

## Thanking Jesus on Valentine's Day

I give my heart to Jesus this special time of year  
When others seem so distant my Lord is always near.

When the world is lost in candy and sending cards  
around  
When everyone is busy my Lord can then be found.

When I am feeling lonely my Lord is always there  
When I am feeling fragile He handles me with care.

When others seem so loving and go the extra mile  
It only takes my Jesus to really make me smile.

When people pass out chocolate and flowers signed  
with love  
I thank my Lord for sending His Son from up above.

When all is lost in sweetness I hang my head to pray  
My Lord is extra precious this special heartfelt day.



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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**

Court Tommeraasen, President  
 Tom Klein, Vice President  
 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.

“At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

--Romans 5:6-8

February—the month of St. Valentine’s Day—is a month focused on love! Stores are decorated with hearts and cupids, trying to entice us to buy cards, candy, jewelry or other gifts to show our love for a special person in our lives.

Despite the heavy commercial tie-in, the focus on love is good. Human love is a wonderful thing. When marriage takes shape as God intends, it provides a source of dependable, self-giving love between spouses--and for any children that may be born into that family. Sometimes, though, we need to be encouraged to show and speak of that love. Too many of us are like the old joke about Ole who once confided to his friend Sven, “I love my wife Lena so much that one time I almost told her!” Valentine’s Day provides us with that motivation to speak of that love that we feel.

Then this year, just eight days after St. Valentine’s Day, our focus turns to a much greater love--the one perfect, undying love--the love of God. February 22nd this year

is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Traditionally, Lent is a somber time--a time for self-examination and repentance. It is the season that leads up to Jesus’ death on the cross for our sin, and ends with the joyous celebration of his resurrection on Easter.

Lent, though, can also be thought of as a season focused on love. It is, of course, a love far deeper than that expressed by the cards and trinkets of Valentine’s Day. As Paul wrote in Romans 5, God’s love is demonstrated in this: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God gave himself for us in order that we might be forgiven and be reconciled to him.

I invite you to make a covenant of regular worship and prayer throughout this Lenten season, that you may grow deeper in this love of God. An old hymn by Charles Wesley prays for God’s love to grow in us:

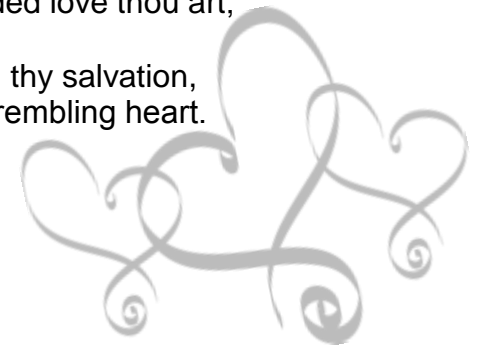
Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav’n to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, though art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Ted Kunze



**Christ Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

The Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church was held Wednesday, January 18, 2012 after a 6:00 PM supper furnished by Fellowship and Service Work Group II.

Executive council members present were: Pastor Ted Kunze, Pastor Craig Nissen, President Jan Cuperus, Vice President Court Tommeraasen, Treasurer Kathy Behrends, Tom Klein, Karen Onken, Irene Moline, Heidi Winter, Mary Mesner, and Sandy Stokesbary. Dawn Mouw, Office Manager, was also present. 50 Voting Members of Christ Lutheran were present.

President Jan Cuperus called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. President Cuperus requested Arlyn Stokesbary to serve as Parliamentarian.

Pastor Ted Kunze led opening worship reminding members of our mission statement, "We will seek God's will, share God's love, and serve as Christ's people" and allowed time for round-table discussion based on the bulletin insert for daily

Bible readings and prayer. Pastor Ted led devotions from John 1:43-46, followed by prayer.

Agenda: A motion to accept the agenda, M/S/P Luther Onken/Court Tommeraasen. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting from January 19, 2011 as printed, M/S/P Heidi Winter/Laurel Nelson.

Pastors' Reports: Pastor Ted highlighted items from his report on Page 7 of the Annual Report. He expressed appreciation for the partnership of serving in ministry with Pastor Craig and the support and encouragement of members of the congregation. Pastor Craig highlighted items from his report on Page 8 of the Annual Report. He expressed appreciation of the joint ministry with Pastor Ted and the congregational faithfulness to ministry, including growth and change.

Treasurer's Report: The 2011 Year End Financial Report was presented by Kathy Behrends as printed in the Annual Report. Kathy expressed appre-

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ciation for the gifts of time and talents, monetary gifts, gifts of over 4000 bushels of corn which were marketed, and prayers for the continued support. She expressed a most sincere appreciation to Dawn Mouw, Office Manager. Kathy asked if there were questions and thanked the congregation for allowing her to serve as treasurer. A motion to accept the financial report; M/S/P Karen Onken/Jean Asplin.

President's Report: Jan highlighted her report from Page 17 of the Annual Report. She expressed appreciation to all who serve in so many ways at Christ Lutheran.

Report of the Nominating Committee: presented by Linda Wing. Linda thanked the other members of the Nominating Committee; Brenda Whitehead, Arnie Guild, and Arlyn Stokesbary and expressed appreciation to all who are willing to serve on a board or office. All positions have willing nominees and there is the opportunity for further nominations from the floor or write-in. Introduction of candidates present at the meeting were made.

President Jan asked for nominations from the floor for each position. There were no further nominations, nor were

there volunteers from the floor for the 2012 Nominating Committee; President Cuperus recommends the incoming chair appoint two new members to the Nominating Committee. A motion to close nominations was made; M/S/P Heidi Winter/Greg Moberg. Volunteers to act as tellers were Laurel Nelson and Lisa Saner.

Voting was by written ballot with 47 votes. All nominees were elected by majority; there were two write-in votes for the unfilled Nominating Committee positions.

**President:** Court Tommeraasen  
**President-elect:** Tom Klein  
**Recording Secretary:** Sandy Stokesbary  
**Financial Secretary:** Mary Everson  
**Treasurer:** Kathy Behrends  
**Mission Outreach:** Amy Nepp, 3 yrs and Martha Giefer, 3 yrs.  
**Parish Education:** Melissa Richardson, 3 yrs and Nicole Ash, 3 yrs.  
**Property & Management:** Dave VanMeveren, 1 yr; Darren Saner, 2 yrs; Jeff Bose, 3 yrs; and Brad Lindberg, 3 yrs.

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**Stewardship Committee:**

Lorie Kruse, 2 yrs; Greg Moberg, 3 yrs; and Irene Moline, 3yrs.

**Worship & Evangelism:**

Nancy Moberg, 1 yr; Cathy Blair, 3 yrs; and Laurel Nelson, 3 yrs.

**Fellowship & Service:**

Betty Hughes, 2 yrs.

**Sunday School Superintendent:**

Kari Mathiowetz

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Representative:**

Jeff Erickson

**Youth:**

Theresa Nysetvold, 3 yrs and Mary Everson, 3 yrs.

**Endowment Committee:**

Linda Wing, 3 yrs.

**Nominating Committee:**

to be appointed

**Adoption of the 2012 Budget:**

The proposed budget was presented by Kathy Behrends; she asked for questions. A motion to approve the budget was made; M/S/P Luther Onken/ Greg Moberg.

**Old Business:**

Jon Hoyme reported on the Geo-Thermal project, report on Page 21 of the Annual Report. He expressed appreciation for the gifts and help in supporting the project. The committee and pastors are in the process of applying for a \$20,000 Mission Investment

Fund grant which is a matching grant for money raised by our congregation. Also working with Xcel Energy for installation of separate meters for the Geo-Thermal system for maximum savings on electricity costs. After the completion of the project, there will no longer be a need for the boiler.

New Business: none

Announcements: President Jan Cuperus expressed appreciation to the pastors, Dawn Mouw, Dale Lange and council members for all their help and encouragement through the year. Pastor Ted thanked Jan for all of her fine work and leadership this year.

A motion to adjourn was made; M/S/P Linda Wing/Kathy Behrends. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Pastor Ted gave the Benediction; we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Stokesbary, Recording Secretary

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Executive Council Minutes—Special Meeting  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

The Executive Board of Christ Lutheran met briefly after the Annual Meeting to discuss replacement of the office computer for Dawn Mouw, Office Manager. Members present were Pastor Ted Kunze, Pastor Craig Nissen, President Court Tommeraasen, Tom Klein, Kathy Behrends, and Sandy Stokesbary. Dawn Mouw, our Office Manager, was also present.

Information of several options, from Combined Computers and from TL Computers, were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to work with Combined Computer Services of Slayton to purchase the equipment in proposed bid at a cost of up to \$1000; M/S/P Kathy/Tom.

There was discussion of several possible opportunities for available funds for the purchase. Executive Board will check with the

Endowment Committee for possible funds of up to \$500 and also will check with the Memorial Committee for available funds.

There was discussion and approval by the Executive Board to check with Tim Lange, of TL Computers, regarding the cost to replace the failed motherboard of the existing computer. If possible, it would be an appropriate upgrade of the power point computer for the screens in the sanctuary.

Possible date for retreat for committee members and council would be February 19, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Stokesbary, Recording Secretary

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.



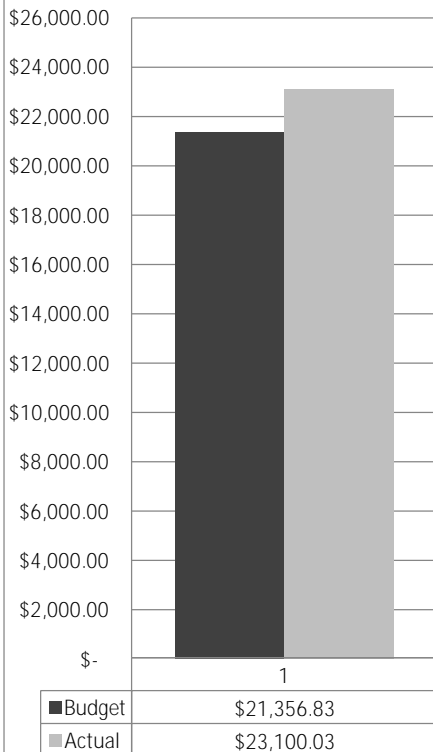
**Thank you for your generous contributions throughout 2011. We are now able to go in to 2012 with a positive balance.**

*~Kathy Behrends, Treasurer  
& Dawn Mouw, Office Manager*

Here's a look at where we ended 2011:

	<u>December</u>	<u>2011</u>
Beginning Balance: \$	(7,961.74)	\$ 6,141.51
Income: \$	50,640.38	\$ 326,944.13
Expenses: \$	38,201.66	\$ 328,608.66
Ending Balance: \$	4,476.98	\$ 4,476.98

January, 2012 Offerings



Following our annual meeting, the congregation voted on the 2012 budget. The budgeted amount for general offerings breaks down to \$21,356.83 each month.

As you can see, this month we exceeded our budgeted goal. \$14,543 of the total was from weekly offerings. The remaining \$8556 was donated grain. For the time being, the surplus money will be put in our savings account to "borrow" when needed.

The left bar is our budgeted offering total. The right bar shows our actual offerings.

## Ash Wednesday February 22



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is traditionally a day of repentance, recognizing our need of Jesus to be our Savior. Our service that evening will include the opportunity to come forward and be marked with ashes as a sign of our humility before God. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion that evening. Our worship services on Ash Wednesday will be as follows:

5:30 PM at Faith Lutheran, Avoca  
7:00 PM at Christ Lutheran, Slayton

## Mid-Week Lenten Services "Water Marks"

During the season of Lent we will have worship services every Wednesday evening. Our theme this year will be "Water Marks." Throughout the Bible—Old Testament and New—there are "water marks." God has blessed God's people with water, through water, and by water. In John 4 Jesus promised "living water" and said, "The water that I give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Join us as we think of the "water marks" that remind us of God's goodness, and enable us to serve God in daily life.

The Ash Wednesday schedule is listed above, but the other weeks the worship times will be:

6:00 PM at Faith Lutheran, Avoca  
7:00 PM at Christ Lutheran, Slayton



During Lent, Choir Practice will follow worship.

## Shetek Conference Assembly

The annual assembly of our Shetek Conference of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod will be on Sunday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, 2:00 PM at American Lutheran in Worthington. Each congregation is entitled to send up to six lay delegates. This is always an interesting afternoon of getting to know other people from our neighboring congregations and learning more about the larger church. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Ted Kunze. Among the elections that day will be to choose a lay female delegate to attend the ELCA National Assembly in Pittsburgh, PA August 12-18, **2013**. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Pastor Ted.

## Ministry Boards “Retreat”

At the annual meeting in January, we elected some new people to serve on our Ministry Boards. To get the year off to a good start, we would like **all** members of **all** boards—as well as our Congregational officers—to attend a planning “retreat” in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran on Sunday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 PM. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend.

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## Snow Policy

In the event of stormy weather, listen to KJOE Radio for announcements about activities at Christ Lutheran. If school is dismissed early on a Wednesday because of bad weather, GLOW after school activities and evening classes and meetings will automatically be cancelled. Please always use your best judgment about whether or not you should go out in stormy weather. We want everyone to be safe!

## Adult Study “Making Sense Of The Cross”

Pastor Ted’s Sunday morning study “Marriage Built to Last” has wrapped up. The next study that he will be offering begins Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Chapel Lounge. It is titled, “Making Sense of the Cross” and includes a book and a DVD to watch. The book is written as a conversation between two people having an open and candid discussion about the cross. Sure the cross is important in the Church, but what all is behind it? Some questions that will come up include:

- So what’s with the cross?
- What does the cross say about God?
- What’s the big deal?
- Did Jesus have to die?



Anyone is welcome to attend! This class will be offered alternate weeks—when Pastor Ted is not at Avoca. Watch for information about Pastor Craig’s next study, as his study of Galatians is wrapping up, too.

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## “Tip Night” A Success

Thank you to all who attended the “Tip Night” at the Slayton Pizza Ranch on January 9<sup>th</sup>. This was a fund-raiser for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Marshall. We received \$250.84 in “tips” and Pizza Ranch contributed \$108 as a percentage of their sales that evening. Christ Lutheran added another \$200 in “matching” funds from the Thrivent Choice dollars that have been received. This means that a total of \$558.84 will go to Lutheran Campus Ministry. They plan to use this money towards expenses for a mission trip in late February to the state of Mississippi.

## “Getting Dirty In The Gospel”

Our men are invited to the Spring Men’s Retreat called “Getting Dirty in the Gospel.” This retreat, sponsored by our Synod’s Lutheran Men in Mission, will be held Friday, **March** 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN. It begins with a 6:00 supper on Friday, and ends mid-afternoon on Saturday. The featured speaker will be Pastor (and State Senator) Dean Elton Johnson. There will be several opportunities for fellowship events and service projects. The cost is \$100 for the full event, including food and lodging, and scholarships are available for men under the age of 21. There is a \$10 discount for registrations received before February 17<sup>th</sup>. For a brochure with more details, contact Pastor Ted or the church office.



### ***Geothermal Project Progress***

Our goal has been adjusted to \$145,000. So far we have spent \$91,000 on the loops, landscaping, heating and air conditioning for the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and kitchen.

Thanks to your generosity, we have over \$24,000 in the bank ready for the next phase. Our mission investment fund grant request for \$20,000 has been filed. We have a very generous individual who has offered a \$5,000 match for the remaining dollars that we need to raise as a congregation.

We hope you will all continue to be generous and help complete this project and, at the same time, support the ongoing needs of our congregation as well as the larger church around the world.

Thank you all!  
Your Geothermal Committee

## Ministerial Acts

### Baptism~

Paige Abigayle S—January 8  
Daughter of Doug S & Katie G

### Funerals~

Grace Haugen—passed away January 11  
Funeral held at Christ Lutheran on January 14  
Dr. Dick Donaldson—passed away January 14  
Funeral held at Christ Lutheran on January 21

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## **New Members To Be Welcomed**

We plan to welcome into our congregation several new members on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at our 10:15 AM worship service. Please make a special effort to be present that day so that you can meet our new members and extend a warm welcome to them!

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Lester Chmela, Kathryn Cole, Stan & Joan Dahlgren, Elaine Donaldson, Gage Driver, Mary Entinger, Allison Grieme, Corey Haley, Delrose Hegstad, Twyla Hungerford, Brady Johansen, Julia Johnson, Alan Kramer, Marilyn Lamp, Donna Lange, Richard Moe, Ron Muecke, Dana Pedersen, Mike, Lynda & Devan Petersen, Joan Rupp, Chuck Schmahl, John Schreier, Donna Scott, Pastor Laurie Skow-Anderson, Kathy Uittenbogaard, & 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



# Christ Lutheran's Calendar for February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Service is broadcast every Sunday morning @ 11:30 am on KJOE FM</p>	<p><b>FAITH HOPE LOVE</b> - 1 Corinthians 13:13</p>	<p>1 9:00 WCLC Board Meeting 3:30 GLOW 7:00 Confirmation for 7-9 7:00 Choir 8:30 HS Small Group</p>	<p>2 8:00 Chair Yoga 5:15 Bible Study Leaders</p>	<p>3 Pastor Craig's Day Off</p>	<p>4 5:15 Worship w/Holy Communion</p>	
<p>5 9:00 Sunday School &amp; Adult Class 10:15 Worship w/ Holy Comm Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>6 8:00 Chair Yoga Pastor Ted's Day Off</p>	<p>7 8:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Comm @ Sunrise Terrace 10:00 Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67 10:15 Comm @ Golden Liv 12:00 Sack Lunch Bible Study</p>	<p>8 9:30 Peace Circle 1:30 Faith Circle 3:30 GLOW 7:00 Confirmation for 7-9 7:00 Choir 8:30 HS Small Group</p>	<p>9 8:00 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>10 Pastor Craig's Day Off</p>	<p>11 5:15 Worship w/Holy Communion &amp; Baptism</p>
<p>12 9:00 Sunday School &amp; Adult Class 10:15 Worship 11:00 Baked Potato Dinner 3:00 Family Snow Day at Great Bear 6:30 New Members Class</p>	<p>13 8:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Love Circle Pastor Ted's Day Off</p>	<p>14  8:00 Chair Yoga 10:00 Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67 10:15 Comm @ Lindenwood 12:00 Sack Lunch Bible Study 7:00 Geothermal Meeting</p>	<p>15 3:30 GLOW 7:00 Confirmation for 7-10 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>16 8:00 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>17 Pastor Craig's Day Off</p>	<p>18 Bridal Shower Amanda Wambeke (Bride to be of Josh Crowley) 5:15 Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>19 9:00 Sunday School &amp; Adult Class 10:15 Worship w/ Holy Comm Coffee Fellowship Committees &amp; Council Retreat</p>	<p>20 8:00 Chair Yoga Pastor Ted's Day Off</p>	<p>21 8:00 Chair Yoga 10:00 Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67 12:00 Sack Lunch Bible Study</p>	<p>22 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship </p>	<p>23 8:00 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>24 Pastor Craig's Day Off</p>	<p>25 5:15 Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>26 9:00 Sunday School &amp; Adult Class 10:15 Worship Coffee Fellowship 3:00 Hospice Program</p>	<p>27 8:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Quilting 7:00 Game Night Pastor Ted's Day Off</p>	<p>28 8:00 Chair Yoga 10:00 Worship on Channels 3 &amp; 67 12:00 Sack Lunch Bible Study 1:00 Quilting</p>	<p>29 7:00 Lenten Worship </p>		<p>Pastor Ted Kunze Pastor's Home #507-836-8136 Cell Phone #507-995-4277 E-mail: pastorkunze@gmail.com</p>	<p>Pastor Craig Nissen Pastor's Home #507-335-7855 Cell Phone #712-348-4740 E-mail: chilepastor@frontiernet.net</p>



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

February Visitation: Faith Circle

### *Bible Study Leaders*

Thursday, February 2 at 5:15 pm

### *Peace Circle*

Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 am  
Bible Study Leader—Margaret Nelson  
Hostess—Lorna Bader & Betty Hughes

### *Faith Circle*

Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30 pm  
Bible Study Leader—Jean Asplin  
Hostess—Betty Lee

### *Love Circle*

Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm  
Bible Study Leader—Kathy Wuprts  
Hostess—Ruth Hoyme

### *Quilting*

Monday, February 27 and  
Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 pm

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## February Study: Tough Questions

“Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”  
-Mark 10:49

## WCLC Highlights

- WCLC Women have raised \$604 dollars so far for the Malaria Net Project and will be giving to the ELCA at the Spring Conference Gathering.
- WCLC sent \$175 to the Alpaca Project and will continue to encourage the circles for donations for the ELCA “Good Gift Project, which includes the Alpaca Project and many others.
- Friday, **March 2**, 2012 – World Day of Prayer at St. Ann’s Catholic Church
- Wednesday, **March 21**, 2012 – Unit Meeting – 9:00 am “Clean the Kitchen”
- Christ Lutheran will be hosting the WELCA Shetek Spring Gathering on Saturday, **April 14**, 2012. The speaker will be talking about “The Orphan Train”. Plan to attend.
- It’s time to start collecting supplies for Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Details are on page 21.

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Have you designated your dollars? There are 3 easy ways to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars—online, by phone or a simple form that can be taken in to Arlyn or Jodi at the Thrivent office. On the shelf in the narthex there is a small card with directions for giving online or by phone, as well as forms that can be taken to the Thrivent office. Please call Arlyn or Jodi with questions about how to designate your funds (836-6092). The Thrivent Dollars that are designated to Christ Lutheran Church have been placed in a special fund to be used as matching funds for various projects.

## Bring your Valentine to the Christ Lutheran Baked Potato Dinner

Sunday, February 12  
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Menu: Baked Potato with assorted toppings,  
desserts, coffee and milk



\$6 per person  
6 and under \$2  
\$25 for a family maximum

*Bring your friends!*

Money goes to support many organizations

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Following the Baked Potato Dinner join us for ...

### Christ Lutheran Winter Fun Day!

Sunday, February 12th, bring your family over to **Great Bear Park** in Sioux Falls! We'll have a group rate for the afternoon and evening, to go tubing, skiing, or snowboarding. Have snow fun with your family, and have some fun with other members of our church family at the same time! To get the group rate, the group needs to pay together, at 3:00 pm or as soon as everyone in the group has arrived. Pastor Craig is putting up a sign-up sheet at church AND online, to learn who all plans to go.



### In-Kind Offering

Our women are beginning to gather items for the In-Kind Offering at the 2012 Synodical Women's Convention on June 15 & 16.

**~Health Kits for LWR~**The Health Kits like we've prepared in the past have changed. Here's what is now included in the new Personal Care Kits:

- 1 light or medium weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap, any brand in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

All items should be new and in good condition. **Any** of the above items can be brought to the fellowship hall to make Personal Care Kits. Approximate cost to ship and add toothpaste is \$2.65 per kit. Feel free to donate cash to Project Comfort Fund, which provides shipping. For more information: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

**~Used Christian Literature** - any Christian books, Bibles, Magazines, devotions, etc. that are non-denominational. For more information: [www.icld.org](http://www.icld.org)

**~Cash Donations** for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative to purchase mosquito nets (\$10 each).

**All items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall, and cash donations brought to the office.**

*love one another*

*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 18 boxes and will continue to collect items to send more.
- Cell Phone Collection—Donate your old cell phone to be recycled for the troops overseas.
- Radio Broadcast Ministry—February 26 and all Sundays in March are available; \$65 per Sunday. Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran with "Radio Broadcast" in the memo.
- Quilting—February 27 & 28

Check out our website for more information about these projects.



**The Banquet**

Mark your calendars for serving at The Banquet **Saturday, April 28th**. This is a great eye-opening service project for our congregation. Confirmation students are expected to participate, especially if they have not been able to help in other projects this year. It's prom weekend, but this was the only date that opened up for us to serve -- we're so glad The Banquet has many groups offering to help.

Faith & Film  
at Christ Lutheran

We'll have another movie night, Sunday February 19th at 6:30 in the lounge. We'll be showing the movie 'Bella' which won the Golden Tomato award from Rotten Tomatoes with a user rating of 96.5, the highest of any film released in 2007. It also won several other film festival awards. Abortion and adoption are central subjects of the storyline



*Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities:*

- Game Night—February 27, 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.

**Cake Pans**

*Please stop by and check out our growing collection of cake pans and pie plates in the kitchen. If you find one that belongs to you, please take it home. We would like as many as possible gone by the time of the Baked Potato Dinner to make more room in the kitchen. Thanks!*



*Sunday School Schedule:*

February 12—Sunday School Children sing during worship

February 19—No Sunday School

## **GLOW takes a break for LENT**

Parents & kids: our Wednesday after school program continues through February 15. We won't have GLOW on Feb 22 and won't meet again until the Wednesday after Easter - which will be April 11th. "God Loves Our World & God Lights Our Way"

**Confirmation Retreat** at Shetek Bible Camp is coming up in March. All students are expected to participate. It's Friday March 23rd overnight to Saturday March 24th. Students will meet youth from other churches, play wacky games, learn about God & life, and meet cool camp counselors.

**High School students** can be thinking about an upcoming **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** retreat in March. A limited number of first-timers are able to attend each TEC, which is largely staffed by other high school students. Participants will hear other students share about their faith and life lessons, adult speakers, see dramatic presentations, party to great music, etc... Usually only 6 students are allowed from one town/school, so everyone is meeting new people. Students miss one Friday of school. Dates are **March 16-18**, at First Presbyterian in Sibley, IA (about 45 minutes from Slayton).

## Youth Ministry Team Meeting Sunday, January 22, 2012

Approximately 10 adults and 8 youth met for 30 minutes after worship. We talked about the purpose of the team, which is for youth and adults to work together with Pastor Craig in planning and implementing ministry activities for the youth of Christ Lutheran.

There was some discussion about a trip for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders this summer. There is not enough time to plan and raise funds for a large trip, but hopefully we can plan something smaller and less expensive. A couple of ideas are the Sunshine music concerts in Willmar, and trips offered through Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

We will move forward with plans for a trip the summer of 2013. At our next meeting we will review the ideas that had already been discussed this past fall and make a final decision. We will also make plans to begin raising funds. Theresa Nysetvold will check with other committees and see if the youth can provide soup and sandwich suppers before the Lent services. A point was made that youth who work at the fundraisers should be the ones who earn the financial rewards for their time.

A few upcoming events were discussed as possible activities: the concert in Edgerton on March 14<sup>th</sup>, a Casting Crowns concert in Sioux Falls on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and bowling.

The next meeting will be Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15.





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## Mark Your Calendar

- \*Valentines Supper – Feb. 12, 2012
  - \*Service in the Cities – Feb. 17-19, 2012 (grades 7-9)
  - \*Mother/Daughter Scrapbooking Retreat – Feb. 24-25, 2012
  - \*Pre-Marriage Workshop – March 17, 2012
  - \*Confirmation Retreat – March 23-24, 2012
  - \*Confirmation Retreat – April 20-21, 2012
  - \*Pre-Marriage Workshop – May 5, 2012
- Any questions call (507) 763-3567  
or check out our website at [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

Shetek Lutheran Ministries  
Sugar Boil-off Pancake Dinner

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 10:30—1:30  
Maple Tapping Demo, 11:00—12:30

Try your hand at the Tomahawk Toss

## Day Camp 2012

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Mother – Daughter  
SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT  
February 24th & 25th, 2012  
Relax, Recharge & SCRAP  
Come enjoy a weekend away.  
To enjoy scrapping, great company,  
**delicious food & to rest in God's presence.**

## Wish List

**Save your caps...need 1000 milk jug caps, LED Christmas lights, Eureka Timberline 4 person tents, canister vacuum, bath towels (Lakota), kitchen towels and dish cloths (SLM kitchen), and golf cart. Thank you!!**

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

## Summer Camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

To get the early-bird discount, youth & parents interested in summer programs at Shetek should have registration & deposits in BEFORE April 1st. **Campership funds are available from Christ Lutheran**, and early registration helps make these funds go farther. Talk to Jeff Erickson, Jon Hoyme, or Pastors Ted & Craig for more information.

Worship Assistants for February, 2012

Date	Acolytes	Lector	Greeters	Communion Servers	Ushers	Video	Power Point
<b>Feb 4 5:15 pm</b>		Marlys Hegstad		Jan Cuperus Bernice Gass	Brad Bergerson Bob & Sue Gass		Kyle Saner
<b>Feb 5 10:15 am</b>	Faith Bose MacKenzie DeLong	Nancy Boerboom	Chuck & Cassidy Paulzine	Craig & Jeanne Cochran	Mark & Jaden Boerboom Kraig & Brenda Boese	Linda Nelson	Dylan Nelson
<b>Feb 11 5:15 pm</b>		Max Whitehead		Marv & Theresa Nysetvold	Linda Wing Steve & Dodi Haugen		Mason Whitehead
<b>Feb 12 10:15 am</b>	Tyler Groves	Marcia Kunze	Randy & Dawn Groves		James & Angela Dahlgren Jim & Carolyn Gillette	Neal Everson	Grant Everson
<b>Feb 18 5:15 pm</b>		Linda Thovson		Brenda Loosbrock Elonne Winter	Lorna Bader Steve & Ann Muecke		Nicole Thovson
<b>Feb 19 10:15 am</b>	Hannah Hegstad	Jean Asplin	Kent & Donna Johansen	Carisa Clarke Jodi Klein	Orv & Shar Grieme Elayne Finke, Chuck Paulzine	Jem Hamilton	Jon Hoyme
<b>Feb 25 5:15 pm</b>		Melanie Steinle		Tom & Clarice Kappes	Leon & Marlys Hegstad Brad Bergerson		Austin Steinle
<b>Feb 26 10:15 am</b>	Wesley Leysen	Sam Erickson	Gerald & LeAnn Giesen		Jeff & Jack Erickson Greg & Nancy Moberg	Marv Nysetvold	Arlyn Stokesbary

Bread Bakers: Donna Mollema, Sue Blackmer, Betty Hughes  
 DVD to City Hall: Brenda Bose

**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!!!**

# February Birthdays

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|--|---|
| 1 Nicole Ash<br>Ellen Malone<br>Connor Kirchner  | 13 Kyle Cheskie<br>Shannon Haugen<br>Denver Kruse   |
| 2 Brenda Loosbrock<br>Hailey Sinnen<br>Reid Stokesbary   | Dennis Lickness<br>Zachary Ostman<br>Rachel Malone  |
| 3 Richard Johnson<br>Steve Muecke  | Opal Soderholm  |
| 4 Tim Gass   | 15 Lloyd Finke  |
| 5 Susan Blackmer<br>Kraig Boese<br>Kimberly DeLong<br>Pam Peters<br>Elonne Winter<br>Luke Woitaszewski     | 16 Elsie Lindberg<br>Eleanor Ringen<br>Abby Van Meveren   |
| 7 Derek Anderson   | 18 Roy Radke<br>Kris Rohrer   |
| 8 Duane Sagmoe   | 19 Brad Hovdet  |
| 9 Mitchell Hegstad<br>Jodi Klein<br>Milen Lange<br>Devan Petersen<br>Maxwell Whitehead<br>Alexandra Schuur | 20 Roselyn Meier<br>21 Donna Larson<br>22 Logan Gass<br>Katie Johansen<br>Joshua Peterson<br>Linda Rossow |
| 10 Trish Grieme  | 24 Scott Bly<br>Betty Like  |
| 11 Kraig Cochran<br>Jim Johnson<br>Amy Petersen<br>Thomas Whitehead<br>Carson Lewis                        | 25 Dorothy Mears<br>26 Cole Hegstad<br>Hannah Hegstad<br>Wayne Mollema<br>James Rise                      |
| 12 Neal Everson<br>Kevin Ragan<br>Tootie Terry   | 28 John Leysen  |

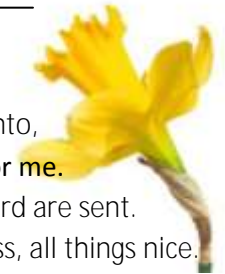


# February Anniversaries

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| 14 | Jamie & Wendy Danneman (2002)     |
| 15 | John & Kim DeLong (1992)          |
| 17 | Court & Karen Tommeraasen (1962)  |
| 19 | Keith & Barb Falk (1983)          |
| 20 | Chuck & Tootie Terry (1954)       |
| 22 | Darrell & Twyla Hungerford (1963) |

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

## Legend of the Daffodil

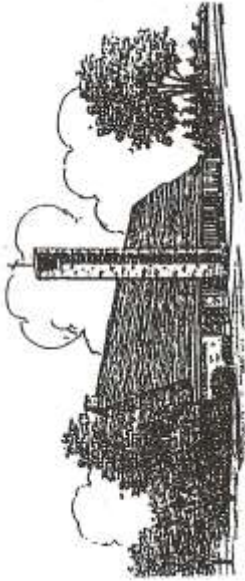


Little trumpet golden hue, leaves upraised in praise unto,  
**Christ who died on Calvary's tree, sacrificed himself for me.**  
 Legends say that throughout lent, whispers heavenward are sent.  
 Of good deeds done, prayers, sacrifice, acts of kindness, all things nice.  
 Guardian angels on hearing this, pluck golden stars and with a kiss,  
 Blow them down to earth below, where they bloom there in a row.

**Little star shaped trumpet flower, first appeared in sorrow's hour.**  
 In Gethsemane they grew, to comfort Christ our Savior who,  
 Wept alone and prayed that night, as He faced His sorrowful plight.  
 A sign of hope and new birth, their tender blossoms kissed the earth.  
**With star shaped centers, leaves upraised, tis' Easter's symbol, nature's**  
 praise.

**Daffodils born during lent, are "Lenten Lily's", Heaven sent.**  
 Their leaves upturned in praise unto, Christ who gave Himself for you.

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