



# The Messenger

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Church in America

**November 2010**



Greetings!

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is the start of our life together in this time of transition for American Lutheran. As your interim pastor, I will join you using the days ahead to remember, reflect, and renew.

For some of you, this will be the first time that you will have had an interim pastor. In each time of transition, a trained interim pastor offers the eyes and ears of a third party to make use of this change that occurs with the departure of a pastor an opportunity to consider how ministry might be enhanced.

This will be my 12<sup>th</sup> year of serving as an interim pastor with last six years serving in the Ft. Myers, Florida area. The strong pull of family brought us back to Minnesota even though I would rather sweat than shiver! Currently, we live in Eden Prairie and I will shuttle back and forth during this interim as I am serving in a part-time capacity.

Please feel free to stop by the office and chat. The coffee pot is always on and there is always an extra chair.

*Pastor Bruce Carlson*

## From Pastor Ryan:

### Christian Community

When you read in 1 Corinthians 12 about the “body of Christ,” you see Paul really using the image of a “body” to the fullest: conversations between ears, eyes, hands, feet, and the head about who is more important. Paul says: all the members are important, and together they make up the body. As we continue our conversation about what it means to be the body of Christ here at American Lutheran, to be a community where all members are important, we can carry the image even further – to the *cellular* level!

In the body, cells group together to make up other things: organs, our blood, our muscles, and more. All the parts – every cell – are still important and together they all make up the body, but it is natural that some cells – similar cells – clump together to carry out some shared purpose. We do the same thing in the congregation: we are all together the body of Christ in this place, but it is natural for different groups to clump together. We have committees and boards, choirs and circles, all sorts of different groups.

Our job as pastors – especially in a congregation this big – is to facilitate the faith development of the congregation, and a good way to do that is through groups of people already clumped together. In Pastor Liz’s internship congregation, some of the doors in their office area had an extra plaque under the name that read “Equipment Manager, Ephesians 4:11-13” (or something like that). Verse 12 of that passage goes like this: “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” In the months and years to come we hope to become more prominent “equipment managers” for the faith.

One way to help be equipped is through something known as small group ministry (in other words, clumping together!). You may have heard of this before; it’s something that is featured in the *40 Days of Purpose* materials. In short, small groups gather together on a regular basis for fellowship, prayer, and shared reading of Scripture. One of the reasons we’re excited about the Progressive Dinner (November 6<sup>th</sup>!) is that it might plant the seeds of forming

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some new and even unexpected small groups. As we interact with each other, especially across lines of generation and background, occupation and worship time, interest and gifts, we become like busy Christian bees cross-pollinating each other for the sake of the gospel and God's mission in the world. We want all our groups to still rely on each other, like organs in a body, and not be isolated or compartmentalized. All the members are important to the body.

So, I've mixed a lot of metaphors in this note, but here's the summary: the body of Christ is made up of many members, all of them important. Some of them quite naturally clump together into groups, and we believe that some clumping is good. Our job as pastors is to be equipment managers for all the members of the body, whether individual cells or organized organs. And as the groups are equipped, our hope is that they cross-pollinate with other individuals and groups to grow and spread the faith, like bees helping to create new strains of flowers and plants and fruits. I pray that we all may produce good fruits with the Spirit's help.

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## **Adult Education Opportunities for November**

### *People of Faith Bible Study (Continued)*

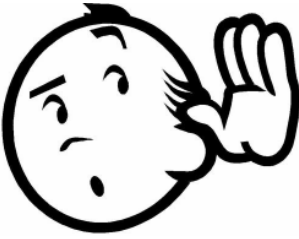
Explore the faith journeys of key people in the Bible and make connections between their stories and yours. Class will continue through the end of the month and you are welcome to join us—especially if you are new to us!

### *SoulTypes (Continued)*

Even if we're all speaking the same language of faith, we each have our own accents and dialects. The *SoulTypes* resource uses a personality profiling tool to help you explore what is the most natural expression of faith for you. Maybe you don't like quiet prayer or meditation – maybe you'd rather sing or build or study. During the month of November we will continue practicing different ways and types of spiritual expression. Everyone is welcome—even if you haven't be able to join us before!

### *BLAST: BibleLand – Adult Stuff, Too! (Continued)*

Parents and BibleLand station leaders – and everyone else, too! Come check out [www.alcworthington.org](http://www.alcworthington.org) and click on the BLAST link for some (hopefully) humorous and informative information about the current BibleLand rotation. You'll find a home-made video clip that gives background on the lesson as well as a link to some conversation-starters that you can view or print to use with your families and friends after the lesson time at home, in the car, wherever!



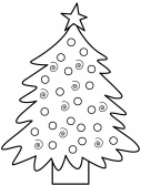
What is that?  
I don't hear anything.  
Well, what you don't hear is our  
**silent auction**  
that is going on right now!

The Silent Auction fundraiser is going on to benefit our youth who are going to Confirmation Camp and going on the Mission Trip!



The Silent Auction will run **November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 28<sup>th</sup>**, with bids ending at 11:30 am.

This is your perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for your family...we have the fun (baskets of board games, stuffed animals, gift certificates galore), the frivolous (dinner out, yummy cakes, a month of tanning), the functional (brand new weed whacker, a chair/lawn mower lift, furniture gift cards), and the fabulous (amazing items handmade by members of our congregation—AWESOME!). Come and look and bid. Bid often and bid big!



We want to thank all of you who have helped make this possible, who have made calls, picked up items, and who have donated items.



We encourage you to patronize the companies who are on the "We Support Y'ALL" wall. They have donated \$50 or more to our youth and we LOVE them!

## Play & Pray

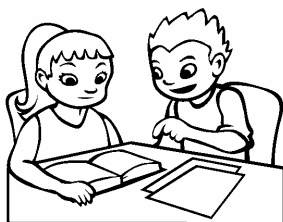
Our Middle School Youth Group is still up and running and now we're going to be running all over. Come join us on Sunday, November 14th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for some yummy homemade food, some very exciting and fun running around, an awesome prize, and fun prayer time! We'll end by 1:30 pm. Bring a friend and I can't wait to see y'all there!



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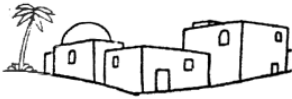
## *You are Amazing!*

Earlier this week I received an e-mail from Kate Kramer who is the person through YouthWorks! who set up the worksite in Kansas City, KS that our high school youth went to last summer. In the e-mail she talked about the amazing impact that our students had on the community that we were serving. We were there on the first of eight weeks and so our students were the ones who set the standard and the bar for the rest of the summer—and boy did they set it high! Kate goes on to say that she was



talking with the coordinator of the Upper Room/Mt. Carmel and the coordinator said that through the volunteer efforts (of working with the kids—helping them read and do math) and hard work from the kids, that in the eight weeks that YouthWorks! participants worked with Mt. Carmel the kids at Mt. Carmel **gained six months in reading skills!** For some of these kids it was truly a life altering summer! I would like to thank our 11 wonderful participants and also Sue Ellen Bone for their excellent work! I also want to thank you, the congregation, for supporting us and enabling us to go on this journey and to help affect others' lives in such a way!

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!**



# Bible Land

For most of November, we will be learning about Prayer. We will be exploring a few of the many ways we can pray, but the one thing we want our kids to remember is that prayer IS important!

**BLAST—BibleLand Adult Stuff, Too** Check the *church web site* for the link to a short video on the current lesson. It should help you remember some key points and/or learn something from an adult point of view. PLUS, there are conversation starters to use with your kids.



**We will again order the Spark Bibles and Story Bibles.** We were asked to order them earlier to accommodate some early Christmas get togethers. Ordering will take place during November. Watch for the display table in the narthex.

**2nd Graders** received their Bibles in September. Several students were not able to be at worship that day. Please contact Sylvia to get your Bible!



## (Journey of Youth)

JOY is a new youth group for first through fourth graders. We meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30—6:30 in the BibleLand Large Group Room. Our November meeting dates are the 10th and 17th.

**Come join us!**

Important dates:

**November 28**  
(Thanksgiving Weekend)  
BibleLand/Preschool Sunday School Classes WILL be held.

**December 15**  
Christmas Program—Mark your calendars!

### CHILDREN/FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

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## *Because of you...Mentors are matched with Confirmands*

This school year **23** adult members of American Lutheran are mentors to 23 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Each is a caring adult interested in being a friend, a good listener and a Christian role model to one of our congregation's teenagers in the Confirmation program.

***How are the mentors selected?*** The students select their own mentors based on a list of volunteers from the Time and Talent sheets. Some years all the names are exhausted, and others years not all of the interested adults are needed.

***What do the mentors and Confirmands do?*** Three times during the year (October, January and March) all the mentors and students meet at church on a Sunday evening for pizza followed by an hour of individual conversation. It's a time to just talk together, quietly, sincerely about Jesus, life and all aspects of faith utilizing a list of suggested questions and conversation starters. Both the mentors and the students have the chance to share, listen and learn from each other. It's about building relationships.

***What is another goal of this mentoring relationship?*** Another main goal is to help the Confirmands maintain a connection with the congregation after Confirmation Day. Often times, confirmation is considered graduation *from* the church, but the goal of the mentoring program is to help students find their place *in* American Lutheran and beyond. So, apart from the structured times of conversation throughout the year, mentors invite their students to join them as they perform their duties and activities within the church. They are invited along to fill communion cups, to sing in the choir, to usher, to attend Bible study, to teach in Bibleland, to serve Sunday morning coffee, etc. They get the idea of sharing talents in the community of faith and hopefully will find their "niche" in the congregation.

***What are the rewards of being a mentor?*** Getting to better know a teenager is a blessing: friendships are made, trust is shared, faith questions are discussed, stories are exchanged, volunteerism is modeled. Plus, mentors get the privilege of joining the student and family at the confirmation retreat, the banquet and the Rite of Confirmation service.

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## Stewardship Corner

The purpose of this article is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this article will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

### TESTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SCRIPTURE

Jesus said, "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people \_\_\_\_\_ a lamp and put it under a bowl.

If you filled in the blanks with the word "light," you were right. Jesus is the light of the world. He came to overcome the darkness of sin, evil, and ignorance. We are the light of the world in the sense that we reflect the light of Jesus, just as the moon reflects the light of the sun. We must be careful not to cover up our light so that no one can see it. When we live our lives in faith and light, others will see the difference in our lives. As Jesus' light is reflected through us, others will be drawn to that light and come to faith.

### On the Lighter Side

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in there?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you know what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "So son, what does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy. It stands for 'Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.'"

# Growing in Faith ... *Spiritual Growth*

How is your faith life? Do you want your faith *growing* and getting *stronger*? Do you need some help? Please try some of these suggestions.

*Devote yourself to working on your spiritual growth by:*

- Participating in Bible study
- Worshiping regularly
- Using web links for devotions (*see below*)
- Praying daily
- Sharing in family devotions
- Reading the Bible
- Attending youth groups
- Participating in retreats
- Joining a Circle

Here are some WEBSITES for you to explore to help you and your family with devotions:

[www.elca.org/prayer/devotions.html](http://www.elca.org/prayer/devotions.html)

[www.devotions.net](http://www.devotions.net)

[www.luthersem.edu](http://www.luthersem.edu) (click on “God Pause daily devotions”)

[www.rbc.org](http://www.rbc.org) (click on “devotionals”)

[www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)

[www.crosswalk.com/devotionals](http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals)

[www.tddm.org](http://www.tddm.org) (for teens)

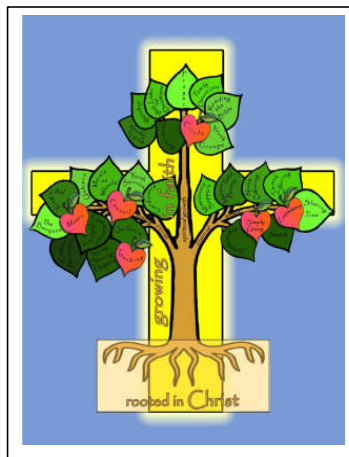
[www.dare2share.org/devotions](http://www.dare2share.org/devotions) (for teens)

[www.cbhministries.org](http://www.cbhministries.org) (click on “Keys for Kids”)

# Growing in Faith...

Grow your faith with spiritual,  
service and financial growth

- Stay tuned for a skit on November 7<sup>th</sup>, “A Brief Comedy of Tithing” starring ALC actors!
- Watch for your “Growing In Faith” Stewardship mailing to arrive early November.
- Please prayerfully complete your Time and Talent sheets and return them on Sun., November 14. Stewardship Sunday.



- ***Come and worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.***

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The reward is in the relationships!

*THANKS* to the men and women who have served in this important role as a mentor. Be thinking if you, too, would like to participate, and then simply indicate so on your Time and Talent sheet which will be arriving in a few days.

*Because of you... Confirmands have mentors.*

# POINSETTIA AND GIFT FORM

**\*Deadline for ordering is November 29.**

(Qty) \_\_\_\_\_ Please order a poinsettia at the price of **\$10.00**

Please mail in or drop off your payments to the church office.

**\*Indicate how many plants you want and include payment with your order.**

Enclosed is a special gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

designated for \_\_\_\_\_

(please specify which fund or general budget)

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION**

The Poinsettia *or* Special gift is:

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ To Honor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ To Praise the birth of the Christ Child.

**GIVEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Plants will be delivered to the church and may be taken home after the 10:15 a.m. service on December 26. All monies must accompany the order.**



HOLY BAPTISM



### **BAPTISMS:**

Talen Coy Turner, (born July 22, 2010), son of Jason and Gerry Turner, was baptized on October 10, 2010 at the 10:15 a.m. service at American Lutheran Church. Sponsors for Talen were Brent and Brittini Baune, Jason and Jill Vote, and Kelly & Heidi Meyer.

Alycia May Quintanilla, (born September 2, 2010), daughter of Wilson and Jessica Quintanilla, was baptized on October 17, 2010 at the 10:15 a.m. service at American Lutheran Church. Sponsors for Alycia were Nathan and Karla Munkel, Anthony Munkel, and Michael Ibarra.

Lincoln David Maras, (born April 6, 2010), son of David & Laurie Maras, was baptized on October 24, 2010 at the 10:15 a.m. service at American Lutheran Church. Sponsors for Lincoln were Jennifer Hassebroek and Douglas Maras.

Ryker James Eidhammer, (born August 12, 2010), son of Sheena Getzel and Ryan Eidhammer, was baptized on October 24, 2010 at the 10:15 a.m. service at American Lutheran Church. Sponsors for Ryker were Krista Getzel, Mindy Eidhammer, and Justin Eidhammer.

### **Funerals:**

Mary Ellen Hanbury, member of American Lutheran Church, died on August 30, 2010. Funeral services were held for Mary on Friday, September 3, 2010 at American Lutheran Church.

Leon Lehman, member of American Lutheran Church died on October 16, 2010. Funeral services were held for Leon on Friday, October 22, 2010 at American Lutheran Church.

Dorothy Hay, member of American Lutheran Church died on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Services for Dorothy were held at First English Lutheran Church, Ortonville, MN on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

### **New Members:**

On Sunday, October 24, 2010 we welcomed Sheena Getzel and Ryan Eidhammer as they joined the fellowship of American Lutheran Church at the 10:15 a.m. service. Sponsors for Sheena and Ryan were Mark and Kay Prunty and Judy Knuth.

# STATISTICS

## ATTENDANCE

October 3 –309 (8:00-131; 10:15-178)  
 October 10 – 396 (8:00-161; 10:15-235)  
 October 17 - 298 (8:00-119; 10:15-179)  
 October 24 - 349 (8:00-177; 10:15-172)  
 October 31 - not available

### The Joy of Giving Report

**Total Receipts: \$22,504.54**  
**(through October 24, 2010)**

Current = \$17,475.81  
 Current Non - Synod = \$275  
 Expansion = \$1,865.00  
 Special = \$1,391.50  
 Reimbursables = \$245.00  
 Undesignated Memorials = \$203

E.J. Scholarship = \$110.00  
 Library Fund = \$10  
 Rental House = \$500.00  
 Altar Flowers = \$25.23  
 Endowment Fund = \$279.00  
 Church Use = \$125.00

**Simply Giving = \$8,598.68**  
**(as of October 25, 2010)**  
 Current = \$7,082.26  
 Expansion = \$446.59  
 Special = \$819.83  
 ALC Scholarship Fund = \$250

Noisy Offering for October - not available



American Lutheran Church  
 General Operating Fund ("Box 1")  
 Account Activity Month end 9/30/10

### Balance Change

Beginning Balance	4,233.12
Money Taken In	26,300.75
Expenditures	26,621.29
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>3,912.58 - \$320.54</b>

YTD Trend over the last 3 years

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$27,757.05</b>	<b>\$12,047.17</b>	<b>\$3,912.58</b>

To make budget we need to bring in \$34,230.00 every month. In September we were **\$7,929.25 short** of making budget.

## NOTES from the Church Office

**THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF ALC MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 PM in the Heritage Room.** We invite congregation members to bring concerns, ideas and other topics of discussion to the committee meeting. Staff members have been asked to encourage members to use this avenue as their time is valuable in other areas. Please consider using this as a communication tool. Also, please contact the church office ahead of time to be placed on the agenda.

**MISSIONARIES**—Letters from our missionaries are posted on the wall in the narthex. Find out what is happening in their lives!

**KEEP YOUR E-MAIL CONTACT INFO UP-TO-DATE**—To help us save on postage, please inform the church office of your email address or if you have changed your address. Thank you!



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** on Sunday, November 7. Set your clocks back one hour or you may be an hour early for worship!

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** will be Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.



"We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near. People tell of your wondrous deeds."

Psalms 75:1, NRSV



In case you didn't know, your pastors pray for all members of the congregation individually on a weekly basis. If there is something specific that you would like them to hold up in prayer for you or your family, please let them know.

## COUNCIL OFFICERS SERVING IN 2010:

Council President - Doug Obermoller  
Vice-President - Cindy Frederickson  
Treasurer - Mike Christensen  
Secretary - Sharon Johansen



## Committee Chairs

Budget/Finance - Greg Raymo	Personnel - Sharon Lynn
Endowment - Don Basche	Safety - Jim Williams
Library - Diane Levine & Shirly Wieme	ALC Scholarship - Dale Carlson
Long-Range-	E.J. Scholarship - Greg Kvilhaug
Loyalty & Evangelism - Judy Knuth	Stewardship - Kieth Olson
Maintenance - Dave Nerem	Wills, Gifts, Memorials - Lori Voss
Parish Ed - Lori Rosenberg	Worship & Music - Diane Chapa
	Youth Council - Shelley Leopold

## Miscellaneous Information

### *November Scripture Lessons*

#### **November 7th - All Saints Sunday**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Eph. 4:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

#### **November 14th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Mal. 4:1-2a; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

#### **November 21st - Christ the King**

Jer 23:1-6; Col 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

#### **November 25th - Thanksgiving**

Deut 26:1-11; Phil 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

#### **November 28th - First Sunday in Advent**

Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44

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## November Worship Helpers

### ACOLYTES

- 7 - (8:00 a.m.) Theron Miller, Andrew Johnson  
(10:15 a.m.) Tori Elsing, Porter Elsing  
14 - (8:00 a.m.) Katie Eggers, Betsy Thompson  
(10:15 a.m.) Benjamin Ahlschlager, Evan Miller \*  
Communion Servers: Will Dudley, Coltin Klosterman  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Kasey Solma, Austin Thier  
(10:15 a.m.) Evan Eggers, Owen Hohensee  
24 - (6:30 p.m.) Rachel Koller, Gage Langerud  
28 - (8:00 a.m.) Bailey Andersen, Aubrey Anderson  
(10:15 a.m.) Whitney Jensen, Jordan Jensen \*  
Communion Servers: Alex Purdy, Kody Honius

### COFFEE SERVERS

- 7 - Don & Carol Fleming, Darwin & Sharon Johansen  
14 - Larry & Pat Boots Marlyn & Corrine Mammen  
21 - Muriel Kahnk, Craig & Karen Pfeifer  
28 - Barb Raymo, Scott & Sue Rose

### SENIOR CHARIOT DRIVERS

- November 7 - Gene & Donna Cargin (372-2785)  
November 14 - Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra (376-5740)  
November 21 - Gary & Mary Brandt (376-9259)  
November 24 - Thanksgiving Eve-Carole Wiese (727-6555)  
November 28 - Dale & Lora Lee Timm-Knuth (372-2607)

### GREETERS

- 7 - (8:00 a.m.) Dave & Janelle Saufley  
(10:15 a.m.) Richard & Linda Renken  
14 - (8:00 a.m.) Elaine Schuster, Carole Wiese  
(10:15 a.m.) Scott & Sue Rose  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Ronnie & Ruth Noerenberg  
(10:15 a.m.) Kern & Jean Schwarz  
28 - (8:00 a.m.) Jeff & Sharon Shubert  
(10:15 a.m.) Bob & Ginger Sellberg

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### READERS

- 7 - (8:00 a.m.) Kerrona Petersen (10:15 a.m.) Gabby Petersen  
14 - (8:00 a.m.) Chuck Barkuloo (10:15 a.m.) Ginger Sellberg  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Sandy Demuth  
(10:15 a.m.) Shauna Petersen/Pham  
28 - (8:00 a.m.) Joanne Carlson (10:15 a.m.) Tara Thompson

### ALTAR COMMITTEE:

Diana Kvilhaug, Diane Levine, Deb Stoll, Karen Pfeifer

### BUSY BAGS - Rachel Ponto

### SOUND SYSTEM

- 7 - Rich Besel  
14 - Doug Obermoller  
21 - Bob Wieme  
24 - Doug Obermoller  
28 - Doug Obermoller

### CAMCORDER

- 7 - Bob Demuth  
14 - Greg Kvilhaug  
21 - Sandy Demuth  
24 -  
28 - Tim Bickett

### COMMUNION HELPERS:

- 7 - (8:00 a.m.) \_\_\_\_\_, Craig & Karen Pfeifer, Muriel Kahnk  
(10:15 a.m.) Scott & Sue Rose, Dennis & Rachel Aanensen  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Duane & Cindy Anderson, Don & Marcia Basche  
(10:15 a.m.) Darren Ponto, Ricky Prins, Royce & Paula Behrens

### COUNCIL HOSPITAL VISITATION - Paul Landberg

### LUTHERAN WOMEN HOSPITAL VISITATION -

Lois Winch (November 1-7); Margaret Browen (8-14);  
Jeanne Goettsch (15-21); Kathy Harberts (22-28); Anne LeBrun  
(November 29-December 5)

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### COMMUNION PREPARATION HELPERS

- 3 - Fill/Clean-up: Deb Stoll  
7 - Saturday Fill: Sheryl & Brad Hoekstra  
Refill: Marlys Busse, Carol Fleming  
Clean-up: Karen Gadda  
10 - Fill / Clean-up: Tara Thompson  
14 - Fill: Joanne Carlson; Clean-Up: Susan Obermoller  
17 - Fill / Clean-up: Darlene Broste  
21 - Saturday Fill: Karen & Paul Hanbury  
Refill: Pam & Harlan Handevitd  
Clean-up: Judi Hoevet  
24 - No Communion - Thanksgiving Eve Service  
28 - Fill: Elaine Hovland, Darlene Iverson  
Clean-up: Marchelle Jorgensen

### NOV. HOMEBOUND COMMUNION VISITS:

Joanne Carlson-Bernard & Amanda Shepherd  
Dee Hale-Ken & Ruth Hein, Alice Kruger  
Glad Henning-Katherine Vosberg, Pete Duinkerken  
Anne LeBrun-Flory Muller, Grace Stoever  
Lola Lindquist-Bev Scharlepp  
Kieth Olson-Mike Harberts  
Janelle Saufley-Leora Enninga, Sally Konold  
Barb Williams-Catherine Scurr  
Pastors Radtke-South Shore Care Center (Alice Held,  
Lacinda Reck) Phyllis Almberg, Rhonda Hibma, Lowell  
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### USHERS

**Team 3 (8 a.m.):** Gene Cargin, Dave Nerem, Dale Knuth,  
Lora Lee Timm-Knuth, Todd Thier, Amy Thier, Matthew Thier,  
Mitchell Duffy

**Team 4 (10:15 a.m.):** Bruce Juber, Greg Raymo, David Skog,  
Tim Skog, Marc Janssen, James Johnson

**Thanksgiving Eve,** Nov. 24th: Teams 4 - Bruce Juber... &  
8 - Ronnie Noerenberg...

### NURSERY

- 7 - (8:00) Amy Thier (10:15) Kolleen Stubbe  
14 - (8:00) Kerrona Petersen (10:15) Ellen Dudley  
21 - (8:00) Tammy & Kasey Solma (10:15) Stacey Kremer  
28 - (8:00) Dave & Hollie Hibma (10:15) Gabby Petersen

**FINANCIAL COUNTERS** - (Team 3) Margaret Willardson,  
Darlene Broste, Jason Behrens, Burt Levine, Diane Levine

### BIRTHDAY CALLERS

Jill Williams (November 1-15), Lois Harberts (November 16-30)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p>Pastor Radtkes' Day Off</p> <p>2:00 Leah Circle (Jean Bastian's home-Bring Health Kit Items!)</p> <p>7:00 Safety Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>8:45 Elem. RT</p> <p>9:30 Mary Circle</p> <p>10:00 S. Shore Care Center</p> <p>2:00 Crossroads Church Service</p> <p>2:45 South Shore " "</p> <p>7:00 Esther Circle</p> <p>8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 Quilting</p> <p>5:30 T. T. Wor./ Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 Confirmation</p> <p>6:45 Jr. Choir</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30 WELL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>10:30 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 McPrayer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 HR Reserved Progressive Dinner</p> <p>-5:30 begins at homes</p> <p>-8:30 ends at church</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00 &amp; 10:15 Worship/Comm.</p> <p>10:15 Children's Church</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed</p> <p>9:15 Youth Council</p> <p><b>All Saints' Sunday</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>Pastor Radtkes' Day Off</p> <p>11:30 Sr. Saints</p> <p>6:30 LW Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>8:45 Elem. RT</p> <p>4:30 Executive Cmt Mtg</p> <p>5:00 Stewardship (HR)</p> <p>8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 Quilting/Martha Circle</p> <p>5:30 T. T. Worship / Bell Choir / JOY</p> <p>6:30 Parish Ed /Confirmation</p> <p>6:45 Jr. Choir</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30 WELL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p>8:30 WACMA</p> <p>10:30 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 McPrayer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Stewardship Sunday</b></p> <p><b>"Quiet Offering" Sunday</b></p> <p>8:00 &amp; 10:15 Worship</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed</p> <p>11:30 Play &amp; Pray (MS Youth)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>Pastor Radtkes' Day Off</p> <p>5:30 Personnel Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>8:45 Elem. RT</p> <p>5:30 Endowment Cmte Mtg</p> <p>8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 Quilt Tying</p> <p>5:30 T.T. Wor./ Bell Choir/JOY/ Budget &amp; Finance</p> <p>6:00 Parish Ed</p> <p>6:30 Confirmation</p> <p>6:45 Jr. Choir/7:15 Chancel</p> <p>7:30 WELL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 Shetek Conf. Pastors' Gathering at ALC</p> <p>10:30 Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>6:30 Wills, Gifts, Memorials</p> <p>6:30 Church Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 McPrayer</p> <p><b>MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p>8:00 Worship /Comm.</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 Bibleland / S.S. / Adult Ed</p> <p>10:15 Alternative Worship with Children's Church</p> <p><b>Christ the King Sunday</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>Pastor Radtkes' Day Off</p> <p>6:45 Worship &amp; Music</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>8:45 Elem. RT</p> <p><b>10:30 Bulletin Deadline</b></p> <p>8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 Quilt Tying</p> <p>5:30 Bell Choir</p> <p>No TT Worship</p> <p>6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> <p>Church offices closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>No McPrayer</p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00 &amp; 10:15 Worship</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>Noisy Offering Sunday</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>Pastor Radtkes' Day Off</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>8:45 Elem. RT</p> <p>8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon</p>				

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## ***Scandinavian Smorgasbord a Success***

Our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord was another huge success on October 10<sup>th</sup> with a total of **474** tickets sold (425 adults and 49 youth). What a great day! **THANKS** to all who donated food and cash, and to those who worked long hours. Together, the men, women and young people made this event a success for our Lutheran Women's organization. **THANKS** to the leadership, Brenda Baerenwald and Karen Hanbury, and to the many willing and capable committee chairs and other helpers who stepped up to assist. We couldn't have done it without you! Preliminary data indicates the net profit of approximately **\$5,100** (although not all the calculations are complete and more donations continue to come in.) What great news – the profit will continue to support the numerous ministries of the women's organization. **THANKS** also to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for partnering with us by providing supplemental funds, yet to be determined. (Next month's newsletter will include all the final financial calculations.)

## **Thankoffering Service**

**Thank you** to the women of American Lutheran for attending and participating in our annual Thankoffering Service held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The service was very meaningful and a celebration of our many blessings as women of the Church.

- Our Thankofferings, which totaled **\$1,055**, are a wonderful sign of our gratefulness to God. These gifts will be forwarded to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA for ministry of the women of the church at home and abroad.
- We were pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Dr. Laurie Jungling, religion professor from Augustana College, who helped us see the connection between our Thankoffering celebration and the gospel lesson of the day, Luke 17:5-10.
- **Thanks** to all the women who planned and participated in the service.

## *Time and Talent Sheets*

You will soon be receiving your annual Stewardship Sunday mailing containing your Time and Talent sheets for the coming year. Look for the blue Lutheran Women sheet and take a minute to fill it out. (We cannot assume you want to continue doing the same activities, so please fill out a new one again this year.)

Try something new! Don't be shy. We need more volunteers for Communion Preparation, Nursery, Funeral Workers, etc. Many hands many light work and your willingness to pitch in can make the difference for many others.

Make the commitment to get involved this year. The many ministries of the Lutheran Women organization depend on members just like you. We need you! Let's celebrate the amazing generosity of our God by being generous with our time and talents as well.

***Next Lutheran Women's Board Meeting***  
*Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30*



## **Christmas Salad Buffet**

Mark **Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** on your December calendar for our annual Lutheran Women Christmas Salad Buffet beginning at 6:00. This evening is a wonderful way to begin our yearly journey through Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. All women of the church and guests are invited to this event which begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall and continues in the sanctuary with the program. To better ensure a variety of salads, please use the following guidelines in bringing your salad to share. Last names beginning with:

- A – H meat salads
- I – P vegetable salads
- Q – Z fruit salads

Lutheran Women Board members will provide the breads. The Circles of our congregation hostess the evening: Martha – decorations, Mary – program, Leah – serving, Esther – clean-up. **Plan to attend this festive Advent evening on December 7<sup>th</sup>.**



### T-Shirts to Diapers

In late September, 230 t-shirts were transformed into diapers! Wow! THANKS to the 12 women who cut, measured, folded and sewed to make this project a huge success. We've made 1,435 during our five years of participating in this project. Know that the children of Honduras are benefitting from your generosity. Keep saving those large t-shirts and plan on another sewing day in the spring.

### Health Kit Update

**Thanks** to you, 36 health kits for Lutheran World Relief were recently assembled! And with your continued help, many more can be made. Four items are especially needed right now:

- Hand towels (dark colors)
- Washcloths (dark colors)
- Soap (bath size)
- Combs (wide-tooth)

All these items can be placed in the Information Center in the narthex at any time. Thanks to everyone for helping with this very important project!

### Kitchen Cleaning Done

Be sure to thank members of Martha Circle for supervising the recent semi-annual cleaning of the church kitchen on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was great to have the kitchen in tip-top shape for the Smorgasbord. **Thanks** to all who helped!

### Reminder

Circles are reminded to elect officers by December 1<sup>st</sup> and notify the office of your co-chairs, treasurer, Mission Action, Mission Community and Nominating Committee representatives. Also, please say, "YES" if asked to chair one of our Lutheran Women committees. *Thanks!*



### Bibles Presented

Bibles were presented to 21 eager 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Bibles were the New Spark NRSV (New Revised Standard Version.) Putting scripture in the hands of our young people continues to be a priority of Lutheran Women and is made possible with profits from our annual Smorgasbord.



### Coffee Sales

Since Lutheran Women began selling Fair Trade coffee 2 years ago, over \$4,000 worth has been purchased here! Remember, this is not a fundraising project for our organization. Rather, we are the means for delicious coffee to be sold. The money goes to the coffee farmers who participate in this Lutheran World Relief project. The Fair Trade farmers are organized into coops that sell their coffee directly to international buyers without relying on middlemen. Farmers receive a fair price that guarantees them a living wage for their labors, plus a portion of the earnings goes to improve communities. Fair trade far surpasses the temporary assistance provided to farmers through charity. Instead the ongoing business of fair trade consistently contributes to the living conditions of farmers, their families and their communities. Coffee is now being sold in the narthex on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. *Thanks for helping with your generous purchases!*

### Small Bars of Soap Wanted

Did you know we collect hotel-size bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief? A full (and heavy) box was recently transported to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis where it awaits distribution around the world. The soap needs to be in its original wrapping. So, please bring home those unopened bars next time you enjoy a hotel stay. Brand new bars of soap, even small ones, contribute to dignity and cleanliness for displaced families in need of basic hygiene.