

**News Bulletin for New Year's Weekend
The Weekend of December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2012**

On this New Year's Weekend, the glow of Christmas may be fast fading from those around us. The realities of life and the concern of what the New Year might bring may be even sapping us of our Christmas joy. Yet, Isaiah calls us to "rejoice in the Lord" for in "the fullness of time" His promise is fulfilled in the birth of His Son! With Simeon and Anna we rejoice and sing to the God who has made our hopes and dreams reality in the Son who makes our future certain!

SPECIAL GIFTS With glory given to God, we acknowledge the following gifts presented in support of our church's ministry:

- \$100 from Bill, Noreen, and Neal Peterson, to be used to provide food for those in need this holiday season. Home Welfare.
- \$25 from Wayne Wozniak in honor of his grandmother † Eleanor McClanahan. General Fund.

2012 Offering Envelopes available in Fireside Room.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS We remember the following in our altar and personal prayers this week. **Long-term prayer needs are found in the weekly *Prayer Power* publication.** Altar/ Prayer Power request slips are available on the table in the narthex.

For those who grieve: the family and friends of † **Stuart Ireland**. Stuart, brother of Kay Momsen, died on December 26, 2011. Funeral services were held in Iowa.

For healing and strength: **Pearl Balzano** – Brentwood Rehab Center; **Paul Blackney** (brother-in-law of Pastor Walt and Carol Ledogar) – recovering from heart procedure; **Celeste Branding** – recovering; **Veronica Burden** – recovering at home, anticipating rehab at RIC; **Leah Delcourt** – recovering at home; **Loretta Denys** – recovering from surgery; **Lois Eichmann** – medical testing; **Jeff Graser** – cancer care; **Frieda Harrington** – recovering from surgery; **Arlene Herbold** – medical care; **Mildred Hewitt** (mother of Martha Murphy) – cancer care; **Michele Howard** – cancer care; **Julie Jancik** – medical care; **Aaron Jothan** – renewed cancer care; **Carmen Koehler** – medical care; **Ray Koehne** – medical care; **Pauline Krass** – medical care at home; **Dawn Kuric** (sister of Hope Kuntzman) – medical care; **Lynn Luetgert** – medical care; **Barbara Mentz** – Provena-St. Joseph; **Trudi Momsen** – medical care; **Rick Paquette** – cancer care; **Diane Perkowski** – cancer care; **Eugene Proksch** (father of Bonnie Proksch) – recovering at home; **Timothy Reiter** – cancer; **Ida Stevens** – recovering from surgery; **Pat Sullivan** – anticipating surgeries on January 3 and January 10; **Annie Tracy** (cousin of Lee Reinbolt) – critical care; **Christine Watson** (sister of Mary Dexter) – cancer care; **Gail Wren** (sister of Hope Kuntzman) – medical care.

GIFT OF LIFE With a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, we announce that the Lord has blessed **Larry and Melissa Watson** with the gift of a son, **Matthew Lawrence**. The proud grandparents are Gerry and Joanne Bronzell.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year holiday.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE resumes next weekend, January 7 and 8, with Saturday worship at 5:00 and Sunday worship at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00. Christian Education and Sunday School resumes during the 9:30 hour.

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family:

We want to thank everyone at CLC for your loving support, prayers, encouragement and generosity throughout the past year and especially at Christmastime. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time during this busy Christmas season to help with the preparation of the liturgies and bulletins; you are so appreciated!

May the God who became one of us in Christ be close to you always. May His love be the source of all our love as we live to serve and worship Him.


God's blessings to you in 2012!

~ The Staff and Pastors of Christ Lutheran Church

TRANSFERRED MEMBERS A Letter of Transfer has been issued for:

- ❖ **Gregory and Michelle Teschke** and their baptized children, **Luke and Makenna**, to join Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon.
- ❖ **Keith and Susan Alberts** and their son **Jeffrey** to join The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Palos Heights.

VOYAGERS WINTER RETREAT All those attending the 2012 Senior High Winter Retreat on January 13–15 must have all their forms completed and turned in to the Church Office by **Monday, January 2**. Contact Pastor Nettleton with any questions.

 A graphic with the text "Happy New Year!" in a decorative, cursive font, surrounded by small stars and dots.	<p><u>PROGRAMS RESUME – 2012</u></p> <p>Men's Bible Study – January 7 Sunday School – January 8 Jr. Chimers – January 10 Quilters – January 10 Darts – January 10 Women's Devotional Group – January 11 Women's Evening Bible Study – January 11 All Choirs – January 11 Confirmation Classes – January 11/14 Book Club – January 24</p>
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OWLS NOTES We will be taking down the decorations in the church on **Friday, January 6**, beginning at 9:00. We will have our regular meeting on **Thursday, January 12**, at 10:00 followed by lunch. Annual dues of **\$12.00/person** are to be paid at the January meeting.

“MAD” NIGHT Faith and hope are the twin engines that power this uplifting, bittersweet tale based on the true story of Tyler Doherty. Join us on **Friday, January 6**, at 6:30, for **LETTERS TO GOD** – the story of an 8-year old boy who battles brain cancer and turns to God as his own private pen pal. Tyler writes and mails his missives daily, and his steadfast undertaking not only moves his family and friends, but also alters the life of a despairing postman who opens the boy’s letters. Approximately two hours with discussion to follow.

RECOGNITION OF NEW PARISH OFFICERS We give thanks to God for the new parish officers that were elected to a two-year term at the Voters’ Meeting on December 13: President: Peter Schrank, Vice President: Allen Morris, Treasurer: Dennis Smith, Financial Secretary: Donald Gronwold, Secretary: Jane Gibson; Elders: Richard Brott, Kurt Karlson, Allen Morris, Richard Peterson, Daniel Schickel; Trustees: Beverly Christensen, David McGuire, Gerry Olmsted, Carl Williams; Cemetery Board: Bernice Duehr, Arlene Gronwold, Barbara Krueger, Loren Lysen, Lee Riegler; Chairmen: Linda Day (Evangelism), Ray Delcourt (Stewardship), Walter Burden (Youth).

- On **Sunday, January 15**, in the 9:30 worship service, retiring officers, newly-elected officers and re-committed church officers will be called forward to be thanked, welcomed or installed as appropriate.

FAITH AND CONGREGATION CLASS The winter session of FCC will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning **January 18**. Meeting for five consecutive Wednesdays from 7-8:30, Pastor Rohlf will lead the group in a study of Christianity from the Lutheran perspective and in an overview of congregational life at Christ Lutheran. A good review for current members, the class also enables those from non-Lutheran backgrounds to join the congregation (should they choose to do so). Class will meet in Duehr Memorial Chapel. To register phone or e-mail Jamie in the Church Office (info@christlutheranorland.com).

BOOK CLUB Our next meeting of the Book Club will be **Tuesday, January 24**, at 7:30. The book for January is *Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church* by Walter Brueggemann (Presbyterian Publishing, 2007).

LOAVES AND FISHES is our monthly effort to collect food for area food pantries. During the month of December, we collected over 470 pounds of food. PRAISE GOD! Please continue to remember this important ministry and pick up your loaves and fishes today.

- ❖ We thank the employees of RIM Logistics of Wood Dale for their donation of clothing and groceries which we will distribute through caring ministries. CLC member Justin Allen delivered the items to church last week.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AND H.E.R.O.E.S. The Stephen Ministry Organization (St. Louis, Missouri) has been chosen by the U.S. Military to serve as a confidant to the soldiers and sailors coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan. In order for a military person and/or their spouse to receive this care and comfort, they must first be screened by H.E.R.O.E.S. personnel. They will then be assigned to a Stephen Minister that has been further trained in the H.E.R.O.E.S. program. That training is intended to make the Stephen Minister capable of handling the Post Traumatic Stress and, at times, the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that most of these young men and women experience while serving. ***As of December 1, the Stephen Minister Program at Christ Lutheran Church is proud to announce that we have two Stephen Ministers ready to assist.*** We are blessed and honored to be a part of this wonderful program.

PLANNERS It's the NEW YEAR now! Do you have your two-year planner yet? They are available for only \$2.00 each in the Book Shoppe. If no one is there you can ask any member of the Ladies Aid or buy them in the Church Office.

FAMILY IN NEED A Blue Island family of five was displaced from their home, having to leave all of their possessions behind. They are now in need of many things. The children need clothing in size 9 (girl), size 8 (boy), and size 24 months (boy). Also needed is furniture – tables, lamps, kitchen table/chairs, etc. If you would be able to assist this family in any way, please contact Pam Van Auken at 708-259-7701.

MARK SHULTZ IN CONCERT Acclaimed singer/songwriter Mark Schultz will perform at Trinity Christian College (Palos Heights) on Friday, March 2, 2012, at 7:00. Tickets are \$15 for reserved seating or \$30 for VIP seating, which includes a meet-and-greet with the artist. For tickets or for more information call (800) 965-9324 or visit www.trnty.edu.

MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Saturday, Dec. 24	5:00 p.m. = 417 with 311 for Holy Communion
	11:00 p.m. = 326 with 254 for Holy Communion
Sunday, Dec. 25	10:00 a.m. = 167 with 150 for Holy Communion
	Weekly worship total = 910 with 715 for Holy Communion
	<i>Average weekly worship for December, 2010 = 466</i>
	Special Circumstance Communions = 14

FINANCIAL RESPONSE July through November, 2011,
our deficit is (\$40,323).



WEEKLY CALENDAR

(January 1 – January 8, 2012)

Monday	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 4:15 p.m. Emotions Anonymous
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Worship Planning 3:30 p.m. Wildfire Dance 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees 8:00 p.m. NO Darts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. NO Women's Devotional Group 3:30 p.m. Tinley Court (PL) 4:45 p.m. NO Confirmation Classes
Thursday	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. A. A. Meeting 7:00 p.m. Helpmates
Friday	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD 9:00 a.m. OWLS De-decorate Church 9:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m. Mothers' Connection 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
Saturday	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8:00 p.m. NO 7 th & 8 th Confirmation Classes 11:00 a.m. Gym Rental (until 5:00p) 5:00 p.m. Worship
Sunday	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD / Epiphany Focus 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship – H.C. 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Worship – H.C.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Preacher	Pastor Shawn Nettleton, Associate Pastor
Liturgist	Pastor Raymond Rohlf, Senior Administrative Pastor
Director of Music	Sandra Carioto
Substitute Organist	Millie Watland (Sat.)
Elders	Linda Koehne, Rick Peterson
Ushers	Darleene Bonnema, Bev Christensen (Sat.), Vince Oliva, Joan Rosignal (8), Fred Konrad, George Purpura, Del Tollard, Randall Barthel, Christy Herrmann, Clarise Herrmann, Stefanie Herrmann (10)
Lectors	Helen Duehr (8), Andrius Bernotavicius (10)
Greeters	Bernice Duehr (Sat.), Hope Kuntzman (8), Helen Duehr (10)
Acolytes	Jaydon Mills, Kyle Mills (Sat.), Alexis Duda, Kara Kosman (8), Andrew Barvinek, Max Lehnhardt (10)
Noah's Nursery	No Nursery – No Sunday School
Coffee "and"	Choir

SERVING NEXT WEEK – JANUARY 7 AND 8, 2012

Director of Music	Sandra Carioto
Elders	Linda Koehne, Rick Peterson
Ushers	Vince Oliva, Joan Rosignal (8), Fred Konrad, George Purpura, Del Tollard (9:30), Randall Barthel, Christy Herrmann, Clarise Herrmann, Stefanie Herrmann (11)
Lectors	Mike Fisher (8), Pam Bove (9:30), Clarence Chleboun (11)
Greeters	Mark Oehmen / Heather Stockton (8), Karen Mitcheff (9:30), Ron Weber (11)
Acolytes	William Driver (8), Elisabeth Evenhouse, Danielle Holtz (11)
Coffee “and”	Choir

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE ... Isaiah 60:1-6, Romans 6:1-3, Matthew 2:1-12

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX . . . Portals of Prayer (January–March, 2012), Tract: “About Prayer”, “Happy Times” Devotional, Market Day, Prayer Power, Church Brochure

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING with us here at Christ Lutheran Church.

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