



Scuttlebutt

In his book called “Whistling in the Dark,” Frederick Buechner writes, “The house lights go off and the floodlights come on. Even the chattiest stop chattering as they wait in darkness for the curtain to rise. In the orchestra pit, the violin bows are poised. The conductor has raised his baton. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment.”

Like concert goers waiting with anticipation for the first notes of beautiful music and the start of an experience the moves the soul, we eagerly await the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as he comes to us in our worship, in bread and wine shared gathered around his table, in the waters of baptism, in the story of his humble birth that first Christmas, in

the holy light of Christmas Eve candles, in the joy of Christmas morning gift giving, and in his promised return at the end of time.

The Christian faith is founded on the past event of Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection, yet it is a faith that anticipates a future of wholeness, glory, and peace as God’s kingdom is fully realized. As we live in the in-between times, we boldly confess the great truth of our faith as we proclaim, “Christ has come, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!” Both past truth and future hope impact the present, heightening the anticipation of the celebration of the miracle and mystery of Christ’s birth and his coming again.

Advent is a time for

to ponder what is and what is to be. Advent is a time to anticipate God’s mercy as it comes to a new every day. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of our Savior.

Enjoy a blessed Advent season as we await the coming of our Lord with great hope, peace, joy, and love. And, a very Merry Christmas to you and yours as we celebrate his birth!

With Love and Thanksgiving,

Pastor Bill



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Special points of interest:

- *Altar Flowers*
- *Remember our Military*
- *Birthdays and Anniversaries*
- *December Committees*
- *Ministry Helpers*
- *Council Minutes*

WORSHIP WITH US AT CHRISTMAS

Choir Cantata and Youth Christmas Program: On Sunday, December 23rd at 10:30 am our wonderful choir in partnership with the youngest members of this church family will share the good news of Christmas in word and song. Don't miss this special worship opportunity! Worship will be followed by our traditional sandwich and cookie potluck lunch. Please bring something to share.

Christmas Eve: Join us on December 24th as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with special evening worship services at 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The two services will be essentially the same, featuring both Holy Communion and candlelight. Spread the word; invite family and friends to join you for Christmas Eve worship!

Sonrise Service of Prayer: Join us early on Christmas Day as we greet the Son with a simple (and informal) service of prayer and praise. This service will begin at 8:00 am. Come as you are! (Pajamas are acceptable attire!)

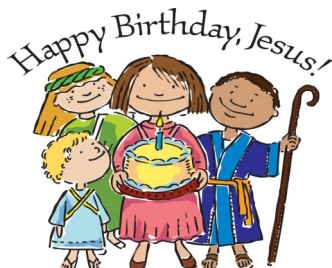
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THESE SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. Mary Lou Justi
Wesley Justi
Myrna Schlessman
Lori Stacy
Ruth Deehr
Rolland Schlessman
Andrew Baaske
Chad Smith
Ray Young
August Hohman
Kristi Justi
Rita Zorn
Bobbie Deehr

Dec. David and Mary K. Schlessman
Jon & Trudi Baaske
Kevin and Allison Young
August and Beverly Hohman
Rollie and Myrna Schlessman



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SERVING WITH THE NAVY IN
THE U.S.

AARON JUSTI
U.S. Army

**MAJOR NICOLE ZORN
FREDRICK**
U.S. Army stationed
In Anchorage Alaska

CHAD SMITH
SERVING WITH THE NAVY
ABOARD
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

LCDR LESLIE O'HARA
Serving in the U.S. Navy back in
the U.S.

LT. COL. DALE DEEHR
Currently stationed at
Fort Hood Texas

LCDR BILL HLAVIN
Serving as a chaplain with the Marines and Sailors of 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines (3/25) in the U.S.

RYAN STELLHORN
Serving in the U.S. Air Force

CHRISTOPHER WILSON
Serving with the Marines
In the U.S.



Upcoming Events

Bible Study! Our small group Bible study is open to all and will meet on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 pm. Join us!



Book Discussion: The Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, December 20th for the final discussion of Joyce Meyer's "Battlefield of the Mind." Please complete the book in preparation for that discussion.



Lutheran Memorial Home: Join us as we lead worship for the residents of LMH and roam the halls singing Christmas carols on Sunday, December 23rd! Worship begins at 2:00 pm. Don't miss this important servant event.



Lutheran Home Worship
Caroling Trip

The Giving Tree

This year we have adopted an individual (and their family) who receive services from Double S Industries for our Christmas Giving Tree.

The family we have selected has 4 members (mom, 2 sons ages 13 & 9, and mom's brother), and they have made a list of some of the things they need and want.

Please select a tag off of the Giving Tree and bring the items back (unwrapped) with the tag on it by Sunday, December 16th. Collection bins can be found by the Tree.

Items will be delivered to the family on Monday, December 17th.

Thank you for your generosity!

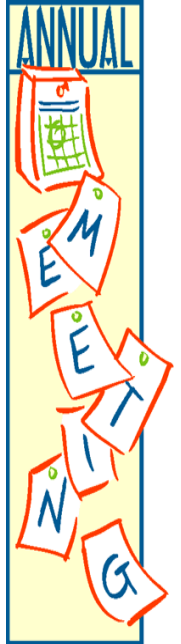
If you have any questions, please see a member of the Faith Life Team.



Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 20, 2013, is the St. John Annual Meeting after church. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be a potluck lunch afterwards.

REPORTS: Leaders of all groups at St. John are requested to submit your report for the Annual Meeting Booklet to Ann Voight not later than January 6, 2013. An envelope is at the back of the sanctuary by the big window. Thank you.



Year End Approaching

Endowment Fund and Tax Planning.

As you consider year end giving and tax planning, please consider a gift to the St. John Endowment Fund. An envelope for this purpose is in the bulletin. Include your name, envelope number, and write Endowment Fund in the note line on your check. Thank you for considering a gift. **The Endowment Board, Jerry Bauer, chair.**



Thank you! A special thank you to all who came out to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Thanks for your efforts to add even more beauty to the church and to look towards Advent.

Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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DECORATIONS
EGGNOG
FAMILY
FRANKINCENSE
FRIENDS

FRUITCAKE
GABRIEL
GIFTS
GOLD
GREETING CARDS
HOLLY
ICICLES
JESUS
JOSEPH
LIGHTS

MANGER
MARY
MISTLETOE
MYRRH
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SNOWMAN
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THREE WISE MEN
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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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December Committees

COMMUNION GLASSES

Norma Zorn, Amy Bliss

CHRISTMAS EVE

COMMUNION GLASSES

Sandy Thompson/Doreen Ross

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Joan Zorn and Doreen Ross

COMMUNION GLASSES

HOSTESSES FOR

JANUARY

Kathleen Rudiger

Beverly Hohman

At Home

Ann Neate, Wes Justi

Jean Nottke

Bob & Rita Justi

Wayne & Ruth Knupke

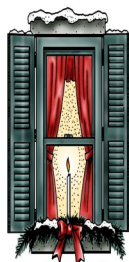
Gene & Margaret

Ommert

Parkvue

Jeanette Walz

Bob and Jean Hlavin



Remember Our Shut-ins

An Advent poem
by Jerry Bauer

"For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 NRSV

Advent -- a season of
waiting,

expecting,
anticipating.

A child promised.

A Savior born.

A new day dawns, and
the King returns.

Worship

USHERS NEEDED!

2— Jim Semon

9—Jerrie Krawetzki

16—Jerrie Krawetzki

23—

24—4:00—

8:00—Mary K/Dave Schlessman

30—

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Dec. 9—

24—4:00—Paula Hoffman

8:00—Kyle Young

LAY READERS

Dec. 2—Paula Hoffman

9—Jan Fulton

16—Lou Zorn

24—4:00— Kevin Young

8:00—Allison Young

30—

December Altar Flower

2-Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki

9-Lori Stacy Birthday

16-Hlavins

23-Poinsettias



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A FAMILY OF DISCIPLES, FAITHFULLY MAKING CHRIST


December 2012

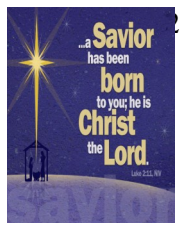
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2 Flowers: 3	4	5 Faith Life	6 Ladies	7	8
Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki	Church Council 7:00 pm	Team-6:30 pm	Christmas Get Together at Sandusky Yacht Club-6:30 pm		
		Choir Practice 7:00 pm		<i>Ladies Christmas Party</i>	

9 Flowers: 10	11 Eastern	12 Worship	13 Adult	14	15
Lori Stacy birthday	Conf. meeting with Bishop Lohrmann, Grace Fremont-5:30	Team-6:00 pm Choir-7:00 pm	Bible Study-7:00 pm		
					

16 Flowers: 17	18	19	20 Book	21	22 Cantata
Hlavins		Choir Practice 7:00 pm	Discussion Group 7:00 pm		Youth Practice-10:00 am
					<i>Christmas Cantata Rehearsal</i>

23 Choir Cantata and Youth Christmas Program-10:30 Fellowship	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	25 Christmas Day Sunrise Service of Prayer-8:00 am	27 	28
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"The Mighty One
HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS
FOR ME,
AND HOLY IS
HIS NAME."

LUKE 1:49, NRSV

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