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Join us for one of our
Christmas Eve worship services.

Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM

5:30 PM

7:30 PM

THE *Wonder* OF
CHRISTMAS

Pastor's Page

People of Faith,

Advent is upon us! The Season of Waiting is Here! This is the Time We Sing:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel*

As this great hymn reminds us, waiting is nothing new to the people of God. The People God lived as slaves in the land of Egypt waiting for God's Deliverer to set them free. Near the waters of the Nile River, mothers told despairing daughters to take heart. "One day," mothers whispered in the ears of their daughters, "God's Deliverer Will Come." And together the Women of God prayed:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel*
And Moses Came and The People of God Were Delivered!

Hundreds of years after the Parting of the Red Sea, the People of God found themselves living as slaves once again, this time in the land of Babylon waiting for God's Deliverer to save them. Near the waters of the Tigris River, fathers told their sorrow-filled sons to look towards the mountains. "One day," the fathers promised, "a messenger will declare to us the Good News and we shall be ransomed from captivity." And together the Men of God prayed:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel*
And Isaiah Came and The People of God Were Ransomed!

Still, hundreds of years later, after the Fall of Babylon, the People of God were being ruled yet again. The entire known world trembled in fear at the feet of the Mighty Roman Emperor. But the People of God knew better. Along the banks of the Jordan River they gathered, praying the prayer of their ancestors:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel*
And Jesus Came and The People of God Were Saved from Sin and Death!

Two thousand years later, We the People are God are being ruled by forces beyond our power—addictions, fears, and uncertainty threaten to control our lives. And yet, we know better. In the midst of this uncertain world, we gather at the waters of the baptismal font and pray the prayer of our ancestors in confidence:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel*
Because We Know that Christ Has Come...Christ Has Died...Christ Is Risen...and Christ Will Come Again! We Will Know Freedom!

- Pastor Justin

Moses Came...the Hebrew People Were Delivered...and the World Was Never the Same!

That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

- Aaron Knutson—November 8
- Dream Petersohn—November 15

Funeral

- Kristy Carlson—November 11

New Members—November 8 & 22

- Melinda Fritz & Cory Mergen and Maddox & Mayes
- Brian & Michele Styndl and Madilyn & Morgan
- Jenee Marchant and ReLee, Paitynn & Tayler
- Barry & Peggy Brocker and Samantha, Joshua & Gabrielle
- Holly Huso and Liam
- Chad & Tricia Johnson and Carson, Calvin & Ella
- Bob & Angie Cohenour and Taylor, Morgan & Quinten
- Marcia Thomas
- Jill Berge and Tyra & Gretchen
- Melissa & Darren Boeck and Kiara, Alexis & Zoe
- Cory Larson and Tyler, Spencer, Anthony, Lauren & Dylann
- Eric & Michelle Bryngelson and Alyssa, Erica & Jax
- Karen & Kevin Peterson and Forrest, Dacotah, Ellery, Kyrielle, Rhylan & Litany



Correction

- In the last newsletter, the November Pastoral Acts should have read Andrew & Christina Lica married October 17th.



October Financial Corner



October 09 General Financial Corner

October 09 Building Fund Corner

2009 Income YTD	\$165,703.38	2009 Building Income YTD	\$127,436.72
**2009 Expenses YTD	\$183,505.68	2009 Building Expense YTD	\$101,721.59
*2009 Missions Expense	\$12,569.74	Includes income/expenses for special bldg. projects	
Specific	\$903.74		
SE MN Synod	\$11,666.70	Thank you for continuing your Daily 2009	
Stewardship Prayer.			
Budgeted Income Oct	\$11,503.90		
Budgeted Expenses Oct	\$13,025.21		



*Funds are reflected in monthly and YTD figures.



MERRY
Christmas



Adult Opportunities

Book Club: Our next book club will meet on December 1st to discuss Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger. Below are a list of some of the future selections for book club, you can get your copy at the Public Library.

- Tuesday, January 5th: The Education of Little Tree by Forrest Carter—The Education of Little Tree tells of a boy orphaned very young, who is adopted by his Cherokee grandmother and half-Cherokee grandfather in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee during the Great Depression. “Little Tree” as his grandparents call him is shown how to hunt and survive in the mountains, to respect nature in the Cherokee Way, taking only what is needed, leaving the rest for nature to run its course. Little Tree also learns the often callous ways of white businessmen and tax collectors, and how Grandpa, in hilarious vignettes, scares them away from his illegal attempts to enter the cash economy. Granma teaches Little Tree the joys of reading and education. But when Little Tree is taken away by whites for schooling, we learn of the cruelty meted out to Indian children in an attempt to assimilate them and of Little Tree’s perception of the Anglo world and how it differs from the Cherokee Way.
- Tuesday, February 3rd: Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson
- Tuesday, March 2nd: Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- Tuesday, April 6th: Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

Bible for Dummies: Bible for Dummies Is Back! Class will run on Sunday Nights from 6:00 to 8:00 (November 29th, December 6th, December 13th). If you have never attended a Bible for Dummies Class that is okay—we are just starting the New Testament—it is a great time to begin! There is still room for this great opportunity to learn the Bible, get to know people in the congregation and grow in your relationship with Christ. E-mail Pastor Justin if you have any questions.

Wednesday Meals: Wednesday Evening Meal begins at 5:00 and continues until 6:15. Cost is a goodwill offering. If you are able to provide a meal, please sign up in the gathering area or contact Pastor Justin. You will be reimbursed for your expenses.

Deborah Circle: This ministry has changed its meeting time, they will now meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Contact Carol Johnson at 374-2343 or [cajohnson@kmtel.com](mailto:cjohnson@kmtel.com) with questions.

AI-Anon Meetings: The AI-Anon meetings have been postponed for the time being. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pastor Justin at pjboeding@yahoo.com.

Meals On Wheels: If anyone is interested in helping deliver Meals on Wheels, please contact Marian Ketchum at 374-6049.

Altar Guild: We are in the process of lining up altar guild helpers for 2010. Altar Guild volunteers help with the following church jobs: preparation and clean up of Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays), Baptism preparation, changing Paraments with the church season, replacing candles as necessary, keep the altar clean & dusted, water plants on the altar, etc. This ministry is a great ministry for a family to do together. It's also a good way to learn the seasons and colors of the church year. If you would like to help out for a one month time period, please contact Brenda Bronner at b.bronner@mchsi.com or sign up on the table in the gathering area.



Fellowship

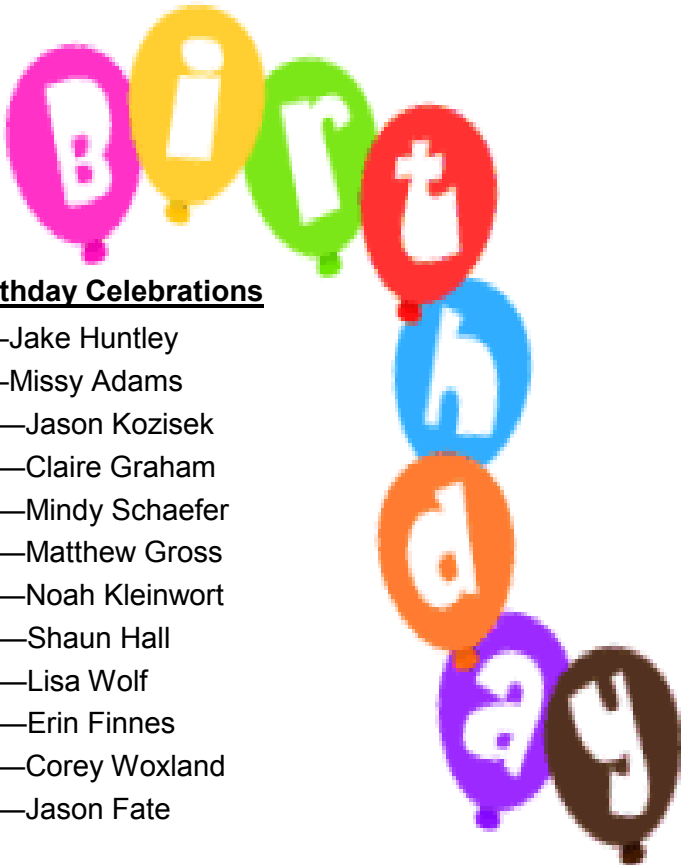
Harvest Feast & Bake Sale: A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest Feast, Bake Sale and Quilt Sale. It was a very successful event.
-- Harvest Feast Committee

Cookie Exchange: We will be having a Cookie Exchange on December 12th at 9:00am. Anyone is invited to take part in this fun fellowship gathering! Anyone wishing to take part needs to sign up by Noon on December 6th (this will determine how many dozen cookies need to be made). Sign up by e-mailing Vickie Gross at bearsredman@kmtel.com or leave a message with Vickie at 633-9463. We will have hot chocolate and coffee following the cookie exchange.

Caroling: We are planning a caroling outing for December 13th at 2:00pm. If anyone has any ideas of shut-ins that would want us to visit them, please contact Vickie Gross at bearsredman@kmtel.com with the people's names. All ages are welcome to join this fun outing!

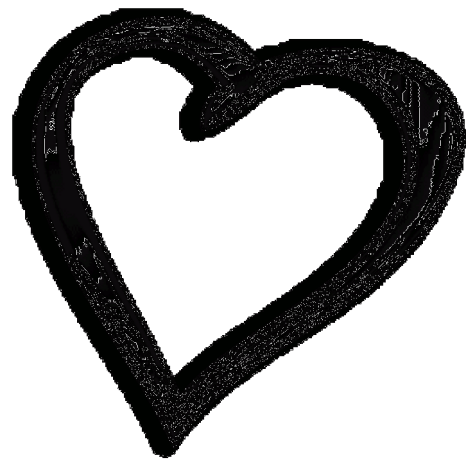
Nordic Choir to Perform in Rochester: Luther College Nordic Choir, one of the top college choirs in the nation, will present a concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at Zumbro Lutheran Church, 624 3rd Ave SW, Rochester, Minn. Conducted by Dr. Craig Arnold, the choir will perform sacred choral works, including selections from Fritschel, Gjeilo, Schumann, Paulus, Christiansen, Vaughan Williams, and Courtney. \$15 adults, \$10 students. For tickets, visit www.luthertickets.com or call 1-800-4 LUTHER.

Faith Family Recognitions



Birthday Celebrations

7th—Jake Huntley
7th—Missy Adams
14th—Jason Kozisek
14th—Claire Graham
15th—Mindy Schaefer
16th—Matthew Gross
16th—Noah Kleinwort
23rd—Shaun Hall
23rd—Lisa Wolf
23rd—Erin Finnes
25th—Corey Woxland
27th—Jason Fate



Anniversary Celebrations

1st—Greg & Alisha Selthun
6th—Bryce & Karen Kleinwort
15th—Bob & Bonnie Butler
26th—Steve & Sandy Lee
27th—Denny & Patti Midthun

Youth

G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together): GIFT has been working on some songs and would like to share one of our songs with the congregation at the 10am service DECEMBER 13th. Come join us in the December to learn about the Christmas Story! We gather at 9am in the gathering area outside the sanctuary. Please note that we will not have Sunday School December 27th during Christmas Break.

Sunday School Calendar

- November 29th Age Groups-Songs Mary's Surprise *Luke 1:46-49*
- December 6th Family Groups Mary's Surprise *Luke 1:46-49*
- December 13th Age Groups-Art Birth of Jesus *Matthew 1:20-23*
- December 20th Family Groups Birth of Jesus *Matthew 1:20-23*
- **December 27th No Sunday School**

Confirmation Schedule: Parents you are needed again on December 9th as we talk about Drugs and Alcohol. Please attend with your child.

Confirmation Calendar

- December 2nd Commandment 9 and 10
- December 9th **Parent Night** Let's Talk about Drugs and Alcohol
- December 16th Martin Luther
- December 23rd Christmas Break – No Confirmation
- December 30th Christmas Break – No Confirmation



Wednesday After School Program Update: We are off to a great start this year! We have about 30 - 3rd -5th graders coming on Wednesdays! We always welcome more friends so keep on inviting!

- We will **not** be having Wednesday School during Christmas Break – December 23rd and 30th but will resume again on the January 6th.
- We have been playing outside, singing, making projects and learning about Joseph and Moses. Thank you to our helpers Brenda Bronner, Monica Fitzwater-Rhodes, Kaylee Corey, Laurie Essig, Shelley Franko, Terri Hallaway and Kaitlyn Knutson.
- We would love to have any adult help as you are able to be with us. Also we would welcome any snack donations –we try to keep it healthy- like fruit, cheese and cracker kind of snacks. Also any monetary donations for our snacks are welcomed as well.
- As the weather continues to get colder this fall and winter, make sure that the child(ren) have the right clothes for the weather. As we walk from school it can get chilly or wet depending on the weather.
- We love having the kids with us and look forward to our time together!



Noisy Offering: During the offering time each Sunday, children are encouraged to bring their offering of nickels, dimes and pennies up front and throw them into the watering can. Thanks be to God for these gifts to share God's love in our community!



We Need Your Help



Kwik Trip Milk Moola Clippings: Thank you to everyone who is taking the time to collect Milk Moola. Just a reminder, when collecting Milk Moola, please cut the front strip on the milk and orange juice bags and when you are ready to bring a bunch in, please fasten the grouping with a paper clip or rubber band and include a slip of paper with the number of items. This simplifies the efforts for us to send these in. A container is located in the kitchen.

Erdman's Tapes: Remember to bring your Erdman's tapes and put them in the pail on the cart just to the east of the kitchen. Twice a year in Feb. and Aug. the tapes are tallied and turned in for ½ of 1% of the total. No half or torn tapes (the entire tape must be turned in) and they have to be within the correct time frames (no old tapes). This is an easy way for our church to make some money!

Save Your Mailing Stamps: Just a reminder, as the holidays approach, please save your cancelled stamps. Diana Vang saves them for the Sons of Norway and they are sent to Norway to help with the expenses in covering children's healthcare. TUBFRIM is a very old organization that sells these stamps to stamp collectors around the world. Stamps to be collected should be undamaged, have 1/4 inch of envelope left around it (torn or cut) or the whole envelope and Diana will trim them. Thank you!

Triton Elementary School Milk Fund: Last year we began a donation program to provide milk for snack time for any Triton elementary student whose parent(s) were not able to afford this additional cost. Children do get milk if they eat breakfast at school and again at lunch. But, the money for milk at snack time needs to be provided by the parents and if the money isn't there, neither is the milk. During the 2008-2009 school year, because of the generous donations from church groups and individual community members, any child that wanted to have milk at snack time was able to receive it all year. This year the number of requests for milk has doubled. The price is \$22 per trimester or \$66 a year. One trimester is already over for this year and milk has been provided for the children that wanted it by contributions at the beginning of the year. Now our funds are running low and we are again asking for donations. Check can be sent to: Triton School Milk Fund, %Bette Mussman, 813 West Highway St., Dodge Center, MN 55927. If you have questions regarding this program, please call Carol Johnson at 374-2342.

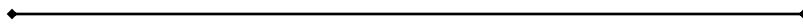


Church Property: If anyone has any church property at their home or are storing anything, please bring it back.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped make our wedding a success—everything was just beautiful!

Thanks again,
Katie & Chad Andrist



Thank you to Karen & Jerry Ingvaldson, Mary Head, Diana & Dennis Vang, Kate & Roy Henderson, Dave Wahlstrom and Bill Ketchum for delivering Meals on Wheels in the month of November.



The Quilters raised \$1,532 at the Harvest Feast craft sale. Thank you for supporting the quilters in their ministry!

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

We will once again be placing an order for Poinsettias to place on the altar this Christmas. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below, attach your payment and leave it on the secretary's desk by Sunday, December 6th. Poinsettias will be \$14 each this year. You are welcome to take your Poinsettia(s) home after the Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, December 24th.

PLEASE PRINT PLEASE PRINT PLEASE PRINT PLEASE PRINT

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____ Your E-mail: _____

Circle One: In Honor Of In Memory Of

Name of Loved One: _____

If you have more than one Poinsettia you are purchasing, please continue using the form below:

Circle One: In Honor Of In Memory Of

Name of Loved One: _____

Circle One: In Honor Of In Memory Of

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Calendar

December 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00 - WiseGuys 12:00 - Bulletin Deadline 1:30 - Ruth Circle 6:15-7:00 - Yoga 7:00 - Book Club	2 9:00 - Staff Meeting 10:00 - WOW 3:15-5:00 - After School Program 5:00-6:30 - Meal 6:30 - Worship 7:15 - Confirmation	3	4	5 Nadine's Student Recital
6 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 9:00 - G.I.F.T. 10:00 - Worship 12:00 - Cookie Exchange Sign Up Deadline 6-8 - Bible for Dummies	7	8 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00-3:00 - Day Quilting 12:00 - Bulletin Deadline 6:15-7:00 - Yoga 6:00-8:00 - Quilting 7:30 - Deborah Circle	9 9:45 - Staff Meeting 10:00 - WOW 3:15-5:00 - After School Program 5:00-6:30 - Meal 6:30 - Worship 7:15 - Confirmation (& Parents)	10 10:00 - Minnerterial Association	11 Newsletter Deadline 5:30-11:00 - High School Movie Night	12 9:00 - Cookie Exchange
13 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 9:00 - G.I.F.T. 10:00 - Worship (G.I.F.T. Sings) 2:00 - Caroling 6-8 - Bible for Dummies	14 7:00 - Council Meeting	15 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00 - WiseGuys 12:00 - Bulletin Deadline 6:15-7:00 - Yoga	16 10:00 - WOW 3:15-5:00 - After School Program 5:00-6:30 - Meal 6:30 - Worship 7:15 - Confirmation	17 9:00 - Sattie Lassies	18	19
20 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 9:00 - G.I.F.T. 10:00 - Worship	21 6:30 - Youth Council	22 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00-3:00 - Day Quilting 12:00 - Bulletin Deadline 6:00-8:00 - Night Quilting	23 10:00 - WOW	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 - Worship 5:30 - Worship 7:30 - Worship	25 Christmas Day	26
27 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 10:00 - Worship	28	29 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00 - WiseGuys 12:00 - Bulletin Deadline	30 10:00 - WOW	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2

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Service Volunteers

December 2009 Service Helpers

Date	Service	Ushers	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Fellowship
December 6	8:00	Gary & Ann Trelstad	Jackie Barber Gretchen Keller	Scott & Val Langworthy	Jeremy Wahlstrom	
	10:00	Kent Hickey	Max Henderson Ayrton Henderson	Rodney & Wendy Myer		Youth
December 13	8:00	Gary & Ann Trelstad	Gayla Ellingson Jackie Barber	Corey & Darlene Foster		Rodney & Carol Ann Thompson Jerry & Karen Ingvaldson Marcia Thomas
	10:00	Kent Hickey	Gretchen Keller	Karen & Kevin Peterson		
December 20	8:00	Gary & Ann Trelstad	Max Henderson Ayrton Henderson	Holly & Nick Huso		Scott & Val Langworthy Monica Keesling Laurie & Amy Rahlf
	10:00	Kent Hickey	Ella Blaisdell Kate Blaisdell	Eric & Michelle Bryngelson Jerry & Karen Ingvaldson		
	4:00 5:30 7:30					No Fellowship
December 24	8:00	Gary & Ann Trelstad	Jason Born	Jim & Barb Yanke		Rodney & Wendy Myer Sharon Shiek Dori Jensen
December 27	10:00	Kent Hickey	Morgan More	Chad & Tricia Johnson		Melinda Fritz & Cory Merrien

Attendance/Offering

Date	Attended	Offering	Building Fund	Date	Attended	Offering	Building Fund
Nov 1	130 / 115			Nov 15	95 / 180		
Nov 4		\$4,484.50	\$1,548.00	Nov 18		\$3,829.50	\$1,818.00
Nov 8	152 / 144			Nov 22			
Nov 11	70	\$4,124.50	\$1,548.00	Nov 25		\$2,514.50	\$1,102.50

Harvest Feast & Bake Sale Results (as of 11-4-09)

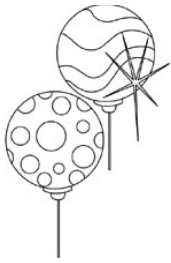
Harvest Feast = \$3,399.50 Bake Sale = \$1,048.50 Quilts = \$1,008.00

Communion Helpers

December 6 8:00	Carol Johnson	December 6 10:00	
December 6 8:00	Brenda Bronner	December 6 10:00	
December 20 8:00	Carol Johnson	December 20 10:00	
December 20 8:00	Brenda Bronner	December 20 10:00	



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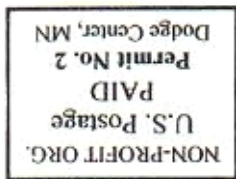


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We're on the web
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