    | Chad Wilkison       |
|    | Brandon Winter       | 29 | Tom Kappes          |
|    | Brooke Swart         |    | Donna Mollema       |
| 15 | Bernice Crompton     |    | Ruthie Nelson       |
|    | James Dahlgren       |    | Minnie Schwartz     |
|    | Vicki Hansen         | 30 | Dale Lange          |
|    | Katie Titus-Schmahl  |    | Briar Lindberg      |
|    | Bette Meinerts       | 31 | Rachel Isder        |
| 16 | Staci Kleven         |    | James Davidson      |
|    | Rebekah Nysetvold    |    | Sue Johnson         |
| 17 | Pam Schreier         |    | Wesley Leysen       |
| 18 | Erin Klein           |    |                     |
|    | Natalie Schmidt      |    |                     |

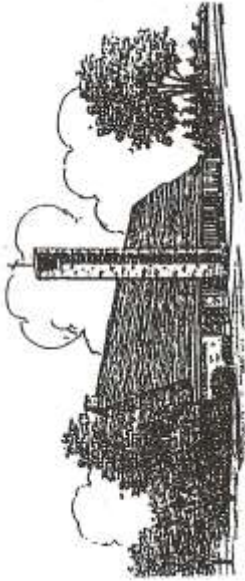
## December Anniversaries

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|----|----------------------------------|
| 1  | Dick & Gayle Davidson (1963)     |
| 13 | William & Mary Baune (1980)      |
| 15 | George & Bernice Crompton (1951) |
| 16 | Dennis & Jessica Doeden (2000)   |
| 21 | Lloyd & Elayne Finke (1956)      |
|    | Robert & Twilla Sellman (1956)   |
| 28 | Dave & LeAnn Van Meveren (1968)  |
| 29 | Clarence & Gladys Feste (1945)   |

Please contact the office if you notice a mistake or omission on the Birthday or Anniversary lists. Thanks for your help!

## January Birthdays

- |   |                   |   |                      |
|---|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Lila Anderson     | 7 | Ruth Roeder          |
|   | Brad Bergerson    |   | Sharon Staples       |
| 2 | Nancy Moberg      |   | Court Tommeraasen    |
| 3 | Deb Meyer         | 8 | Mitchell Bonnstetter |
|   | Britta Streff     |   | Donna Carnahan       |
|   | Karna Tommeraasen |   | Amy Loosbrock        |
| 4 | Kaden Mastbergen  |   | Melissa Schmidt      |
|   | Emily Gass        | 9 | Brady Johansen       |
| 5 | Elise Rohrer      |   | Kim Johnson          |
| 6 | Mary Everson      |   |                      |
|   | Brooke Neilson    |   |                      |
|   | Gordon Opdahl     |   |                      |
|   | Rob Rohrer        |   |                      |
|   | Darren Schuur     |   |                      |



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