

**News Bulletin for Baptism of our Lord / Epiphany 1  
The Weekend of January 7 and 8, 2012**

Mary Manz Simon described the season of Advent well in the title of our past devotional booklet: "A Season for Singing." The singing continued through the Twelve Days of Christmas, Epiphany, and with this Sunday's recognition of the Baptism of our Lord. This weekend we will join with the call of Psalm 98, "Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things," through our homily-devotions based upon three important hymns of the season.

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

\$100 from Glenn and Ivy Hurt. *"Thanks for the blessings on our Wedding Day. We are blessed to be part of such a great congregation."* General Fund.

\$550 from the family and friends of † Bette Mitera. Home Welfare.

**CHRISTIAN COMFORT** In the assurance of eternal life, we offer Christian comfort to the family and friends of:

† Ronald Uthe. Ronald, son of Lucille Uthe, died on Saturday, December 31. Arrangements are pending through Schmaedeke Funeral Home.

† Arlene Herbold. Arlene, sister of Lois Koppit, died on Wednesday, January 4. Arrangements are pending in Tennessee.

**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 † **Ronald Uthe** and † **Arlene Herbold**.

*For healing and strength:* **Pearl Balzano** – Brentwood Rehab Center; **Paul Blackney** (brother-in-law of Pastor Walt and Carol Ledogar) – recovering at home; **Veronica Burden** – rehab; **Leah Delcourt** – recovering at home; **Loretta Denys** – recovering from surgery; **Lois Eichmann** – medical testing; **Jeff Graser** – cancer care; **Frieda Harrington** – recovering at home; **Mildred Hewitt** (mother of Martha Murphy) – cancer care; **Michele Howard** – cancer care; **Julie Jancik** – medical care; **Aaron Jothan** – renewed cancer care; **Bill Keuch** – anticipating surgery on January 12; **Carmen Koehler** – medical care; **Ray Koehne** – medical care; **Pauline Krass** – hospice care at St. James, Chicago Heights; **Dawn Kuric** (sister of Hope Kuntzman) – medical care; **Lynn Luetgert** – medical care; **Barbara Mentz** – Provena-St. Joseph; **Trudi Momsen** – medical care; **Marie Mossoczy** – medical care; **Rick Paquette** – cancer care; **Diane Perkowski** – cancer care; **Eugene Proksch** (father of Bonnie Proksch) – recovering at home; **Timothy Reiter** – cancer; **Pat Sullivan** – anticipating surgery on January 10; **Annie Tracy** (cousin of Lee Reinbolt) – critical care; **Eileen Trojan** – medical testing; **Christine Watson** (sister of Mary Dexter) – cancer care; **Gail Wren** (sister of Hope Kuntzman) – medical care.

**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE** resumes this weekend 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.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED** We are privileged to welcome the following new members into Christ Lutheran congregation. Erica will be welcomed at the 5:00 Saturday service, and the others will be welcomed at the 9:30 Sunday service:

♦ **Re-affiliation with the Lutheran Church**


- Erica Hammerschmidt

♦ **By Letter of Transfer:**

- Elizabeth Allen – from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Burbank, Illinois
- Wendy Trlak, and her baptized daughter Rebecca – from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Burbank, Illinois

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST** With praise to God, we rejoice in the baptism of **Brice Mitchell Mullner**, son of Larry and Melanie Mullner (Weinert). Pastor Ledogar will conduct the private baptism on Sunday, January 8. Henry and Lisa Schoonveld are serving as Brice's godparents.

**THANK YOU** The family in Blue Island that was displaced from their home has been truly blessed by the Christ Lutheran family. Because of your generosity, their new apartment is completely refurbished with all they could ask for, and clothing and gifts were received for the whole family. They are so grateful and say thank you so much. ~ Pam Van Auken

	<b><u>PROGRAMS RESUME – 2012</u></b> 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
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**CONFIRMATION**

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Homework:** Complete Lessons 38 and 39 in the workbook, memorize Psalm 50:15, and complete one sermon report. Parental assistance with the completion of the lessons is important. **7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Homework:** Complete Lesson 7 in *Applying Luther's Catechism* and memorize the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> commandments and their meanings. Sermon summary is due January 11/14.

**INSTALLATION OF PARISH OFFICERS** 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 7:00 to 8:30, Pastor Rohlf's 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](mailto: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).

**MARKET DAY** Eat healthier with these yummy dishes: Lemon Pepper ChicNSteaks, 9-Grain Orzo & Spinach Blend, just to name a few. All orders receive a FREE Eat Well Guide, this month only.

**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. ***The Stephen Minister Program at Christ Lutheran Church is proud to announce that we have three 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.

**MARK SHULTZ IN CONCERT** Acclaimed singer/songwriter Mark Schultz will perform at Trinity Christian College (Palos Heights) on Friday, March 2, 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](http://www.trnty.edu).

**MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Saturday, Dec. 31	5:00 p.m. = 86 with 82 for Holy Communion
	11:00 p.m. = 51 with 46 for Holy Communion
Sunday, Jan. 1	10:00 a.m. = 105 with 84 for Holy Communion
Weekly worship total = 242 with 212 for Holy Communion	
Average weekly worship for January, 2011 = 444	
Special Circumstance Communions = 16	

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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

(January 8 – January 15, 2012)

Monday	2:00 p.m.	Chicago Ridge (PL)
	4:15 p.m.	Emotions Anonymous
	7:00 p.m.	Joy & Praise Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Circuit Meeting (away)
	9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilters
	3:30 p.m.	Wildfire Dance
	5:00 p.m.	Jr. Chimers
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Darts (home)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Devotional Group
	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Classes
	5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Christ Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	OWLS Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	A. A. Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Helpmates
Friday	<b>VOYAGERS Depart for Winter Retreat</b>	
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Classes
	5:00 p.m.	Worship – H.C.
Sunday	<b>EPIPHANY 2 / Joy &amp; Praise</b>	
	<b>VOYAGERS Return from Retreat</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Worship – H.C.
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE** ... 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

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

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

Preacher	Pastor Raymond Rohlfs, Senior Administrative Pastor
Liturgist	Pastor Shawn Nettleton, Associate Pastor
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	Hope Kuntzman (8), Karen Mitcheff (9:30), Ron Weber (11)
Acolytes	William Driver (8), Elisabeth Evenhouse, Danielle Holtz (11)
Coffee "and"	Choir

**SERVING NEXT WEEK – JANUARY 14 AND 15, 2012**

Director of Music	Sandra Carioto
Soundtech	Mike Fisher
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	Dave Grab (8), Ray Delcourt (9:30), Tracy Conroy (11)
Greeters	Jim & Nancy Baillie (8), Ken Karlson (9:30), Clarence Chleboun (11)
Acolytes	Alex Langer, Miranda Skala-Ramirez (8), Kyle Kallberg (11)
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**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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