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News and Views

January
2011

Pastoral Perspective



It's not surprising that the shepherds didn't need to ask further directions from the angel about where to find the Christ child that first Christmas night. A manger, a feeding stall for animals, is someplace a mother wouldn't put her new born baby unless absolutely necessary. Animals and people lived close together in

Palestine at the time of Jesus' birth, but the manger was the place for hay to feed the animals, not a place to lay a baby. And yet it was exactly to this humble place that the shepherds were directed to go to see the Savior of the world.

This is really amazing. If the story of Jesus were an Horatio Alger story, a story of a poor boy who made it big, we could deal with it easily. It would show the depths from which this poor boy rocketed. It would set up a contrast for later great worldly success. But the humble setting of the manger is really the setting not only for our Savior's birth but also His ministry.

When He emerged as an adult, He came to the synagogue in His home town of Nazareth and announced: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19) And then He simply proclaimed that this prophecy was fulfilled in Him. He was bringing the power of the kingdom of God right to people in humbled situations.

Many couldn't understand this. Many still can't. After all, isn't religion made up of acts of scrubbing up, getting well dressed, and trying to clean up your act so that God will approve of you? Isn't the kingdom of God supposed to be the crowning touch for those who are at the top of their game rather than some moving power for those who are caught in their own sin and the sin of the world?

But Jesus' ministry is on behalf of humble people in the midst of life's trials and challenges, not for folks waiting for Him impatiently to give His blessing to their exalted situations. The song of Mary to Elizabeth when Mary wonders at God's way illustrates what Jesus' ministry is all about: "He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away." (Luke 1:52-53) The psalmist proclaims the same message: "He will be the deliverer of the poor, a friend of those who have no one. For humble people he is within reach, he gives hope to those without rights. Their blood is precious in his eyes, he ransoms them from the house of slavery." (Psalm 72:12-14)

I love that verse, "For humble people he is within reach." That's what Jesus is all about from His birth to now and forever. He is within your reach as you humble yourself. Confess with me that you can't get it together or make it on your own. You need Him. He will be there with you and for you. He is used to being in humble situations. He is right at home there. He will bring you peace and love and hope.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
Sunday December 12, 2010

Special Congregational Meeting to consider the Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

The Special Congregational Meeting to approve (or disapprove) a motion by the Congregational Council to amend St. Luke's Constitution and Bylaws was called to order by Council President Carolyn Andrews. There were 43 voting members present.

Triss Hoppman moved and Karen Linfor moved that Motion A -

The Congregation Council moves that

the amendments to the Constitution, as shown in the copy dated December 12, 2010, and labeled "(Final-2)" be approved and adopted,

the effective date of said amended Constitution shall be January 1, 2011, and

congregation-elected officers, board chairpersons, committee chairpersons, and Financial Secretary, who have not completed their current term on January 1, 2011, shall remain in their current position until their current term expires.

And that Motion B -

The Congregation Council moves that

the amendments to the Bylaws, as shown in the copy dated December 12, 2010, and labeled "(Final)" shall be approved and adopted, and

the effective date of said amended Bylaws shall be January 1, 2011.

By paper vote Motion A and Motion B were unanimously approved and adopted.

Annual Congregation Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting was called to order by Council President Carolyn Andrews. There were 43 voting members present.

The first order of business was to ratify the amendments to the Constitution that were approved and adopted in the preceding Special Congregational Meeting to consider the Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

By paper vote, the amendments were ratified unanimously.

Larry Dockter presented the 2011 Budget for approval. Howard Triebwasser moved and Debbie Silverberg seconded that the 2011 annual budget be approved as presented.

By paper vote, the budget was unanimously approved.

The following names were presented for approval for the following offices:

President - Bob Behr

Vice President - Howard Triebwasser

Chairperson Finance Board - Betty England

By paper vote all three nominees were unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Heaton

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Church Council Secretary

2011 Officers, Financial Secretary, Board Chairs Persons
And Board Volunteers

Executive Officers:

- ◆ President: Bob Behr
- ◆ Vice President: Howard Triebwasser
- ◆ Secretary: Ruth Heaton
- ◆ Treasurer: Larry Dockter

Finance Board:

- ◆ Board Chair: Betty Englund
- ◆ Volunteers: Paul Heaton
Nancy Minning
Connie Reule

Financial Secretary: David Saxby

Community Concern:

- ◆ Board Chair: Al Moser
- ◆ Volunteers: Judy Saxby
Mike Wilke
Pat Webb

Christian Education:

- ◆ Board Chair:
- ◆ Volunteers: Tracy Etchison
Kirsten Ireton
Bob Allen
Carolyn Andrews

Evangelism:

- ◆ Board Chair: Carol Carney
- ◆ Volunteers: Shirley Prouty
Merle Zbrog
Pauline Arndt
Thelma Williams

Property:

- ◆ Board Chair: Jerry Carney
- ◆ Volunteers: Andy Anderson
Eric Linblade
Phillip Connell
Jack Fenske

Worship & Music:

- ◆ Board Chair: Peggy Moser
- ◆ Co-Chair: Triss Hoppman
- ◆ Volunteers: Karen Linfor
Holly Hoppman

Youth:

- ◆ Board Chair: Jennifer Connell
- ◆ Volunteers: Debi Lentsch
Ken Lentsch
Susan Mihanovich
Tracy Etchison
Ken Light
Tracy Light
Kirsten Ireton
Ed Ireton



A very special "Thanks" to those officers and board chairs who have completed their service period:

President: Carolyn Andrews
Vice President: Linda Duffek
Christian Education Chair: Kirsten Ireton
Finance Board Chair: Ron Webb

You and the many volunteers which, with their time and talents, have led St. Luke's programs and kept us all spreading, serving and sharing.

THANK YOU ALL!



January Worship Assistants

PRAYER LEADERS

ACOLYTES

2-Jan Elise Mihanovich
9-Jan Katy Etchison, Katie Light
16-Jan Selena Connell, Elise Mihanovich
23-Jan Wesley Lester
30-Jan Elise Mihanovich, Katy Etchison

2-Jan Ruth Heaton
9-Jan Walter Arndt
16-Jan Pauline Arndt
23-Jan Betty Englund
30-Jan Holly Hoppman

ALTAR CARE 8:15 AM

8:15AM Cheryl Franklin

ALTAR CARE 10:30 AM

10:30AM Ruth Heaton

COMMUNION SERVERS

2-Jan Linda Duffek, Al Boschee, Al Moser
9-Jan [REDACTED]
16-Jan Linda Duffek, Al Boschee, Al Moser
23-Jan [REDACTED]
30-Jan Linda Duffek, Al Boschee, Al Moser

COUNTERS

2-Jan Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
9-Jan Don Schell, Delmy Samayoa, Howard Triebwasser
16-Jan Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
23-Jan Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
30-Jan Ron Webb, Carolyn Andrews, Micki Fenske, Jack Fenske

GREETERS

2-Jan Lou Tice & Irwin Kiser
9-Jan Robert & Shirley Prouty
16-Jan Connie Reule & Nancy Minning
23-Jan Chet & Sarah Madison
30-Jan Brenda Sulzman & Hazen Simkins

HEAD USHERS

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Available

Worship Assistants:

If you are ill, coughing or unable to serve or perform your task on your assigned date please contact the church office @ 421-5039 or Peggy Moser @ 606-7880. Also, please remember to use the Hand Sanitizer available at the Lectern before serving communion.

Readers:

If you are unable to read on your assigned date, please notify Nick Manlapig at 393-9376.

PSALM READERS

2-Jan Amber Mansfield
9-Jan Micayla Shower
16-Jan Selena Connell
23-Jan Megan Lester
30-Jan Isabella Basquez

READERS 8:15 AM

2-Jan Ron Webb
9-Jan Christiana Wilson
16-Jan Kathryn Felgenhauer
23-Jan Sarah Madison
30-Jan Maribel Herrera

READERS 10:30 AM

2-Jan Marlene Kiser
9-Jan Larry Dockter
16-Jan Bertha Dahl
23-Jan David Saxby
30-Jan Katie Ramsey

REFRESHMENTS

Serve ---- Provide

2-Jan Dorothy Haney, Carol Carney; Thelma Williams, Pauline Arndt
9-Jan Merle & Ralph Zbrog
16-Jan The Ireton family
23-Jan Jerry & Carol Carney
30-Jan Debbi & Ken Lentsch

WELCOME LEADERS

2-Jan Pauline Arndt
9-Jan Carolyn Anderson
16-Jan Peggy Moser
23-Jan Pat Webb
30-Jan Chet Madison

VISITOR GREETERS

2-Jan Thelma Williams
9-Jan Pauline Arndt

January 16, 23 & 30th to be assigned.



Johnathan Dockery	1-Jan
Manuel Ojeda	1-Jan
Shirley Clark	2-Jan
Nick Moser	5-Jan
Merle Zbrog	7-Jan
Betty Litz	9-Jan
Karen Linfor	10-Jan
Shirley Martsch	12-Jan
Deanna Simmons	13-Jan
Walter Arndt	16-Jan
Wesley Lester	18-Jan
Dennis Fischer	19-Jan
Stella Loveless	24-Jan
Susan Landaker	26-Jan
Amy Franklin	29-Jan
Bernie Johansen	30-Jan
Kirsten Ireton	31-Jan
Tracy Light	31-Jan



2-Jan	Available
9-Jan	Shirley Prouty -- in memory of parents, Jack and Emma Tate
16-Jan	Fred & Genie Sommers -- In memory of our Sons birthday
23-Jan	Available
30-Jan	Available
<i>Note: The flower chart for 2011 is in the Narthex, so pick your dates early.</i>	

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

In the December issue of N/V, there was an article entitled “A song with a message?” Well, that message didn’t quiet get finished, so to remind you and to give you the rest of the story:

“The 12 Days of Christmas”, according to folklore, was written to help young believers learn about their faith. Some say the popular carol contains these codes:

- ◆ The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- ◆ Three French hens stand for faith, hope and charity.
- ◆ Four calling birds, the four gospels.
- ◆ Five golden rings are the Law: the first five books of the Old Testament.
- ◆ Six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation.
- ◆ Seven swans a-swimming represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.
- ◆ Eight maids a-milking are Jesus’ eight Be-attitudes.
- ◆ Nine ladies dancing are the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

And now, the rest of the story:

- ◆ The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
- ◆ The eleven pipes piping stand for the 11 faithful disciples.
- ◆ The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 statements of belief in the **Apostle’s Creed.**

Enjoy the 12 days of Christmas!



Crab Feed (March 5) Tickets now on sale; \$35 per person. Also, see sign up sheet for Volunteers in the Narthex. Questions: Call Deanna or Kirsten. **Don’t eat Crab? Baked chicken will be available as a substitute.**

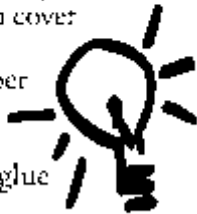
Kid's Fun Page

LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Everyone who believes in God and lives for him is a child of light. Make this cover for your bedroom light switch to remind you to be a light for God.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Light switch cover
- Screwdriver
- Colored paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Paintbrush
- Craft knife



What you do:

1. Remove the screws from the cover.
2. On the paper, draw small images related to light and write out "Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, NIV).
3. Cut out the drawings and verse. Make sure they'll fit on the cover.
4. Paint the cover with a coat of decoupage glue, and then immediately place the drawings and verse on the cover.
5. Paint over them with another coat of glue. Let it dry.
6. Turn the cover over and use a craft knife to cut out the opening for the light switch.
7. Using a screwdriver, place your new light switch cover on your wall.



From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Good | Righteousness |
| 2. Death | Children |
| 3. Go | Life |
| 4. Evil | Come |
| 5. Adults | Bad |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are _____, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of _____." John 8:12, NIV
(2)

"I have _____ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV
(3)

"For what do _____ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as _____ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

Scene Around St. Luke's!



Our President, calling her last Congregational Meeting to Order!

Job well done Carolyn !



Busy, Busy, Busy!!!



Let's see, how and who shall we vote for?? HMMM



Good conversations!



Waiting for the vote!!



Thanks to all who helped with Refreshments this past year!

More Scenes Around St. Luke's



Christmas Preparations



Financial Secretary's Report

November 2010

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$15,782	\$164,106
Compared to Budget	\$349	\$2,071
	2.3%	1.3%
Compared to 2009	\$1,992	\$5,172
	15.4%	3.6%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		\$2,343
Contributors:		
2010 (Current Year)	95	97
2009 (Last Year)	96	95

Note: Positive values (no +/- sign) means **above**; negative values means **below**.

Other Special Gifts:

a) Flowers - \$185.00

David Saxby

Financial Secretary

Missing pronouns

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say I.

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say my.

Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for one another.

To ask God for "our" daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included ... in each and every plea,

From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say me.



Margaret Crooks' daughter, Joan Marie Crooks, D.C. passed away Tuesday, December 22. She is survived

by her three children, two boys who were able to be with her at the time of her passing, and her daughter. "Joanie's" love in life was working with animals at her clinic, J. C. Equestrian Chiropractic in Cottonwood, AZ. Even as a child, animals were dear to her especially a cat she had as a child.

Please join in commending her to the Lord's mercy which sustained her in this life. Please pray for Margaret, that she would know the Lord's tender care in her grief.



Louise Smith is now living at: 10320 Graciosa Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Please make this correction in your Pictorial Directory.

Crossways Series

The Gospels and the New Testament

Beginning on Tuesday, January 4, at 10:15 AM; and Thursday, January 6 at 7:00 PM, the Crossways series continues. We will be learning about the Gospels and the New Testament, so if you are interested, please join one of the above classes. If you have questions, feel free to speak with Pastor Carl or call the office, 421-5039.



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January 2011

St. Luke's Lutheran Church -- Event Calendar

Brooke Smith

Music Director

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion 12:00 PM CONFIRMATION 12:45 PM SLY -- Namia 	3 7:00 PM Christian Education Board 	4 10:15 AM Crossways 	5 7:00 PM Choir Practice  Choir Rehearsal	6  Epiphany Service and Breakfast 9:30 AM Epiphany Breakfast - 7:00 PM Crossways 	7	8 10:00 AM Worship & Music Board 11:30 AM W-ELCA - 
9 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship 9:15 AM John 	10 7:00 PM Evangelism Board 7:00 PM Finance	11 10:15 AM Crossways 7:00 PM Executive Committee 	12 7:00 PM Choir Practice  Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00 PM Crossways 	14	15 8:00 AM Property Board-- <u>News/Views Deadline</u>
16 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:15 AM John 12:00 PM CONFIRMATION 2:30 PM The Commons Service	17	18 10:15 AM Crossways 7:00 PM Church Council 	19 7:00 PM Choir Practice  Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 PM Crossways 	21	22
23 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship 9:15 AM John 	24 7:00 PM Community Concerns 7:00 PM Youth Board	25 10:15 AM Crossways 	26 7:00 PM Choir Practice  Choir Rehearsal	27 7:00 PM Crossways 	28	29
30 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:15 AM John 	31					



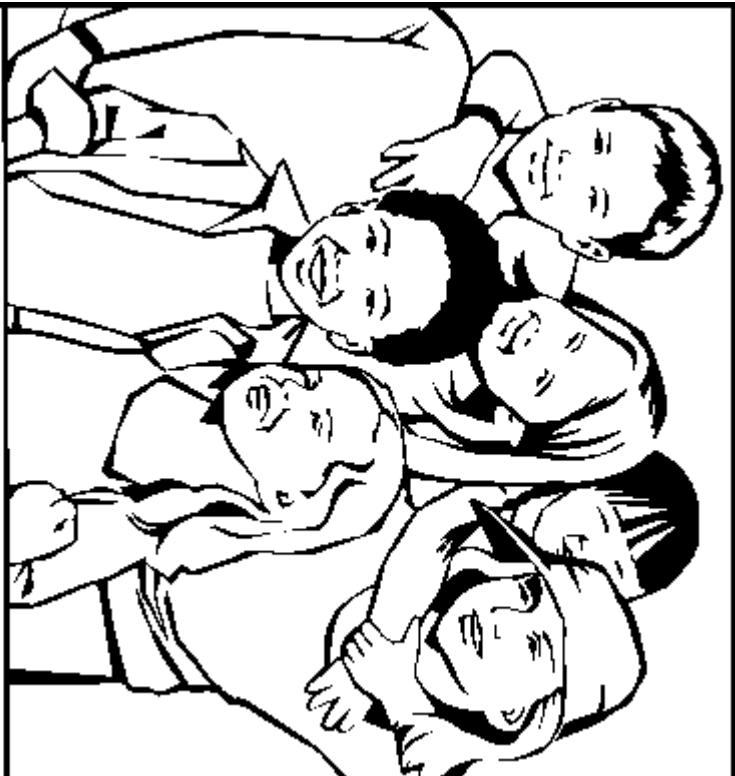
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A Blessed 2011 to you



*"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."*

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV